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Serving East Jordan, Boyne City and surrounding areas

at a GLANCE

Grants lend a hand to area groups

Nearly \$127,500 was invested in local communities last year by the Great Lakes Energy People Fund.

Locally, grants were awarded last year to:

Boyne Area Gymnastics, Boyne City: \$13,000 toward the construction of a new gymnastics and dance facility.

Boyne City Elementary PTO: \$10,000 to purchase equipment for a community playground.

Boyne City Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary: \$3,000 toward the purchase of a thermal imaging camera and monitor.

Boyne YMCA Pop Warner Football, Boyne City: A matching grant up to \$5,000 to purchase equipment.

Charlevoix County Commission on Aging: \$10,000 to renovate the East Jordan Senior Center, including space for adult day services.

Raven Hill Discovery Center, East Jordan: \$24,000 in matching funds to create the position of Executive Director.

The People Fund is supported by Great Lakes Energy customer-owners who allow their electric cooperative to round up their monthly electric bills to the next highest dollar. Round-up money is the sole source of revenue for the GLE People Fund.

The People Fund is administered by a volunteer board of directors separate from the Cooperative's board. Funds are distributed to charitable and non-profit groups throughout GLE's service area. All funds are returned to the communities where they are collected, since there are no overhead or administrative costs.

Boyne City students have half day Friday

Boyne City Public Schools will be holding staff development meetings on Friday, Feb. 2.

The elementary and high schools will be dismissed at 11:13 a.m. and the middle school will be dismissed at 11:28 a.m. The students who normally attend kindergarten in the afternoon will attend in the morning that day, and kindergarten students who normally attend in the morning will not have classes.

Kindergarten students will ride home on the buses with the older students. Breakfast will be available for all students.

INSIDE

Chambers put the spotlight on volunteers

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"THERE'S LITTLE TO NO LEARNING CURVE TO IT. IT'S NOT LIKE CROSS COUNTRY [SKIING] WHERE YOU HAVE TO DEVELOP A TECHNIQUE."



More and more folks are strapping on snowshoes and taking to the woods to enjoy winter in northern Michigan.

STEP BY STEP

Taking a walk through the winter woods

By ANGELA SHULTIS

While skiing and snowmobiling are often lauded as prime attractions up north, there are, in fact, other ways to enjoy the great outdoors in northern Michigan.

One activity that's become increasingly popular is snowshoeing, allowing enthusiasts to make tracks in serene backwoods settings they might not otherwise be able to enjoy.

"It's something we've seen grow," said Jordan Valley Outfitter's Kay Harper of the interest in the sport. Harper's business has been renting out snowshoes since 1997, and has seen an increase in activity over the years.

Their recent annual Moonlight Snowshoe Hike, part of Sno-Blast activities, saw a huge turnout, with over 80 people participating in two filled-to-capacity treks.

Likewise, Dan Payne of Outside Edge in Boyne City, which also runs snowshoe rentals and trips, said that interest has accelerated. According to industry polls, said Payne, "sales [of snowshoe equipment] are up over 300 percent in the last five years. The sport's just booming."

Part of the attraction, it seems, is that snowshoeing is a sport that just about anyone can participate in, with a minimum investment of time and money. "There's little to no learning curve to it," noted Payne. "It's not like cross country [skiing] where you have to develop a technique."

And beyond some appropriately warm winter clothing and a good pair of snowshoes, no other special equipment is required.

The snowshoes of today are vastly different than what many of us might picture — tennis racket-like wooden contraptions that appear to the casual observer to be cumbersome and awkward. Current

trends in snowshoes include smaller frames and lightweight designs constructed of materials like aircraft-grade aluminum.

"You can still get the wooden ones," said Harper, but "a lot of people are going towards the aluminum. They're smaller, lighter in weight, and generally easier to put on." Most have cleats on the bottom, to make walking uphill and downhill a bit easier.

Using the shoes is indeed, in most cases, "the closest thing to walking," said Payne. Snowshoes are made in a range of sizes, from kids on up, and some companies are beginning to focus on women-specific designs, which are created to not only accommodate a woman's shoe but also with a tapered-off framing to accommodate a woman's stride.

Truly an activity for all ages, senior citizens are among those who have taken a shine to snowshoeing. According to Payne, for their Sunday snowshoeing group, there are some senior citizens that show up on a regular basis. "It's so easy to get a workout on these," he said.

Of course, to do it right, you need plenty of snow, something the area has enjoyed in abundance this year. "It helps if we have [the right] snow conditions," said Harper, adding, though, that with snowshoeing, you can do it on just about any type of snow. Still, she said, "fluffy is nice and picturesque."

Lately, the area's snow conditions have turned to ice and slush at times, which is, though not ideal, still just fine for snowshoeing. "With the weather we've had lately, you can kind of sink in," she said. "The snowshoes really help keep you on top."

One of the most compelling reasons to take up the sport, though, seems to be the opportunities it provides to commune with nature.

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Waterfront planning top priority at BC goal-setting session

With more than 60 participants, Boyne City's goal setting session last week brought together community members to consider the future of the city.

Facilitated for the second year by James Wiesing of Resource Dynamics, the group included members of the city commission, the Downtown Development Authority, the planning commission, city staff, and other city agencies and committees, as well as concerned private citizens.

The turnout was encouraging for the city, according to city manager Eric Strahl, who noted that the number of those attending was about double the

attendance of last year.

The top 10 goals set by participants were: 1) waterfront planning; 2) infrastructure; 3) emergency services upgrade; 4) affordable housing; 5) emergency services building relocation; 6) public sector cooperation/communication; 7) industrial park; 8) parks; 9) downtown; 10) city-wide design.

Each of the top ten overall goals were comprised of groups of similar or more specific goals. Waterfront planning included things such as a waterfront master plan to include an expanded boat launch, marina facilities, accessibility/trails for the public, and retention of public use, including

youth recreation.

Some items included under infrastructure were improving roads, upgrading public safety and implementing a city-wide plan for streets, drainage, sewer and water.

Emergency services upgrade included improved medical/ambulance service and facility and equipment upgrades, with emergency services building relocation emphasizing a move of municipal services away from the waterfront to a newly designed, more functional facility.

Under public sector cooperation and communication, some specific areas pinpointed were a need to create

a cohesive plan with neighboring communities as well as get more school involvement in city goal setting.

Participants set their sights on completing and marketing the industrial park. For the downtown, specific areas to focus on are the development of a downtown plan, as well as participation in the Main Street USA program.

In the parks, goals include the completion of Rotary Park, and expanded and improved parks in general. City-wide design goals included keeping historical elements for a continued small-town feel, as well as concentration on the streetscape and mandated

Looking at all options

EJ committee meets with area organizations on Dura situation

A local committee formed to assist with issues arising from the upcoming closing of Dura Automotive in East Jordan met last week with representatives of several organizations to discuss options for the future of the property and workforce.

The committee, which includes East Jordan schools superintendent Chip Hansen, chamber director Mary Faculak, and Tom Johnson of the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, along with city administrator David White, met with members of the World Development Council, the Farmer's Home Administration, and the federal Economic Development Administration.

The focus of the meeting, according to White, was to gather information from various organizations that may be able to help the city with technical support and future funding to cope with the loss of revenue and employment resulting from the closing of Dura Automotive.

In August of last year, Dura announced that due to changes in production needs, it would be closing its East Jordan location. Lay-offs are expected to begin this spring, with the final closing to take place by the end of July. The closing will affect about 300 jobs locally.

The meeting was the latest of the City's efforts to prepare for the expected losses. "It was a brainstorming session," said White. "There wasn't anything agreed to, and no options were taken off the table."

Determining a course of action will depend on several factors, including receiving more information from Dura regarding the status of the building, which they will be selling. According to White, he and Johnson will likely meet informally to sift through pertinent information before meeting again as a group to move efforts forward.

Though no decisions were made, White felt the meeting was productive in that, "a lot more people are [now] knowledgeable about the Dura situation," in terms of the size of the plant and what the plant has to offer, and will now be better able to convey that information when in contact with potential new business or industry. Right now, the focus is "just getting the word out," said White.

No representative from Dura was present at the meeting, but White said that the company will have an active role in cooperation with the group, with their management having offered to attend meetings as needed.

The committee will continue to meet on a monthly basis, and is made up of members who "would be involved in economic development anyway," said White. The function of the committee is "to work with Tom [Johnson] and I and the chamber, and just to get some citizen input," he said. "It's a lot of heads with a lot of ideas about what can be done."

architectural guidelines.

Other goals generated in the session included increased cultural opportunities for all ages; job creation; promoting a more diversified economy; a retail market study; building a convention center; and generating a plan for increased demand on city services and utilities.

According to Strahl, the goals will be used for budget planning, "not only for this year's budget, but also several years out." The information can be useful for the city commission as well. "I think it's helpful to the commission to get feedback from the community as a whole," Strahl said.

OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

Many people, little vision at inauguration

(Editor's note: Pat Curtin, a senior at East Jordan High School, attended the inauguration of President George W. Bush earlier this month in Washington, D.C. Following are some thoughts Pat collected on the train during his trip back home.)

By PAT CURTIN

Somewhere in the dark corners of America, they're out there. Political troglodytes whose minds are running a million miles an hour on things you'll never care to know, somehow gathering at a single culminating hour in Washington, D.C. They're a motorcycle gang without jackets, but with better numbers.

And they're just as ruthless. From the beginning, the Doctor, the Patriot (aliases devised to protect the innocent) and I had transportation mishaps. You must keep in mind, of course, that public transportation is an unquestionable scourge, rearing its ugly head at times of my greatest misfortune.

"From subways, to the menace of a ghetto bus station, to a 16-hour train ride, public transportation is the incubator for my contempt of the human race," said the Patriot, and I agreed. This was no place for political bandits such as us. We were greasy captains in the vortex of the American Nightmare, to be treated with the utmost respect.

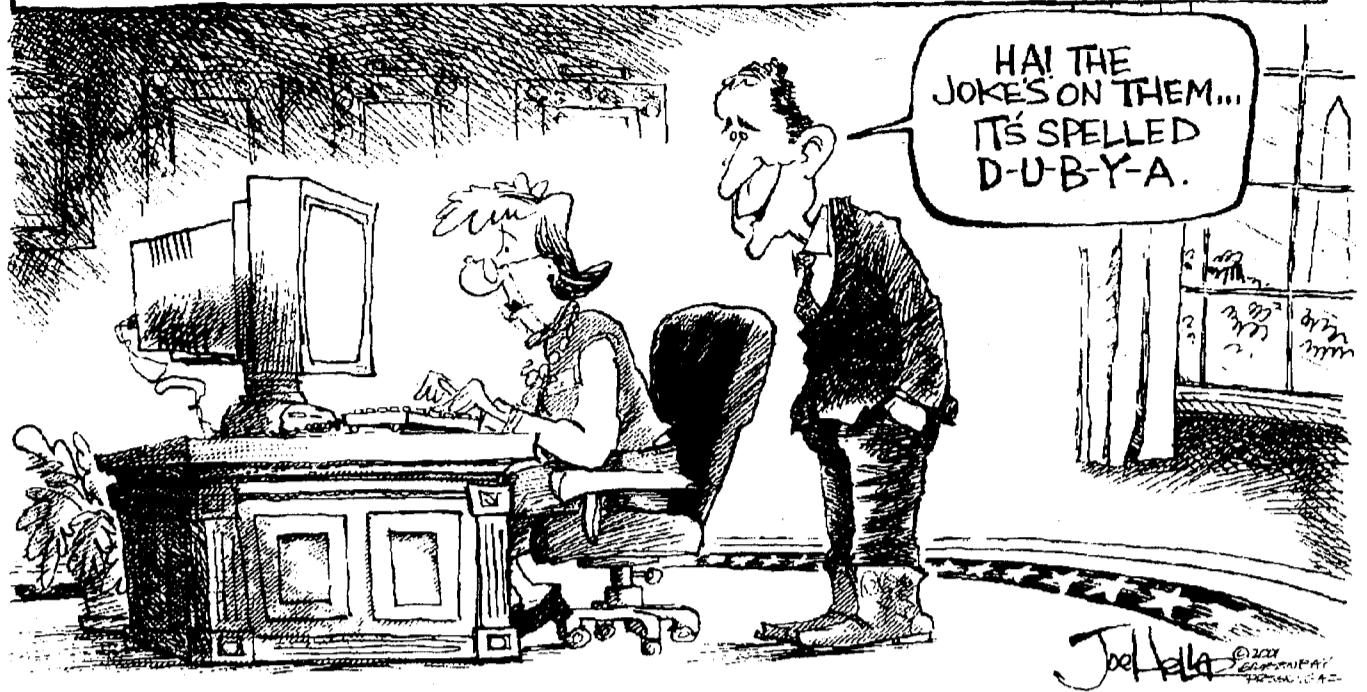
The inauguration itself was basically an enormous amount of people and a small amount of vision. I was lucky enough to stand directly behind a fellow Democrat. This Democrat, unfortunately, stood at a Vikingsque 6'10", and with a build like Andre the Giant's, probably went without surname, known only as something like 'Erik the Red'. That, and the 10 inches of mud that surrounded my ankles made for an exceptional inaugural experience.

The speeches of the dignitaries may have been interesting had I not been concentrating on the numbness of my face and the soreness in my back. I think I may have appreciated the length of Bush's speech. Even the Patriot shed a tear for America on that day. Though he said it was from eye sensitivity, I consoled him, because strong men also cry. Strong men also cry.

We failed unmistakably at our mission to seek out and infiltrate the great American protest movement. Although abused by megaphone-sporting neo-liberals, we forged ahead into the brutal unknown, keeping close in mind that wherever these turbulent tides throw us, sticks and stones will still break their bones.

In retrospect, the truest idea we came out here looking for was to find some real American beauty. Robert Hunter once wrote, "Once in a while, you get shown the light, in the strangest of places if you look at it right," and it's true. From this perspective, there is no more beauty at the inauguration than outside my own back door. So as I sit here on this train at 3:30 a.m., rolling along the Pennsylvania hillsides to go back home, I can still hold out hope that in a few hours, I'll see the sun come up over the banks of the Ohio River, and then maybe I'll have found what I came here for.

NEWS ITEM - BUSH STAFFERS DISCOVER THEY'RE VICTIMS OF A PRACTICAL JOKE BY CLINTON'S STAFF: NO 'W' KEYS WERE LEFT ON THE COMPUTERS.



LETTERS

How about trying privatization?

TO THE EDITOR:

What a difference a couple of years make here in Boyne City. Back then, the hue and cry of the school board and their band of supporters was, "It's for the kids!" Now, all that has changed to, "Which way did they go?"

The temptation is quite strong to shout, "I told you so!" but I'll restrain myself. Besides, we have a new superintendent and a lot of new faces on the school board.

What hasn't changed is the modus operandi of the school establishment - the less the public is involved the better. "Why some of those people vote against spending proposals and even expect common sense answers to their questions." Is that why school elections are held separate from other ballot questions? Or why school board meeting agendas are arranged so that items of special interest are buried two hours into the meeting and preceded by endless boring procedure? Or why tens of thousands of dollars of spending are lumped together and passed by a quick, pre-arranged and unanimous "aye" without any discussion at all?

It looks like a studied effort to hold open meetings without being bothered by troublesome citizens with troublesome questions.

The bottom line, however, is that the board and the administration have lost the trust of the people. Consider these facts: a millage had to be passed because there wasn't enough room in the classrooms and there weren't enough classrooms to handle the coming influx of students. Simpler measures wouldn't work for a whole list of dubious reasons and besides, there was all that technology to be built-in.

Nothing less than a \$20 million rebuilding of the entire educational facility, including a new high school and extensive and expensive remodeling of the existing buildings, would do. Now, out of the clear blue it would seem, there is a shortfall of students and, thus, an operating budget crisis. The millage money is still there to build the high school etc., but there won't be enough cash to run the system. The board's solution - sell the current middle-school, leave the fourth grade where it is and redesign the current high school/future middle school to accommodate the fifth

grade. If you've wondered why work is being pushed at the new high school now you get the idea. Lessen the options and there'll still be a new high school.

Back to the beginning of our current problem. Overtures to Boyne Falls about merging districts were proposed and quickly rejected and now their new building is less than five miles from ours. Is that where some of our lost students have gone? How about Boyne District students? Will new buildings raise their test scores by even one percentage point? Isn't the purpose of public schools to properly educate our children? At least that's what our superintendent said in his last November letter against vouchers, and yet, in the recent quarterly school publication there were 64 seniors out of 115 on the high school honor roll. That's better than 55 percent, not far short of the number that passed the MEAP test. Far too many of our students are graduated with high self esteem but utterly unprepared for college or the work force.

Can't something be done to improve the situation? Yes, I think so! But it won't be easy - not because the people on the board are obstinate, uncaring or unwilling. Actually they're hard working and dedicated BUT they are too much influenced by the Michigan Association of School Boards, an agent of the status quo. If we can put enough pressure on the school board to take bold, innovative and sometimes old and proven steps to fostering learning, then we can be part of the solution. We must be ready to help, too, on committees, study groups, research projects and such.

Now, however, there is a budget problem, not enough cash flow. A solution adopted by several Michigan districts is privatization. The idea is simple. A school system's mission and purpose is education and it should not be distracted from this important task. Therefore, efficiency is compromised and costs rise when staff is charged with such things as transportation, food service and custodial services.

There are various companies in the state that specialize in these services to school systems and most often save the districts substantial money while improving the service. I repeat, the money saved is substantial. Shouldn't the idea at least be researched?

I'll see you at the next school board meeting.
Ira Breneman

CHECK IT OUT

Excitement is building at library

BY NANNETTE MILLER

The Boyne District Library Endowment Fund Committee chose the slogan "The Excitement is Building!" for its campaign.

I like the double-entendre. The committee, with the help of Harbor House Publishing, has created some visually exciting graphics for its logo and brochure. Watch for them.

What I like best about the slogan "The Excitement is Building!" is that it's true! Everywhere I go people stop to talk about the library. It's my favorite topic, so I am delighted whenever I get the opportunity to chat about it.

Watching the building take shape has generated interest even among non-users of the library, many of whom say they can't wait to visit the new facility. The most frequent comment I hear is how well the new brick matches the old. As you can imagine, it's not easy finding something new that matches something that is 84 years old.

Steve Wiseman of Jonathan Lee Architects set himself to that task, and succeeded. The addition will blend seamlessly into the original building and look as if it has always been there.

The most frequent question I hear is, "When will it open?" We are waiting for delivery date confirmation on a few items before we officially announce the date, but we are anticipating that it will be around the end of March or the first of April. We will be closing for two weeks to move everything, get organized, and do staff training on new equipment and systems.

We want to thank all of our patrons for their patience. They were patient when we closed last year to move to this temporary location, and they have been continually patient with us as we attempt to run a library in a building designed for manufacturing purposes.

We are very grateful to Honeywell for providing us a means to continue operating during the construction process. We also understand that it is a temporary situation, and have done our best to provide a "library-like" atmosphere in an industrial facility. Thank you for bearing with us, and for helping to build the excitement about the new library!

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

A MOM'S LIFE

Locker gives new meaning to the word 'messy'

By CINDI PLACE

I thought I'd seen it all. Like "clean" teenagers' rooms that had more clothes stuffed under the bed and in the bookcases than were actually hanging in the closet. Or a car that gave a new meaning to the phrase "lived in." Our children's idea of a neat house and mine are so totally different that you'd think we lived in different cultures, not simply different generations.

When I ask our sons to do the dishes in the sink, they take me literally. Only the dirty dishes that are actually IN the sink will get rinsed and loaded into the dishwasher. Or when I ask them to clean up after dinner, they figure that clearing the dishes from the table and putting them in the sink will do the job. Forget about the leftover food on the table, or the dirty

pots and pans on the stove. Or how about the fact that they will manage to put all the dirty dishes and pans in the dishwasher, but will neglect to turn it on. Just once I'd like to have an empty kitchen sink AND an empty dishwasher.

And the chasm between my definition of clean and someone else's doesn't end with our children. Our dad's vehicle actually looks like he could spend a week in it and have everything he needed: food, drink, extra blankets and even a couple of changes of clothes. Not to mention the sports equipment, candy bars and magazines that fill the back seat!

But, even with all these experiences, until today I had never had to search a child's school locker. And I believe I could have lived without the experience! But we had an ailing child who needed his homework, so off

to the locker area I headed. Now, I should have realized that I was in for a surprise when the child in question actually felt it necessary to warn me that the locker might be a little messy. This from a child who still doesn't know what color his bedroom carpet is. Messy was an understatement. I think there were papers and stuff from kindergarten in there! And, of course, the book I needed was nowhere to be found.

But I have no doubt, that upon his return to school, the kid will go directly to the locker, reach in with his eyes closed and find it exactly where he left it. My problem was I had no wish to reach my hand into its depths, not knowing exactly what I would find.

Oh ye of little faith!

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Chamber Honors

BOYNE PRIDE AWARD

The Boyne City Chamber of Commerce spent some time at last week's Business After Hours and annual meeting to recognize some members who've given that extra effort this year.

The annual Boyne Pride award was this year bestowed upon Allan Ordway of Carter's Food Center in Boyne City. According to chamber director Debbie Thompson and outgoing chamber president Pam Barrett, Ordway has long played an integral part in chamber events and activities.

"I think to start with, Allan is very involved with several organizations in the area," said Barrett. "He goes out of his way in so many ways."

Ordway has most recently concentrated his efforts on the development of the community website, boynecity.com, a cooperative effort of the chamber and the City of Boyne City. He's also played a role in the success of recent Mushroom Festivals, as well as helping to push for a revitalization of the Winter Festival.

"That's kind of been his baby," said Barrett, noting that Ordway and former board member Greg Blackall have joined forces in recent years to breathe some new life into the once-flagging event.

According to Thompson, Ordway also helped the chamber develop a strong financial plan. And Ordway's



Allan Ordway said a few words at last week's annual meeting of the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce, after receiving the Boyne Pride Award.

role last fourth of July in the Rubber Duck Race, which included being the lucky soul to hang out in the river and scoop up the winning ducks at the end of the race, was deemed reason enough to award him the Boyne Pride honor by Barrett.

Besides his tireless efforts to pitch in with community events, Ordway is, according to Barrett, simply a good guy. "I think he's a wonderful

family man," she said, noting that he's always there for his kids' games and activities. "There are so many good things to say about Allan," concluded Barrett. "When someone [says something about] Allan, it puts a smile on my face."

Also honored at last week's meeting was Ambassador of the Year Kathleen Bradley of Kelly Services.

EAST JORDAN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

On Saturday, members of the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce came together at the Charlevoix Country Club for their annual meeting, as well as to honor some deserving citizens who've given of themselves to make East Jordan a better place.

This year's Citizen of the Year kudos went to Guy Vallance, who has been contributing to the community for over half a century.

Vallance was honored for his work as an EMT specialist with the East Jordan Emergency Medical Services; as an East Jordan Volunteer Fireman from 1960-1998; as a charter member of the East Jordan Lions Club; as a three-term East Jordan city council member; as a member of the VFW Post 7580; and as a member of the American Legion.

A 1950 graduate of East Jordan High School, Vallance enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he spent four years, including service in the Korean War. He later attended Michigan Veterans Vocational School where he acquired electronic skills that he would use in his hometown, as the owner of Vallance TV Sales and Service from 1960-1998.

In addition, Vallance is noted as an American Red Cross Blood Donor of more than 13 gallons.

"It seems as if Guy Vallance has always been a leader in our community," said the nominating letter submitted to the chamber prior to the ceremony. "His caring and dependable nature have been of comfort to many during extremely difficult times, including the volunteers that he has served with."

"Guy rarely steps into the limelight to take credit for all he has done," the letter continued, "yet he has served many of the great organizations that a community can be proud of. It is time for Guy Vallance to be recognized by his community with this honored and well-deserved title."

Vallance received a plaque and a standing ovation at Saturday night's ceremony.



Guy Vallance received Citizen of the Year honors from the East Jordan Chamber for a lifetime of service.



Kimon and Bridgette Criner

Others honored were the recipients of the President's Award, Ray and Joanne Dalto, presented by former chamber president Gina Kendall for their efforts in supporting the chamber and its activities, as well as the Harvest Barn Church, represented by Kimon and Bridgette Criner, which received the newly-created Executive Director's Award, for their outstanding community involvement,

including the annual Hallelujah Night, an alternative celebration on Halloween night for area kids. The chamber also recognized outgoing board members, including Gina Kendall of In, Inc.; Jeff Campbell of CFO for Hire; Janet Walter of J&J Catering; and Sandi Whiteford of the Computer Center.



Members of the 2001 Boyne City Chamber board of directors include Brian Welborn, Nancy Weber, Dan Byce, Jean Konecki, Nannette Miller, and Chris Walcholz. Seated is outgoing board president Pam Barrett.

WELCOMING A NEW PRESIDENT

In her third year as a member of the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce board of directors, Nannette Miller is ready to take over the reins as president.

"It seemed like the thing to do," said Miller, who served as vice president last year, and secretary the year before.

Miller, who has been the director of the Boyne District Library for about four years, has also been involved with various other groups in town, including Kiwanis and Boyne Area Hockey.

In this, her third and final year on the chamber board as dictated by a three-year term limit, Miller plans to focus on moving forward with goals set at the new board's recent annual retreat.

"We came up with I don't know how many goals," said Miller, noting that despite many possibilities, the board needed to narrow the list down to a few main areas to tackle realistically.

One of the top four goals is to establish a strong financial plan for the chamber. The chamber currently spends a lot of time fund-raising in order to keep membership dues down, a worthy cause, according to Miller, but a better financial plan might assist the group in that cause while allowing for other areas of growth.

Other goals were continuations of ongoing efforts, including getting the chamber more involved with the community, and vice versa; continuing to market and improve the city's website, boynecity.com.; and move forward with plans for a new or expanded chamber building.

Besides those specific areas, though, Miller said that the chamber will also continue to pursue other

long-term efforts to assure the continued success of the chamber as well as the community. "Some things are always on-going," she said, including a focus on improving member relations, and keeping up communication with both members and various other community groups.

The mission statement of the chamber expresses a desire to promote economic and social programs of Boyne City while enhancing the uniqueness of the city. "That covers just about everything," said Miller, noting that it's important for the chamber to have a part in issues affecting the community beyond the business aspect, including residential and tourism issues, as well as the schools. "The chamber needs to work on the declining school enrollment issue," Miller said.

Still, said Miller, with a single full-time employee and a volunteer board, there is only so much a handful of people can take on. "I think Debbie [Thompson, chamber director] is doing a great job," she said, adding that most people probably aren't aware of all that she does behind the scenes, including grantwriting and maintaining records. The board's function, then, "is to support her, not just give her more to do. To help her do some of those things."

As president, Miller hopes to draw on the experiences she's been afforded as director of the library to move forward on some of the goals that have been set. "I seem to have a pretty good working relationship with most of the groups in town," she said. In her position, she's had the opportunity to work closely with the schools, the DDA, and the various townships among others. That experience, she feels, "will be a good

thing."

"What I want to see happen is [for the community] to work together," she said. Finding a common mission will be a key part of the future of Boyne City in the coming years, whether as a resort town or a city with a more residential focus; the chamber will, undoubtedly, have a part in that process.

"Boyne City has a little identity problem," said Miller. "Every group in town is wondering 'what is our identity?'"

"It's true of any city or small town that's growing and changing," she added.

As for how to solve the identity crisis, Miller doesn't really feel it's the chamber's role to make that decision. "The only thing the chamber can do," she said, "is make sure [it's] involved."



The 2001 East Jordan Area Chamber board of directors includes LouAnne Reed, Karen Walker, Ray Dalto, Lisa Ernst, Kurt Ballien, Joe Rebec and Dick Oliver (back). Also pictured are staff members Carole Galmore and Alice Matteson.

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Boyne gears up for winter fest

With the snow staying put, Old Man Winter has provided a great setting for this year's Winter Festival in Boyne City.

The event, scheduled for Feb. 9-11, will feature fun activities for every member of the family.

Two events getting early kick-offs are the Boyne Area Winter Festival Fishing Contest and the Snow Sculpture/Snowman contest. The fishing contest will run from Feb. 2-11. Entrants must register with Foster's Live Bait and Gifts by Feb. 1 to participate.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the Snow Sculpture/Snowman contest, with \$75 for first, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third. The contest begins on Feb. 5, and runs through Feb. 9.

Main events for the weekend of Feb. 9, 10 and 11 include the return of Family Night at Avalanche on Friday, with frozen fish tossing, a cardboard box sled competition, youth

skating races, and a moonlight snowshoe hike. Events begin at 6 p.m., following a day of indoor sidewalk sales at downtown businesses.

On Saturday, sleigh rides, snowshoe demos, and family skating will be held throughout the day at Avalanche, along with guided nature hikes and a space station tent headquarters.

At noon, the Surge on Avalanche race is back for the second year, followed at 1 p.m. by the Cardboard Box Sled race and award ceremony.

The annual Chili Cook-Off will be held from 2-4 p.m. at the Wolverine-Dilworth Hotel, giving local chefs a chance to show off their own special recipe. Admission is \$5 per adult, and \$2 per child.

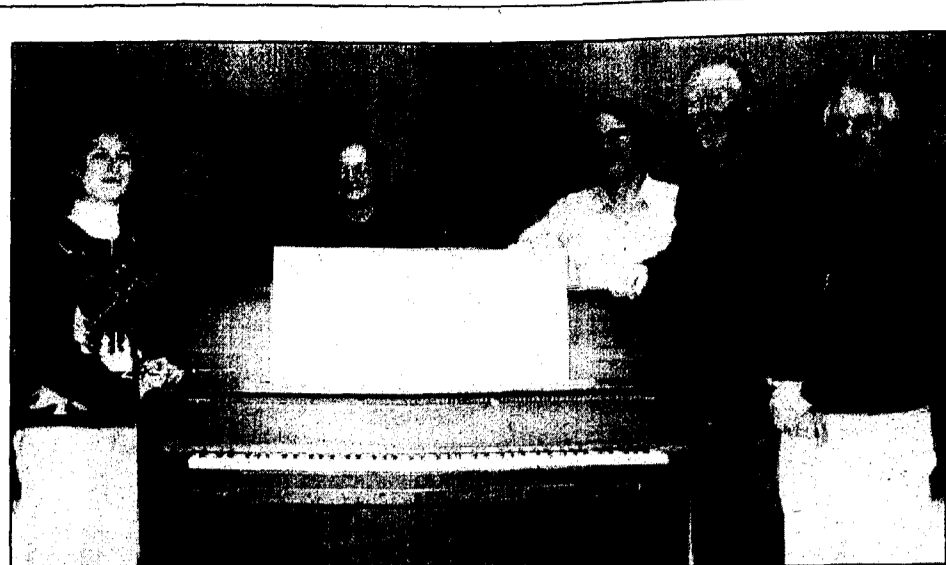
Snowshoe time trials beginning at 2 p.m. along with a kid's snowshoe relay, both sponsored by Outside Edge, will get everyone's heart's pumping, and work up an appetite for

the Festival After-Glow, to be held at Lester's from 2-5 p.m. All children participating in festival activities will receive a coupon for a \$1 kid's meal on Saturday only at Lester's, where special drink prices for adults will also be featured from 2-5 p.m.

To wrap up the weekend, on Sunday, Feb. 11, the fishing contest award ceremony will be held from 2-3 p.m. at Foster's Live Bait and Gifts in Boyne Falls.

Corporate sponsors for the festivities are Coke, Carter's Food Center, Boyne City Lanes, and Bayside Beverage. Other sponsors include Foster's Live Bait and Gifts, Jordan Valley Outfitters, The Outside Edge, Wolverine-Dilworth Hotel, Lester's Restaurant, One Water Street Restaurant, Ace Hardware, Four Seasons Motor Lodge, Boyne Precision, and Boyne Vue Motel.

For more information, call the chamber at 582-6222.



Giving back

The Boyne Falls Polish Festival committee recently donated a whopping \$10,000 to Boyne Falls Public School, with the money earmarked for the elementary music program and the media center. Pictured above are Polish Festival committee member Lynn Seeley-Sparks, Karen Campbell, and Phyllis Marchinkewicz; school board members Mark Conrad, Joe Skop, and Marv Schwem; and school principal Bill Aten.



Winter royalty

Members of the 2001 Boyne City Snowball court are, front row from left: Wendy Otsby, Lauren Anthony, Mandy Hardy, Brie VanDam, Kelly Spaniak, Michelle Foster, Aubrey Fry, and Brenna Jessup. Back row: Matt Ku, Brenton Rozycki, Anthony DeNike, Joel Denison, Mark Gaudard, Jesse Grove, Chris Vrondran, and Kellan Smith. Students will vote for the king and queen, to be announced at the upcoming Snowball dance.

Bus tour visiting area potters

The Jordan River Arts Council is sponsoring a bus tour to area potters' studios and galleries on Feb. 10, in conjunction with the "Masters in Clay" exhibit now showing at the Jordan River Art Center.

The purpose of the tour is not only to learn of the area potters and see their finished products, but also to discover some of the different techniques in working with clay. Visits to three area studio will find working artist/potters demonstrating various stages of production in their own technique. Studios included are Fire and Clay Pottery, Meg and John McClorey, 44 N. Lake, Boyne City; Otis Studio, David and June Otis, M 66 N., East Jordan; and Dhasleer Studio, Cornelia Dhasleer, 16130, Paddock Rd., Charlevoix.

Also included on the tour is The Bier Gallery, Ray Bier, U.S. 31 S., Charlevoix, where patrons can find examples of a variety of clay objects, both decorative and functional. Many clay artist's work can be found in the gallery as well, notably Bonnie Staffel, Tami Bier and Mark Nafziger.

The tour will begin at Jordan River Art Center, 301 N. Main St., East Jordan at 9:30 a.m. and proceed to visit

one gallery, return to the Center for lunch and viewing the Masters in Clay Exhibit, visit three galleries, and end at 4 p.m. at the Center. The total cost is \$10 per person.

To make reservations or for further information call June Otis, 536-7856.

This event has been partially funded through the Cheboygan Area Arts Council and the Michigan Council for Art and Cultural Affairs.

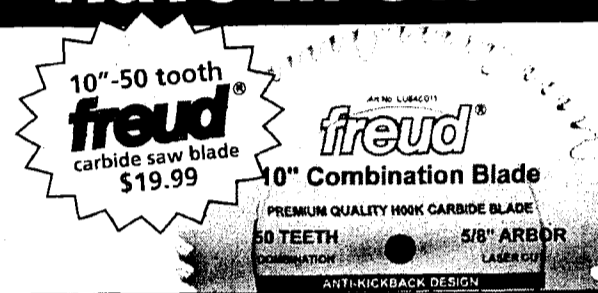
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By
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Special prize

Lynn Hall, right, was the lucky winner of a beautiful Christmas quilt created by the children of the Child Study Club. Mindy Bohnet, at left, recently presented Hall with her prize. The quilt raffle is an annual event for the club, with proceeds from the raffle as well as other fundraisers held throughout the year benefiting various nonprofit organizations, including the Boyne District Library's summer programs, the Boyne City Food Pantry, scholarships for the Boyne City Swim School, and the Women's Resource Center.

NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

EXPRESSIONS OF thanks came in, via e-mail, from Denise Lundy, the granddaughter of Naomi Davis, concerning her wonderful birthday party last week at the VFW. Naomi just couldn't begin to call all who came, bearing cards, gifts, and sharing the special time with her, but she wanted to get the word out to all, in letting them know that she enjoyed seeing each one of them!

SALLY FLOWERS of Boyne City underwent major surgery in Ann Arbor this past week. Her daughter Mindy was there with her throughout her stay. Sally was scheduled to return to her home the first of this week.

WORD HAS IT that former Boyne resident, Alta Fluckey, age 103 or 104, is in a Detroit area hospital with pneumonia. Alta has been in a nursing facility this past year. I do believe she has another birthday coming up in

March. Friends might like to send get well wishes to her, in care of her daughter, Robbie Schiller, 70342 Dixie Hwy, Fair Haven, MI 48023-1756 or call 810-725-6479.

SEVERAL OF the Boyne City Free Methodist Church congregation enjoyed a pre-game Super Bowl party at the parsonage home of pastor Mark, Cindy and Cody Bullock on Sunday.

ED VONDRA recently underwent knee surgery and is recovering very well at his home. On Saturday, his family surprised him with an early birthday party, in celebration of his Jan. 30 birthday and a good time was had by all, said my caller. It was also noted that Ed's son, Admin, is also gearing up for a similar knee surgery at the end of the month.

ELAINE RENNEKAMP of Boyne City was transferred to Grandvue on Monday from Northern Michigan Hospital, following hip surgery. She fell earlier this past week, and hopefully, after a couple

of weeks of therapy, she will be able to return to her apartment at Litzenger Place.

JANET AND JIM SHEPHERD of Boyne City spent a few days this past week visiting her brother and his wife, Robert and Gladys Tison in Missouri.

THE EAST JORDAN Chamber gathered on Saturday night for dinner at the Charlevoix County Club. Many door prizes were given out and a live auction was a big hit. A Citizen of the Year Award very much surprised Guy Vallance. A special award was also given to the Harvest Barn Church, for always being there, when called upon. It was a great dinner, with plenty of company, a great time for all, thanks to the efforts of the Chamber community.

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

CALENDAR

CPR CLASSES

Jan. 27 and Feb. 7

Allied EMS will offer an American Red Cross Infant, Child and Adult CPR and First Aid class on Jan. 27 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. through the Dean C. Burns Community Health Education Center at 360 Connable Avenue in Petoskey. The Center is an outreach program of the Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation. There is a \$23 fee for the CPR class or \$31 for both the CPR and the First Aid classes. Books and certification cards are included in the price.

Allied EMS will also offer an American Red Cross CPR recertification class for people who are currently certified or for those whose certification has expired within the last six months. The class will be offered on Feb. 7 from 6-9 p.m. at the center. Cost: \$12. To register for either class, or for more information, call HealthAccess at 800-248-6777.

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FREEDOM FROM SMOKING

Mondays and Wednesdays

The Dean C. Burns Community Health Education Center's "Freedom from Smoking" course will be offered this winter. These sessions are structured to offer group support during quit-smoking efforts. The sessions will be held Feb. 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 26 and March 5 from 7-8 p.m. at the Community Health Education Center located across from the entrance to Northern Michigan Hospital. The cost is free. For information call Health Access at 800-248-6777.

TOPS CHAPTER

Every Monday, 10-11:30 a.m.

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

VETERAN ASSISTANCE

Thursdays

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

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.

CORRECTION

In last week's Citizen-Journal, it was reported that the City of Boyne City is considering removal of a building on a piece of riverfront property it is in the process of purchasing. City manager Eric Strahl has emphasized, though, that while the building removal is under discussion, the city will honor the existing leases held by Renaissance Gym and Fochtman's CarQuest.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

East Jordan

NAME: Micah Middaugh
PARENTS: Steve and Jana Middaugh
GRADE: Senior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Cross country, basketball, track
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Fine art, acoustic roots music, snowboarding
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: Songwriter, artist
FAVORITE CLASSES: Art
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Micah is creative in many fields," said Kathy Stangis. "He is insightful and dedicated."



Micah Middaugh

"Micah is one of the most creative students that I have ever had in the classroom," said Pat Tinney. "He paints, he draws, he writes beautiful poetry and sings. He can do it all. On top of all that, he is one of those students that you hear other students comment about, 'Boy is Micah the nicest guy.'" He is also an outstanding athlete—State Cross Country team member for three years straight.

"Very hard working and polite young man," said Liz Huyck. "Micah always gives 100 percent effort."

"Super student," said Steve Hines. "So talented and a great role model."

"Micah is creative in his approach to his studies," said John Ubbing. "He is always trying to improve."

"Micah is a very creative, considerate and honest person," said Darren Podskalny. "He demonstrates hard work both in the classroom and outside of school. He strives for the best in whatever he attempts to do and is a student that's great to have in class."

Boyne Falls

NAME: Sara Richards
PARENTS NAMES: Michael and Robin Richards
GRADE: Senior
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Reading and writing
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: Go to NCMC for two years and then transfer to a university and earn a degree in physical therapy
FAVORITE COLOR: Green
FAVORITE HERO: Grandpa Burns and Grandma Richards
FAVORITE QUOTE: No one can make you feel inferior without your consent
FAVORITE BOOK: Handmaid's Tail by Margaret Atwood
NOMINATING COMMENT: Sara has been doing very well in chemistry," said Tom Kirky. "She completes all of her assignments and works very well in the laboratory settings. She is a pleasure to have in class."



Sara Richards

ENGAGEMENTS



Alisha Crumbaugh and Nathan Collins

Crumbaugh-Collins

Dave and Cynthia Crumbaugh of Boyne City are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Alisha Crumbaugh, to Nathan Collins. Nathan is the son of Phil and Brenda Collins of Bartlesville, Okla. The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Gladwin High School, in Gladwin, Mich. and currently a junior at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla. Alisha is majoring in social work, with a minor in music. Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of Bartlesville High School in Bartlesville, Okla., and currently a senior at Oral Roberts University. Nathan is majoring in music composition. Alisha and Nathan are planning a Saturday, May 26, wedding at Trinity Fellowship in Boyne City.

COLLEGE NEWS

ANNE CHRISTINA VAN-ENBRINK of Boyne City and **NICOLE RENE KURTZ** of East Jordan were named to the President's List for the fall of 2000 at North Central Michigan College.
The following local students were named to the North Central Michigan College Fall 2000 Dean's List:
LYNNITA DONAVEN, **DEVIN EATON**, **CHRISTINA EVANS**, **FRANCES FOWLER**, **SCOTT FRANCIS**, **TRAVIS JOHNECHECK**, **DAVA MAAT**, **DEVON MAAT**, **JULIE ROOKS**,

WILLIAM SMITH and **KARA STARK BEHLING**, all of Boyne City; **AMANDA CASHEN**, **AMANDA JAREMA** and **SARAH SKOP**, all of Boyne Falls; and **KATHERINE GOEBLE**, **SARAH KATHSON** and **CHIARA LEISTSIMS**, all of East Jordan.
COREY LOCKMAN of Boyne City and **HEATHER GROBASKI** of Boyne Falls, and **COURTNEY REED** of East Jordan, were named to the honor roll at Michigan State University for the fall semester 2000.

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Exercise for new moms and moms-to-be

■ Boyne mother offering classes

Exercise is important throughout all the life stages, including pregnancy, and local resident Wendi Stadt has started a class to help expectant and new mothers stay active.

"Gone are the times where pregnancy was deemed as a time for inactivity," said Stadt.

Stadt's prenatal exercise classes began last week, and will be held regularly at the Renaissance Gym in Boyne City. The class is geared towards expecting mothers as well as mothers who have recently given birth, and has received the support of several doctors and midwives in the area.

Stadt, a physical therapist at Boyne Rehabilitation Center, has a master's degree in physical therapy and specializes in women's health. She has a background in prenatal and postpartum exercise as well as manual therapy for treating discomforts common to pregnancy.

Stadt has been certified in prenatal and postpartum exercise instruction through Elizabeth Noble, founder of the Women's Health Section of the American Physical Therapy Association and the author of several books on maternal exercise and wellness.

Taking a class specifically geared towards pregnancy is important for expectant mothers because, said Stadt, during pregnancy, ligaments soften and joints become looser. Posture changes occur as the pregnant body as-



Local resident Wendi Stadt is offering exercise classes designed for both pregnant women and new mothers.

sumes the responsibility of carrying a child.

Some muscles become stretched and weaker while others become tighter, and the spine and pelvis need more support as they adapt to the increased load of the baby. "In order to prevent injury and minimize discomfort during this time," said Stadt, "muscles have to be strong and efficient."

The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, as well as midwives, advocate the role of exercise during pregnancy and recognize the benefits for the mother and the child, said Stadt.

Some of the possible benefits include: decrease in pregnancy-

related discomforts; faster recovery postpartum in terms of weight reduction and healing; decreased labor time and decreased risk of certain complications in labor; decreased pain with delivery; increased fertility; decreased incidence of postpartum depression; and increased likelihood of a "fit" baby.

According to Stadt, her program can be started during any stage in pregnancy and is beneficial to continue throughout the entire pregnancy. Classes focus on the essential muscle groups (pelvic floor and abdominals) as well as upper and lower extremity strengthening, flexibility, and low back stabilization exercises. The

last fifteen to twenty minutes of the class is devoted to relaxation and breathing techniques.

As with any exercise program, Stadt recommends that anyone interested talk to her physician or midwife before participating.

Classes are being held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Small class sizes will help ensure individual attention, modification, and group sharing.

Stadt will also be starting a mother and baby exercise class in March, where mothers can exercise with their babies as well as learn infant massage.

For more information or to register, call Stadt at 582-6365.

Boyne Falls PTO issues fund-raising challenge

At its January meeting the P.T.O. took a page from Public Broadcasting's fundraising book and issued a challenge to the Boyne Falls Community.

The group unanimously agreed to earmark \$1,000 as a challenge grant to purchase books for the new school's media center, in addition to the \$4,275 donated to the school in December which included \$1,000 towards the purchase of books. The additional \$1,000 will be used to match any donations made to the school for the purchase of media center books.

"As a school board member I am often asked how someone can support the school," said outgoing P.T.O. president Marv Schwem. "One area where we never have as much money in the budget as we would like to is in the area of media center support."

We all realize that good reading skills are the backbone of education and that a quality media center is a cornerstone to the development of those skills. The larger the book selection, the more students are encouraged to read."

Anyone interested in accepting this challenge can get more information by calling the school at 549-2211. Personal and business donations are tax deductible, and all books will have a book plate with the name of the donor.

In other business, the P.T.O. elected new officers for two-year terms. The new officers are: Patsy Clink, president; Cindy Morris, vice president; Kathleen Minor, secretary; and Julie Jarema, treasurer. They replaced Marv and Marianne Schwem, and Sharon Jepson, who have held these offices since 1993.

MANY THANKS

Employee donation helps hospice

The Charlevoix County Hospice, Inc. would like to personally thank H & D, Inc. employees for their extremely generous donation of \$500. It was decided that instead of the money spent on beverages for their end of year party that the employees would make suggestions for charitable organizations to receive these monies, and a committee would review the suggestions and make the final distributions. We are truly impressed with the responsible response of the H & D, Inc. employees. We very much appreciate being one of the organizations they selected. Thank you!

Margaret E. Lasater
Executive Director, Charlevoix County Hospice

Food and supply drive a success

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRC) appreciates the outpouring of support received during our recent Safe Home Food and Supply Drive.

Hundreds of area businesses, churches, schools, service groups, clubs and individuals exemplified the holiday spirit by generously donating food, supplies, gifts, and financial support to the WRC. These donations are put to direct use by the WRC Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Program which provides safety, security and assistance to families in crisis.

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Inc.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Rupp and Keen merges with Century 21 Pearson-Cook

Rupp and Keen Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate office in East Jordan recently announced a merger of their company with Century 21 Pearson-Cook of Traverse City.

Century 21 Pearson-Cook will add Rupp and Keen's five offices to their existing northwest Michigan locations.

According to Tim Fore, president of Century 21 Pearson-Cook, Rupp and Keen's offices were located in markets that Pearson-Cook had targeted for future growth. "We are proud to welcome Rupp and Keen Better Homes and Gardens, with its history of excellence, to our organization," said Fore. "Together we will be able to offer buyers and sellers an expanded array of services and resources."

With the merger, Century 21 Pearson-Cook has 15 offices and over 225 sales associates throughout west and northwest Michigan.

Economic Alliance honors Mike Hansen

The Northern Lakes Economic Alliance elected officers for 2001, awarded a Distinguished Service Award, and presented the 2000 Annual Activities Report at the annual meeting held at the Wolverine Dilworth Inn in Boyne City.

Mike Hansen was given the Distinguished Service Award in recognition of 10 years of service to the non-profit economic development organization that serves Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties. He served two terms as

president, one term as vice-president and another term as secretary.

Board members appointed by Charlevoix County are Joan Blanchard, Charlevoix County; Randy Frykberg, Wade-Trim Engineering; Mike Hansen, Great Lakes Energy; Jon Jasinski, Premier Construction; Gary Osterbeck, Osterbeck Consulting; Ted Sherman, Burnette Foods, Inc.; and Don Voisin, Charlevoix Agency, Inc.

The Economic Alliance is a partnership between its member counties of Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet, and Michigan State University Extension. It offers community economic development services and confidential business counseling.

For more information, call 582-6482.

Donna Dohm is new vice president of Northern Title Company

Northern Michigan Title Company of Antrim-Charlevoix has announced the promotion of Donna J. Dohm to vice president.

Dohm, a resident of Boyne City, has been employed with Northern Michigan Title for 10 years as a closing agent and closing supervisor. She is a graduate of East Jordan High School and Muskegon Business College.

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The premises are located in the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix

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Commencing at a T-iron stake at the Southeast Corner of Section 14, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along East line of said Section North 00 degrees 12' 18" West 415.31 feet to a point on the centerline of Murray Road, being the point of beginning of this description; thence North 89 degrees 12' 30" West, parallel with the South line of said Section, 33.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the West line of said road; thence continuing North 89 degrees 12' 30" West 1085.21 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 00 degrees 12' 18" West 390.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 89 degrees 12' 30" East 1085.21 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said road line; thence continuing South 89 degrees 12' 30" East 33.00 feet to said Section line; thence along said Section line and along the centerline of said Road south 00 degrees 12' 18" East 390.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 14, township 34 North, Range 7 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CLM 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: Jan. 31, 2001
Orlans Associates PC
Attorneys for Centex Home Equity Corporation
As Assignee
2501 Rochester Court
Troy, MI 48063
(248) 457-1000
File No. 195.0076

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE that pursuant to Act 263 of the Public Acts of the Public Acts of 1909, MCL 229.1, et. seq., a jury trial will be held by the Evangeline Township Supervisor on an Application filed by Donald Griffin and Dawn Griffin for private road across property owned by the Boyne City Public Schools in Section 14 of Evangeline Township. This jury trial will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2001 at 9 a.m. at the Evangeline Township Hall, located at 02746 Wildwood Harbor Road, Boyne City, MI 49712. The public is invited to attend this jury trial.

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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: Lot 63, 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.

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 William A. Mathers and Cindy Mathers, husband and wife to Alternative Mortgage Lending Corporation, Mortgagee, dated Sept. 24, 1998 and recorded on Nov. 2, 1998 in Liber 349, on Page 882, Charlevoix County Records said mortgage is now held by Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A. as Trustee of Certificate Holders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Inc., Asset Backed Securities, Series 2000-1 by assignment dated Sept. 24, 1998 and recorded on Jan. 10, 2001 in Liber 404, Page 910, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand two Hundred Forty-Two and 20/100 Dollars (\$52,242.20) including interest at the rate of 13% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11

a.m., on March 9, 2001.

The premises are located in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 7, Block F, village of South Arm, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 35, Charlevoix County records. Also, beginning at the southeast corner of Lot 6, Block F of the Village of South Arm; according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 35, Charlevoix County Records (now incorporated in the City of East Jordan); thence southeasterly on a line being an extension of the dividing line between Lots 5 and 6, Block F of said addition to the center of the Jordan river; thence Southerly along the center of said Jordan River 100 feet; thence Northwesterly on a line being an extension of the dividing line between Lots 7 and 8, Block F of said addition to the Southeast corner of Lot 8, Block F of said addition; thence Northeasterly along the Southeasterly line of said Block F, 100 feet to the place of beginning; being a part of Government Lots 5 and 6, Section 23, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

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. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: Jan. 31, 2001
Orlans Associates PC
Attorneys for Bankers Trust Company of Calif., N.A. as Trustee of Certificate Holders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Inc., Asset Backed Securities, Series 2000-1.
As Assignee
2501 Rochester Court
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File No. 199.0126

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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 Suson 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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CITY OF BOYNE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to rules and regulations as outlined in the Boyne City Zoning Ordinance A-28, public hearings will be held at the regular meeting of the Boyne City Planning Commission on Monday, February 19, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, 319 N. Lake Street, Boyne City, MI, to review and consider the following:

- A request from Gordon and Debra Rushlow for a parcel division at 1111 Marshall Road, (Property I.D. # 15-051-403-010-30 & 15-051-434-051-25).
- A request from Lexamar Corporation for development plan review for an addition to the existing plant at 100 Lexamar Drive, (Property I.D. #15-051-300-012-00).
- A request from G & N Investments, Inc. for development plan review to construct a new office and restroom building at 330 Front Street (Property I.D. #15-051-433-052-90).
- A request from Mike and Diane Bajko for a parcel division at 1135 Contractors Drive, (Property I.D. # 15-051-302-001-50).
- A request from Mike Bajko for development plan review and a conditional use permit to construct a storage structure at 1135 Contractors Drive (Property I.D. # 15-051-302-001-50).
- A request from Melinda Startzell for a lot reconfiguration at 425 High Street (Property I.D. # 15-051-377-001-00).

More details and proposed plans are available for review at the Boyne City Planning Department, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and participate in discussion. Any input for or against this project will be received in writing by the City Planner's office until 5 p.m. on the day of the public hearing or at the public hearing. For further information contact the City Planner's office at 319 N. Lake Street, Boyne City, MI 49712 or call (231)-582-0337. Questions and comments may also be e-mailed to tolearygboyncity.com.

Timothy O'Leary
Planning Director

ORDINANCE # 171-B

FISCAL YEAR 2000/01 BUDGET AMENDMENT
The City of East Jordan hereby ordains that the Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000 shall be amended for operating the City of East Jordan. Ordinance #171 Budget Appropriations Act of 2000-2001 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 1: Adoption of Budget

AMBULANCE FUND 505:	ADOPTED	AMENDED
Revenues:		
629.000 Contracts-Ambulance	\$14,680.	\$ 5,300.(decrease \$9,380)
630.000 Fees Ambulance	\$135,000.	\$170,000 (increase \$35,000.)
Expenditures:		
703.000 Payroll-Administrative	\$27,849.	\$32,500 (increase \$4,651.)
710.000 Part-time Payroll	\$4,350.	\$6,350.(increase \$2,000.)
714.003 Payroll - Administrator Runs	\$4,000.	\$9,000. (increase \$5,000.)
726.000 Supplies	\$4,500.	\$6,500.(increase \$2,000.)
751.000 Diesel/Gasoline/Oil	\$2,000.	\$4,000.(increase \$2,000.)
860.000 Travel & School	\$4,500.	\$6,500.(increase \$2,000.)
910.000 Insurance	\$3,200.	\$3,770.(increase \$570.)
939.000 Vehicle Maint.	\$3,000.	\$5,000.(increase \$2,000.)
977.000 Eqpt. Other	\$5,000.	\$10,399.(increase \$5,399.)
Roll Call Vote:		
Ayes:	William, Hoffman, Gee and Mayor Klooster	
Nays:	Hammond and Cihak	
Absent:	Norton	

Ordinance declared adopted January 16, 2001

EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Evangeline Township Planning Commission will meet on the following dates for 2001. All meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, Wildwood Harbor Road, Boyne City, unless otherwise posted.

Thursday, Jan. 18, 2001	Tuesday, July 17, 2001
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001	Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2001
Tuesday, March 20, 2001	Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2001
Tuesday, April 17, 2001	Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2001
Tuesday, May 15, 2001	Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001
Tuesday, June 19, 2001	

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Evangeline Township board by writing or calling the following: Josette Lory, clerk, 01861 Wildwood Harbor Road, Boyne City, MI 49727, (231) 582-7539.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF EAST JORDAN

The City of East Jordan has been experiencing an ongoing difficulty with the water samples. The time has come that we must begin to chlorinate to prevent future problems with the system, which would interrupt delivery to our customers. The ongoing sample problems on the west side and the introduction of a new well with an elevated iron content have forced us to add chlorine and phosphate to our water supply. With the addition of chlorine this problem can be corrected, without the chlorine this problem reoccurs over time. The City has received a recommendation from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to chlorinate the water system. In addition to the adding of chlorine to the water system, the City will be injecting phosphate to control the iron content. The introduction of chlorine will be noticeable to the public; the concentration will be steadily lowered until it is stabilized at a level allowed by the State for the system. Our final level will be no higher than surrounding Communities who have been chlorinating for many years. In controlled amounts there are no known side affects to the addition of chlorine to the water system.

The following article is a reprint from SCA News, November 2000.

COLIFORM TESTING ON MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEMS

Good, clean drinking water. How often do we think about it? Clean water is arguably one of the more important issues community leaders face. There is a growing concern over chemicals and pesticides making their way into our water supply. Just as harmful are some bacteria which can contaminate our water.

From a public health standpoint the bacteriological quality of water is as important as the chemical quality. As such, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) requires owners of water systems to conduct routine testing to detect the presence of bacteria in the water. The standard MDEQ test is called "Drinking Water Coliforms" which includes Total Coliform, and E.Coli. If these tests come back positive, additional testing and possibly public notice may be required.

It is always a good idea to know benefits and limits of the testing done on a water system. Whenever there is a positive test, there are always concerns and questions. In regard to coliform testing, a little background information may help to alleviate some of those concerns.

You may be surprised to learn that coliforms, in themselves, are mostly harmless bacteria. So why do all the testing for Total Coliform? The answer is that a positive detection on Total Coliform is an indicator that other more harmful organisms may also be present. These harmful organisms are referred to as pathogens.

Pathogens are difficult and expensive to detect. There are many different pathogens. Each has a specific detection procedure and must be screened individually. Also, the concentration of these organisms can be so small that they are virtually impossible to detect. However, only one or two of these organisms in the water may be enough to cause an infection or make people sick. The tests for Total Coliform are relatively easy, safe, reliable and inexpensive. The presence of coliforms does not prove the presence of pathogens. However, if a large number of coliforms are present, there is a greater chance that the water may also contain pathogens.

So, what does it mean when there is a positive test for Total Coliform? It means that a more detailed look must be made into the possibility of the presence of pathogens. That's where testing for E.Coli applies. E.Coli is a specific type of Coliform, which comes from the intestinal tracts of warm blooded animals. Again, E.Coli, in itself, is not necessarily harmful. However, it is a stronger indicator that other more dangerous pathogens may be present.

When a routine test for Total Coliform comes back positive, the MDEQ will direct retesting. Sometimes a "false" positive result is obtained because of improper sampling techniques, sample handling or laboratory contamination. The retesting is intended to "weed out" the "false" positive results. There is a set procedure for public notices when either two or more routine samples are total coliform positive, one routine and one resample are total coliform or any samples are E.Coli positive. It is best to work directly with your MDEQ District Engineer and consulting engineer when any of your testing for Total Coliform comes back positive. Along with guiding you through the public notice requirements, they will also work with you to establish a temporary treatment regime (most often chlorinating the water) and help to track down the source of the potential contamination.

Walking through the winter woods

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According to Travis Cole, a Walloon Lake resident who has been snowshoeing for about a year and a half, "There really isn't any other way you can see the woods," said Cole. "On snowshoes, you see a perfectly pristine landscape you wouldn't see normally."

"Personally, I wish I would have gotten into it a lot longer ago," he said, "just because there's so much you can see on snowshoes."

And for Cole, it's not just a daytime activity. "If I could recommend anything to someone thinking of snowshoeing, get out on a clear night, when the moon's out," he said. "Once your eyes are adjusted, it's almost like seeing in the day."

As a participant, Cole has also noticed an increase in snowshoers out on the trails. "From last winter, I've probably seen twice as many people on snowshoes," he said. "It's really starting to take off."

Fortunately, northern Michigan offers seemingly endless acres of woodlands to explore and enjoy, so there's always room for more enthusiasts to take to the great outdoors.

ORIGINS OF SNOWSHOEING

People first began to use snowshoes over 3,000 years ago out of a basic need to find food and explore new territories during the winter. Snowshoeing flourished among the native people in North America, and before long, European trappers, hunters, explorers, and surveyors adopted snowshoes of their own.

Early snowshoes were over seven feet long which, though unwieldy, were helpful in navigating through very deep, powdery snow. Snowshoes were constructed in various materials and sizes, but were typically large and made with ash timber frames and with webbing made of untanned hide.

For design hints, snowshoers looked to the naturally efficient design of animal paws and began modeling their snowshoes after animal prints found in nature. The "beavertail," for example, has a round nose with the ends coming together in a long tail. The "bearpaw" is short and wide with a round tail.

Snowshoe design evolved over time, with some designs shorter than three feet in length by the early 20th century. With the advent of the industrial age, snowshoeing was no longer a necessity for hunting, trapping, or foraging, but became instead a source of exercise and enjoyment.

SNOWSHOE TERMS

FRAME: The structural foundation of the "shoe." Made of wood or metal, the frame defines the shape and size of the snowshoe.

DECKING: The material within the frame which comprises the surface area of the shoe. The decking keeps the user from sinking in the snow, and can be either webbed or solid and made from a wide variety of materials.

BINDINGS: The same as in skiing, bindings attach the user's boots to the snowshoes.

CLEAT: Most modern snowshoes feature front and rear cleats, or teeth on the bottom of the shoes for better traction on icy surfaces and hard snow.

FLOTATION: Staying on top of the snow. One thing that determines the amount of "float" is the size of the snowshoe. The greater the size, the greater the float.

DRAG: How much the rear portion of the shoe remains on the snow as you stride forward. Generally, the less drag the better.

TIPS

When selecting a pair of snowshoes a few basic features to look for include: durable and lightweight frame construction materials, like aluminum or composite plastics; decking that will provide strength and an adequate surface area to provide flotation on a variety of snow conditions; and toe and heel cleats to provide traction.

When selecting a snowshoe size, consider user weight and snow conditions.

Dress in layers, including lightweight, breathable garments. Avoid cotton garments, and be sure to wear socks made from moisture-wicking materials such as wool or polypropylene.

Wear a pair of stable, comfortable, and waterproof hiking boots for optimum comfort and safety.

Check weather conditions for the time you plan to be out on the trail, and prepare accordingly.

Make sure someone at home knows where you are, when you're leaving, and when you plan to be back, in case of emergency.

When snowshoeing with other people, take turns leading to reduce fatigue from breaking the trail. When leading, take into consideration the pace of the slowest member of the group. When following, stay in the leader's footsteps whenever possible to conserve energy and retain a better trail.

Take frequent breaks to drink water and have a snack — snowshoeing is strenuous, burning off calories and using up body fluids in the form of perspiration.

If you're near snowmobile trails, keep an eye out for sleds — you may see them before they see you.



Jailhouse Blues

These Boyne City students were doing hard time at last week's Winter Carnival at Boyne City Elementary. Those attending enjoyed an evening of games, food, and fun.

Youth group lends a hand

"HIS TEAM" (United Methodist Youth Mission Ministry) is planning a Bowl-A-Thon on Feb. 3 beginning at noon.

The fundraiser will be held at Boyne City Lanes, and proceeds will be used to support the team's upcoming trip to UMCOR Sager-Brown Relief Depot in Baldwin, La., during their spring break in April.

While many of their classmates are thinking of relaxing or taking vacations with family, the team members are anticipating a week of service, preparing relief items to be sent to disaster areas in the U.S. as well as many third world nations.

"HIS TEAM" will be one of several teams from different parts of the country working during this time to prepare for tornado and hurricane season. Items are also sent to refugee camps all over the world.

Although "HIS TEAM" is based at the Boyne City United Methodist Church, many members are from other local churches. The team has already worked on the Community Christmas project in Boyne City. Last weekend the team traveled to Lansing to work at Advent House, a weekend day shelter and soup kitchen, where they ministered to the children by doing arts and crafts and playing games.

Group members also spent time

working at other charitable efforts in the area, including Harvest House, a home that will be used to house-recovering drug addicts, and Success Place, an apartment complex for teen moms and their babies.

The team plans to return to Lansing during their winter break in February.

"There are more teens signing on for the February trip, proof that our young people are not as self-centered as we may think," said adult leader Linda Eastwood. "This is a generation that will be a source of pride to our community."

Members of the group are: Andrea Deckinga, John Eastwood, Shawn Eastwood, Allie Jepsen, Kari Jepsen, T.J. Jepsen, Jon Ku, Danielle Newlin, John Stevens, Luke Stevens, Vicki Stevens, Matt Van De Carr, Aimilee Warner, Stefani Wittenmyer, and Tasha Wittenmyer. The team is mentored by a group of young adults, including Katie Bradley, Kirtland Eastwood, Carl Scott Litchfield, and Aaron Wright.

To make a pledge for the Bowl-A-Thon, contact the Boyne City United Methodist Church at 582-9776 or Linda Eastwood at 549-2568, any team member or young adult mentor. Each team member must earn \$400 to fund their mission trip to Louisiana. Donations are tax deductible.

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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.

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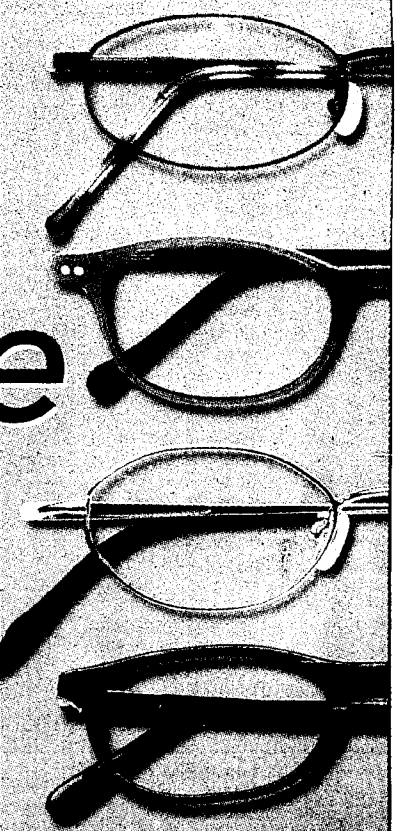
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