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Boyne Meets Broadway to open next week

The annual "Boyne Meets Broadway" production will open on Tuesday, Jan. 16, with a performance at One Water Street in Boyne City.

The show will begin at 7 p.m., and includes a five course dinner and Broadway show revue performed by members of the Boyne City High School Drama Department.

Other performances will be held on Jan. 23, 24, and 30, at 7 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$25.50 for the dinner and show, and are available at One Water Street Restaurant.

For more information, call 582-3434.

Tickets are also on sale now for the drama department's spring production of "Pippin."

Tickets are available at the high school or from any drama club member. For more information call 439-8100.

Goal-sharing session set for EJ Commission on Jan. 17

The East Jordan City Commission will hold a special goal-sharing session on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in the lower level of the Jordan Valley District Library.

The public is welcome to attend.

Fund-raiser to be held for BCMS teacher's Polar Trek trip

A fund-raiser in support of Boyne City Middle School teacher Susan Martin's plans to join the PolarTrek expedition to the North Pole will be held on Monday, Jan. 29, at the Pizza Hut in Charlevoix.

From 5-8 p.m., Boyne City Middle School teachers will serve as wait staff, along with a celebrity waiter, The Captain from KHQ. Tips and donations will go towards the funding Martin is required to raise to take part in the trip, a women's ski expedition of science and exploration from Russia to the North Pole.

For more information, call Martin at 439-8207.

BC school board fills vacancy

At their regular meeting on Monday evening, the Boyne City School Board appointed Ken Schrader to fill a vacancy created by a recent resignation.

Schrader will hold the position until June of this year, when regular school elections will be held.

Schrader is filling the space left by Jerry Kelts, who resigned in December after more than four years on the board.



The new main entrance for the Boyne District Library faces Park Street, and is rapidly taking shape as work moves ahead.

RENOVATION OF BOYNE LIBRARY MAKING BIG STRIDES

Making plans for the move

As the time draws near for the return to the Boyne District Library building on Main Street, preparations are already taking place for the move.

According to director Nannette Miller, books are already being added to the collection in anticipation of a significant amount of extra space once renovations and the addition are complete.

"We've been ordering books, probably 300 books in the last month," she said.

Its temporary location at the Honeywell annex building on North Lake Street has given the library enough room to put additional books on the shelf immediately rather than keeping them in storage until the move.

"We're going to do probably one more really big order (before moving)," said Miller, who noted that the book collection will continue to grow, by as much as 30-50 percent in each

collection, after the move is complete. Initially, she said, "there will be extra room on the shelves."

Arrangements are already being made for the move itself, and though the timing is not set in stone, March is the month being targeted.

Miller said that according to Petrie Construction, which is overseeing the project, interior work is still on schedule, with some delays in exterior stonework.

"They're not guaranteeing to have [exterior work] done in March," she said.

Still, as long as the interior is complete, staff and materials will move in as scheduled.

Inside, the drywall has been installed, as has the elevator and the fireplace. Trim work is currently underway.

Furnishings have been ordered as well, and, according to Miller, the rich color scheme will include sage green

and burgundy.

The renovations and addition have been made possible by a grant from the Mary K. Peabody Foundation, which first approached the library in September of 1998 about the possibility of contributing to a major expansion and renovation.

The Peabody Foundation later committed to funding the project, including planning, construction, and furnishings, for a total cost of about \$2.2 million.

With the addition, the library is increasing in size from 3,300 square feet to 12,800 square feet, and will hold up to 31,000 books. Previously, the library housed about 15,000-16,000 volumes.

As part of the grant process, the library has established an endowment fund in order to assure community support for the future of the library. Recently, the endowment committee began a campaign to sell pavers,

which can be personalized with the name of an individual, family or business.

The pavers will be placed outside of the entrance to the new community room and will be part of a landscaped outdoor sitting area.

"I'd say we've sold about 30 of them [so far]," said Miller.

The pavers are still available for a \$100 donation to the fund.

Also in the planning stages is a "first look" party, which will take place before the library is open to the public.

Interested parties will be able to purchase tickets to get a sneak preview of the library's interior, along with hors d'oeuvres in a cocktail party atmosphere.

"We'll make it kind of a dressy affair," said Miller.

For more information or to make a donation, call the library at 582-7861.

Getting close to a deal

City of Boyne and BV Township working out dispute over annexation

With a hearing for summary disposition, or dismissal, scheduled for Friday, Jan. 5, council for Boyne Valley Township went into court expecting a fight.

Instead, said attorney John Bauckham, "the city wanted to talk."

The hearing had been scheduled in the Charlevoix County Circuit Court to address a motion made by attorney James Murray, council for the City of Boyne City, for the dismissal of a case brought against the city by Boyne Valley Township disputing the legality a recent annexation of property by the city.

The property in question includes the site of Phase II of the Boyne City Air Industrial Park.

In the complaint, filed in November, Boyne Valley Township maintained that the 116 acres recently annexed from the township by the city of Boyne City did not fit the criteria necessary for unilateral annexation. In the township's complaint, the plaintiff maintains that the annexation does not meet legal requirements on the basis of lack of contiguity and lack of ownership.

The city, for its part, maintained that the property did indeed meet the requirements for annexation, including ownership, contiguity, and vacancy.

At this point, though, it appears that the case will not go to trial.

"I think we've reached a settlement," said Bauckham, who noted that while the attorneys and the township have agreed to the terms, the Boyne City City Commission had not yet reviewed the agreement at press time.

Though the details are not yet being released, the basic agreement, according to Bauckham, entails a conditional transfer under Act 425, which provides for revenue sharing from the development with the township.

Upon approval from the city, a formal agreement will be drafted.

Murray was not available for comment at press time.

Have fun, but be safe on the trails

While snowmobiling is a top attraction for area visitors and residents alike in northern Michigan, it can be dangerous when practiced recklessly.

AAA Michigan reports a 25 percent rise in snowmobile deaths last winter despite a shortened season. "Forty snowmobilers lost their lives in 39 accidents between December 1999 and February 2000," said AAA Michigan Community Safety Services Manager Jerry Basch.

"So far this winter, at least five snowmobilers have died [in Michigan]," Basch said. "These tragic incidents do not have to occur. Most can be prevented by following known safety rules and reducing high risks that lead to crashes."

At the beginning of the season, statistics showed that the state of Michigan leads the nation with an estimated 300,000 registered snowmobiles, according to Department of Natural Resources officials, with many of those snowmobiles frequenting the northern Michigan area, especially on popular trails like the Jordan River Valley.

The high number of snowmobile injuries and deaths already this winter has motivated the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency (NMCHA) to urge snowmobilers to use caution.

"People should know that excessive speed and alcohol abuse are

present in nearly all fatal snowmobiling accidents," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, medical director for the NMCHA. "In fact, more than 60 percent of fatalities are attributed to alcohol consumption by the snowmobile operator."

While the number of snowmobilers fluctuates throughout the season as machines are registered or sold, the number of new snowmobilers is high, said Basch, who noted that "this year's early snow is prompting more snowmobilers who are taking to the trail for the first time, and they need to know and obey the rules to have safe fun."

Rules this year include new regulations prohibiting motorists with suspended automobile driver licenses from operating a snowmobile, and assessing driving points against snowmobilers convicted of drunk or impaired operation.

The most common factors in last season's fatalities, according to Basch, are the following:

- Speed. "Many of today's machines are capable of exceeding 100 mph," Basch said. "Combine speed with driver inexperience or other factors and it is a deadly combination."
- Alcohol. According to Basch, 50 percent of last winter's deaths involved alcohol.
- Inexperience. The average age of those killed was 33 and all but three



Michigan leads the nation with an estimated 300,000 registered snowmobiles, many of which head to northern Michigan for outdoor fun. According to AAA Michigan, due to this year's early snow, more novice snowmobilers are taking to the trails for the first time.

were male. The youngest was 14. Eleven fatalities occurred during collisions with a fixed object such as a tree or a sign; 14 missed a curve or lost control and were thrown from their sleds, while four hit other vehicles or snowmobiles. Five snowmobilers drowned crossing dangerous ice. One fatality involved a pedestrian.

• Darkness. Twenty-seven fatalities occurred in darkness. "At speeds above 40 mph in darkness, snowmobilers run the risk of 'overdriving' their headlights, which are not nearly as powerful as a car's," Basch pointed out.

WITHIN CITY limits, local

regulations govern the use of snowmobiles. In East Jordan, traditionally thought of as a "snowmobile-friendly" town, snowmobiles may be driven on any street or alley which has been posted with snowmobile signs by the city.

When driving within the city limits, snowmobilers must obey all traffic regulations, and drive as far to the right of the roadway as possible. Snowmobiles are required to stop at all intersections, whether or not the intersection is a stop street for vehicular traffic.

Snowmobiles are not permitted to drive on sidewalks.

Restrictions in Boyne City are slightly more stringent, with snowmo-

biles permitted on city streets except on Water Street from Boyne Avenue to Lake Street, Lake Street between Water and Main, and Boyne Avenue from East Street to Division.

The operation of a snowmobile is only permitted on city streets to give access to or return from a riding area.

Snowmobiles are not permitted to travel through cemeteries, Old City Park, the City Marina, or Rotary Park (except the parking area). It is unlawful to operate a snowmobile in Veteran's Memorial Park and Sunset Park except on a strip 20 feet wide from the back of the curb running

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BETWEEN the LINES

Dreams can be revealing

By ANGELA SHULTIS

If you stop to think a moment, it's really remarkable how much time we spend sleeping out of the entire scope of our lifetimes. Some of us get more shut-eye than others, but overall, a heck of a lot of our lives are spent in a state of suspended animation.

Some portion of that time, of course, is spent dreaming. While some folks say they never dream, the truth is that we all do, some just don't remember. I can't say whether that's a curse or a gift, but I know that my own dreamlife is active, to say the least. My problem is that my dreams tend to work against me, rather than providing a happy respite from the trials and tribulations of daily life.

Some folks have happy dreams of beautiful places of escape. I, on the other hand, am a 30-year-old woman who still dreams about forgetting the combination to my high school locker.

I dream about getting through an entire semester of college and suddenly remembering at exam time that I'm enrolled in an advanced math class for which I haven't even cracked a book.

I dream about deadline day here at the newspaper, when I've forgotten to go to work or write any stories until dinnertime.

And the list goes on.

Some theorize that these types of dreams are the psyche's way of processing stress, of churning out the negative energy in a dream state to help eliminate the strain of waking life. I like that idea, but have to say that from my experience, waking up on a Monday morning after any one of these dreams leaves me conscious of a lot more stress than I knew I had when I innocently went to bed the night before. I prefer repression, I guess.

The most common dream that people have, they tell me, is of flying. When I've seen this brought up on talk shows and the like, everyone raves about their own version of this dream. I often wonder if they're making this up. I, myself, have never had anything even remotely like a flying dream, unless you want to count falling from a bridge over open water, another favorite of mine.

I'm probably revealing more than I should about the well-being of my inner consciousness, but I prefer not to think too hard about what any of this means. I'm sure Freud, Jung, and the bunch would have field day with me.

I do wonder, though, if that high school locker combination dream will have the same effect on me when I'm 70. Considering it's hung in there for 15 years, I just may have the chance to find out.

LETTERS

Remembering a gentler time

TO THE EDITOR:

It was inevitable and it finally happened. After several score years of abysmal talent in the performers and an almost total lack of discrimination between melody and rhythm on the part of composers and audiences, the bottom has been reached and even celebrated in the popular music venue. We're talking, of course about the recent Grammy awards to Eminem and his "rap" where even any pretense of music is eliminated and the chanted lyrics resemble the temper tantrum ranting of a moronic juvenile.

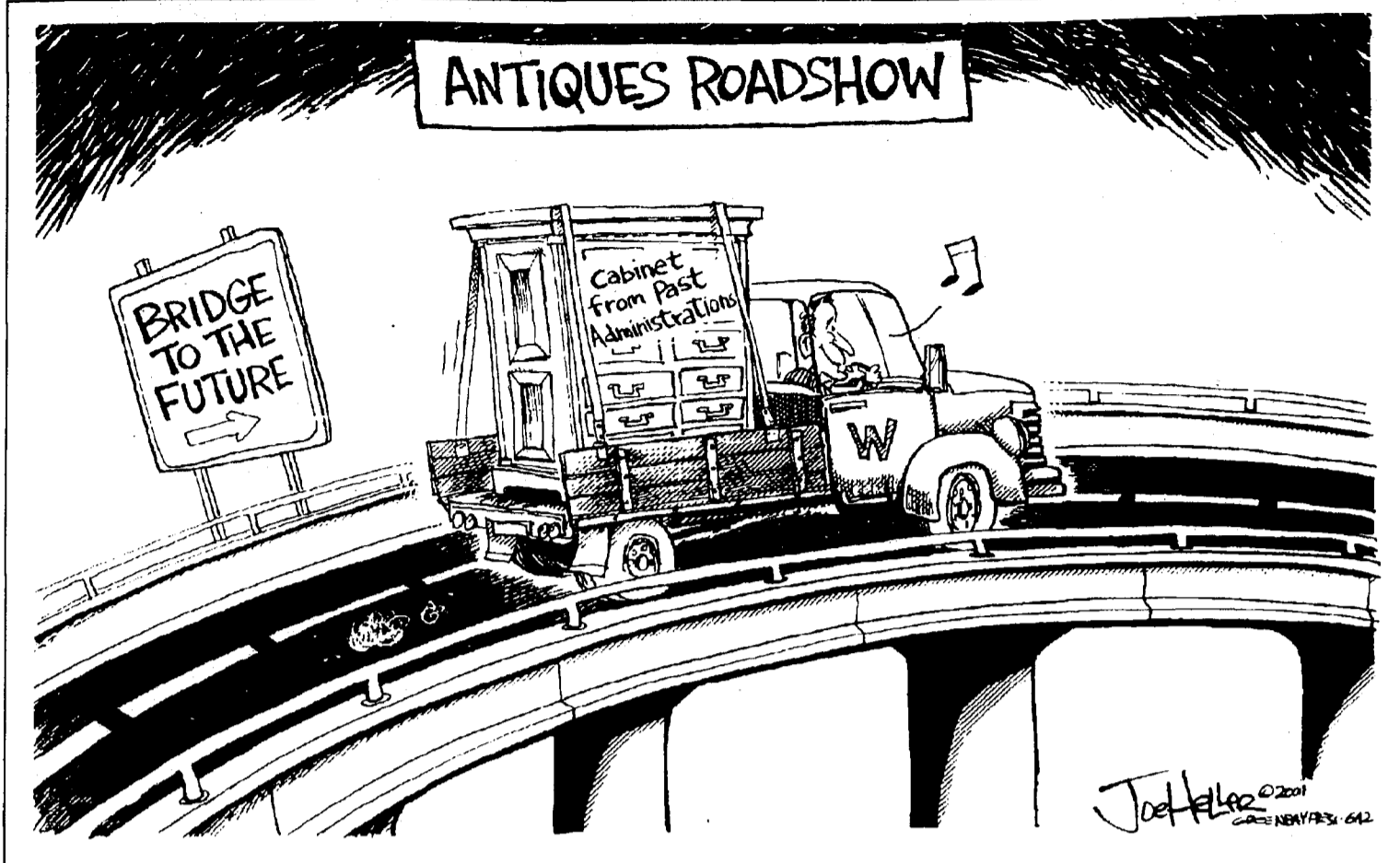
Now I realize that such a statement not only points out the ancient status of my generation but also reveals my total lack of cool. What it doesn't show is my genuine distress at this current state of affairs. For far too long, civilizing culture and socially acceptable behavior has taken a back seat to sleaze and licentiousness as human interactions become ruder, noisier and more violent and more abrupt. And the longer this trend continues the deeper it bores into the fabric of our lives.

Youth can embrace a lot of nonsense because it's "ours." But what will carry over as limbs grow stiffer and ears lose their acuteness? What's to cherish among screeching Sopranos, unempt trios and deafening chords?

From a personal point of view, I am thankful that I was born into an age where gentility was prized and practiced and popular music could be whistled, hummed and even whispered to your partner as you glided close together on a dance floor devoid of ear deafening speakers and spastically gyrating people more interested in themselves than their partners. Most of all, I am grateful for the memories: of the syncopated rhythm of the big bands, the romance of the dance and the magic of the lyrics.

Ah memories. "Listen, Dear, they're playing our song."

Ira Breneman



GUEST COLUMN

A special 70-year committment

By SHIRLEY CROZIER

Freda Judkins of Boyne City's Evangeline Chapter #95 will be celebrating 70 years in the Order of the Eastern Star on Feb. 18, 2001.

Such a milestone should not be without celebration and the members of this Chapter proudly proclaim this exciting event.

Freda, born Aug. 18, 1909, joined OES on Feb. 18, 1931. She is the wife of Lionel Franklin Judkins (known as "John" by his father and friends all his life. We don't know why, but dads must have their reasons to call their children by whatever name).

Freda joined OES on her husband's membership and has maintained that status all these years. John preceded her in death many years ago and Freda has never remarried.

An historic event occurred when Freda received her life membership on Oct. 6, 1975 while I

was Worthy Matron of our chapter. She was delighted with this presentation and although she travels with the aid of a "very small cane," she nevertheless has attended almost every meeting of her chapter and has held various offices over the years, including Worthy Matron and she continues to faithfully attend chapter meetings and Past Matrons meetings each month.

Long-ago acquaintances and sisters/brothers will remind Freda that she was sponsored by Meta (Dean) Fegley and Annie Winslow and investigated by Dwight Herrick (husband of sister Minnie), Sara McNeal and Maude Smith.

Freda is well-known, respected and has many friends in the area as she was in the restaurant/food-service field all her life. She baked pies and bread for her son, Larry, when he was proprietor of the Sunnyside Restaurant in Boyne and afterwards, she was sole proprietor of Country Cousins Restaurant, a popular meeting/eating establishment, after her partners one-by-one left the business.

She began her waitressing duties in 1947 when the infamous "Boyne Mountain" (Boyne USA

Resorts) came into being and Freda, along with several friends, Jennie Tomkins, Clare Crane, Peg Crozier, and Gerry Williams, came to work there for the dining room managers, Vi and Louie Manglos. All have since retired or deceased but fond memories are shared by the remaining ladies.

Freda remembers when she was Worthy Matron that she was also expecting her only daughter, and she never missed a meeting.

Daughter Carole Ann succumbed to breast cancer at age 32 leaving behind three small tots. Six months later, Carole Ann's husband was killed in a plane crash, yet Freda has always been the faithful "care giver" to everyone.

Sons Larry and Rex admit that Mom always had a very deep love for the Order of the Eastern Star and readily dropped almost everything to attend the functions. She valued the love, friendship, and deep abiding faith within this

organization to sustain her.

Son Rex says whenever he stops by she has a cup of coffee or milk and pie or cookies ready. "She has always been the "care-giver" to all and now when she needs it, can't seem to be on the receiving end of things.

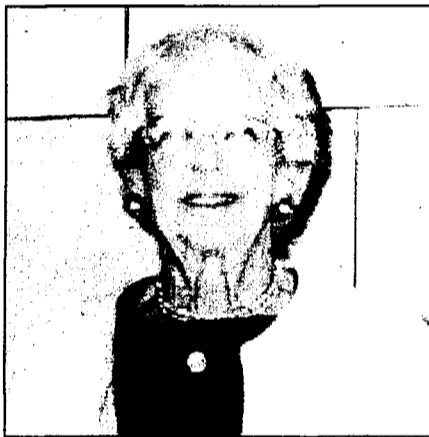
"She is a very strong and determined person and still wants to take care of everybody." She lives alone and quite efficiently, I might add.

Well, Freda, you take care of all of us in more ways than you think. You show us fortitude, love, faith, dependability, loyalty, friendship, attitude, gratefulness, thankfulness, helpfulness, integrity. You have definitely been "A Star in the East" and we will follow that star.

Thank you for 70 years of your life that you have so graciously shared with your friends and members of the beautiful Order of the Eastern Star.

Any good wishes and cards that you may wish to send Freda's way to brighten her day should be sent to Freda Judkins or if you should so desire to spend 10 cents, give her a call at 582-7156.

She would be delighted to hear from you!



Freda Judkins

A MOM'S LIFE

Providing answers to all the questions

By CINDI PLACE

When our children first learned to speak, I think their second word was "why." (The first, of course was "no.")

Answering our little one's questions was generally an easy task. The questions were pretty simple (why does it get dark, or why do I have to eat green stuff) back then.

Many times the kids weren't really interested in our answers (evidenced by the fact that they would ask their question, then run back to the playroom without waiting for an answer).

Any answer would usually do.

As our kids grow older, we've noticed that their queries are getting a little more difficult to answer. And their timing in asking these questions is getting a bit stickier. Example: waiting until we have guests for dinner to ask us when we're going to pay them back the money we borrowed last month. Or asking us why we have to go to church EVERY Sunday, as we pass the priest in the church foyer.

Our answers to our children's various questions vary from quick, off the cuff responses to more in-depth answers. And usually we get the wrong message and give them the quick answer when they want a thoughtful response and they get a half hour discussion when all they were looking for was a "yes" or "no."

We have been caught cheating as well. Like the time a child asked us why they couldn't watch more television. (You'll need glasses if you watch too much TV; which he called us on recently when he reminded us of that conversation in the optometrist's office.)

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The new year's first



Ring in the new year with a new addition were the Swansons, pictured above at home with baby Bailey Rae. Dad Gregg, mom Janice, and big brother Weston celebrated Bailey's birth on Jan. 1, the first baby of the new year born in Emmet or Charlevoix County. At right, Amy Hunter and Jim Spangler welcomed their son Skyler Maurice, the first baby born in 2001 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.



East Jordan couples babies are first of 2001

Though she wasn't due until Jan. 15, Bailey Rae Swanson decided to make an early appearance, becoming the first baby born in Charlevoix or Emmet County in the new year.

Born Jan. 1, 2001 (that's 01-01-01), Bailey is the daughter of proud parents Gregg and Janice Swanson, and baby sister to four-year-old Weston. The Swansons are residents of East Jordan.

Though she was born two weeks before her due date, Gregg said that the couple had known that "it could be anytime after Christmas." They arrived at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey at about 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 31, New Year's Eve. Bailey was born at 1:49 a.m. on Jan. 1, New Year's Day, weighing 6 lb. 4.6 oz at birth.

"We like her," said a beaming dad with Bailey at home. Grandparents are Ray and Beth Prebble of East Jordan and Larry and Verna Swanson of Charlevoix.

Great-grandparents are Tom and Annabell Glamore of East Jordan and Alma Swanson of Charlevoix.

THE FIRST baby born in the new year at Charlevoix Area Hospital is likewise an East Jordan resident. On Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 3:52 p.m., Skyler Maurice Spangler was born to Amy Hunter of East Jordan and Jim Spangler of Ellsworth.

Skyler weighed 7 lb. 13 oz. at birth, and measured 21 inches. He is the couple's first baby.

Maternal grandparents are Susan and Kim Hunter, and paternal grandparents are Sandy and James Spangler.

To help celebrate the birth of their child in the new millennium, the couple received a gift basket of baby items donated by the hospital and area businesses.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyerne City

NAME: Jessica Sirmons
PARENTS: Lynn and Lorraine Sirmons
GRADE: Senior
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Listening to music and helping people out.
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: To attend college to major in special ed.
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: "I would like to thank my family and teachers for all they've done for me."



Jessica Sirmons

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "I have Jessica helping me out as a peer tutor this year and I have enjoyed working with her," said Elizabeth Hemming. "She is outgoing and has a pleasant personality. I wish her all the best and congratulate her for being chosen as student of the week. Jessica, again Congratulations and thank you for all your help."

"Jessica is a senior this year and we are going to miss her," said Pam Crouch. "Jessica is a conscientious worker, always has a positive outlook and a great student to have in class. I wish her the best always and remember to come back and visit."

NAME: Andrew Wilson
PARENTS: Dave and Annette Wilson
GRADE: Senior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Library aide, work part-time through the school at IMI
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Video games, music, computers, and collecting old toys
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: To attend Pine Lake College in the fall of 2001 and get a degree in computers or electronics



Andrew Wilson

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Andy is a terrific student," said Jill Patton. "He is enrolled in the work experience program and does a great job for his employer. I am pleased to have Andy as a representative of our program."

"As a student aide in our media center, Andy is a terrific help," said Cindi Place. "He's self-motivated, personable, and always willing to take on any project that he's given. Thanks, Andy for everything you do!"

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Snowmobile safety

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parallel to the west side of South Lake Street from the north end of Veteran's Memorial Park to the South Lake Street bridge, and a route through Sunset Park to the north and behind the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce building to Front Street.

It is also illegal to operate a snowmobile on municipal property for the purpose of entering or leaving the ice on Lake Charlevoix except at the north boat launching ramp and Tannery Park.

BESIDES BEING aware of local regulations, there are other things snowmobilers can do to make their experience a safe one. The NMCHA recommends a few basic tips:

1. Always keep your machine in top mechanical condition.
2. Read and understand your machine's owner's manual.
3. Always wear insulated boots and protective clothing including a helmet, gloves, and eye protection.
4. Never ride alone. If possible, ride along with other snowmobilers.
5. Avoid, when possible, crossing frozen bodies of water.
6. Never travel in a single file when crossing frozen bodies of water.
7. Always be alert to avoid fences and low strung wires.
8. Never operate on a street or

highway.

9. Always look for depressions in the snow.
10. Keep headlights and taillights on at all times.
11. Do not overdrive headlights. Be able to stop within the area lighted by your headlights.
12. Stay on marked trails and slow down in unfamiliar areas.

13. When approaching an intersection, come to a complete stop, raise off the seat, and look for traffic.
14. Always check the weather conditions before you depart.
15. Carry emergency equipment such as a tool kit, flashlight, matches, disposable blanket, and a first aid kit. Also, a rope, extra ignition key, and high-energy foods can be helpful.

16. Take training in how to operate your snowmobile safely from local law enforcement, through clubs, or from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
- "By following these tips, and avoiding excessive speed and alcohol, people can enjoy this activity in our beautiful northern Michigan winter wonderland," said Meyerson.

Sheriff warns to be aware of changing ice conditions

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater is warning local residents and visitors about the potential for weakened ice on area lakes.

According to Lasater, warmer temperatures, and the recent fluctuations in temperatures, can cause ice to weaken on lakes, presenting hazardous conditions for those venturing out on the ice.

"Ice can form in several different conditions, and some are more perilous than others," said Lasater.

Clear ice is the strongest, formed by a long, hard freeze, and can vary in color from green to blue and black depending on the water color beneath the ice.

Snow ice is milky looking and is formed from re-frozen melted snow. Snow ice is low in density and is very weak.

Layered ice is just that — many layers of frozen and re-frozen snow, giving it a striped appearance.

"The notion that ice thickness is the only factor determining ice strength should be discarded once and for all," said Lasater. "Because ice seldom freezes at the same rate in the same body of water, it

is not uniformly thick from one location to another. Ice can be one foot thick in one location, and only one inch thick just ten feet away."

Lasater offers these tips in case of breaking through the ice:

- Do not panic and thrash about — the air in your clothes will help you to float.
- Yell for help.
- Turn toward the direction that you came from, as the ice is likely to be stronger there.
- Place your arms on the edge of the solid ice.
- Keys, a pocket knife, ice pick, or a belt buckle will help you grip the ice.
- Once you've got a grip on the ice, kick your legs hard and pull yourself up on the ice.
- If the ice breaks, move forward and try again.
- Once you're out, do not stand up, but roll away from the break and stand only when you've reached solid ice.
- Go to a place of shelter and warm up immediately.

15+ lbs. overweight?

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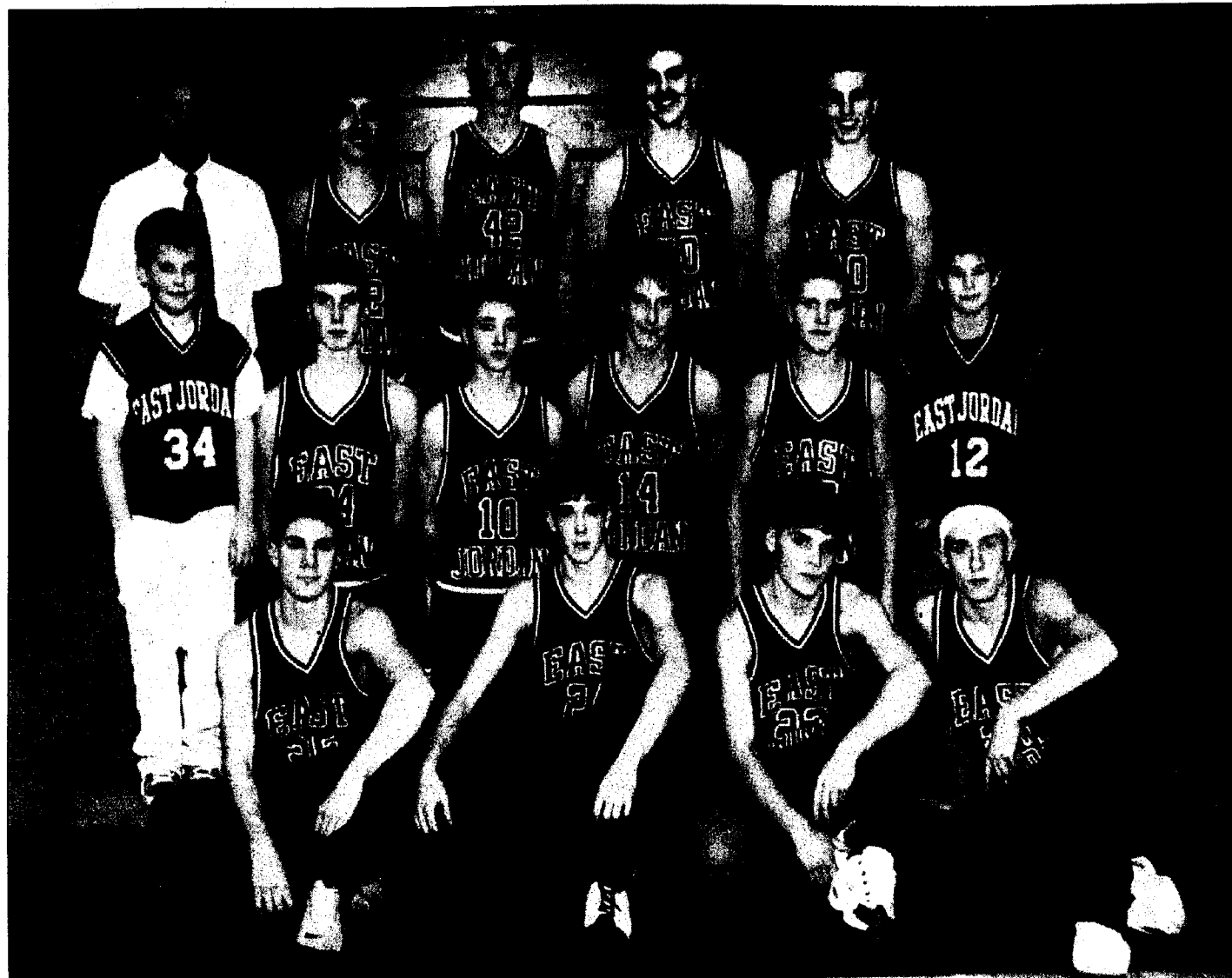
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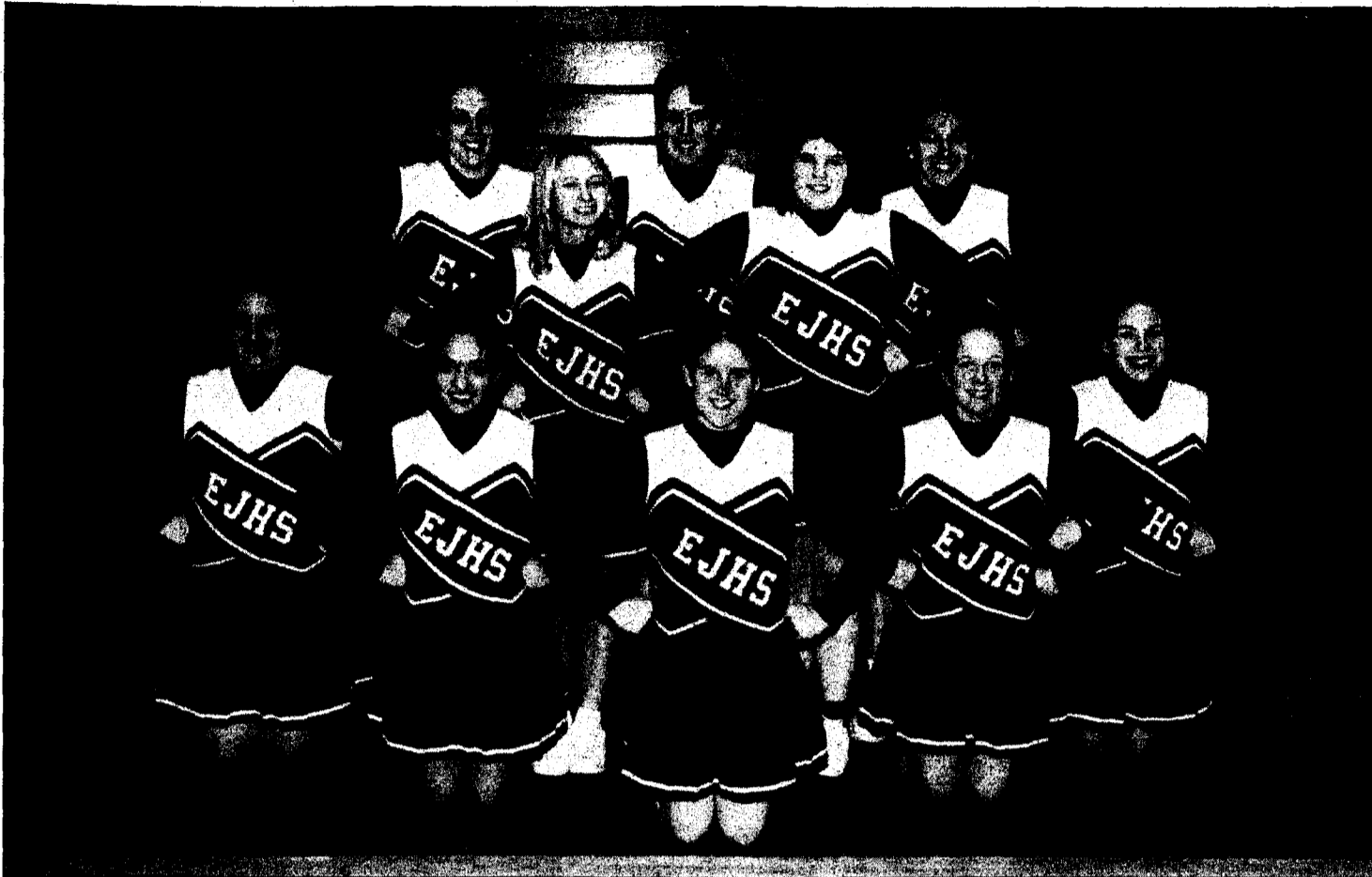
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Said premises are situated in CITY OF BOYNE, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 83, Block 1, Plat of South Boyne, according to the recorded Plat thereof, also the North 1/2 of the alley abutting said Lot as vacated in Liber 217, Page 256, Charlevoix County Records.

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BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING - Dec. 14, 2000

All members present. Acceptance of Treasurer's report. Approval to pay Township obligations totaling \$7,800.00. Report of Zoning Permits issued and miscellaneous zoning ordinance activity. Reappointment of C. Allyn Robinson and Kenneth R. Kruzel to Planning Commission. Appointment of Christopher L. Monk to Planning Commission. Reappointment of Richard L. Deuell, Theodore F. Schaub, and Lois A. Bolan to Zoning Board of Appeals. Reappointment of Robert D. Schmoldt, Paul E. Chamberlain, and Elmer R. Kochans to the Board of Review. Prioritization of future road maintenance projects. Adoption of poverty guidelines. Next regular Planning Commission meeting to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001 at 7 p.m. Next Board of Trustees meeting to be held on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2001 at 7 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met for their last regular meeting for the year on Dec. 28, 2000, in Charlevoix, Michigan. 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. Their organizational meeting for 2001 has been scheduled for Jan. 13, 2001, at 9:30 a.m.

CITY OF EAST JORDAN REQUEST FOR VARIANCE

The City of East Jordan Zoning Board of Appeals has received a variance request from Richard Davidson for the property commonly known as 1012 LaLonde Road, to allow expenses greater than 80% of the S.E.V. of the property to convert the existing garage into a single story dwelling. A public hearing to receive comments on this request will be held on Monday, Jan. 29, 2001 at 5:15 p.m. with the regular scheduled meeting immediately after in City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, MI. Written comments may be submitted to East Jordan Zoning Board of Appeals, % City Clerk, P.O. Box 499, East Jordan, MI 49727.

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Boyer City Commission 319 North Lake Street	Second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.; Fourth Tuesday of the month at 12 noon
Economic Development Corporation and Local Development Finance Authority 319 North Lake Street	First Monday of the month at 12 noon
Zoning Board of Appeals 319 North Lake Street	First Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m.
Boyer District Library Board 201 East Main Street	Second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.
Downtown Development Authority 319 North Lake Street	Second Thursday of the month at 9 a.m.
Parks and Recreation Commission 319 North Lake Street	Second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.
Housing Commission Community Room at Litzenger Place 829 South Park Street	Second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
Planning Commission 319 North Lake Street	Third Monday of the month at 5 p.m.
Historical Commission 319 North Lake Street	Third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. (on a quarterly basis)
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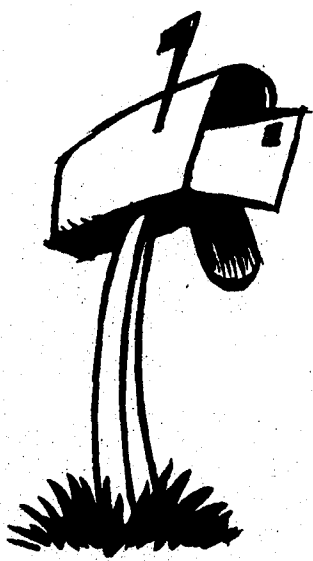
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But for one local student, the interest is still alive and will culminate with a trip to the inauguration of President-elect George W. Bush in Washington.

Pat Curtin, a 17-year-old senior at East Jordan High School, who is also enrolled at North Central Michigan College, is in the midst of planning an excursion with two friends to attend the landmark occasion on Jan. 20 in Washington D.C.

When one of the young men, enrolled at Michigan State University's James Madison College, decided to make the trip, Curtin immediately jumped on board.

"I'm only 17," he said, "so this is really my first election that I've been interested in." Interested enough to have traveled to Traverse City with the same group of friends earlier in the election to see Arizona Senator, and then Republican candidate hopeful, John McCain speak.

Curtin, though he said he's "more of a Democrat than anything

else," admits to being a fan of McCain's.

"He was who I wanted to be the Republican candidate," he said. "We got there four hours early to get a front row seat."

While he's not John McCain, it seems George W. Bush is still worth the trip. With tickets secured by Curtin's father, who works in Washington, the trio will leave on Wednesday, Jan. 17, traveling variously by car, bus, and train for better than 24 hours, to arrive in Washington in the wee hours of Friday morning.

Friday will be spent checking out the sights, and possibly witnessing democracy in action.

"There are supposed to be some protest groups," said Curtin. After the inauguration, Curtin will attend a parade and party. Wanting to take in this experience is not, said Curtin, indicative of any desire on his part to enter politics.

"I just enjoy following it," he said. Though some might not expect a 17 year old to be that interested in politics, according to Curtin, it's not that unusual.

"Some of them are, some of them aren't," he said.

As for Curtin, he said, "I'm trying to keep myself updated."

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Sno-Blast to kick off winter fun for kids of all ages

If you're getting antsy with cabin fever, and are looking for a little winter fun — never fear, the annual Sno-Blast in East Jordan is coming soon.

The events will kick off this weekend with fishing and snow sculpture contests beginning Jan. 13-14.

The Sno-Blast Kids Fishing Contest is back this year, to be held the 13th and 14th at the East Jordan Snowmobilers Club grounds. Kids age 12 and under can enter by signing up at Tom's Bait and Tackle, and all fish entered will win a prize.

The contest begins at 7 a.m. on Saturday and ends on Sunday at 6 p.m.

Awards will be presented at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21, at the East Jordan Snowmobilers grounds.

The sixth annual Sno-Blast Fishing Contest for grown-up anglers will kick off this weekend as well, beginning at 7 a.m. on Jan. 13. The last fish must be in by 12 noon on Jan. 21. Sign up will be held at Tom's Bait and Tackle with bait purchases. The contest is for hook and line only, and no frozen fish are allowed.

The contest boundaries are Antrim and Charlevoix Counties, with prizes awarded for largest (length only) Walleye, Pike, Perch, Blue Gill, and Crappie.

Over \$1,000 in prizes will be given away, and spectators are invited to stop in and check out East Jordan's answer to the Buck Pole, the Sno-Blast Fish Pole.

For more information on the contests, call Tom's Bait and Tackle at 536-3521.

Also starting this weekend is the Sno-Blast Sno-Sculpture Contest, sponsored by Darlene's Restaurant. Cash prizes and certificates will be awarded in commercial, residential, and civic categories. Deadline for entries in Jan. 15, with judging to take place on Jan. 17. The entry fee is \$5.

For an application or a snow-sculpting information sheet call the chamber at 536-7351.

And last but not least, the East Jordan Rotary Club Raffle is underway, to give away a 2000 Ski Doo MXZ 440 snowmobile. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. A free chili supper ticket is included with each raffle ticket. Call Bill Korthase at 582-6447 for tickets or more information.

BRIEFLY

Charlevoix Area Hospital helps fill pantry shelves

Charlevoix Area Hospital donated more than 1,110 pounds of food and other staples to area food banks and agencies as part of the 2000 Michigan Harvest Gathering.

Charlevoix Area Hospital and the other hospitals and health care systems that are part of the North Central Council (NCC) of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association

(MHA) combined to donate 23,406 pounds of food and other staples to area food banks and agencies. The donations benefit the 2000 Michigan Harvest Gathering, a statewide program that distributes emergency food to those in need.

According to Kathy Johnson of Charlevoix Area Hospital, hospital employees, medical staff and volunteers collected the food during a two-week drive in October. Donations also came from employees at the Boyne Area Medical Center and Boyne Area Rehab Services. The fund drive was coordinated by the

HERO (Hospital Employees Reaching Out) Club, a large group of employees who help support hospital projects.

After the drive concluded, the food was distributed to food pantries in East Jordan, Boyne City, Charlevoix, Ellsworth and Central Lake.

"We were proud to be able to contribute to the fight against hunger, and thank everyone who helped make the drive a success," said Johnson. "We ended up collecting 1,118 pounds of food, and we've already set a goal to collect a ton of food (2,000 pounds) in next year's drives."

Now completing its 10th annual campaign, the Michigan Harvest Gathering assists the Food Bank Council of Michigan and its 12 member regional food banks in providing food for the needy in the state.

ing a sense of humor," said the owner in a news release.

"We just hope she is still in one piece and we would be very grateful for her return."

Wagbo hosting growers series

Wagbo Peace Center will be hosting the Organic Growers Forum Winter Meeting Series.

Meetings will take place the second Tuesday of each month, January through April, at 7 p.m. at the Wagbo Peace Center. The first meeting was held Jan. 9.

For the meetings, farmers, gardeners and interested persons will meet to discuss issues related to growing food organically.

Topics pertaining to healthy soil, pest reduction, composting, and other issues in relationship to sustainable agricultural practices will be shared.

Anyone interested in growing and eating healthy food is welcome to share knowledge, ask questions, and find resources. The forums are free and open to the public.

For more information or directions, call 536-0333.

EJ firefighters sponsoring roller skating at JVX

The East Jordan Firefighters Association is hosting roller skating at the Jordan Valley Express every Sat-

urday from 12-3 p.m. through the end of March.

The cost is \$4 per person, which includes skate rentals. Refreshments are available. Any child under 10 should be accompanied by a responsible person over the age of 10.

Proceeds go to benefit the association, which contributes to fundraising for equipment such as a thermal imaging camera for the fire department.

For more information, call Eleanor Richards at 536-3265.

County land atlas, plat book now available

The Charlevoix Conservation District has announced that the 2000-01 Charlevoix County Land Atlas and Plat Book is now available.

The book, locally produced by the conservation district, can be purchased at several area locations including Boyne Country Books, Boyne River Bait, the Charlevoix County MSU Extension Office, the Charlevoix Conservation District Office, and On Target Archery, all in Boyne City; and Foster's Live Bait and Gifts in Boyne Falls.

The cost is \$15.

Plat books can also be mailed by sending \$17 to the Conservation District Office, 5-D West Main St., Boyne City, MI 49712.

For more information, call 582-6193 or 582-734.

CLUB NEWS

East Jordan Garden Club

The first meeting of the year for the East Jordan Garden Club will be held on Monday, Jan. 15, at 1:30 p.m. in the basement of the Jordan Valley District Library.

Don Mac Naughton, a local photographer of wildlife and wildflowers will be the guest speaker, with a slide presentation of "wild things" from the local area.

Treasurer Evelyn Gidley will also give an update on the successful Greens Market and Bake Sale.

Hostesses for the afternoon are Audrey Meyers and Carol Johnson.

Anyone interested in gardening and beautification of the area is invited to attend, and membership is

ongoing.

For more information, call president Lucy Lercel at 536-2855 or Ginny Carey at 582-5680.

The East Jordan Garden Club is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan and the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

Northern Michigan Sewing Guild

The Northern Michigan Sewing Guild will meet on Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix. The lending library will be open at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Anyone who loves to sew is welcome to attend. For more information, call Pat at 582-3548.

Statue missing from business

The Boyne City Police Department is investigating the disappearance of a statue from the front porch of Destress Express on Front Street in Boyne City.

According to Beth Brill, co-owner of Destress Express, the statue was there when she closed up the business on New Year's Eve at 4 p.m. Business partner Gail Cran noticed that the statue was missing at about 4 p.m. on New Year's Day.

Destress Express purchased the statue last summer for their business for a cost of about \$80.

"We are trying hard not to have negative feelings about this," said keep-

Welcome Our New Physician

Susan Anderson, MD

NEUROLOGY & SLEEP DISORDERS

Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey is pleased to welcome Susan Anderson, MD, to our medical staff. Dr. Anderson, a neurologist from the Detroit area, will be accepting patients at her new practice, Bay Area Neurology and Sleep Disorders in Petoskey.

Dr. Anderson recently completed a fellowship in Neurophysiology and Sleep Disorders at the Veterans Administration Hospital and University Health Center in Detroit. She is a member of the American Academy of Neurology, American Medical Association, American Sleep Disorders Association, Michigan State Medical Society, Michigan Neurologic Association, Michigan Sleep Disorders Association and the American Neurophysiology Association.

Dr. Anderson sees patients by appointment in Petoskey and at satellite clinics in Cheboygan & Gaylord.

Patients should speak with their family physician about a referral to Dr. Anderson.

For more information about Dr. Anderson or any of our physicians, please call HealthAccess at 1-800-248-6777.

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