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Jon Gerster resigns from Boyne Board of Education

On Monday, Jon Gerster resigned his position with the Boyne City Board of Education, citing health and professional reasons.

The board will be accepting applications to fill the position from interested parties through Monday, Feb. 5. The person chosen will serve from Feb. 12 until the June 11 annual school election.

The board will make an appointment at its regular meeting on Feb. 12.

Letters of application may be sent to Boyne City Public Schools, P.O. Box 289, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Citizen-Journal has new e-mail address

The Citizen-Jordan Journal e-mail address has changed. The new address is Citizen@voyager.net.

The deadline for submission of copy and display advertising is Friday at 5 p.m., and the deadline for classifieds is Monday at 10 a.m.

Dinner at EJES will benefit Star School Building

The Star School Historical Society will host a spaghetti dinner at the East Jordan Elementary School on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 4-7 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Star Community Hall which was recently vandalized.

The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 582-2424.

BC Chamber holding annual meeting and auction at BAH

The Boyne City Chamber of Commerce will hold its Annual Meeting and Auction at Business After Hours on Thursday, Jan. 25, at One Water Street in Boyne City.

The Boyne City School Boosters are sponsoring the evening which will be held from 5-7 p.m. The chamber will honor those that have worked for the community and the chamber throughout the year, and welcome incoming board members. The board of directors for 2001 includes Jerie Leyh, Nannette Miller, Brian Welborn, Chris Wacholz, Dan Byce, Heather Nalbock, Jean Konecki, Jerry Douglas, and Nancy Weber.

An auction will be held to benefit the chamber building fund following the awards presentation.

Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call the chamber at 582-6222.



Snow Business

The sign says it all, as does Tyler Galmore's smile as he rides atop a float in the Sno-Blast 2001 parade last Saturday in East Jordan. With nearly-perfect winter weather, including plenty of sunshine and snow on the ground, the "weekend was spectacular," said East Jordan Area Chamber director Mary Faculak. Visitors and residents alike turned out in record numbers. For more sights of Sno-Blast, see page 3.

EJ looks to develop marketing plan

With the City of East Jordan and the chamber continuing to focus on the health of the business community, a marketing study of East Jordan is currently underway.

East Jordan city administrator David White and chamber director Mary Faculak met last week via teleconference with members of a Michigan State University advertising class that will be undertaking a semester-long project to create marketing strategies for East Jordan, with an eye on attracting new business, maintaining current business, and keeping folks coming to the area.

The meeting took place at Northern Michigan College in Traverse City, where Faculak and White were able to interact with approximately 25 students on the project, presenting information and answering questions.

The students are being overseen by Professor Keith Adler, an advertising instructor at Michigan State University whose classes have in the past created marketing strategies for

Fortune 500 companies including GM and Kmart.

The possibility of enlisting Adler's students came to the attention of last year's chamber president Gina Kendall after an advertising seminar in early 2000. Adler had hosted the presentation for East Jordan chamber members, and afterward, said Kendall, in talking about the classes he teaches, the subject of a campaigns class for seniors in the advertising program came up. "I asked him if it's something they could do for a community like East Jordan, and he said yes," said Kendall.

She then corresponded with Adler through e-mail, gathering more information about what such a project would entail.

The chamber undertook two surveys, of residents and local shoppers, and sent the information to Adler along with a business inventory, visitors guides, and a Downtown Economic Restructuring report compiled by Tom Johnson of the Northern

Lakes Economic Alliance.

Armed with that background information, the class then participated in the recent meeting at NMC, at which White and Faculak gave the students an overview of the community and its history. "We went into the projects that have been completed, talked about the chamber's reinvestment program, discussed Operation Facelift, which the chamber had implemented several years ago," said Faculak, who said they also discussed the amenities the area has to offer, architectural styles, aspects of being in business in East Jordan, and challenges that the area has to overcome.

The project will continue with dialogue between the city and chamber and the class throughout the semester, ending with a presentation of marketing strategies as the class concludes in May.

At that point, said Faculak, it will be up to community members to put the plan into action. "The ultimate goal is to get a plan that this commu-

nity will buy into," said Faculak. "In the past, it's not been uncommon to conduct studies or surveys and not carry through. This is going to be the responsibility of the entire community, once the plan is accepted, that it's carried out."

The chamber, for its part, will continue work it has started in previous years relating to giving a boost to the business community.

"The committee that's working on the [marketing] project stemmed from the downtown business development committee, which includes members of the city, chamber and DDA," said Kendall. "[Attracting business] was one of my top goals and was one of the chamber's goals as well."

And this year's chamber board, said Faculak, will likely continue with the same goals in mind.

"Business retention, business recruitment, and marketing are high on the list [for the new board]," she said. "They will be very involved with this marketing study."

Senior center plans move ahead

Members of the Boyne City Senior Advisory Council continue to move forward with plans to find support for the construction of a senior center in Boyne City.

While plans for a building are not complete, the council, according to member Ron Grunch, is looking at a 5,400 square foot structure, with a price tag estimated to be in the range of \$430,000 to \$460,000 for the building and furnishings.

The structure will be located on property adjacent to the new Deer Meadows apartment complex, a new apartment complex for seniors being constructed by the Boyne City Housing Commission.

The group has a building fund, and has raised money through various fund raisers towards the cause.

The next step, said Grunch, will be to send letters to various township supervisors seeking their support in placing a one-time millage on the ballot this August to help with construction costs. The letters should go out by sometime in February.

The council has worked closely with the Commission on Aging, which will be, according to Grunch, the center's source of pass-through

funding for operational costs.

In terms of community support, the advisory council has gotten enough feedback since its inception over a year ago to feel confident that the project has the backing of area seniors.

The council has in the past made an effort to connect with seniors locally to let them know about the project, with things like presentations at the popular "Back to School" day at Boyne City High School.

Last week, the advisory council met with Boyne City School Superintendent Dana Compton to explore the possibility of seniors utilizing the current middle school for programs or activities.

Recently, Compton had indicated that the schools are considering a temporary use of the middle school building as a home for community programs, in the event that the district decides to utilize a three-building configuration rather than the planned four-building system.

If that were to happen, one possibility, according to Compton, is to use the current middle school as a senior center or location for senior programs. In the meeting, advisory council

members were clear about the fact that they want to continue moving toward ownership of their own independent senior facility.

"We want to stay [at the current center at city hall] until we have our own," said advisory council member Mary Towne, noting that it would make little sense for seniors to spend money renting a center when they could be saving it for their own. Also, said council member Janet Shepherd, the seniors are ideally looking for long-term use.

Still, council members were open to the possibility of using space at the building for classes or outreach programs, utilizing such features as the wood shop, kitchen, and computer lab.

The possibility is really about "what we can share with the schools, and not replicate [in a senior center]," Grunch said.

The middle school building is handicap accessible, and does have an elevator for access to the second floor.

Actual use of the building is speculation at this point, as the future use of the middle school building is still under exploration by the district.

Sale pending

City of Boyne makes offer on Fochtman building

The City of Boyne City is in the process of purchasing a piece of property located on North Park Street, which currently houses Fochtman CarQuest and Renaissance Gym.

While the city's offer of \$285,000 to purchase the property has been accepted by the sellers, the city, according to city manager Eric Strahl, "has a conditional option to purchase subject to putting financing in place for the purchase."

How the property will be put to use is still being discussed, but one possibility under consideration is an incorporation of the land, which fronts the Boyne River, into the ongoing Riverwalk project.

The Downtown Development Authority, which is spearheading the Riverwalk Project, is agreeable to the possibility.

"Actually, the DDA had been discussing purchasing [the property] when it was first available in 1994," said DDA president Jodi Adams. Though the property was sold to another party, the DDA kept its eye on it, even as it later changed hands again.

"This time when it came up," said Adams, and while the city made the decision independently, they "decided to move on it with our encouragement."

Still, the property is not being purchased specifically for the Riverwalk project, and has some potential other uses for the city, including as some type of additional offstreet parking. According to Strahl, the possibility of removing the building is "being discussed," though, due to leases held by Fochtman CarQuest and Renaissance Gym, it's "not something that would happen overnight." One of the leases, he said, runs through November of 2002.

"The next step [for the DDA] is to work up some concept to take to the city," said Adams, who noted the group has plans to hire a designer to "help us formulate a plan to incorporate that as a green space to enhance that section [of the Riverwalk]."

The city is still in the process of securing financing for the land purchase. "The city will be securing debt financing from one of the local banks," said Strahl, by taking bids. The city has approximately 30 days to close on the deal.

The city commission was expected to award a bid for the financing at their regular meeting on Tuesday night.

Fire destroys home

Officials continue to investigate a fire that destroyed much of a home on Third Street in East Jordan last week.

According to East Jordan fire chief Glen Thorman, firefighters were called to the fire at about 12:35 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17, after a neighbor dialed 911.

Heavy smoke was visible "all the way around the house," said Thorman, and flames were visible from the back of the structure.

While firefighters were able to get the main part of the fire under control quickly, flames inside the walls and under the roof took more time to extinguish. Thorman estimates that the home is likely "a total loss."

"The bricks [on the exterior] are all cracked up," he said, though, he noted, some of the contents were probably still salvageable.

The occupants of the home, Mike Reid, his son and a friend, were not home at the time of the fire, but a cat died in the blaze. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.



Much of this house on Third Street in East Jordan was destroyed in a fire last week.

OPINION

LETTERS

Clearing up some misunderstandings on school issue

TO THE EDITOR:

In light of the recent newspaper articles and some misleading information, I feel there are a few key points that need to be cleared up. Some in the community might feel that I, acting as a school board member, broke their trust. With that being said, this letter is needed to explain what we as a board have done.

First of all, we as a board have not voted on a re-configuration of our original plans! All we approved Jan. 8 was a re-allocation of bond monies from the middle school (existing now) to the high school (existing now). There was no decision made to go from a four-building configuration to a three-building configuration. The main reason for any money shift so far was to bring the existing high school's roof up to safe standards and to do additional renovating in the event our enrollment does not increase and we get backed into a corner. Our enrollment picture is unfortunately a real one, coming about mainly due to a housing problem keeping families from moving into the community. The same housing problem started in Charlevoix a few years ago and progressed to Boyne City, and is now hitting East Jordan. If you don't believe it, look at the asking prices in the paper or real estate books! Soon all the surrounding communities will be on a level playing field in terms of housing. At that time I believe Boyne City Public Schools can compete and win! We offer our students a wide array of some of the greatest programs in the north, from the arts, to technology, to vocational programs!

One of the articles published last week quoted a couple of people that felt they were "hoodwinked," to put it in the context it was printed. I would hope that no one would feel that way. Since the passing of Proposal A in 1994 the dollars that each school gets to operate are based solely on the number of students attending that institution, period! We no longer rely on the housing S.E.V.'s (State Equalized Values) for the bulk of our funding. If we did, we would have no problem, as you know how our S.E.V.'s have continued to go up. So in short, you project as best you can what your share of the student pie is going to be, if you get it fine, if not, you're in trouble with your budget! The State helps you with projecting your district's growth with the live birth projections for your area. Unfortunately those numbers have been off in both instances. Now, I ask you, is that "hoodwinking" someone?

With all the above taken into perspective our housing problem over the last two years has had us graduating 110-130 students, and bringing in 80-90 kindergartners, hence up to a 40-student loss/per year, which when multiplied by our per/student grant of \$6,500, equals a substantial loss to the district. Now, do those enrollment numbers bump up and down and do I believe that the trend can and will be turned around? Absolutely! We can't lose sight of the fact we needed, and are getting a new state of the art high school in Boyne. The portables will be gone, and our fifth graders will be in a real school building. You need to look no further than Boyne Falls to see that new and updated facilities will help your enrollments (kind of like the build it and they will come theory). They have approximately 37 additional students attending their school this year, and while we can't hang our hat on the fact, I sincerely believe that we as a community will reap the same type of rewards. If we do, we won't have to do any re-configuration.

The bottom line is that nothing has been done to re-configure, and we want to be straightforward with our community, and if we as a community can understand that and continue to speak supportively of our school system, we can and will overcome the situation. If we chose to think only that someone deliberately set out to "hoodwink" them, then we only hurt ourselves and our youth. I tried to explain this situation in as simple of terms as possible, but some may still have questions or concerns. I beg you to call me at 582-2606 or any other board member you are comfortable speaking with or call the superintendent's office. We need to hear from you as much as you need to hear from us.

Thanks for your continued support and understanding.

Marty Moody,
Boyne City School Board President

WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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.

LETTERS

School board faces tough decisions

TO THE EDITOR:

It is with great personal regret that I have submitted my resignation to the Boyne City Board of Education. Some may conclude that this decision was based on disagreements among some of the board members regarding the tough decisions that we face as a school district and a community. I assure all of you that this is not the case.

My decision is based solely on the fact that my two-year-long battle with cancer is consuming more and more time and that my business is now based in Orlando, Fla. and requires my on-site supervision. Thus, it is not possible for me to stay on the board.

I do strongly believe that the board now has an unusual opportunity to lead the schools and the community in a very positive direction for the benefit of our children and youth. We must all ask the Board to seize this opportunity.

Further, I believe that we now have a very professional and effective administrative team headed by Dana Compton. My hope is that the board, the administration and the community can come together in a partnership to accomplish the goal of a quality education for all.

Finally, I wish to thank everyone in the community who supported me. I am overwhelmed by the thoughts and prayers that have come our way. This is a very difficult transition for both Faye and me as we have invested our lives in the children of this community and the desire of our hearts is to see them achieve happy and successful lives. I plead with all of you to make every decision with their best interests in mind.

We plan to return to the community often to see how everyone is doing. We will eventually build a home in town so that we will be part of the community again in the future.

Jon Gerster

Why was problem not discussed at earlier time?

TO THE EDITOR:

QUESTION! Why didn't Boyne City school superintendent Dana Compton and the school board inform us of this problem back in September, when they MUST have known they had a 10 percent short fall in the student population?

At that time, we could have dealt with the situation and have room left over. But, no—we were told we needed more room because they were sure the student population would increase. I don't think it's even legal to use the bond issue money for the school's operation.

Will the taxpayers be led down the garden path again? I don't think so. Someone should tell Compton that our summer visitors have never sent their children to our schools and those in the nice new homes on the lake won't be sending theirs either. This plan then, for the loss of students, is just plain silly. Stay tuned!

Everett K. Sayles

P.S. STOP! It has just been suggested that we sell the middle school to Indians. They would renovate the school into a hotel and café and use the new gym for a casino. Presto! No more problem.

A poem to share

TO THE EDITOR:

This poem has caught the eyes of many people around the world and we would like to share it with the people of northern Michigan.

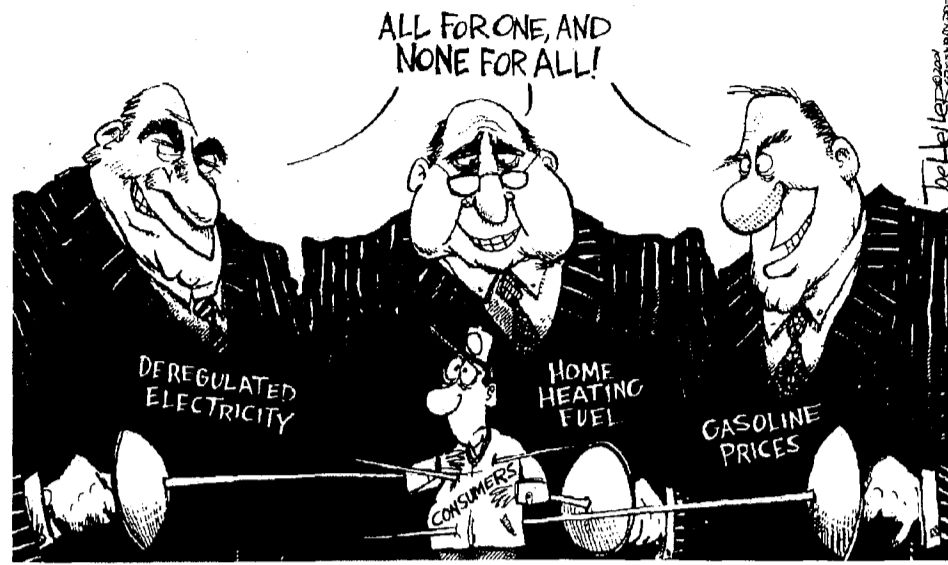
THE THOUGHTS OF AN UNBORN CHILD

Mommy keep me safe, Mommy keep me warm,
Handle me with all your love,
Mommy keep me from all harm.
I'm only six weeks old today, this birthday gift to me,
A pair of bright blue eyes, that someday you will see.
I've barely got ears, A little puppy nose,
And at the end of my feet, little things called toes,
Looking forward to my life, toys, teddy bears, snails, and long fairy tales.
Where are we going mommy, in a bath, on a bus ride or, perhaps far away.
Where are we going being pushed at all force.
How funny it feels passing through doors, people dressed in green.
If they hurt you mommy just scream.
What's happening mommy, I'm starting to cry,
Mommy come quickly,
They're making me die, killing me quickly,
Pulling me apart, everything inside me even my heart.
Bye mommy, good-bye...
But how I wanted to see the grass,
The trees, hear a sweet song, feel a sweet breeze.
Bye mommy—good-bye, I love you I really do.
I just wish you could love me too.

Thank you for the few moments of your time that it took to read it.

Ed Kelenske
Right To Life Chairman
Knights Of Columbus
Boyne Valley Council 6314

The Three Profiteers



A MOM'S LIFE

A young teacher of compassion

By CINDI PLACE

I learned something about compassion the other day. And from, what I thought, was an unlikely source — teenagers.

We were competing at a recent athletic contest and witnessed a tragic accident. The injured athlete was doing something that members of our team had done many times before; one of those "it could happen to anybody" things. As medical personnel attended to the injured girl, nearly 500 people, many of them young athletes, watched in absolute silence. You could almost feel the caring and concern those kids were sending to the hurt athlete and her team members.

And I'm proud to say that the first reaction of our team was to do something, anything, to help. While we were all at a loss as to what to do, I was struck by the fact that these kids were thinking of this other team instead of themselves. It was a scary moment. Parents were frightened and the kids couldn't have helped thinking that this could have happened to one of ours.

But that wasn't what they were whispering about as we waited for the EMTs to do their work, or as we prayed for the young lady's well being. They wanted to give the team members involved a big hug.

And it wasn't just our team who felt that way. The gymnasium was filled with athletes who couldn't move. And they didn't stay and watch because it was a spectacle. They were scared for their unknown friend and wanted to make sure she was going to be all right before they left for home. In short, they cared. A lot.

I think sometimes we forget that teenagers are living in a scary world. Scariest than our own youth was certainly. And it frustrates them when they see a hurt and can't do anything about it. But the caring and compassion that these kids exhibit when the chips are really down is a sight to see. And feel.

Fortunately, the injured athlete will recover and our team, after a lot of talking about safety and taking it easy, will do so as well.

But it was one of those moments that a proud coach never really forgets.

LETTERS

Reasonable remedies could be pursued

TO THE EDITOR:

"OUCH! Suckered again; but what can I do about it?" That's the essence of what I hear from Boyne City school voters after they've read the newspaper accounts of their errant school officials, who suddenly make an about-face regarding student numbers and, without any citizen input, want to arbitrarily abandon the in-town, recently updated, middle school building. Oh yeah.

Because, if enough citizens/voters are sufficiently insulted by such flagrant misbehavior there are more reasonable remedies that might be pursued. What follows would tend to tip the middle school abandonment appeal.

Step One: Negotiate with the school board to immediately stop the just begun new high school construction. Surely there's a contractual section covering such a contingency. If not, or if the board refuses to act on it, get a court restraining order. A more informed decision on the buildings validity can be made later. (Is there a pro bono attorney who has the guts to help this project? If so contact me.)

Step Two: Demand, via petition if necessary, a special election to fill all seven vacated seats on the school board; some will have the decency to resign. Recall those who have no shame and also refuse to recognize their great lack of management and financial skills and need to be reminded their time is up.

Step Three: Demand the new school board fire the existing hired school officials. They are responsible for the present multi-million dollar mayhem including the middle school asininity. Also dismiss all the members of the ac-

quiescent dilettantes on the various school commissions. The new board can then hire and appoint new replacements and get on with a, hopefully, sensible and honest evaluation of all the Boyne City school buildings and student placement therein.

Step Four: Among the new board's first resolutions is the need to make absolutely sure that the properly located, in-town middle school continues to serve students and is not abandoned to other nonteaching interests.

Step Five: Also high on the new board's priority list is a decision whether or not to complete the halted construction on the new high school, or instead, save school area citizens the burden of multimillions in taxes yet to be paid; helping that important choice, they should remember that all the existing buildings were planned and built to be expanded. If needed, when needed.

Step Six: Finally, a safeguard towards optimistic prevention of future expensive mismanagement adventures, unnecessary incompetence, or outright nefarious misbehavior by school officials needs some thought. The following precaution could be taken. Establish a school budgeted citizen oversight group (COG) to also monitor the official's school financial and educational direction performances. COG would post and newspaper publish their findings quarterly during the school year.

Oh Kay. Now, reader, just don't shrug off this latest bumble-headed insult to your common sense intelligence. Use of the in-town middle school needs to be insured. Unexcused waste of your tax dollars is despicable.

Karl Waldner

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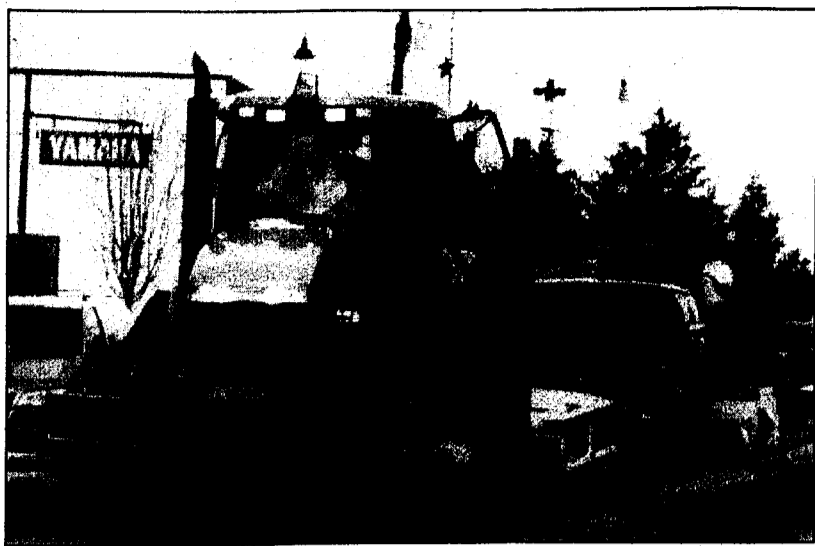
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Miss East Jordan Gretchen Knight waved to the crowd from a Charlevoix County Snowmobile Council trail groomer.



Father Winter, aka East Jordan mayor Ron Klooster, was on hand to make winter official.

A cure for cabin fever

East Jordan celebrates Sno-Blast in style



Newly-crowned Belle of the Blizzard Theresa Verellen gave the crowd her best royal wave, while Winter Knight Marty Ernst gets the royal treatment.



Racers enjoyed excellent snow conditions.



Parade grand marshal Tom Galmore, with wife Carole, had the honor of a chauffeured ride in an Aargo all-terrain vehicle by the Parsons.



The Antique Snowmobile Show continues to grow, with 59 vintage sleds on display this year.



Sno-Blast is, for many, snowmobile heaven, with the annual drag races at the Snowmobiler clubhouse, above, boasting a record-breaking turnout.



Winning top prize in the Sno-Sculpture contest was this frosty Grinch on Main Street.

A tool for saving lives

■ EJ Firefighters acquire thermal imaging camera

Having just acquired their Thermal Imaging Camera, the East Jordan Fire Department had a prime opportunity to put it to good use after being called to a house fire on Third Street in East Jordan last Thursday.

"It saved work," said firefighter John Sumner, who used the camera during the effort. With the new equipment, firefighters were able to "see" fire in walls, where it was not visible to the naked eye. According to Sumner, once the fire was under control, the camera located more flames lurking behind the wallboard, which firefighters were able to expose and put out.

While it may not have saved on time, said fire chief Glen Thorman, it most certainly saved firefighters from having to return to the scene to extinguish a reignited fire.

The acquisition of the thermal imager was the culmination of several months of fund-raising efforts.

With a price-tag of \$23,153, which includes the camera and accessories such as transmitter and receivers for monitoring, the effort to garner donations and grants was no small task. The department found plenty of support for the cause, though, with the firefighter's association putting in \$5,000, some area townships donating \$1,000 to \$2,000 apiece, and a \$5,000 grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, which the city matched with \$5,000 of its own.

The department is still short about \$3,000 short, but hopes that with the continued efforts of the firefighter's association, the additional funds will be secured.

The imager, while most obviously useful for locating hot spots, also has a host of other uses, including locating people, whether in a smoke-filled building, in the water, or in the dark. By detecting heat sources, the image

on the camera screen allows the user to "see" in a room that may be completely dark or smoke-filled.

It also reads temperature, and so can be used to alert firefighters to a potential "flash over," where temperatures can reach over 1200 degrees and create extremely hazardous conditions for firefighting personnel. The camera is sturdy enough to withstand high temperatures, wet conditions, and rough handling.

The unit is used with a TV/VCR mounted in the pump truck, to allow firefighters outside to see what those inside are experiencing. With radio contact, their input can assist those using the camera with assessing the situation.

Donations may be sent to East Jordan Firefighter's Association, P.O. Box 441, East Jordan, MI 49727. Checks should be made payable to the East Jordan Firefighter's Association, c/o Darger Thermal Imager.



The new thermal imaging camera came in handy for the East Jordan Fire Department at a house fire last week. Pictured here are firefighters John Sumner, chief Glen Thorman, and Buck McWatters with the imager.

Teens face several charges

Four East Jordan teens were arraigned last week in Charlevoix County District Court on charges stemming from several area incidents of vandalism and breaking and entering.

Scott Allen Reich and Rocky Lee Peters, both 18, and two 17-year-olds, all of East Jordan, were in court on charges relating to break-ins at two area residences, serious vandalism of the Star Community Hall, and several mail-box bombings dating back to September of 2000.

Reich has been charged with two counts of home invasion, second degree, felonies carrying up to 15 years and/or \$3,000; one count of conspiracy to explosives - placing near

property causing property damage, a felony with up to 20 years and/or \$25,000; one count of breaking and entering a building with intent, a felony carrying up to 10 years; and one count of malicious destruction of a building, a felony carrying up to five years and/or \$10,000 or three times the amount of the destruction or injury, whichever is greater.

Peters faces one charge of home invasion, second degree, and one count of conspiracy to explosives. The two 17-year-olds face five charges each, including home invasion, second degree; breaking and entering a building with intent; conspiracy to explosives; and malicious destruction of a building.

According to police records, Reich admitted to involvement in the Star Community Hall vandalism, two area break-ins, and seven mailbox bombings. In addition, deputies confiscated additional bombs in various stages of construction and a quantity of high explosives from a cabin on the Reich property.

At last week's arraignment, Judge Richard W. May increased bond amounts for all four defendants, from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for Reich; from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for Peters, and from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for each of the 17-year-old defendants.

A preliminary hearing for all four teens is scheduled for Feb. 6 (check date) at 9 a.m.

EJ commission outlines goals

Last week, the East Jordan City Commission met in a special goal-setting session to identify projects and goals to pursue in the coming year. Topping the commissioners shared list were continuing work on M-32, the revision of township public safety contracts, the possibility of a new fire station, and attention to providing timely responses to citizens' concerns.

With facilitator Tom Johnson of the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, commissioners Ruth Gee, Shane Williams, Bernie Hammond, Tim Hoffman, Jeanette Norton, and mayor Ron Klooster brainstormed ideas and then rated them using a method called the "Nominal Group Technique" which was developed at Michigan State University as a process for group input and decision making.

The session was broken up into

three parts, including the nominal phase, when participants silently list their ideas; the discussion phase, a round-robin process when the person suggesting an idea is given an opportunity to clarify or explain; and the voting phase, in which each individual ranks or rates the items numerically. Ratings are then tallied for an overall score for each item, in terms of high, average or low importance overall.

"Goal setting is not about debating or information gathering," said

Johnson in addressing the commission, but rather, "to come together as a group to determine what you want to happen in the next year."

The method, said Johnson, "is set up in a very democratic way," with a goal of "pulling groups together."

The group came up with a total of over 40 goals, and other ideas that ranked high on the list of priorities included continuing work on the East Jordan Community Park, encouraging more businesses to locate in East Jordan, and continuing road upgrades.

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Finding Forrester - PG-13 (136 min)
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What Women Want - PG-13 (127 min)
Starring Mel Gibson & Helen Hunt
At 9:20 nightly
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The Wedding Planner - PG-13 (103 min)
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Starring Sean Connery & Rob Brown
At 7:00 nightly
Also Sat & Sun at 2:30

Escapade And The Moonlight - PG-13 (91 min)
Starring Jeff Danieles
At 7:00 & 9:00 nightly
Also Sat & Sun at 2:00 & 4:00

The Wedding Planner - PG-13 (103 min)
Starring Jennifer Lopez
At 7:00 & 9:00 nightly
Also Sat & Sun at 2:00 & 4:00

Sugar And Spice - PG-13 (82 min)
Starring Marley Shelton & Mera Suvarl
At 7:00 & 9:00 nightly
Also Sat & Sun at 2:00 & 4:00

Cast Away - PG-13 (144 min)
Starring Tom Hanks & Helen Hunt
At 7:00 & 9:25 nightly
Also Sat & Sun at 2:30

Miss Congeniality - PG-13 (110 min)
Starring Sandra Bullock
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What Women Want - PG-13 (127 min)
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OBITUARIES

Margaret Genevieve Blekken

Margaret Genevieve (Jenny) Blekken, 63, went to be with her Lord on Jan. 11, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from respiratory failure due to lung cancer. A memorial service was held on Saturday, Jan. 20, at Faith Chapel in Seeley Lake, Mont.

Jenny was born on May 17, 1937, in Detroit, to Frances and James Palmiter. She was the oldest of five children and with the death of her father when she was 16 she was considered an extra mother by her siblings. She married Lawrence Blekken on Nov. 5, 1955, in East Jordan. They moved to Seeley Lake, Mont. in 1975, where they owned and operated the J & L Food Market for 12 years. They moved to the Kalispell, Mont. area in 1998. Jenny loved knitting, crafts and

traveling to visit her children and grandchildren. She devotedly remembered family birthdays and anniversaries with a special card. She is survived by her husband Larry of Marion, Mont.; three sons, Larry J. (Sandi) Blekken of Marion, Jim (Kim) Blekken of Seeley Lake, and Scott (Denise) Blekken of Missoula, Mont.; two daughters, Melody Hart of Fair Oaks, Calif., and Kelly (Don) Lawhead of The Dalles, Ore.; eight grandchildren and three step-grandchildren; two sisters, Ellen Shaler of Naples, Fla. and Alice Rowan of Fenton, Mich.; and one brother, Paul Frederick Palmiter of Marco Island, Fla., all of whom will miss her talented, giving, caring, and accepting personality. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Bill.

John A. Reich

John A. Reich, 85, of East Jordan, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2001 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. Pastor Chris Wallace of the Ellsworth Wesleyan church officiated. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

John was born on March 6, 1915 in East Jordan, the son of Alford and Mary (Hayden) Reich. He graduated from East Jordan High School in 1931. On April 12, 1939 in Petoskey, he married Edith J. Kitson.

John worked 27 years for Michigan Seamless Tubing Company, now known as Quanax, in South Lyon. He retired in 1977.

John enjoyed working at Michigan Seamless Tubing Company, bowling, and watching ball games. Most of all he loved and enjoyed his

family. He is survived by his wife, Edith J. Reich of East Jordan; three children, Dave (Susan) Reich of Southgate, Jean (Ernie) Cluckey of Morganton, N.C., and Carol Eddy of Fowlerville; 15 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Allen Reich of East Jordan and Calvin (Mary) Reich of Dewitt; four sisters, Edna (Lewis) Kitson of East Jordan, Alfreda Lesher of Petoskey, Lucy Platte of Lansing, and Anne (Volney) Gaedke of Mason; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Dan and Bill; and three sisters, Luella, Beth, and Ellen. Memorials may be given to the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church or Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Rea M. Thomas

Rea M. Thomas, 86, of Bellaire died Friday, Jan. 19, 2001 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. A summer memorial service will be announced at a later date. She was born on July 30, 1914 near East Jordan, the daughter of Clarence and Mae (Weston) Healey. As a teenager, she grew up driving a gasoline truck between East Jordan and Harbor Springs for Healey Sales Company which was owned and operated by her father. She graduated from East Jordan High School in 1932. On Jan. 13, 1933 at the Methodist parsonage in East Jordan, she married Gabriel Daniel Thomas. He preceded her in death in 1968. Rea returned to her schooling and graduated with a teaching degree from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant. She was a substitute teacher for a while and in 1957 taught full-time in Boyne Falls for a year.

In 1959, she moved to Dallas, S.D. where she taught in a one-room school house for about four years. Rea then moved to California and taught school until her retirement in 1971. She then moved to Bellaire. She is survived by two sons, S. Daniel Thomas of East Jordan and Lee Thomas of Bellaire; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Sue Dye of Charleston, S.C. and Elaine "Dot" (Gerald) DeForest of Brooksville, Fla.; as well as many nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Jack Stephen Thomas in 2000; one brother, Clarence Healey, Jr.; two sisters, Lois Berger and Evelyn Healey; and one daughter-in-law, Diana "Dee" Thomas. Memorials may be given to Bellaire Senior Citizen Center. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Ruth Courson

Ruth Courson, 63, of Jacksonville Beach, Fla. and East Jordan, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2001 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. Private services will be held at a later date. She was born on April 29, 1937 in Thomasville, Ga., the daughter of John and Adeline (Shepherd) Crowley. On June 20, 1977 in Bangor, Maine, she married Clarence M. Courson. He preceded her in death on Nov. 9, 2000. Ruth worked as a nurse at the Veterans Hospital in Gainesville, Fla. for many years. She enjoyed crocheting and quilting. She is survived by three children, Beth (Peter) Inman of East Jordan, Judy (Bob) Harrell of Gainesville,

Fla., and Shirley (Bob) Hinson of Gainesville; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Marcelle (Douglass) Corvin of Pontotoc, Miss. and Marianne Sprague of St. Augustine, Fla. and Bangor; one brother, John (Barbara) Crowley of Lowell, Mass.; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and two sisters. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the East Jordan Light-house Missionary Church Building Fund, 07874 Rogers Road, East Jordan, MI 49727. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Karen Sue Seelye

Karen Sue Seelye, 46, of Boyne City, passed away on Monday, Jan. 15, 2001, at her parents' home in Boyne Falls. A funeral mass was held Thursday, Jan. 18, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Boyne City. Burial took place in Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City. Karen was born March 23, 1954, in Petoskey, the daughter of Floyd and Irene Matelski Hausler. She graduated from Boyne Falls High School in 1972. On Aug. 25, 1973, she married Timothy Seelye and together they made their home on Deer Lake. She received her registered nursing degree in 1999 from North Central Michigan college and was currently working for Harbor Home Care. Karen was a member of St. Augustine Church and enjoyed camping, picnicking and Walt Disney World. Survivors include two sons, Stephen (Michelle) Seelye of Boyne

City, and Brian Seelye of Boyne City; a daughter, Staci Seelye of Boyne City; one granddaughter, Aurora Seelye; her parents, Floyd and Irene Hausler of Boyne Falls; one brother, Eric (Eva) of Boyne Falls; two sisters, Susan (Dale) Conklin of Boyne City, and Cyndy (Tom) Johnson of Boyne Falls; grandmother, Myrtle Hausler of Boyne Falls; special aunt, Katie Hausler of Boyne Falls; mother-in-law, Sally Seelye of Boyne City; four brothers-in-law, Michael of Boyne Falls, Mitchell of Farmington Hills, Marc of Boyne City, and Matthew of Petoskey; six sisters-in-law, Kay Rewald of Boyne City, Meredith Brown of Petoskey, Maureen Kerton of Petoskey, Melanie Weaver of Harbor Springs, Jean Brown of Petoskey, and Monetta Foster of Petoskey; and many nieces and nephews. Karen was preceded in death by her husband, Tim, on July 8, 1995. Memorials may be directed to the family.

NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

A NOTE CAME in from Debra Noblett, letting me know her dad, Tom Smith, and her mom have returned to their home in Boyne City. Tom is doing well, while recuperating, gaining weight and getting stronger, in hopes of returning to Arizona in February. They all wish to say "thanks" to all those who sent cards and kept them in their prayers.

SUZIE DICKOW and Betty Shaver recently returned from a fabulous seven-day Caribbean cruise vacation aboard the Carnival Lines fun ship. They boarded the ship at San Juan, Puerto Rico and island-shore excursions included St. Thomas, St. Martin, Dominica, Martinique and Barbados. Enjoyable shore activities included an Atlantis submarine, to view a massive coral reef and sunken ship. Land tours took them to a butterfly farm, which had been completely destroyed by hurricanes and rebuilt five times; a panoramic rain forest drive; and a tour of a rum distillery. Soon, Betty will be off to California to visit her three-year-old twin grandchildren.

A "LOVING MOM" tale came in about a great daughter, Cathy Dagley, of Lapeer. On Tuesday, she had pre-arranged a delicious Chinese dinner, prepared by her for her mother, Ruth Yahr. She baked and cooked at home, brought up a cake, dinner rolls, and other good-

ies, with an invite for sister Sandy Neville to join them. "That Kathy is quite a girl," said a smiling Ruth. "She even made up my favorite spaghetti sauce, put in separate containers, for my freezer!"

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES go out for the friends and family of Karen Seeley, who died unexpectedly this past week.

A WARM "Welcome Neighbor" goes out to Charlotte Minor, who moved into Litzenburger Place over the weekend.

NATASHA BELL, the daughter of Nathan and Marietta Bell of Boyne City, was honored for her 10th birthday on Friday, Jan. 19, with a party at their Pleasant Avenue home. Eight of her school friends and her grandmother, Alice Bell were there to help her celebrate a fun time and ice cream and cake, and some of the girls stayed over for a slumber party too!

NAOMI DAVIS enjoyed the nearly 100 friends and relatives who attended her 90th birthday celebration at the VFW Hall on Sunday afternoon. Naomi received a basketful of cards, a few gifts, and lots of pleasure seeing so many from the senior center, and others who came from Rudyard, Hudsonville, Muskegon, Grand Rapids, and the local area. A lovely buffet table, adorned by beautiful fresh flowers from the family, and a delicious lunch for all attending and a fun time of seeing old friends and family was hosted by her daughters,

Sue Miller, Nan Kritcher, Maxine Argetsinger, and the grandchildren. Naomi's two birthday cakes were made by granddaughter Jodi Massey.

IT WAS A "lively Saturday night" at Litzenburger Place, as they were entertained, once again, by the wonderful music of The Crooked River Gospel Group. The community room was full of residents and guests for hours of inspirational music and messages, along with some favorite Country and Western songs, and singing along was enjoyed. The Happy Birthday song, kind of surprising the group leader, Ralph Knapp, for his Jan. 22 birthday, also honored resident Dawn Peters, as hers was the same day. The kitchen committee and others outdid themselves in setting up a lovely buffet lunch, as well as cake and ice cream and a great time was had by all!

THE EAST JORDAN Senior Center will have its first Sunday dinner of 2001 on Jan. 28, and in August will celebrate the 12th year of Once a Month Sunday dinners. We thank everyone who has shown their support for our Centers (Boyne, East Jordan and Charlevoix), as it is with our people that we are a success.

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

CALENDAR

NMHA FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

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.

BLOOD DRIVES

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.

SWISS STEAK DINNER

Saturday, Jan. 27
The Smelt City VFW #3675 will have a Swiss Steak Dinner from 5-7 p.m. at the post home 1108 Division St., M-75. Adults \$6, children 5-12 \$3 and under 5 free. Cold salad and Dessert bar will be available for \$4.

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE

Saturday, Jan. 27
Just For Kicks is sponsoring its first country western dance at the East Jordan Civic Center from 7-11 p.m. with DJ Glen Weber. There will be line and couple dancing so bring a friend. Cost \$5. No food or alcohol please. The Lumber Jacks Restaurant will be open for us to stop by after the dance for food and refreshments. There will be other dances Feb. 24, March 31, and April 28. For information call Skip Howard 517-732-9704.

IN GOOD COMPANY

Thursday, Feb. 1
A newly-formed group of individuals who are single, divorced, or widowed,

will be having a 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. Information: 536-9622.

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.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE

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

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.

COLLEGE NEWS

CHRISTOPHER WINKLER

and **JOEL SCHRAW**, both of Boyne City and **CASSIE KRAUSE** and **EMILY NIEWENDORP**, both of East Jordan, were named to Dean's list at Hope College for the first semester of the 2000-01 school year. To be named to the Dean's List a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

CASSIE KRAUSE, a Hope College junior from East Jordan, had a work displayed in the 2000 Hope College Juried Student Show at the end of the college's fall semester. Krause's piece was made of balsam, aluminum, plaster and acrylic, and titled "Crayola."

Krause is the daughter of Emily and Thomas Krause of East Jordan, and is a 1998 graduate of East Jordan High School.

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CRADLE CALL

BLAIR ASHLEY BINGHAM was born to Mike Bingham and Sarah Rykse on Jan. 16, 2001 at 11:25 a.m. Blair weighed 7 pounds and was 19 1/4 inches at birth. Proud grandparents are Jim and Janet Rykse of Boyne City, Karen and Paul Toczydowski of Grand Rapids, and Ron and Debbie Bingham of Boyne City.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne City

NAME: Heidi Towne
PARENTS: Elizabeth Towne and Brian Towne
GRADE: Junior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: All A honor roll, softball, concert band, pep band, and marching band
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: I enjoy skiing, reading, swimming, rollerblading, playing Playstation, and spending time with friends and family
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I plan on attending U of M, and have yet to determine my major. However I am considering pursuing a degree in English."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Heidi is a pleasure to have in my American Literature class," said Kathleen Ruhs. "She is attentive, cheerful and not only does quality work but sets a standard for the class as a whole. Congratulations!"
"Heidi has done a great job in U.S. History," said David Hills. "She is very mature and works well with her classmates."



Heidi Towne

NAME: Nikki Peck
PARENTS: Ron Peck and Tammy Schroeder
GRADE: Senior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball, track, MYG, and NHS
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: Attend GVSU and major in business or education
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Nikki has been working very hard as a peer tutor," said Michele Deming. "I enjoy her pleasant attitude every day."
"Nikki is a very dedicated and talented student athlete at BCHS," said Tom Neidhamer. "She is a senior tri-captain of this year's varsity basketball team. Nikki's work ethic makes her a leader on and off the court. Her 3.94 GPA and her school record in the pole vault displays Nikki's ability to be a winner. Her sense of humor and her pleasant personality have earned her the respect of her peers and teachers."



Nikki Peck

Boyne Falls

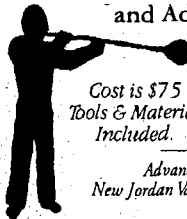
NAME: Megan Lewin
PARENTS: David and Colleen Lewin
GRADE: Freshman
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball, Volleyball, Softball
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Snowmobiling and thinking
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: Veterinarian
FAVORITE COLOR: Blue
FAVORITE HERO: Brother David
FAVORITE MOVIE: Grease
TEACHER'S COMMENTS: "Megan is one of those students who can always bring a smile to my face," said Jeff Garver. "Megan has a great work ethic and a very caring personality."



Megan Lewin

Jordan Valley Glassworks

We will be having classes in Stained Glass for Beginner and Advanced starting in February.
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Locks of Love

Boyne Falls fourth-grade student Amber Simon recently chopped off her never-cut locks for a good cause. After learning about the "Locks of Love" program in National Geographic World magazine, Amber decided she wanted to help. She will send the hair to the organization, which makes wigs for children with cancer who've lost their hair to chemotherapy treatments.



EJ chamber will honor many at annual meeting

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 27, with a dinner and auction at the Charlevoix Country Club.

More than 150 people will be attending the meeting, including State Sen. Walter North and State Rep. Andy Neumann.

As in the past, the auction has received "an almost overwhelming" response, according to chamber director Mary Faculak, with donations of services and activities for the auction block, and auctioneer Sam Kosci conducting the bidding.

The event is a major fund raiser for the chamber. "It should be a huge success," said Faculak.

Also at the event, the chamber will recognize outstanding citizens with its annual Ambassador Award, President's Award, and Citizen of the Year Award.

In addition, this year, for the first

time, Faculak will be bestowing the Executive Director's Award.

The meeting will also be a time to honor outgoing members of the chamber board, including former president Gina Kendall of In, Inc., Janet Walter of J & J Catering, Sandi Whiteford of the Computer Center, and Jeff Campbell, of CFO for Hire, as well as recognize the board's newly-elected officers, including new president Karen Walker of Karen Walker Photography and Custom Frame and Photo; vice-president LouAnne Reed of The Family Tree; and treasurer Kurt Ballien, an independent financial advisor.

Other board members include Ray Dalto, a retired automotive retailer, Lisa Ernst of Ernst Construction, Joe Rebec of East Jordan Plastics, Inc.; Sara Schroeder of North Country Quilts, Blue Water Construction, and Century 21 Pearson-Cook; and Larry Oliver of Dick and Jane's Day Care.

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WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist



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Colds

Washing your hands is the best way to prevent catching or spreading colds. The symptoms of a cold are sore throat, running nose, and almost never a temperature above 101 degrees. Most germs responsible for colds are spread by hand contact. Colds can set people up for a more severe bacterial infection. If, after a week, the symptoms seem to be getting worse, it's time to see the doctor.

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MSU Extension NEWS

By SUE SHENK

THE COMMODITY Supplemental Food Program will be available to those Charlevoix County residents who qualify on Thursday, Feb. 1, from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Boyne City Senior Center. MSU Extension provides educational materials and food samples made from commodity foods for participants. For more information contact Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency at 347-9070.

SATELLITE TRAINING to Caregivers of the Elderly is being offered on Jan. 31 from 1-4:30 p.m. at Charlevoix Area Hospital in Charlevoix. The cost is \$12. For more information contact the MSU Extension office at 582-6232.

NEWLY ELECTED 4-H Council

officers for 2001 are president - Paul Haver; vice president - Jasmine Thayer; treasurer - Dawn Thayer; and secretary - Kathy Notestine. Other members include Jim Burns, Diane Boyer, James Notestine, and Diane Penfold. After completing a leadership-training workshop on Jan. 13 by Judy See, 4-H youth agent from Monroe County, the 4-H Council is "enthusiastic and eager" to begin its plan of work for Charlevoix County.

CABIN FEVER DAY, an annual 4-H Council sponsored event, will be held Feb. 10 at the East Jordan Middle School. Workshops include gardening, nutritious snacks for kids, the many uses of herbs, scrapbooking, wool angel craft, crafts for kids, rubber stamping, Polaroid education program, spinning, food safety, and constructing a suet bird feeder. Lunch will be provided as well as a special K-9

unit presentation. Everyone is welcome and there should be plenty of activities for all ages youth through adults! For more information or to register contact the MSU Extension office at 582-6232.

4-H PASTIE ORDERS are being taken now through Feb. 2. Selections include a 10 oz. beef, chicken, or vegetable pastie for only \$2 a piece. Contact a 4-H member or the MSU Extension office at 582-6232 to place your order. All proceeds go to 4-H sponsored activities.

JUNIOR MASTER Gardening volunteers are needed. If you have an interest in gardening and enjoy working with youth, grades three through five, contact the MSU Extension office at 582-6232 to offer your services. We plan to have a Jr. Master Gardening Program offered at

Charlevoix, Boyne City, East Jordan and a combined location for Concord and Boyne Falls in the spring. A planning meeting is scheduled for coordinators for each site on Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in Boyne City.

ERIC SWEET, a member of Hoppin Harness Rabbit Club, and his rabbit Jigsaw visited Susan Vron dran's Life Management class to promote 4-H Youth Development. Eric presented a demonstration using Jigsaw to show off some of the skills he had learned through membership in 4-H. Students were then given a packet of 4-H information to take home and share with their families. If you would like more information about 4-H Programs in Charlevoix County please contact the MSU Extension office at 582-6232.

(Sue Sherk is 4-H youth agent for MSU Extension.)

New home for River's friends taking shape

The Friends of the Jordan (FOJ) are pleased to report recent accomplishments in the development of the Jordan River Watershed Center.

A volunteer work crew, led by East Jordan carpenter Jim Fleming, installed new energy-efficient windows and doors. The effort culminated the summer's many work sessions in preparing the historic building for the latest improvements.

Supported by a grant from Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services, the new windows and doors not only move the renovations closer to completion but contribute to one of the project's goals.

"We want this building to be a demonstration of energy efficiency and be as environmentally responsible as possible," said FOJ President John Richter.

"We hope to utilize the latest technologies to reduce our energy needs and use these features as one of our educational programs."

Slated for completion in 2002, the Jordan River Watershed Center will feature informational displays and conduct environmental educational programs about the Jordan Valley, as well as housing the offices of the Friends of the Jordan.

"In a very educated, fast moving world of communication and technology, we also need to be good stewards of the things that give us life itself, like clean air, clean water and a non-polluted ecosystem," said Joel Evans, a major contributor to the project.

"Education of our young people is very important. The Friends of the Jordan will teach and provide information to help keep and maintain a quality environment in the Jordan Valley area."

Near the end of the workday, as the crew was finishing up, two Bald Eagles flew over the building at tree-top level.

"The Native Americans would consider that a good omen," said Jerry Aydrott, FOJ's vice president. "It helped remind us of why we're working so hard to protect the Jordan Valley."

While much has been accomplished, much remains to be done. FOJ welcomes anyone willing to help out with the remodeling or to contribute to the educational programming. FOJ work bees will resume Saturday afternoons through the winter.

For more information, contact Richter at 536-9947, or Evans at 536-3335.



A volunteer work crew recently installed new energy-efficient windows and doors at the Jordan River Watershed Center.

Boyne City Elementary hosts carnival

Boyne City Elementary School will hold its annual Kid's Winter Carnival on Friday, Jan. 26, from 6-9 p.m.

The community is invited to enjoy games, food, and fun for the whole family.

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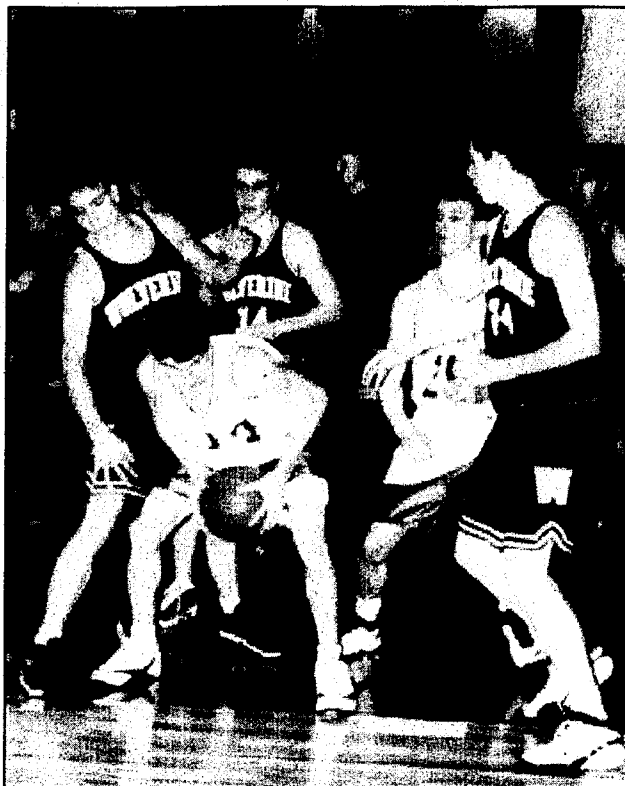
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Mike Dunlop led the Loggers in scoring against Wolverine, contributing 18 points to Boyne Falls' 57-41 victory.

Boyne Falls earns homecoming win

The Boyne Falls Loggers made it a victorious homecoming on Friday, with a 57-41 win over the visiting Wolverine team. Top scorers for the Loggers were Mike Dunlop with 18, Adam Utley with 16, and Matt Skop and Archie Griffin with 10 apiece. The team was 14 of 20 from the free throw line. Boyne Falls was scheduled to face Ellsworth at home on Tuesday. They will also face Alba on the road on Friday, and will host Brimley at home on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.



Boyne Falls' Adam Utley looks for an opening under pressure. Utley was a top scorer for the Loggers homecoming game, with 16 points.

Boyne City falls under Rayder pressure

It was another tough loss for the Ramblers last week, taking a 91-59 beating by the conference-leading Charlevoix Rayders. "We held with them throughout the first quarter," said Boyne City head coach Kevin Fitzpatrick. "In the middle two quarters, they pretty much had their way with us." The Ramblers buckled to Charlevoix's pressure, resulting in "a great deal of turnovers," said

Fitzpatrick, which "led to easy baskets for them." Free throw troubles have plagued Boyne City all season, and Friday night was no exception. In the second and third quarter, the Rayders shot 26 free throws, resulting in 16 points. "The other team is getting to the free throw line far more [than the Ramblers]," Fitzpatrick said. "It's a lack of aggressive offensive play for us, and getting out of position defen-

sively." In the fourth quarter, the Rayders took a bit of the pressure off, allowing Boyne to match the team in scoring for the quarter, but it was too little, too late for the Ramblers. "[Charlevoix is] probably the best team in our league and it's tough to play over there," said Fitzpatrick. "All we can do is give them credit." Leading Boyne in scoring was Dylan Hall with 14, followed by Ja-

son Rostar with 10. The team was 15 of 23 from the line. The junior varsity squad also lost to Charlevoix, 69-50, with Travis Gibbs leading Boyne in scoring with 13, followed by Brent Moore with 12. Boyne was scheduled to face East Jordan on Tuesday night, a game Fitzpatrick knew would be intense. "It's a backyard rivalry," he said. "It's two pretty evenly matched teams both looking for a win."

Red Devils lose to Elk Rapids in overtime

After scoring the opening basket in last Friday's game against Elk Rapids, East Jordan took the lead well into the fourth quarter. "We never trailed until overtime," said East Jordan head coach Steve Hines. Crediting the first part of the game to a strong defense, Hines noted that it was "just the opposite" that cost the Red Devils the game in the end. "We played very good defense," said Hines. "We rebounded fairly

decently in the first half, but the second half, especially the fourth quarter, really hurt us. Our defense wasn't as intense. They let [Elk Rapids] do what they wanted to do. We gave up too many rebounds." Rebounding is an area that's haunted the Red Devils this season. "Rebounding has been our nemesis," said Hines. "We were out-rebounded by 18 rebounds on Friday night." The free-throw percentage was

down for East Jordan as well, with the team shooting only 10 of 22, below 50 percent. "We have not been below 50 percent [all season]," Hines said. "It was the worst night at the line all year long." Still, the team's early lead was an encouraging sign for the hungry team. "Our defense has gotten a little better each game," Hines noted. "All we've got to do is get four quarters together, not just three."

Top scorers for the Red Devils were Ken Slough with 21 points and Corban Shaw with 14. "We need to have more than two players scoring double digits," said Hines. "The better balance we have the more successful we'll be." Slough also led the team in rebounding, with 13. The team was scheduled to face rival Boyne City on Tuesday, and will travel to Harbor Springs on Friday.

Cheer teams begin their competitive season

The Boyne City Cheer Team opened its competitive season on Saturday in Grand Rapids in the West Invitational. Teams competing at the West Invitational use the MCCA Sideline Cheerleading format. The West Invitational attracts many of the top teams in Michigan. Defending Class A state champion Utica High School and defending Class C state champion Saranac, were both participating in their respective divisions. Boyne City earned a second place

trophy finishing behind Saranac in the Class C/D division. East Jordan finished third and Webberville fourth. Although only four teams competed in the division, it was an early season matchup that included three of last year's top five in the state. "We felt good to be only 27 points behind Saranac in our first competition of the year," said coach Cindi Place. "All of our stunts went up and we can now concentrate on our execution. The girls were awesome, but as coaches we can see areas that can

be improved." Place and her husband, Andy, have been coaching the Rambler cheer teams for six years. Boyne City outscored Saranac in the second (stunt) round of the two round competition 222 to 214, but it wasn't enough to overtake the defending champions. This year's MCCA second round format includes music with the stunting and tumbling for the first time. "It's more like you see on

ESPN now." Place said. Boyne City's cheer team includes senior Nissa Ryder; juniors Liz Bargas, Sophie Hartwick, Lyndsay Helsley; sophomore Andrea Cooper; and freshmen Katie Dole and Wendy Ostby. Ryder, Bargas, Hartwick, and Helsley are all returning from last year's team, which finished fifth in the state championship. Cooper, Dole, and Ostby had not competed before Saturday.

EJ netters lose to Elk Rapids

The Red Devils volleyball team dropped a match to Elk Rapids last week, 16-14, 5-15, 5-15. East Jordan came out strong, winning the first game despite letting a commanding lead slip away. Unfortunately the Red Devils were unable to come together during the final two games and the Elks walked away with the victory. "The second and third game we didn't communicate well and struggled with our passing," said East Jordan coach Duane Kujat. "Elk Rapids played good defense and dug up a lot of good hits." Top servers for East Jordan were

Kristin Haley-17/17 with one ace; Jamie Baker-15/15 with two aces; and Wendy Walczak-12/12. Walczak also led net play with nine kills and four digs. Jessica Peverall finished with five kills and two digs while Jackie Haley added two kills and one dig, Bethany Wilson had one kill and one dig, and Kristin Haley contributed one kill and two block kills. Kujat also noted that Kristin Haley "did a great job hustling around the floor and keeping the ball in play." The East Jordan JV lost in two games. East Jordan hosts Harbor Springs on Jan. 25. Game time is 6 p.m.

EJ YOUTH BASKETBALL

In the third/fourth grade divisions, the Teals held back the reds, 22-20. Tyler Ingalls poured in 16 for the Teals, with Grayson Myas adding six. Zac Pater ran the offense and George Patton was the top rebounder. Jordan Richards led defense. For the Reds, Jeb Doebel led the way with 14 points, followed by Levi Warnos, Neil Schneider, and Marlon Yaldo with two each. Mike Manville was the playmaker, and Jon Thompson and Josh Williams led the defensive effort. Also in the division, the Blacks stopped the Greys 20-14. Darryl Bingham led the Blacks with 10 points, with Michael Hines adding eight and Chelsea Carson with two. Tony Pentecost ran the offense and Zach Crothers was the top rebounder. For the Greys, Jared Danbet had six points, and Zach Shuler, Beau Fuller, and Andrew LaCount hit two apiece. Kevin LaVanway led the defense and Dillon Hughes was the top rebounder.

Setting the pace

■ Led by freshman Patrick Teske, EJ boys win five-team ski meet

The Red Devil boys cleaned up at last week's meet at Schuss Mountain, taking first overall against teams from Bellaire, Clare, Elk Rapids, and Inland Lakes. "My one freshman, Patrick Teske, took first place both in slalom and giant slalom, beating all my seniors," said East Jordan coach Fred Hunt. The team was fairly confident going into the race, said Hunt, who noted that "based on the depth [of the team], I knew anything was possible." East Jordan nearly swept the top five in slalom, with Patrick Teske taking first, followed by Nathan Diller in second, Brian Diller in third, and Evan Chappuies in fourth. Paul Teske, who had a tough first run, placed 19th. In giant slalom, behind Patrick Teske were Tarn Leach in second, Chappuies in third, Brian Diller in fifth, and Nathan Diller in 11th. Paul Teske again had one bad run, placing him in 22nd.

The girls' team took third place overall. "The girls came home with a great deal more confidence," said Hunt. "They did a great job." Placing for the girls in slalom were Marcie Taylor in seventh; Lacey Taylor, eighth; Erica Carey, 11th; Claire Niewendorp, 14; Jenna Bacon, 16th and Caroline Goebel, 19th. In giant slalom, Marcie Taylor took fourth; Lacey Taylor, seventh; Goebel, 11th; Carey, 12th; Niewendorp, 13th, and Bacon, 17th. This week, the team faces a grueling schedule of three meets. They traveled to Nub's Nob on Monday, and are scheduled for a conference meet at Nub's on Thursday, followed by the Boyne Invitational on Saturday at Boyne Mountain. "We're going to race powerhouses like Petoskey and Traverse City," said Hunt, but the team isn't daunted. "We're going into Saturday night's meet with a great deal of confidence."

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY'S Mini-Mites, sponsored by Sky Electric, battled two Char-Em teams this weekend. Game one against the MM Shooters added to Boyne's victories with a 3-1 win. Goals came from Freddy Seagraves from a rebound off Keegan Reynolds' shot, with assists from Chase Kragenbrink and Spencer Bajko, and an unassisted goal by Bryan Wonski. The Mini-Mites lost their second game against the Lightning, 4-1. Boyne's lone goal was made by Kragenbrink, unassisted. Seagraves was between the pipes.

THE BOYNE BULLDOGS Girl's Hockey team split a pair of games with the Traverse City Girls 15-Under team at Avalanche Sunday. Boyne won the first game 2-1 with Samantha Dunwoody scoring two goals. Dunwoody was assisted by Kassie Bedford and Shannon Barys on the first goal and Amy Anderson and Ashley Adkison on the second goal. Allison Aown had an outstanding game in the net. Traverse won the second game with two goals in the third period by a score of 2-1. Kelly Clark scored the Bulldogs' lone goal with an assist from Thereseann Zimmerman. Dunwoody was in goal. The Bulldogs girls team plays the Alpena Thundercats Saturday at the Avalanche Rink. Boyne Country Books sponsors the team.

ON JAN. 20 the Midgets, sponsored by BC Pizza, played two games at home. Boyne tied Gaylord 2-2 in game one. Boyne's Tyler Barys hit the net, assisted by Chuck Bedford and Aaron Westrick, early in the third, and Dennis Cadarette got an unassisted wrap around goal less than a minute and a half later to put Boyne on top, but Gaylord quickly tied it up again. Rookie goalie Rob Cunningham staved off a penalty shot late in the third period and the game drew to a 2-2 tie. In game two, Boyne beat the Char-Em Senators 8-4. Scoring for Boyne were Chris Grice, Westrick, Justin Rouleau, Tyler Barys, Cadarette, Matt Moore, and Bedford. Assists were tallied by Keith Rau, Barys, Collin Keller, and Cadarette. Mike Bingham was in goal.

THE PEE WEES hosted two games Jan. 20 with the CharEm Icemen. In game one, Boyne fell to Char-Em 4-2, with scoring from Russell Williams and Gabe Korthase. Alex Bajko tallied an assist, and Nick Feree was between the pipes. In game two, Boyne won 3-2, with Williams, Korthase, and Bajko scoring and assists from Evan Keller, Dylan Clark, and Williams. On Jan. 21 the Peewees hosted the Forest Area team and romped to an 11-1 win. With Dylan Clark in goal, Boyne put 47 shots on net. Scoring were Evan Keller, Tyler Price, Gabe Korthase, Josh Aown, and Jacob Fair.

Alex Bajko and Russell Williams both had hat tricks with three goals. Korthase and Price earned playmaker patches with three assists each; also lending assists were Bajko, Williams, Aown, Brit King, Feree, Jacob Fair and Aaron Hardy. The team is sponsored by Dan's Concrete. On Jan. 13 the team skated in Cheboygan. Game one saw Boyne lose 4-2. Scoring for Boyne were Korthase and Williams, with an assist from Keller. In game two Boyne stepped up to be the 2-0 victor. Clark and Keller scored the goals. The defense allowed just nine shots on goal in Feree's shutout. Sunday found the team in St. Ignace, playing last year's state champions, with St. Ignace beating Boyne 5-2. Evan Keller and Russell Williams both scored for Boyne. Shane Grunow gave an assist. Nick Feree was in the goal.

THE BOYNE AREA Hockey Mite Team played three games over the weekend on their home ice. Saturday, Jan. 20, the team played the Char-Em Blades and won by a score of 8-1. Scoring for Boyne were Trevor Price with three goals, Billy Kraemer with three goals, Gavin Porter and Jack Carlson with one goal each. Picking up one assist each were Andrew Clark, Price and Carlson. Spencer Korthase was in goal. Sunday Jan. 21, the team played two games against the Gaylord Lighting Mite Team. Boyne lost the first game 8-4. Scoring for Boyne was Price with three goals and Kraemer with one goal. Porter, Taylor Reinhardt and Kraemer picked up one assist each on the goals. Boyne also lost their second game by a score of 7-1. Scoring the only goal for Boyne was Trevor Price. Korthase was strong in the net for all games played over the weekend and strong defense was shown by Reinhardt, Price, Ryan Zimmerman and Levi Messina. The team will take a day off on Saturday, Jan. 27, but will return to the ice on Sunday as they travel to Mackinaw for two games.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Boyne City

Jan. 25: Volleyball, at Lincoln/Alcona, 6 p.m.; Skiing, at Harbor Springs, 5 p.m.
Jan. 26: Freshman Basketball, Inland Lakes, home, 4:15 p.m.
Jan. 27: Skiing, Boyne Mountain, 6 p.m.
Jan. 30: Boys Basketball, Lake City, home, 6 p.m.
Jan. 31: Skiing, at Schuss Mountain, 1 p.m.
Feb. 1: Volleyball, Elk Rapids, home, 6 p.m.
Feb. 2: Boys Basketball, Elk Rapids, home, 6 p.m.; Freshman Basketball, Elk Rapids, home, 4:15 p.m.

East Jordan

Jan. 25: Skiing, at Nubs Nob, 5 p.m.; Volleyball, Harbor Springs, home, 6 p.m.
Jan. 26: Freshman Basketball, at Harbor Springs, 4:15 p.m.; Boys Basketball, at Harbor Springs, 6 p.m.
Jan. 27: Varsity Volleyball, at St. Ignace, 9 a.m.
Jan. 29: Volleyball, at Mancelona, 6 p.m.
Jan. 31: Skiing, at Schuss Mountain, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 1: Volleyball, at St. Francis, 6 p.m.; Freshman Basketball, Kingsley, home, 6 p.m.
Feb. 2: Freshman Basketball, St. Francis, home, 4:15 p.m.; Boys Basketball, St. Francis, home, 6 p.m.

Boyne Falls

Jan. 25: Volleyball, at Vanderbilt, 6 p.m.
Jan. 26: Boys Basketball, at Alba, 6 p.m.
Jan. 27: Volleyball, at Harbor Light, 6 p.m.; Boys Basketball, Brimley, home, 3:30 p.m.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Erik K. West and Colleen K. West husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Republic Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated Feb. 19, 1999, and recorded on Feb. 22, 1999 in Liber 368, on Page 77, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated March 22, 1999, which was recorded on July 19, 1999, in Liber 368, on page 64, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND SIXTY-EIGHT AND 83/100 dollars (\$61,068.83), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11 a.m., on Feb. 23, 2001.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF BOYNE CITY, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lost 63, Block I, 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.

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

Dated: Jan. 10, 2001
For more information please call: 248-593-1306
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Raymond S. Fuller and Carolyn M. Fuller to United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture Mortgagee, dated July 28, 1992, and recorded on July 28, 1992, in Liber 241, on Page 580, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEEN AND 05/100 dollars (\$87,416.05), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11 a.m., on Friday, March 16, 2001.

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

Lots 100 and 101 of Susan Shores 1 according to the recorded plat thereof.

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

Dated: Jan. 16, 2001

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BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING - January 11, 2001

All members present. Acceptance of Treasurer's report. Approval to pay Township obligations totaling \$6,700.00. Amendment of General Fund Budget. Report of Zoning Permits issued and miscellaneous zoning ordinance activity. Presentation by Wade-Trim regarding proposal to provide zoning and planning services. Approval of Solomon and Throop lot combinations. Approval to purchase new assessing software. Next regular Planning Commission meeting to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001 at 7 p.m. Next Board of Trustees regular meeting to be held on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2001 at 7 p.m.

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In Sherwood Forest

Members of the Boyne City Middle School Drama Department delighted audiences last week with their production of Robin Hood. Pictured above, students are immersed in the goings-on in Nottingham. At right, Emily McLane portrayed Salome.



STUDENT NEWS

ELLIE K. NEIDHAMER of Boyne City will be a freshman at Northwood this fall and is recipient of the Free Enterprise Scholarship for the 2001-2002 academic year.

The Free Enterprise Scholarship is awarded to a student who has exhibited academic excellence during their high school years.

Ellie will graduate from Boyne City High School this spring. She is the daughter of Thomas and Debbie Neidhamer of Boyne City.

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Dr. Wilder most recently practiced at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He is a junior fellow in the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

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Homecoming Royalty

At Friday's basketball game against Wolverine, Boyne Falls Public School crowned its Homecoming Queen and King, Julie Korthase and Charlie Taylor. The seniors on the court, pictured at top right, from left, are Amanda Baker, Kevin Giem, Rene Fiel, Tony Pernicano, Jenny Elzinga, Jason Fox, Julie Korthase, and Charlie Taylor. At right, queen Julie Korthase receives her crown from last year's reigning royalty, Amanda Jarema.



Arts center hosts clay exhibit

An exhibit, "Masters in Clay," with related educational experiences, will run Feb. 4 through March 4 at the Jordan River Arts Center in East Jordan.

Included in the exhibit are fifty works by seventeen master ceramists who have influenced 20th century American pottery. "These artist/potters are uniquely creative, have developed new techniques, equipment, and glazes, are teachers and authors, exhibitors with works in major collections, and recipients of fellowships, grants, and awards," said art council president Jane Diller.

Those invited to exhibit their work include Linda Arbuckle, Karl Beamer, Jackie Brown, Fong Choo, Jack Earl, John Glick, Bill Hunt, Dick Lehman, Warren MacKenzie, Robert Piepenburg, Sandi Pierantozzi, Don Reitz, John Tilton, Jack Troy, and Paul Soldner. Also in the exhibit are works by Dick Leach and Clyde Burt, both deceased.

Also included in the show will be clay objects and pottery, posters, and photographs of a historical venue that explores the conceptual uses of clay since prehistoric man.

Visiting potter Dick Lehman, who discovered and perfected the "carbon-transfer image" from fresh vegetation, will be featured at the exhibit's opening in Feb. 4. Lehman will lead a gallery dialogue on the exhibit as well as present a slide show at 2 p.m. A frequent visiting teacher and workshop leader, Lehman has a studio and gallery in Goshen, Ind., has exhibited worldwide, and has published over 20 articles.

Also at the opening, refreshments will be served, and chamber music will be provided by area musicians Bob Pattengale, David Otis, Roger Lilak, and Mary Beth Kur, who will play in the gallery from 1-2 p.m., and again following the Lehman presentation. The Masters in Clay exhibit has been made possible by a grant from the Cheboygan Area Arts Council and the Michigan Council for Art and Cultural Affairs. For further information, call the art center at 536-3385 or Diller at 536-6399.

CHECK IT OUT

A book you have to read

BY NANNETTE MILLER

Reviewing books has long been something I considered to be a dream job.

Imagine being paid to read books and write what you think! Many people think librarians are paid to sit and read books all day, but lately I have trouble finding time to read at all. That is part of the reason I have not followed up on suggestions that I write brief reviews of new books at the library. Another part is that I seldom read something that I feel moved to share with the world. Until now.

It's interesting how sometimes the perfect book "appears" in your life at the perfect time. Lately I have been following the news about Blissfest and the problems the organization is having with fellow property owners in Readmond Township. I have also been pondering the declining school enrollment in Boyne City and the difficult decisions the school board and administration will have to make. These recent events, along with the library expansion and renovation, have led me to spend a lot of time thinking about change.

Change happens — constantly! Even death is just another change. What scares people about change? Why do we resist it? Some people differentiate between good change and bad change, while some people perceive all change as negative. Why? How can we learn to not only accept the inevitable changes of life, but to embrace them? Enter the perfect book at the perfect time: "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Spencer Johnson, M.D. This is a skinny little book that tells a cute little story, but packs a big whallop. It's one of those ideas that makes me slap myself on the forehead and say, "Well, of course! It's so simple!"

Since everyone has to deal with change every day, everyone needs to read this book. I am going to read it to my kids and then we will talk about our family's New Cheese. I am going to make it required reading for the library staff, and then we will talk about the library's New Cheese. I encourage all of you to read it and think about the changes in your life, job, community, or family that upset you. I think you will be "A-Mazed" at what you discover.

The library, of course, has the book and the book on CD. Call today to reserve a copy.

(Nannette Miller is the director of the Boyne District Library.)

Foundations receive settlement funds

Some of a big tobacco settlement awarded each state a couple years ago has now found its way to northern Michigan, where it's being used to help support a variety of projects.

Almost \$22,000 was recently granted to Emmet and Charlevoix county programs working to promote healthy lifestyles.

Under an agreement with the State of Michigan, a portion of the tobacco settlement revenue was distributed late last year to the state's 66 community foundations to help fund health-related projects—particularly those which target young people and the elderly.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, together received \$73,000 for the year, representing an annual share of the interest earned on tobacco settlement funds. Half

that amount has been placed in permanent endowment by each foundation, and the other half earmarked for grantmaking.

An advisory committee made up of representatives of the region's community health agency, the tobacco reduction coalition, the Commission on Aging, the Friendship Center, the Women's Resource Center, area substance abuse services, and both community foundations' youth committees will help oversee distributions from the local tobacco funds.

In the first round of grantmaking, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation also awarded \$3,500 to the WRC for the MERIT program; \$1,725 to provide stop-smoking classes to Charlevoix County's two alternative schools; \$2,433 for the Alveoli Adventure smoking-prevention program; \$2,600 to the East Jordan

Family Health Center to expand dental services; and \$480 to the Beaver River Rural Health Center for a senior portable housing initiative.

More information about the tobacco funds, program eligibility, and the next grant deadlines, is available by contacting either of the two area community foundations. Call the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at 536-2440; or the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation at 348-5820.

Library sponsors workshops

During the remainder of January, the Wednesday Workshops will continue at the Boyne District Library's temporary location at 342 North Lake St. in the Honeywell Annex. There is no charge to attend but there is a limit of 20 pre-registered participants for each workshop.

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.

On Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. representatives from Destress Express will demonstrate techniques for simple massage.

Due to the great response, the library has added another workshop on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m. This will be led by registered dietician Janet Havens, who will share tips on how to lose weight the healthy way.

For more information on the workshops or to pre-register please call the library at 582-7861.

Concord students present 'Legends in a Snowfall'

Concord Academy Boyne's drama department will be presenting a seventh grade performance of "Legends in a Snowfall" on Friday, Jan. 26, and Saturday, Jan. 27, in the school auditorium.

"Legends in a Snowfall" is a story of two weather fairies who are competing for the title of Frost Queen.

Ellisandra (Amanda Leese), a good weather fairy, flubs a rhyming spell and whisks Faith, a frustrated earthling mother, away into winter wonderland. Tempesta (Hannah Precup), a bad weather fairy, is doing all she can to prevent her sister Ellisandra from winning the title.

With the Northern Lights playing games, the Snowflakes rushing in and out of the scene, and lots of costume changes, chaos reigns.

Performances will begin at 7 p.m. each night at the school auditorium at 00401 E. Dietz Rd. in Boyne City.

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