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At A Glance

Last week to donate to Boyer Area Christmas effort

The Boyer Area Community Christmas effort is now in full swing, accepting toys, hats, mittens, and non-perishable food at the Boyer City Early Childhood Education Center (previously the Boyer City Middle School), located on the corner of South Park and Pine streets.

Volunteers are on hand to accept items from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays through Wednesday, Dec. 18. For more information, call Ruth Witenski at 582-3152 or 357-4197.

The committee is also seeking volunteers to help pack items and/or deliver on Friday, Dec. 20. For more information, call Witenski or Hawley.

Drivers with pick-up trucks or vans who wish to help pick-up food or deliver baskets can call Marty Moody at 582-2606.

Top decorators named by East Jordan chamber

The East Jordan Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of this year's holiday decorating contest.

In the commercial division, winners are: first place - Lumber Jack's Restaurant; second place - Busy Bridge Antiques and Gifts; third place - Karen Walker Photography.

In the residential division, winners are: first place - Charles and Kelly Renkiewicz, 616 Main St.; second place - Roger and Nancy Danforth, 5436 Mt. Bliss Rd.; third place - Sid and Jodi Saganek, 1104 Water St.



Santa's arrival

Santa Clause arrived in East Jordan over the weekend in his traditional way... atop a bright red fire engine, with plenty of helpers on hand. After cruising into town, Santa greeted his fans, including Logan Smith, above, before settling in at the Senior Center to hear the kids' holiday wishes.



On board

New city manager takes the reins

It looks as though Boyer City has a new city manager. On Tuesday, the Boyer City City Commission approved a contract with top manager candidate Michael Cain, who has spent the last couple of weeks in negotiations with city attorney Jim Murray.

The final contract, according to Murray, contains essentially all of the elements agreed upon by commissioners at their previous regular meeting, including a salary of \$72,500; 10 percent deferred compensation; insurance benefits; a six-month termination package; and direction from the city that "encourages," but does not require, Cain to seek housing within the city limits.

The only major departure from the terms requested by commissioners is

the change from a three-year contract term to a four-year contract term, per Cain's request.

Cain, according to Murray, conceded in areas such as deferred compensation and termination clauses, but didn't budge on the four-year contract requirement.

"We only changed [to the four-year term] after much discussion," Murray said.

Though other commissioners were comfortable with the change, commissioner Vicki Standen voiced her disapproval of the longer contract term.

"When we write a four-year contract, [the city] will be obligated at any time [during those four years] to

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Study on joint ambulance a go

City of EJ appoints member to Boyer merger study committee

A committee to research the viability of establishing an ambulance authority to oversee a joint East Jordan-Boyer City ambulance service is moving forward, with the addition of members from the City of East Jordan.

Commissioner Jerry Cihak was nominated to take on the duty of representing the East Jordan City Commission on the committee at last week's regular commission meeting. The nomination came in response to a formal request from Boyer City Commissioner Chuck Vondra to have East Jordan represented in the research phase of the project.

The Boyer City City Commission approved to pursue the study late last month, after a recommendation from interim city manager Dick Huebler.

After a short informational session presented by Vondra, East Jordan commissioners unanimously passed a motion in support of researching the

concept. All in all, Vondra was pleased with the response from East Jordan commissioners, noting that most voiced support for the project.

"There were some questions about why East Jordan would want to [merge]," he said, in light of the fact that the city already enjoys the benefits of an Advanced Life Support service, the answer to which, Vondra said, is sustainability, as well as the chance to hire full-time paramedics.

Also on the new committee, which first met late last week to begin to discuss the issue, are city manager David White, East Jordan Ambulance director Jay Peck, Boyer City interim manager Huebler, and Boyer City Ambulance director Barb Flansberg.

The next step will be to bring the issue to various township councils potentially affected by such a measure, and adding township representatives to the research committee.

THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CELEBRATES

A decade of GIVING

With the release of an annual report entitled "Make Something Happen," the Charlevoix County Community Foundation is celebrating its 10th year of doing just that.

Established by a group of local civic leaders who wanted to create a source of charitable capital to serve the area, the community

foundation has become a significant benefactor of many worthy programs and projects in Charlevoix County.

Starting with a little more than \$100,000 in seed money and a donated office, the foundation now manages 136 separate funds and has assets totaling \$7.2 million.

When the foundation was first formed, said president

Bob Tambellini, the whole concept of such foundations was "very new" in the area, and thus no baseline data was available to organizers as to what could be expected for future growth.

Setting an ambitious goal of \$5 million in assets in five years, the foundation was pleasantly surprised to find that "we exceeded that," Tambellini said.

At the 10-year mark, a less than cooperative market in recent years has meant that growth has been a bit slower though still steady, putting the Foundation slightly short of the \$8-10 million they expected to be managing after a decade.

"We've fallen very close to that," Tambellini said, though, "the market has not cooperated."

Still, their accomplishments are nothing to sneeze at. "I've seen [community foundations] that hold a community-wide celebration after 20 years [having assets totaling] \$5 million," Tambellini said.

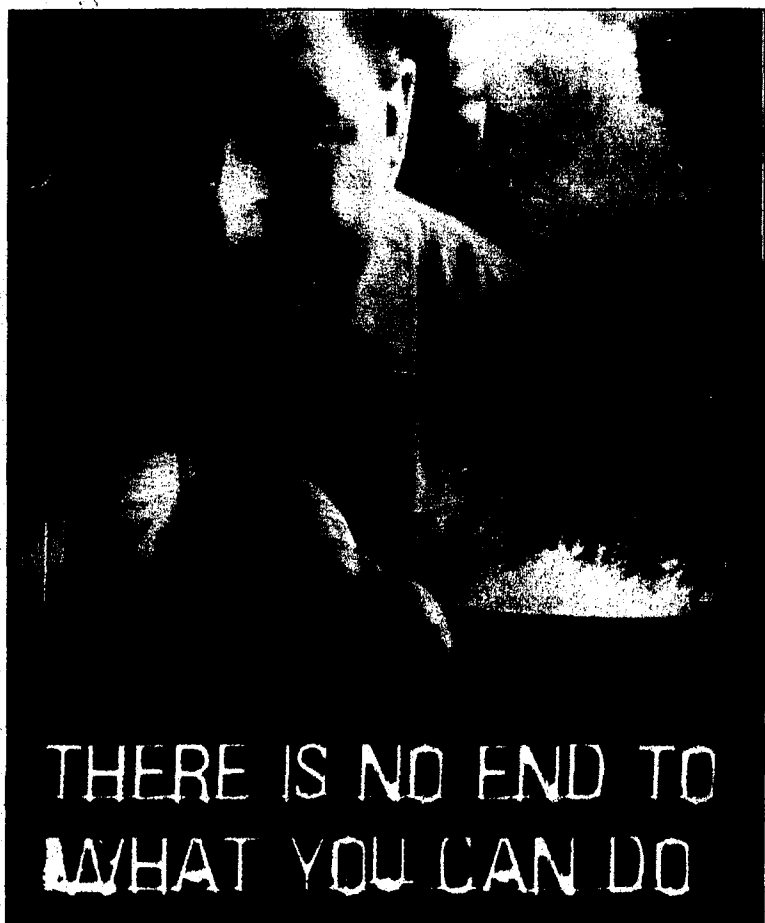
Perhaps more important than the total assets being managed, the Foundation is also celebrating having made grants adding up to more than \$3.5 million since it began, helping to build playgrounds and improve parks, expand recreational opportunities for kids and adults, enrich educational programs, support civic initiatives, sponsor concerts and classes, and much more.

The ability to make such community-changing grants comes, ultimately, from the generosity of those making gifts to the foundation, which are professionally invested to become part of a permanent endowment, with investment income used in making grants.

This year alone, the organization distributed \$708,346 in grants and scholarships, targeting a cross section of programs.

Programs and organizations such as the East Jordan Co-op

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THERE IS NO END TO WHAT YOU CAN DO

Local residents, like Boyer City's Todd Wright and Jenna Pearsall, above, and East Jordan city commissioner Harry Watson, right, are featured throughout the foundation's colorful annual report.

A surprise honor

■ East Jordan fifth-grader earns special kudos from the Sheriff

As far as surprises go, this was a pretty special one. Last week, Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater huddled in the East Jordan School District's superintendent's office with county prosecutor Mary Beth Kur, East Jordan Police Chief Dan Reece, Sheriff's Auxiliary member Midge Daniels, school principal Cal Prins, and various members of the media, taking every precaution to assure that unsuspecting fifth grade student Derek Williams was not tipped off to his presence.

With his entourage in tow, the sheriff made his way to Williams' classroom, where in front of reporters, news cameras, proud grandparents Don and Marilyn Williams, and a room full of curious students, he presented the young man with a special plaque of recognition for his ongoing assistance and participation in the sheriff's department's fingerprinting program.

The honor, according to Lasater, has been hard-earned. Williams "has



volunteered with every fingerprinting program the sheriff's office has offered," Lasater said. "Derek is always dressed in a youth sheriff's office uniform with shined shoes and looks very professional, and conducts himself as a true gentleman and a fine representative of the East Jordan schools."

As for Derek, who was whisked away after the presentation to be interviewed by news crews from local TV stations, the honor was a bit overwhelming. "Wow, I'm famous," said the smiling fifth-grader as he faced the cameras.

Besides the special honor, Derek's volunteer work has made an even bigger impression on him. "I want to be a police officer," he said of his future plans.

East Jordan fifth-grader Derek Williams was the center of attention as he was interviewed by local news crews. Above, Williams got a few words of congratulations from proud grandpa Don Williams after the presentation.

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Robert Arthur Bellows

The Veteran of the Month for December is Robert Arthur Bellows. Born June 30, 1951 in Frankfort, Mich., Bellows graduated from Maryvale High School in Phoenix, Ariz.

Bellows enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard on June 14, 1971 and completed his recruit training at the Coast Guard Training and Supply Center, Alameda, Calif.

Bellows had assignments in Oswego and Buffalo, N.Y., Guam in the Marines and aboard the G.G. Cutter Winibago in Honolulu, Hawaii. On Nov. 1, 1975 Bellows was promoted to Machinery Technician Third Class and on June 11, 1976 he was transferred to the active reserves. He received an Honorable Discharge on June 13, 1977 and was awarded The National Defense Service Medal and The Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal.

Returning to civilian life, Bellows furthered his education by receiving his Bachelor of Arts from Saint Meinrad College in Indiana on May 23, 1980 and his Master's from Washington Theological Union on May 8, 1987 in Silver Spring, Md. He was employed as Director of Religious Education at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Olney, Md.

Bellows married Theresa Prymuszewski in Silver

Spring on Jan. 16, 1988 and they moved to East Jordan in the summer of 2000.

Bellows, a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and the Native American Arts and Crafts Association, was a talented artist who made flutes traditionally used by Native Americans and enjoyed watching eagles soar over the Jordan Valley until his untimely death on Dec. 20, 2000. He is being honored by his wife Theresa.

The Veteran of the Month program is available for any deceased veteran who served honorably in the United States military. To honor a veteran call (231) 588-6067; or Tuesdays and Thursdays (231) 582-7811 from 4-6 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed the first Thursday of each month in front of the American Legion Post at the corner of Lake and Main in Boyne City at 6:15 p.m.



Robert Bellows

A decade of giving

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op Nursery, East Jordan Garden Club, Raven Hill Discovery Center, Camp Quality, Boyne City Little League, Jordan River Arts Council, Challenge Mountain, Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity, as well as the City of East Jordan and East Jordan Public Schools, were all recipients of grant monies.

Local students benefitted from scholarships from a number of funds as well.

"Few communities can match the generosity and goodwill of Charlevoix County people," said

Larry Mattox, chairman of the Foundation.

"Think about how much good \$700,000 can do for a small county of just 23,000 in a single year. This is a real tribute to the hundreds of donors who have made a lasting investment in the community they love."

AS IN previous years, the Foundation's annual report features a colorful, high-impact, accessible format highlighting the year's activities as well as faces that will be familiar to many local residents.

Tambellini notes that it's the local connection that is the most important

characteristic of the community foundation.

"This foundation was created to help area people fulfill their charitable ideals right here, close to home," he said.

"It's a way for all of us to connect to the causes we care about, give something back to the place that matters, and leave a legacy for those who follow."

For more information about the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, or for a copy of the foundation's 2002 report, call 536-2440 or write the organization at P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727.

December 1, 2002

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In closing we also want to wish each and everyone our warmest holiday wishes by saying Merry Christmas and the Happiest New Year.

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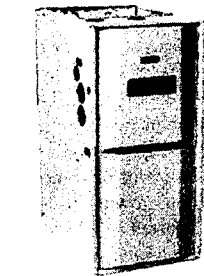
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Share the Faith

Looking up

JV Freedom Fest committee benefits from reorganization, donations

It's been a tough year for the Jordan Valley Freedom Festival. Though the event still enjoys a tremendous amount of popularity as a fun, family-oriented community event, the folks behind the scenes have struggled both with manpower and financing to keep the festival moving forward.

In recent months, Freedom Festival organizers have struggled with the possibility of paring back the offerings, reorganizing the planning process, and finding new avenues for fund-raising.

The struggle, though, has begun to look as if it's paying off, according to committee president Gina Oliver, who took the reins this year from longtime leader Anne Crick.

A big boost to those working at organizing the event recently has been the acquiring of a space to call their own, even if it is just a table and a few chairs in the corner of the cavernous, under-renovation space adjoining the current City Hall.

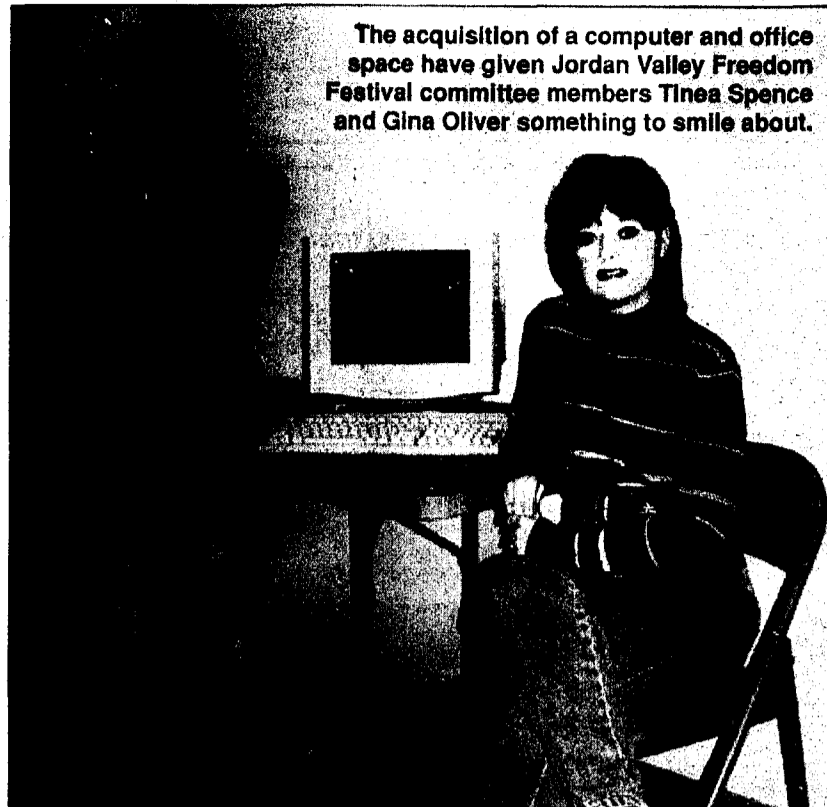
"The city said we can use as much [of the space] as we need," Oliver said. The space, though not fancy, is a God-send, according to Oliver, just for the simple fact that having an "office" will allow the committee to keep all of their records, supplies, and data in one location, rather than scattered at various committee members' homes and offices.

"Everything is in one spot," she said. The East Jordan Public School District has also shown its support in offering some unused office furniture to the cause, to help furnish the mostly-bare space. A big boost also came with the recent acquiring of a computer for the committee to utilize, courtesy of a trip to the Michigan Festivals and Events Convention recently.

"It's slightly used," Oliver said, but will be far superior to the committee's previous method of keeping information, again, stored on various committee members' computers.

Beyond these practical elements, the committee has been hard at work, too, on reorganization efforts, in the hopes of streamlining planning and lightening the burden on existing committee members.

Though official committee votes have yet to take place, the consensus in discussion has been to eliminate Freedom Festival committee participation in Sunday events, as well as look closely at the possibility of paring down the glut of events that currently fill Friday and Saturday of the festival. The primary reason for the cutbacks, Oliver said, is a need to be realistic about the manpower available, and to be conscious of the very real possibility of burnout in those volunteering their time. In their committee meetings, the goal now, Oliver said, is to focus on the fact that



The acquisition of a computer and office space have given Jordan Valley Freedom Festival committee members Tinea Spence and Gina Oliver something to smile about.

"the people in [the meeting] are what we have to work with, the manpower we have to work with."

There's always the hope, however, that the manpower will increase, as other volunteers step up to give their time and talents to the event. The crisis level of the festival was all too evident last year with the cancellation of the Jordan Valley Freedom Festival car show. Recently, however, longtime organizer Ron Peck signed on once again, with other volunteers, to see that the show is revived for the upcoming year. As it turns out, many of the reasons that the show fell to the wayside to begin with had to do with communication among organizers, an area that has come into sharp focus with the current reorganization.

"We're hoping to work along with [car show volunteers]," Oliver said, "instead of butting heads."

Recent refocusing in fund-raising has been successful as well, according to Oliver, who

noted that the Halloween Haunted House put on at the Civic Center by the committee netted about \$1,900 for the cause. "Forty to fifty people worked on that," Oliver said. "We look forward to doing it again next year."

The recent Avon fund-raiser garnered a "good response" from the community, taking in more than \$700, and new fireworks canisters, donated by Tom Sheridan and Gerry Argetsinger, will be out early this year, in the hopes of reminding folks year-round to support one of their favorite summer activities.

Oliver wants to remind everyone, too, that while things are looking up, new ideas and energy are always in demand. The focus is, as always, on "what the community needs and wants in a festival," Oliver said. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Jordan Valley Freedom Festival office (enter through City Hall). All meetings are open to the public. For more information, call Oliver at 536-9886.

2003 Jordan Valley Freedom Festival Committee

Officers:

Gina Oliver, president
 Larry Oliver, vice president
 Becky Rowbotham, treasurer
 Gretchen Bender, secretary

Board members:

Tinea Spence
 Anne Crick
 Linda Amstutz

Sharing the joy

Lawsons to host sixth annual Community Christmas Dinner

The sixth annual Community Christmas Dinner, hosted by Al and Jenny Lawson, has been scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 25, from 12 noon-4 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City.

The dinner celebration has become a community tradition, thanks to the inspiration of Al Lawson, who cooked up the idea after tiring of simply donating to other causes, and deciding that he wanted to put on something special of his own. With donations from his church, as well as some funding from his own pocket, Lawson and wife Jenny hosted the first Christmas dinner. A success it was, with 30 or so attendees, a number that has grown each year to a total of more than 90 in 2001.

The event features a traditional Christmas dinner with all the fixings, served to what is typically a cross-section of the community, from young

families to senior citizens. Several ladies from the church congregation bake homemade pies for the event, and Lawson himself does "99 percent" of the rest of the cooking.

Anyone who wishes to share in the good spirit of the day is invited to join the meal. If possible, the Lawsons request that those planning to attend phone ahead to let them know how many will be attending, and if there is a need for transportation. The call, Lawson stresses, is appreciated but certainly not required to take part in the day.

In addition to those eager to partake of the holiday feast, the Lawsons are also seeking those who might have time, talent, food or funds to donate to the effort.

The First Presbyterian Church is located at 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. For more information, call Lawson at 582-7841.

Cause of Eveline Twp fire still not known

State fire officials continue to investigate the cause of a fire that destroyed an Eveline Township home early last week.

According to East Jordan fire chief Glen Thorman, the East Jordan Fire Department responded to the call at about 3 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 2. Arriving at the home, located at 340 Sequonota Rd. and owned by Michael and Rene Thomas, firefighters initially saw no signs of fire. According to Thorman, the home is situated on top of a hill at the end of a long driveway through the woods. "Cresting the hill, [crews] could see the house," he said. "They called in and could see nothing showing from the outside."

After knocking on the door and receiving no answer, however, firefighters peered through the windows and "could see fire rolling in the front half of the house."

Calls were made for mutual aid from the City of Charlevoix and Charlevoix Township fire departments. "Before they got the first line pulled from the truck," Thorman said, "flames started to show through the roof."

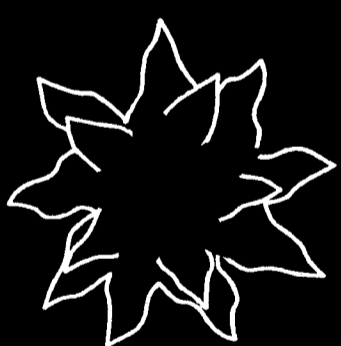
"It was a fast-moving fire," he said, especially due to the fact that much of the interior was finished in wood.

Firefighters remained on the scene throughout the night, putting out spot fires and monitoring for hot spots, not clearing the scene until about 12 noon on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

"It was a lengthy run," Thorman said. The Thomases were not home at the time of the fire. Their 13-year-old dog died in the blaze. The home was a total loss. The cause of the fire was undetermined at press time, and is still under investigation.

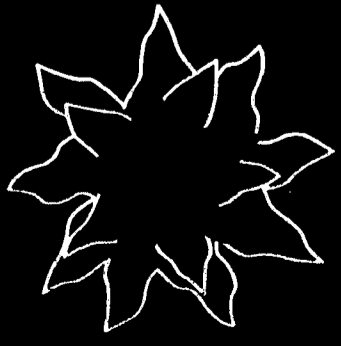
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OPINION

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Red Cross calls for holiday blood donations

Michigan's Red Cross hopes to maintain and strengthen its supply of blood by encouraging blood donors to give the gift of life before the winter holiday season.

Red Cross officials say December is a difficult month for blood collections. Donations typically decline by 10 to 15 percent as people's schedules become hectic or as winter weather makes it hard for well-intended donors to make it to blood drives.

"But what makes it even tougher is that demand also rises," says Tania Oechslein, manager of donor Services in the Great Lakes Blood Services Region. "More people are on the road traveling, which increases the number of accidents. Depending on the severity of injuries, a car crash victim can need transfusions of up to 40 units of blood."

Oechslein says blood donations are needed year-round to maintain an ample supply of blood products for the treatment of accident victims, patients undergoing surgery, and for the treatment of cancer and other serious diseases.

"The practice of modern medicine would be impossible without the blood supplied by our volunteer donors," Oechslein says. "We're hopeful that the holiday season will inspire more people to donate blood, and to give the gift of life."

To learn more about donating blood, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

Locally, residents can give blood at a special Red Cross Blood Drive to be held at St. Matthew Church on Monday, Dec. 16, from 1-6:45 p.m. St. Matthew's is located at 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City.

City manager hired for BC

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pay the severance package," she said, adding that her concerns had nothing to do with Cain himself.

"The protection is very one-sided. We want him here for life, but on the other hand, we have to protect the city." In an earlier meeting, Stander had suggested a one-to-two year contract term.

Commissioner Ron Grunch, however, had a different perspective, noting that "When you ask a person to join your team, there has to be an element of trust in these negotiations."

"When you ask someone to move with four children we have a responsibility not only to him but his family. If someone was asking me to move across the state, I'd ask for everything written here."

Commissioner Chuck Vondra voiced support for the terms of the contract, though he lamented the fact that the option for Cain to seek housing outside of the city limits had to be left open.

"I think it's crucial that our team leader, the guy in charge of the city [live within the city limits]. It projects a better image."

However, Vondra added, "everything else [in the contract] I agree with wholeheartedly."

Commissioners ended up approving the negotiated contract without changes by a vote of 4-1, with Stander casting the lone opposing vote.

In a second motion, the commission installed Cain as the city manager effective Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the same time relieving interim city manager Dick Huebler of his post.

"I now extend my appreciation and thanks to the commission for my time here," Huebler said. "Now let's get Mike on board and let him take over the reins."

Mayor Eleanor Stackus expressed gratitude to Huebler as well for the nearly two months he's spent at the helm of the city, thanking him for the "effort and energy" he's expended, "helping us through some rough and difficult times."

Cain will fill the position vacated by previous city manager Eric Strahl after the commission voted to terminate his contract without cause in September of this year.

Cain's previous experience includes time spent as city manager for Fenton and, most recently, in St. Johns.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Monday Study Club

The Boyne City Monday Study Club will hold their annual Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 16, at 1 p.m. at Lena's Wine Cellar in Boyne City.

Members of the Boyne City High School drama department will provide entertainment.

Each member should bring an unwrapped Christmas gift for a teenager to be donated to the Boyne Area Community Christmas program.



LETTERS

Boyne City Street Department deserves kudos

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank Jack Bush and the Boyne City Street Department for plowing the snow back along the side of Lake Street between the trailer park entrance and Groveland Street.

There are a lot of people who walk along there including myself. I thank The Street Department people for ev-

ery one who walks along that street, including myself. We can walk along Lake St. now and not be knee deep in snow, or have to walk in the road. It is really nice, I thought someone would have to be injured or worse (maybe me) to get something done about it, and they just took care of it without waiting for injuries or worse to happen. And for that, my most sincere THANKS.

They are fairly well known for doing a great job any-

way, the County of Charlevoix could take some lessons from them. I guess they (the county) do not work on the weekend. You can tell when you are driving in or out of Boyne City, right where one stops and the other takes over.

Kudos to Boyne City's Street Department.

Sincerely,
Margaret Howard

New cardboard compactor at EJ transfer station

TO THE EDITOR:

The Charlevoix County Recycling Committee is happy to announce the addition of a new commercial cardboard compactor.

It is located at the transfer station at the end of Nicholls Street in East Jordan, and is open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Business owners, schools and industry are reminded that commercial cardboard may not be dropped off at the County Road Commission recycling center in Boyne City, or at the Sheriff's Department recycling center in Charlevoix.

These centers are for residential use ONLY.

Businesses and other non-residential cardboard providers are encouraged to take their cardboard to the East Jordan location at no charge.

Businesses unwilling to transport to East Jordan should contact Top Rank, Waste Management or another independent waste hauler to set up a program for their business.

Please note that after Jan. 1, 2003 any business found using the Boyne or Charlevoix residential cardboard locations for their cardboard will be charged the waste hauler fee to have the cardboard container emptied.

We appreciate your support in this program and encourage you to utilize the East Jordan location for all your cardboard recycling.

Shirley Roloff, Chairperson
Charlevoix County Recycling Committee

BETWEEN THE LINES

The Christmas tree question

By ANGELA SHULTIS

During the Christmas holiday, there are lots of decisions to be made. Do we travel, or stay home? Dine on turkey or ham on the big day? What do we give to the kids teachers to show our appreciation, other than providing them with their one millionth "Number One Teacher" ornament? Do we bake cookies, or make do with store-bought? (I always start out with the former and end up with the latter on this one, by the way.)

And then there's the biggie — real tree, or fake?

Most folks, I find, are in one camp or the other, with very little crossover. Either you believe wholeheartedly in the sanctity of the real-tree experience, or you have no desire to deal with the fuss and muss a real tree brings with it, and so assemble your picture-perfect artificial tree with no qualms whatsoever.

I, however, am conflicted.

In my early childhood, we always had a real tree. I remember hiking out into the untamed wilderness (though, since I lived in the suburbs, this could be an invention of my memory) to pick the perfect specimen, with my dad gamely wielding the hacksaw and producing a ball of twine to secure the evergreen into the trunk of our car (trunks were much larger in those days).

While I always imagined that my parents would have it no other way, having succeeded in consistently providing the picture-perfect Christmas for my brother and myself, by the time I was a teenager, we'd somehow graduated to an artificial tree. I don't remember what precipitated the change, just that somewhere along the way, my mother must have decided that she belonged to the no-muss-no-fuss group.

I accepted this change without comment (as a teenager, apparently I had more pressing things to concern myself with), but by the time I was in college, I vowed that I would return to my traditional roots, and have a real tree.

And while over the ensuing 15 years I've been forced to compromise on nearly every element of what I deemed to be the "perfect" Christmas (mostly due to the fact that I eventually had to come to terms with the reality that my mother is *not* interested in coming to my

house and doing it all for me), I had maintained my commitment to a real tree.

Until this year, that is.

Last year, you see, we ended up with what turned out to be a rogue tree. Ironically, it was the perfect specimen. Purchase locally, it was even already cut for us, and cheap as cheap could be! I remember how fortunate we felt on the ride home, feeling we'd made a real steal with this seven-foot, picture-perfect tree with the straight trunk and perfect star-accommodating top. Little did we know.

Tree trimming went well. Decorated to the nines, we admired our tree, and then went on with our lives. Off to bed, I was tucking the kids in and made my last rounds in the house, planning to unplug the lights (safety first, you know). Stepping into the room, I discovered that our tree had decided to take a little nap as well, prone as it was on the floor amidst broken ornaments and spilled water. No one had heard a thing (apparently our dog was off duty that night).

So, with much difficulty, I righted the tree. Cleaned up the glass. Sopped up the water. Worse things have happened, right?

Well, that tree wasn't finished. It fell again the next day. After cleaning up more broken glass, we decided to give it a little help by anchoring it to the wall. Unfortunately, we anchored it to the wooden trim piece that ran up the corner. It was no match for that tree — within hours, the tree, and trim piece, were found heaped on the floor. I'd begun to feel like I was living an episode of a show entitled "When Good Trees Go Bad."

Eventually, not to be beaten, we cut about three feet off the bottom, and ended up with the shortest, fattest, tree I'd ever seen. Which is just as well since by that time we only had about a third of the ornaments we'd started out with.

This year, needless to say, an artificial tree stands in its place. And while part of me harbors some regret over giving up my last hold-out for recapturing my childhood holidays, I must admit, it's nice not to be vacuuming up all those needles.

Let's just call it a new tradition.

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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, Louisa and Nels Northup attended a Royal Christmas Concert in Grand Rapids. Featured were the stars of "The Sound Of Music," Christopher Plummer and Julie Andrews. The official London Royal Symphony Orchestra, Royal Bell Ringers, and Royal Choir and Charlotte Church from Wales were there, too. The production included three ballet performances, including The Nutcracker, but the big moment was when Julie Andrews asked the crowd to join in singing some traditional Christmas carols. They had a fantastic time, really enjoying the two and a half hour presentation and were very thrilled at the end.

THE CHRISTMAS dinner party was a success at the Advance Board of Commerce on Tuesday. There was lots of good food and Santa visited with all the members there and passed out gifts. The gift exchange between the members was great. Those attending were Margery Elzinga, Franz and Sue Cook, Gene and Gail Farley, James and Yvonne Karlskin, Jessie Willson, Myrtle Wasylewski, Jean Korthase, Pauline Arnott, Evelyn Neville, Darlene Wolfbauer, Norman and Joann Miller, Frank and Ann Shaler, Shirley Looze and Sam Persons, Earl and Janice Rue. Much thanks goes out to Frank and Connie Shaler for getting Santa to make an early trip.

ADELL HIBBARD returned to her Boyne City home on Monday after having spent the previous holiday week in Millington with her son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Joyce and family. While there, she also enjoyed Christmas shopping in Saginaw and just a very nice time. As she said, "They are just so good to me!"

A REMINDER goes out to the Boyne City Seniors to remember to be there for Jean Shaw's retirement party at the center, Thursday from 11 a.m. until noon.

"SURPRISING CHRISTMAS Pageant" at the United Methodist Church this past Sunday morning honored Betty Kelts for her many years of service in the choir. The program of the Christmas Story, directed by Pamela Hunt, featured beautiful music of the church choirs of all ages and much of its success was due to those who helped sew the varied costumes, the recording and lighting groups and others, plus the cast, all coordinating together.

HOWARD AND PEG CROZIER, Jim and Jackie Bates, Jerry and Sally Evans, Clara Davis, Evelyn Dodd, and Eric Rasch were among those from this area attending The American Legion District 19 meeting held in East Jordan on Sunday.

PERCEPTOR DELTA DELTA, formerly the Xi Gamma Sorority, entertained the residents of Litzenger Place and Deer Meadows on Wednesday night in the community room. The Christmas time treat was enhanced with the patriotic group singing and prayer before enjoying the holiday party good food, fun and games of bingo, with the table centerpieces of beautiful Poinsettias going to the winners.

CAROL MCCARUS of Boyne City has returned after having spent the week in Brooklyn, New York visiting her sons John and Christopher and their families. Enjoying a wonderful time with her grandchildren, she was also delighted to visit her favorite museums in Manhattan, and with discovering a new one, The American Folk Museum.

THE ORAL SUTLIFFS and the Norman Millers recently returned from Kentucky. They were part of a tour group that took in The Renfro Valley Christmas. Everyone had a wonderful time and the shows were great. The weather was unusual for this time of year as the temperatures were in the 20s and the trees and bushes were covered

with ice from the storm that had gone through a couple days before. Sun shone all the while they were there, which made the icy trees even more beautiful.

LAST WEEK, Peg and Howard Crozier shared the holiday with their sons, Butch and wife Phyllis; Jerry and wife Brenda Crozier; and Hilary and Tyler, granddaughter Tysh and Scott Snyder, John and Daphne Oly of Grand Rapids and Pat and Bob Tanis of Ludington.

HEIDI CONNOR of Wyoming spent Friday until Sunday here visiting her mother, Jean Korthase. After helping decorate her Deer Meadows apartment for Christmas, they joined other family members in attending Saturday's Boyne Food Pantry Benefit Breakfast honoring the late Judy (Kelts) Kueanna, held at the Red Mesa. The ladies continued on with a little downtown shopping and attending the Christmas craft show at the middle school and then the one at the United Methodist Church, staying for their wonderful luncheon. In the evening, Heidi went out to the farm for a visit with her sister and husband, Nancy and Bruce Lawson.

BOYNE COUNTRY Region AACA held their annual Christmas party Saturday evening at Boyne Mountain, with 55 attending. All enjoyed food, fun and gifts. The annual election of officers was also held. President for 2003 is Arnold Hudson; vice president, Sam Chipman; secretary, Janet Froats-Shepherd; treasurer, Bob Mathers. During the winter months the group meets the second Saturday of the month. Summer meetings are held the second Sunday of the month and also the second Wednesday of June, July, August and September. Call 535-2131 or 582-6256 for information.

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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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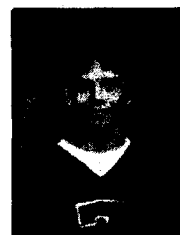
NAME: Josephine Cook
GRADE: Senior
PARENTS: Frantz and Susan Cook
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Debate, Quiz Bowl, soccer, National Honor Society
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Likes watching political television shows, reading, playing piano.
FUTURE PLANS: Go into political science and law.
FAVORITE CLASSES: Intro to American Government
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Josie is a leader," said Kathleen Stangis. "She leads by example and kindness. She has organized EJHS Canned Food Drive and the "Giving Tree". She makes a difference in her school and community."
 "Josie is a leader in Advanced Communication Arts IV," said Bill Strong. "She volunteers to lead discussion, and consistently participates. A model student!"
 "Josephine is a true life-long learner," said Lance Bailey. "She is such a positive person who looks for ways to go beyond the call of duty. A true joy to teach!"
 "Josephine sets the pace for others to follow and is determined to succeed in everything she's involved with," said Darrin Podskalny. "She is an asset in the Yearbook class and is a fun student to have in our program."



Josephine Cook

Boyne City

NAME: Kale Baudoux
PARENTS: Robert and Donna Baudoux
GRADE: Junior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Drama, football
FUTURE PLANS AND GOALS: "I plan to go to college."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "What a wonderful job Kale has been doing working with Mr. Calcaterra on our theatre's lighting system," said Bob Wollenberg. "Kale has helped in almost all of our productions to date, whether during the school day or in the evening. Great effort Kale!"



Kale Baudoux

CRADLE CALL

A daughter, **ELIZABETH KAYE**, measured 19 inches in length at her birth. Grandparents are Dennis and Debra Janney of Ferndale, Alan McCutcheon of Boyne City, and Patti Hauser of Boyne Falls.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

BLOOD DRIVE
Monday, Dec. 16
 St. Matthew Parish Guild will sponsor a blood drive from 1-6:45 p.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City.

EAST JORDAN FOOD PANTRY
Every Monday & Thursday
 The East Jordan Food Pantry is located at 601 Bridge St., in the basement of the Health Center. Pickup or donation hours are Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

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.

EAST JORDAN OPEN GYM
Tuesdays
 The East Jordan community Educa-

tion adult open gym will meet every Tuesday, Nov. 19 through March 25, 7-9 p.m., at the East Jordan Elementary School gym. The cost for admission is \$1. No children or students will be permitted to play. You must be at least 18 years old to participate. Bring your own equipment. For more information, call 536-2250.

TOPS MEETING
Wednesdays
 The TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Successfully) club will meet on Wednesdays from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Friendship Center in Petoskey. For more information, call Val at 526-3226.

GRANDVUE AUXILIARY
Second Thursday
 The Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month, except for the months of January and February, when no meetings are held. Anyone interested in learning more about Grandvue or volunteering is in-

ited to attend a meeting, or call Helen Deming at 582-6278.

KIWANIS OF BOYNE
Thursdays
 Interested persons are invited to join the Kiwanis of Boyne for coffee, camaraderie, and community service every Thursday morning at 7 a.m. at Robert's Restaurant in Boyne City.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE
Thursdays
 A Service Officer will be at the American Legion Post #228 of Boyne City every Thursday from 4-6 p.m. Any veteran seeking assistance may visit the Post at the corner of Lake and Main streets in Boyne City or call 582-7811 at that time. Boyne Ave., Boyne City.

AA MEETINGS
Weekly
 The Boyne Valley Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the base-

ment of St. Matthew's, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City. 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.

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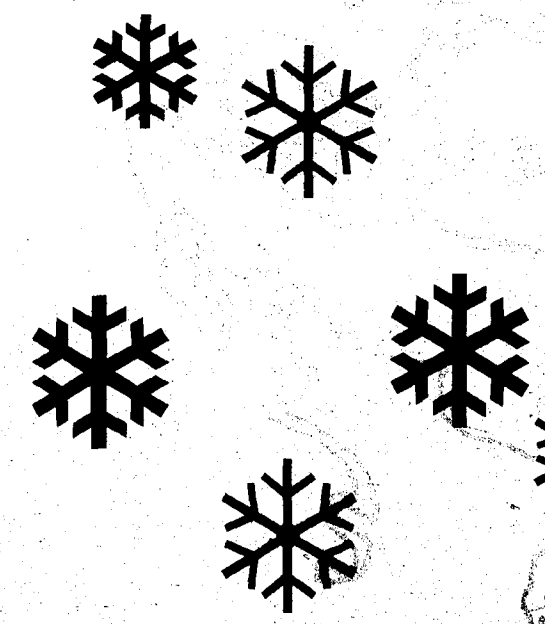
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Books will be \$1 per bag, stuffed animals 50 cents unless tagged, and all other items will be 20 percent off.

Besides special deals, the sale will provide an opportunity to see the facelift the store is receiving with new paint on the walls and floors, and a conversion to drop ceilings.

Work is still in progress, with a rapidly approaching deadline.

The Challenge Mountain store will alter hours for the week of Christmas. Store hours will be as follows: Open Monday, Dec. 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; closed Tuesday, Christmas Eve;

closed Christmas Day; re-opening on Thursday, Dec. 26.

Jordan Valley band to perform Christmas concert

The Jordan Valley Community Band will perform its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m. in the East Jordan High school auditorium.

The first half of the concert will feature selections from The King and I, A Norwegian March entitled Valdez, and a rendition of Swing Low, Sweet Chariot, while the second half will feature Christmas selections.

The East Jordan High School Choir, under the direction of Stephen Emery, will also perform.

They will join with the band on their final number, "A Christmas Festival" by Leroy Anderson.

East Jordan High School is located at 101 Maple St.

Santa to pay visit to Boyne Valley Twp Fire Hall

Santa Claus will pay a visit to Boyne Falls on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. at the Boyne Valley Township Fire Hall.

Kids from around the area are invited to visit with St. Nick, and tell him their holiday wishes.

JRAC to host Peace Coffee House Saturday

In its 11th year, Peace Coffee House continues to bring acoustic folk music experiences to northern Michigan. This month, the event's feature performers will be Ruth and Max Bloomquist, and Les Dalglish, scheduled to perform on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 8-11 p.m.

An open stage will follow the

scheduled performers.

Peace Coffee House is held the second Saturday of each month at the Jordan River Art Center at 301 Main St. in East Jordan. There is a \$5 admission (kids 12 and under are free), with coffee and treats available. No smoking or alcohol are permitted.

For more information, call Rick and Tracy Meisterheim at (231) 525-9168 or e-mail them at rickandtracy@m@yahoo.com.

Friends of the Jordan announce annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed will be held on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Jordan Valley District Library.

Five members will be elected to the Board of Directors. Dues-paying members of the organization are eligible to vote and to run for the Board.

The meeting will also feature a program by avid birder and accomplished

wildlife photographer Jerry Aydlett. For more information, call Joe Nerone at 544-6386.

BC Eagles hosting kids Christmas party

The Boyne City Eagles will host a children's Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 1-3 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge on Lake Street in Boyne City.

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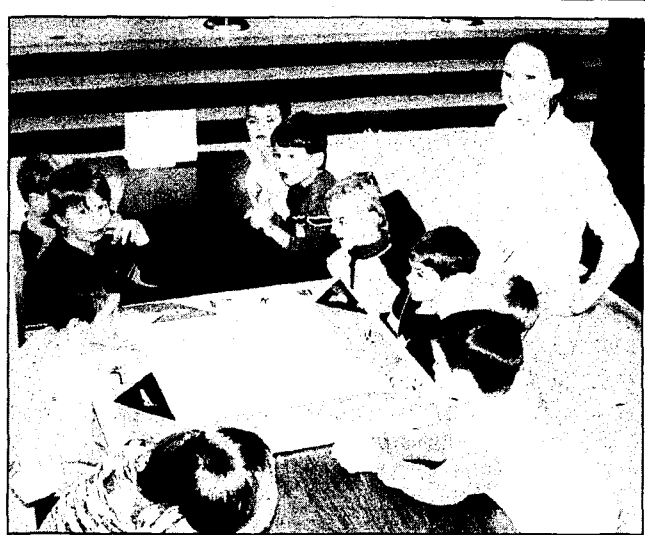
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Thank You for Your Assistance

On behalf of the Lois Jo Kipapa and Kelts families, we want to extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone, who sent a card, or made a phone call, who brought a meal, or gave us a hug. Everything you did meant so much during our time of loss and sadness. You will never know how much your kind words, deeds, love and support carried us through this difficult time. Thank you again for all you did.

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NORTHERN INSIGHTS

Vision problems and learning troubles can go hand in hand

By DR. STEVEN HUFFORD, OPTOMETRIST

When is it time for that first eye examination?

How well can our children see? At what age should we have children's eyes tested? Are the school screenings good enough to discover all visual deficiencies? These are some of the questions that I get asked frequently about our children's eyes.

The development of vision is one of the earliest systems to mature. A child's oculomotor system, pupillary response and binocularity are all adult-like by the age of six months and the visual acuity is fully mature before the age of three. Ophthalmologists and Ophthalmologists know the importance of discovering any deficiencies to any of the aspects of the visual pathway and have developed specialized age appropriate tests to measure them.

Reliance on vision screening by pediatricians and other primary care physicians, unfortunately, may result in the late detection of Amblyopia and other vision disorders. One study showed the vision screening was attempted on only 38 percent of the three-year-old children and of the children that failed only 26 percent were referred for a professional eye examination.

The interrelationship between vision problems and learning difficulties are of great concern. Much of early learning is visual in nature and can be retarded by many different visual disorders. However they can interfere with children's abilities to perform to their potential; when children fail to progress in school, even preschool, the cost to the individual can be substantial. The prevalence of vision disorders in children was measured by The Health Examination Survey and found that 9.2 percent of children had eye muscle imbalance or a disease condition or abnormality in one or both eyes. Also, as high as 30 percent have healthy eyes with refractive errors.

To answer the question "when should I have my child's eyes tested?" the answer is NOW! Do not let a correctable visual problem cause any further trouble.

Questions and comments can be directed to Hufford Vision and Eye Care, 225 State St., Boyne City, MI 49712.

My most sincere thanks are extended to all those who have helped make my recuperation possible. To my husband Chuck, my sons Bob & Terry and their wonderful families, I thank you for your unconditional love and concern. To my doctors, nurses, therapists and the staff at Northern Michigan Hospital, I thank you for your God-given talents, for your knowledge and care. To my extended family and friends I thank you for the many cards and gifts and thank you for your prayers. By the grace of God I am able to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to you all.

- Fondly, Harriet Urman



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All aboard

■ Boyne trolley set to tour area light displays from Dec. 14-23

The holidays are upon us, and that can only mean one thing: it's trolley time again in Boyne City, with the Boyne City Lions and Rotary clubs sponsoring the annual Trolley Tour of Lights.

Scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 14 - Monday, Dec. 23, trolleys will be leaving at 6 and 7:30 p.m. each evening from Boyne Country Books on Water Street, taking riders on a festive tour of Boyne City's best light displays.

Bring a canned good for the Boyne Area Community Christmas program to Boyne Country Books in exchange for a ticket to ride the trolley; everyone who wishes to ride must have a ticket to board.

For a map of the planned trolley route, see the facing page.

'Oh Christmas tree': Choosing the right one for your home

Along with visions of sugarplums, the holiday season also brings visions of the perfect Christmas tree, a quest many families embark upon whether they're heading out to a tree farm to cut their own, or picking one up at the corner tree lot.

With more than 830 growers and 54,000 acres of Christmas trees in the state of Michigan, local residents have no shortage of places to go. According to Michigan Department of Agriculture director Dan Wyant, state growers reap an annual harvest exceeding three million trees, and contributing \$41 million to the state's economy.

So in light of the abundance of Christmas conifers at their disposal, what should holiday tree-seekers look for when scouting out the perfect tree?

According to Wyant, consumers should consider these tips when purchasing a tree:

- Look for a well-shaped tree with few bare spots
- The tree should be fragrant, not musty
- The needles should be green and have good retention: shake the tree to allow brown interior needles to fall out. Green needles should not fall off of a healthy tree
- Store the tree in a cool, sheltered

area to protect it from the elements until it is brought inside and decorated.

In addition, to help keep trees fresh throughout the holiday season and prevent Christmas tree-related fires:

- Make a straight cut across the trunk base and place the tree in a stand filled with at least one gallon of fresh water. A freshly-cut Christmas tree will absorb up to one gallon of water the first day.
- Keep trees watered with at least one quart of water daily to maintain beauty and fragrance. A watered tree not only looks better but is also more fire-resistant. If the water level in the tree stand drops below the end of the tree stump, a layer of sap can form over the cut stump in just a few hours, making it impossible for the tree to absorb water.
- Place trees away from heat sources such as fireplaces, televisions, and radiators.
- Check tree lights to ensure that they are consumer-inspected (UL-listed or Factory Mutual approved).
- Inspect lights and cords before hanging them to ensure they are in good working order and fault-free.
- Remember to unplug tree lights before going to bed or leaving the house.

Tastes of the season

The following holiday recipes were taken from the "Taste of Boyne" cookbook, compiled by the Boyne Valley Garden Club

HOLIDAY BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

2 lb. breakfast sausage
16 oz. sour cream
12 large eggs, beaten
10 oz. mild-strong Cheddar cheese, grated
2 large red tomatoes, diced
In a large skillet, cook sausage over medium heat until well browned. Break up into small pieces and drain off excess grease. In a casserole dish, layer sausage, sour cream, eggs, cheese, and tomatoes. Cook in a 350°F. oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until firm. Serves 8.

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS WASSAIL

1 large cinnamon stick
1 Tbsp. whole cloves
1/2 gal. apple cider
2/3 c. sugar
4 c. Cran-Apple juice
4 c. pineapple juice
1 large can frozen orange juice concentrate
1 large can frozen lemonade concentrate
1 1/4 c. water
Place cinnamon and cloves in a cheesecloth bag and close tightly. In a large saucepan, mix spices, sugar, juices, and water. Stir well. Cook mixture on medium heat until boiling. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 12 to 15 minutes. Take out cheesecloth bag and serve. Serves 12.

OLD FASHIONED GINGERBREAD

1 c. shortening
1 c. sugar
1 egg
1 c. molasses
2 Tbsp. white vinegar
5 c. flour
1 1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 1/2 tsp. salt
3 tsp. ground ginger
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. ground cloves
Combine all ingredients and mix until well blended. Refrigerate dough, wrapped, for an hour. Roll dough on floured board and cut into desired shapes. Bake at 375° for 5 to 6 minutes.

HOLIDAY HASTY PUDDING

pudding:
1/4 c. butter
2/3 c. brown sugar
2 c. all-purpose flour
1 Tbsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 c. milk
2 1/4 c. raisins

Syrup:
2 c. brown sugar
2 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
4 c. boiling water
1 1/2 Tbsp. vanilla
3 Tbsp. butter

In a large mixing bowl, beat butter and sugar until evenly blended. In a separate bowl, mix together the flour, baking powder, and salt. Combine with butter mixture and add milk.

Lightly coat the raisins in flour and add to the pudding mixture. Pour into a well-greased 8 inch pan. Set aside. In a medium size saucepan, mix together brown sugar, flour, and boiling water. Stir gently and cook over medium heat until slightly thickened. Add in vanilla and butter and stir well. Pour syrup over pudding mixture and cook in a 350°F. oven for 40 to 45 minutes. Serves 8.

HOLIDAY FRUIT SALAD

1 large pkg. miniature marshmallows
1 large can sliced pineapple, cubed
1 bunch grapes, cut and seeded
1 large can sliced peaches, halved
1 Tbsp. sugar
2 bananas (ripe and firm)
2 large apples, cubed
1 jar maraschino cherries
1 pt. whipped cream

In a large bowl, combine pineapple, grapes, peaches, and juice. Pour over the marshmallows and refrigerate for at least 1 hour, then drain the juice off the fruit and add bananas, apples, and cherries. Toss all fruit together and add whipped cream to which sugar has been added. Dates and nuts optional.

Holiday Calendar



East Jordan

JRAC MEMBERS ART FOR SALE

Dec. 1-19
The Jordan River Art Center will host the annual members' Art for Sale event. "Art for Sale" will run through Dec. 19. The art center is located at 301 Main St. in East Jordan.

LIONS CLUB TREE SALE

Weekends, Dec. 1-22
The East Jordan Lions Club annual tree sale will begin on Sunday, Dec. 1, and will continue on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays through Dec. 22, or until gone. The sale will be located at the corner of Bridge and Water Street in downtown East Jordan.

SNO-MOBILE BREAKFAST

Sundays, through March 2003
A snowmobiler breakfast will be held at the East Jordan Snowmobile Club on Mt. Bliss Road in East Jordan from 7 a.m.-12 noon.

EJES 4-5 GRADE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Wednesday, Dec. 11
The East Jordan Elementary fourth and fifth grade classes will perform "A New World Christmas" at 7 p.m. in the elementary school gym.

GRANDVUE AUXILIARY'S CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

Thursday, Dec. 12
Grandvue Medical Care Facility's Auxiliary members are sponsoring their annual Christmas Display in the chapel room from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for residents, staff, and other interested guests.

EJMS WINTER BAND CONCERT

Thursday, Dec. 12
The East Jordan Middle School band will give their winter band concert at 6:30 p.m. in the middle school gym.

COMMUNITY BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT

Sunday, Dec. 15
The Jordan Valley Community Band will perform their annual holiday concert at 2 p.m. in the East Jordan High School auditorium.

DINNER WITH SANTA

Tuesday, Dec. 17
Area families are invited to enjoy dinner with Santa Claus from 4:30-7 p.m. in the East Jordan Elementary School cafeteria. The cost is \$2 per person.

EJHS HOLIDAY BAND CONCERT

Wednesday, Dec. 18
The East Jordan High School band will perform a holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Tuesday, Dec. 24
A Christmas Eve service will be held at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Jordan at 7:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Dec. 28
Raven Hill Discovery Center, located at 4503 Fuller Rd., will host a holiday open house from 5-8 p.m.



Boyne City

BCES CHRISTMAS SING 2002

Thursday, Dec. 12
At 6:30 p.m., the Boyne City Elementary School, kindergarten and second grade classes will present their annual holiday show, followed at 7:30 p.m. by the first and third grade classes. Both performances will take place at the Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center.

TROLLEY TOUR OF LIGHTS

Saturday, Dec. 14-Monday, Dec. 23
The Boyne City Lions and Boyne City Rotary Club are sponsoring Boyne City's annual Trolley Tour of Lights at 6 and 7:30 p.m. on each day, Dec. 14-23. Bring a canned good for the Boyne Area Community Christmas program to Boyne Country Books in exchange for a ticket to ride the trolley (everyone who wishes to ride the trolley must have a ticket to board). The trolley leaves from Boyne Country Books.

BCES FOURTH GRADE SHOW

Thursday, Dec. 19
The Boyne City Elementary fourth grade class will present "The Elves' Impersonator" at 7 p.m. at the Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center.

BOYNE AREA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

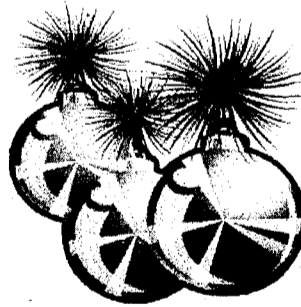
Friday, Dec. 20
The Boyne Area Community Christmas volunteers will be packing

food, clothing, toys and other donated items for pick-up and delivery at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Boyne City, beginning at 10 a.m. Donations of money, new toys, hats and mittens, and non-perishable foods are being accepted until the day of the event. Volunteers are needed to help pack items and for delivery. For more information, call 582-3152.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Wednesday, Dec. 25
Area residents are invited to enjoy a Christmas dinner with all the fixings at the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City from noon-4 p.m. If possible those attending should call ahead to let organizers know the number attending and if there is a need for transportation; the phone call, however, is not required. Volunteers are still needed to help set-up, serve, and/or clean-up. For more information, call Al Lawson at 582-7841.

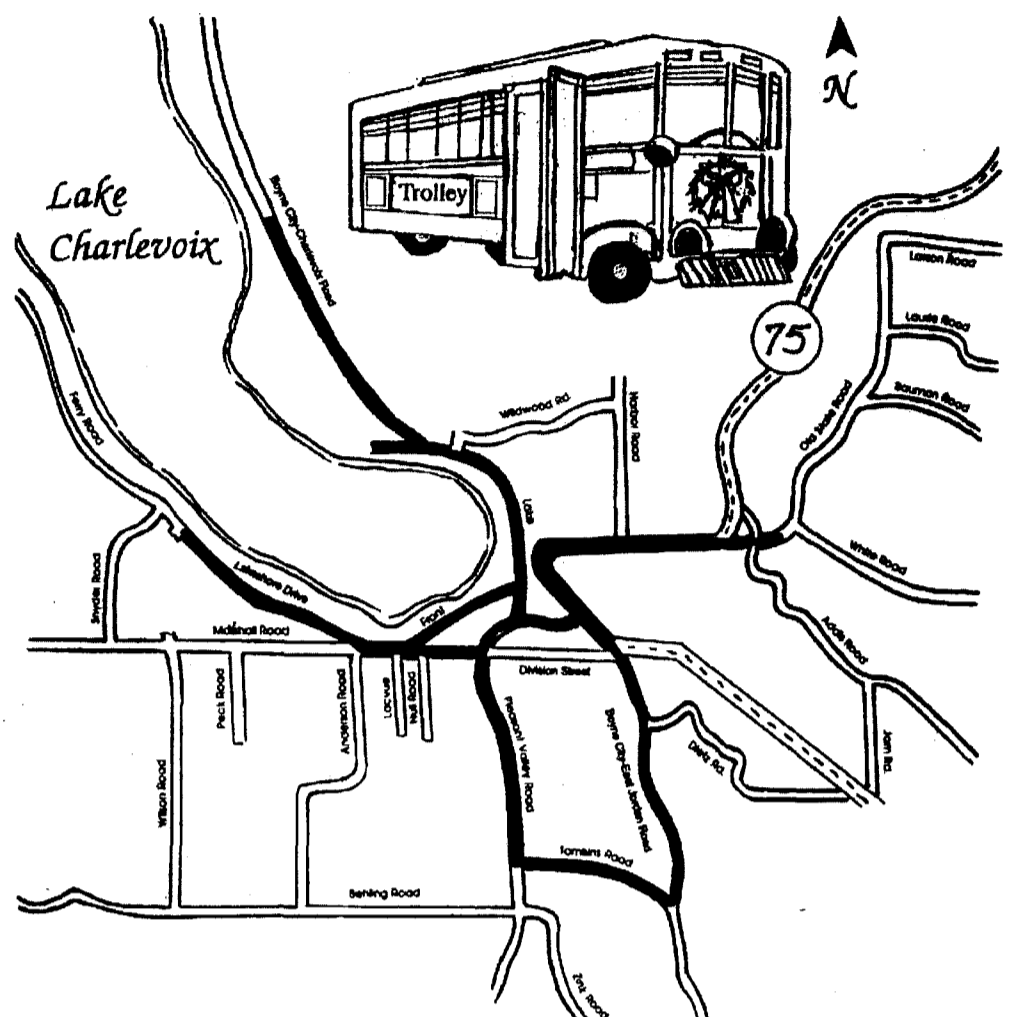
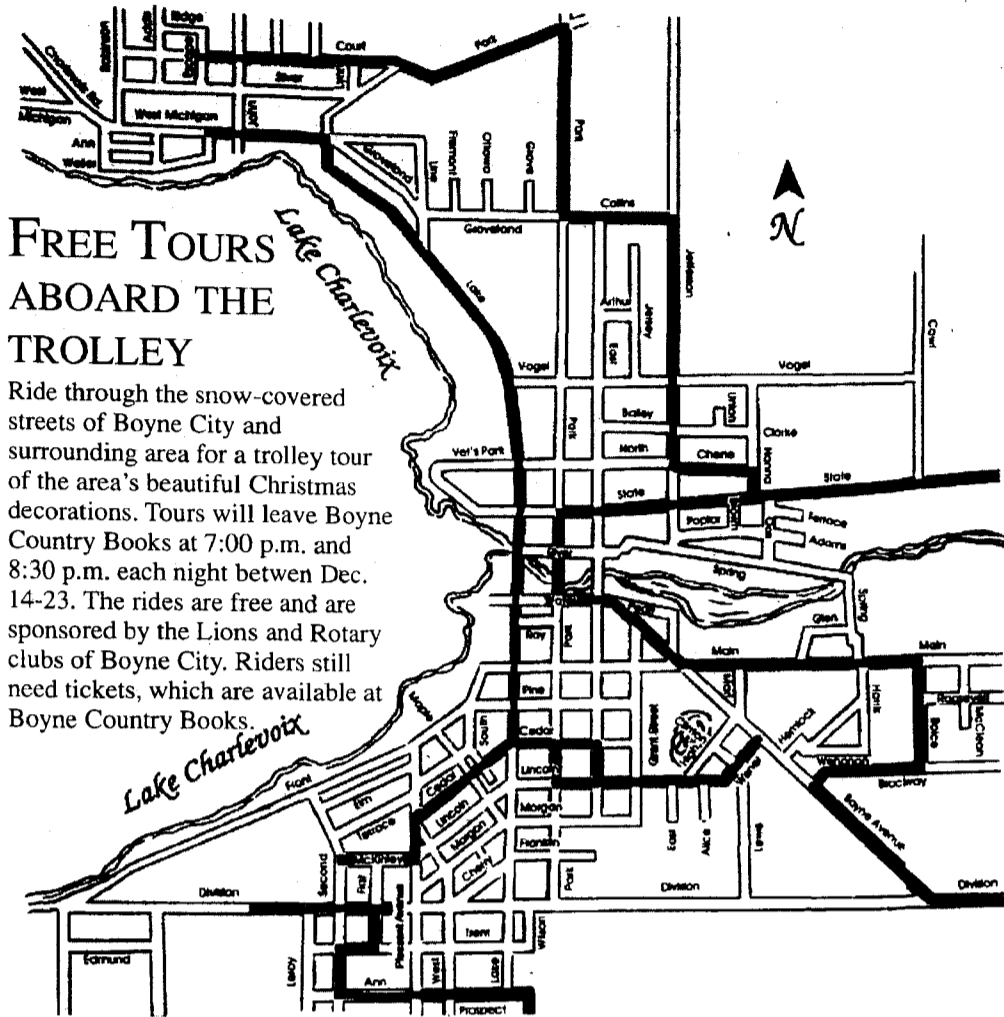
To have an organization's holiday event included in The Citizen-Journal's Holiday Calendar, call 582-6761. We will print as many items as space allows. The deadline is Friday at 5 p.m.



Holiday helpers

Besides Santa, many Christmas helpers, like the festive Lionesses at left and the gift-wrapped Brownies above, made an appearance in East Jordan last week.

BOYNE CITY LIONS & ROTARY TROLLEY TOUR OF LIGHTS



FREE TOURS ABOARD THE TROLLEY

Ride through the snow-covered streets of Boyne City and surrounding area for a trolley tour of the area's beautiful Christmas decorations. Tours will leave Boyne Country Books at 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. each night between Dec. 14-23. The rides are free and are sponsored by the Lions and Rotary clubs of Boyne City. Riders still need tickets, which are available at Boyne Country Books.

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BOYNE RIVER STORAGE, 980 Division St. (behind Sunburst Marina). The contents of the following units are to be sold at public auction at the above address on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. Unit # 100 - Wolgast, misc. household items; unit #157 - Greggware, misc. household items; unit #174 - Black River Creations, misc. business items.

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Portion of Lot lying East of road easement center line: Beginning on the South line of Lot 6 of the recorded

plat of East Bay, 931.15 feet South 78 degrees 13 minutes 30 seconds East from the Southwest corner of said lot; thence North 1 degree 34 minutes 12 seconds East 17.30 feet; thence North 24 degrees 33 minutes 10 seconds West 135.85 feet to the North line of said Lot 6; thence South 80 degrees 57 minutes 13 seconds East 206.06 feet; thence South 79 degrees 24 minutes 38 seconds East 578.88 feet to the Shore of Walloon Lake; thence South 39 degrees 16 minutes 55 seconds West along said shore 71.75 feet; thence South 20 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds West along said shore 28.25 feet; thence North 86 degrees 33 minutes 36 seconds West 583.80 feet; thence North 78 degrees 13 minutes 30 seconds West 90.26

feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Lot 6 of the recorded plat of East Bay.

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

Dated: Dec. 4, 2002
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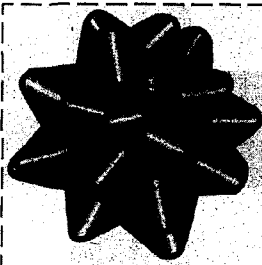
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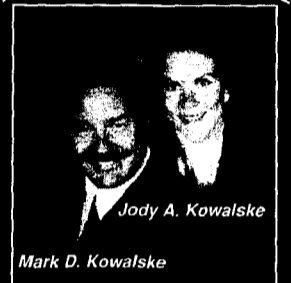
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 a.m., on Jan. 24, 2003.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF HAYNES, Charlevoix County, Mich., and are described as: Beginning at a T-iron stake at the North 1/4 corner of Section 11, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 33 seconds West along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section and along the center line of Burnett Road 233.86 feet; thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 48 seconds West, parallel with the North line of said 33.0 feet to a T-iron stake on the Westerly line of said road; thence continuing South 89 degrees 46 minutes 48 seconds West 741.87 feet to a T-iron stake; thence North 0 degrees 02 minutes 33 seconds East, parallel with the North and South quarter line of said section 233.86 feet to a T-iron stake on the North line of said section; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 48 seconds East along the said North said section line 741.87 feet to a T-iron on the Western line of said road; thence continuing North 89 degrees 46 minutes

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Dated: Dec. 11, 2002

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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 venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 a.m.,

on Jan. 10, 2003.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF BAY, Charlevoix County, Mich., and are described as: Lot 7, Alpine Mills, according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 204, Charlevoix County Records.

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Dated: Nov. 20, 2002

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elton E. Crothers and Trudy L. Crothers, husband and wife, to Capstone Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee, dated Aug. 18, 1999 and recorded Aug. 26, 1999 in Liber 370, Page 774, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Provident Consumer Financial Services by assignment dated Aug. 18, 1999 and recorded on March 27, 2000 in Liber 384, Page 986; Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Sixty-Seven and 30/100 Dollars (\$56,067.3) including interest at the rate of 10.95% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the 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 venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix County, Mich. at 11 a.m.

on Jan. 10, 2003.

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

Lot 2 and 3, Block G, Stone's Addition to the Village of South Lake (Now City of East Jordan) according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 46, Charlevoix County Records.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard A. Slabaugh and Jennifer Slabaugh husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Republica Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation Mortgagee, dated Aug. 21, 1998, and recorded on Aug. 25, 1998 in Liber 345 on Page 108 in Charlevoix County Records, Mich., and was assigned by said, mortgagee to the Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated Oct. 15, 1998, which was recorded on Nov. 19, 1998, in Liber 351 on Page 553 Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO AND 31/100 dollars (\$76,172.31), including interest at 7.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained

in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 a.m., on Jan. 24, 2003.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, Charlevoix County, Mich., and are described as:

Lot 61 of Crouter's Addition to the City of Charlevoix, according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 3, Charlevoix County Records.

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Dated: Dec. 11, 2002

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Die Another Day - PG-13
at 7 & 9:20 nightly; Sat, Sun 2 & 4:20
Maid in Manhattan - PG-13
at 7:15 & 9:15 nightly; Sat, Sun 2:15 & 4:15
Star Trek
7 & 9 nightly
Fri, Sat, Sun 2 & 4
Dec. 13-17
Extreme Ops - PG-13
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