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AT A GLANCE

Annual 'Carol Sing' event returning to Boyer City

Area residents are invited to celebrate the season with the annual Community Christmas Program and Carol Sing, scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 22, at St. Matthew Catholic Church's Fellowship Hall in Boyer City.

Scheduled to begin at 3 p.m., the event will feature traditional Christmas songs as well as a narrative program. The event has been organized by interested community members in cooperation with several area churches.

The event is free to the public. A free-will offering will be taken for the benefit of the Boyer Area Ministerial Association.

St. Matthew Catholic Church is located at 1303 Boyer Ave.

Cash raffle tickets for EJ chamber now available

Cash raffle tickets, to benefit the relocation of the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce office, are now available. The cost is \$50 per ticket, with nine prizes ranging from \$100 to \$1,000.

The drawing will be held on Jan. 25, 2003 at 8:30 p.m. at the East Jordan Civic Center.

Tickets are available at the current chamber office or from any chamber board member. For more information, call 536-7351.

BCES students to be featured on PACE TV

Students from Boyer City Elementary School will get a special treat this holiday season, the chance to view their own holiday programs on the local educational network, PACE TV.

The kindergarten and second grade performance will be aired from 8:30-9:15 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20, and then will be repeated on Saturday, Dec. 21, from 5:30-6:15 p.m. and again on Sunday, Dec. 22, from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

The first and third grade performance will be aired on Friday, Dec. 20 from 9:15-10 p.m., repeated on Saturday, Dec. 21, from 6:15-7 p.m. and again on Sunday, Dec. 22, from 12:15-1 p.m.

The fourth grade performance will be shown on Friday, Dec. 20, from 10:10-45 a.m., to be repeated on Saturday, Dec. 21, from 6:15-7 p.m. and again on Sunday, Dec. 22, from 1-1:45 p.m.

PACE TV is an educational television network sponsored in part by the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District. In Boyer City, Boyer Falls, and East Jordan, PACE programming can be viewed on local cable channels.

HALF A WORLD AWAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, BOYER CITY'S WHITNEY SCHRAW HAS BEEN

Making herself at home

While the Christmas season has most of us pinning to be "home" for the holidays, former Boyer City resident Whitney Schraw has a different dilemma. Though happy to be with her parents, Tom and Marlene Schraw, for the holiday celebrations, Whitney is already longing for the familiar setting of Jerusalem, which has been her home for the past couple of years.

"I feel at home there," she said, making Arab-style coffee in the kitchen of her parent's home last week. "It's a complex, magical place. There's a magnetism that pulls me back."

The volatile Middle East setting is as unlikely a one as any for a young, tall, blond American woman like Whitney who, with a college education and stable upbringing, could probably have gone anywhere and done anything she liked. But for Whitney, there's no other place she'd rather have spent the past couple of years, and it's safe to say that the journey has just begun.

Growing up in Boyer City, Whitney graduated from Harbor Light Christian School, continuing her studies at Hope College taking majors in history and economics. A talented student, Whitney, by her sophomore year, was ready to plunge into something a bit more complex than the typical coursework would offer. Signing up for a class in Middle East history, she learned of an opportunity to also take part in the Model Arab League, a simulation for college students meant to echo the processes encountered by the League of Arab States, including the drafting of resolutions and debating issues in various areas, including economics and social issues.

In the course of that experience, Whitney said, "I ended up meeting this incredible girl, Ghadeer." A Palestinian studying at Hope College as an international student, Ghadeer shared details with Whitney of her upbringing in her troubled homeland, including stories of close friends and relatives hauled off to Israeli prisons, many of whom had been subjected to torture and beatings, and some of whom were never heard from again.

Ghadeer and her family, Whitney related, were subject to military curfews, and were "isolated to their homes for weeks at a time."

The friendship opened Whitney's eyes to a world she'd never much considered before. "I really felt challenged to investigate history on my own," Whitney said, concentrating specifically on the history of the Middle East.

Investigate she did, beginning with further work within the Model Arab League, followed by independent studies and culminating in her first trip through Hope College's city-abroad program. Working with Hope's international programs office, Whitney signed on with the Great Lakes-Jerusalem program, a coalition of small liberal arts universities in the Great Lakes area. In the fall of her senior year at Hope, Whitney traveled with a group of 20 students to undertake comparative study in the political, societal, economic, and religious worlds of Palestine and Israel. The experience, Whitney said, was life-changing. Living for periods in both the Israeli sector and Arab sector of Jerusalem, she was exposed to lecturers and professors of both Arab and Israeli backgrounds. "All the time,



As a humanitarian worker in the Middle East, Whitney Schraw has seen the human face of the Israel-Palestine conflict, like this young Palestinian girl, who was homeless after Israeli tanks shelled her family's apartments.

there was a juxtaposition" of the two cultures, Whitney said. "It was the most life-changing experience I could ever have had."

It didn't hurt, too, that she was there during a very unique, and volatile, time. "We went in August, and in September. Charon [now the Israeli prime minister], took a group of Israeli bodyguards to the Dome of the Rock [the third holiest site in the Islamic world]." The act, to Muslims, was "very inflammatory," Whitney said, and led to the start of the most recent conflict.

With the safety of 20 students to think about, the program director decided it would be best to take the students to nearby Cyprus for the remainder of their stay. Though disappointed at their early departure, "I tried to make the best of it," she said.

Returning home, however, Whitney found she hadn't been cured of her desire to get to the heart of her fascination with the Middle East; quite the contrary, it seemed the fire had just been ignited.

Hardly skipping a beat, she began to explore different internship possibilities in the area, settling on the Pontifical Mission for Palestine, an organization overseen by Catholic Relief and Development. During her previous stay, Whitney had gotten to know the staff there as a volunteer; "I'd

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Seeking amends

Though Eveline Preservation spokesperson Nancy Ferguson had hoped to have the bulk of the work involved in the recall effort involving two Eveline Township officials behind her by the holidays, as it turns out, the undertaking simply keeps on getting more complicated.

Last week, Ferguson and other members of the Eveline Preservation Group appeared before the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners seeking restitution for time and supplies used in gathering the required signatures for the recall effort, only to find that, due to erroneous information received from the county clerk's office, the majority of the signatures were not valid.

According to Ferguson, information sought from the clerk's office regarding the time period during which signatures would be valid indicated that said signatures would be good for six months time. Ultimately, it came to light that the signatures were only valid for a period of 90 days, about three months, an error that was discovered only after the signatures had been turned into county clerk Jane Brannon.

Though Brannon has publicly admitted and apologized for the error, Ferguson and other recall backers feel that restitution is in order. "I accept her apology, but the fact is that the work has to be done all over again," Ferguson said. "A recall is a painful enough procedure without this kind of snafu. All the time, all the driving, and all the copies have to be done over again, only this time with winter weather, darkness, and driving conditions."

The group requested a total of \$1,287.50, an amount arrived at after calculating driving time and costs, volunteer hours, and supplies utilized in the petition effort.

Members of the commission voiced varying opinions on the issue, some supportive of the group's request, but hesitant to act hastily on a decision which will set a precedent for future commissions. Ultimately, the issue was tabled for further consideration.

"I don't mind that they tabled it," Ferguson said later in the week. "It's fair that they say 'we want to wait.' Whatever decision they make, the

see RECALL on page 3

East Jordan Eagles looking for members

According to organizer and lifetime Eagle member Edward Touchtone, East Jordan has long been due for an Eagles club of its own. Which is exactly what it's getting, thanks to the efforts of Touchtone and other volunteers.

Having already conducted a membership survey in the area, Touchtone has found a sufficient level of interest to justify creating an Eagles organization based in the area. "The interest is there," Touchtone said, adding that conversations with area businesses have resulted in a "standing list" of potential members waiting for a date to begin.

That date will come soon, as soon, at least, as applications begin coming in for membership. Applications are available at the Rainbow Restaurant on Mill Street; membership is open to both men and women, with a \$10 fee to join, plus dues.

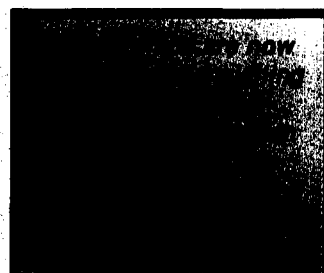
Dues for male members are \$20 per year, and for women, \$15 per year.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles is a nation-wide service organization, involved with such causes as Alzheimer's, the Kidney Foundation, and Eagle's retirement homes and orphanages.

The Eagle's national memorial foundation offers special benefits to members who are full or part-time members of law enforcement or emergency services. The organization also encourages and offers family-oriented activities, according to Touchtone.

Though a starting date for regular meetings has not been established, Touchtone said that he has a commitment from Rainbow Restaurant owner Kelvin Johncheck making the facility available two Wednesday evenings each month, one for the general meeting, the other for a meeting of officers.

Anyone interested in becoming a member can pick up an application at the Rainbow Restaurant, or call Touchtone for more information at 536-2008.



A very special visit

Last week, Santa Claus paid his annual visit to the Knights of Columbus hall in Boyer City to visit with disabled adults while they enjoyed a holiday party thrown in their honor. Organized for more than 15 years by K of C member Ed Matelski, the event has become a holiday staple for area adults suffering from physical and/or mental disabilities. In addition to the meal, musical entertainment, and visit from Santa, guests received special gift bags, thanks in part to the generosity of UAW Local 1403 from Honeywell of Boyer City.

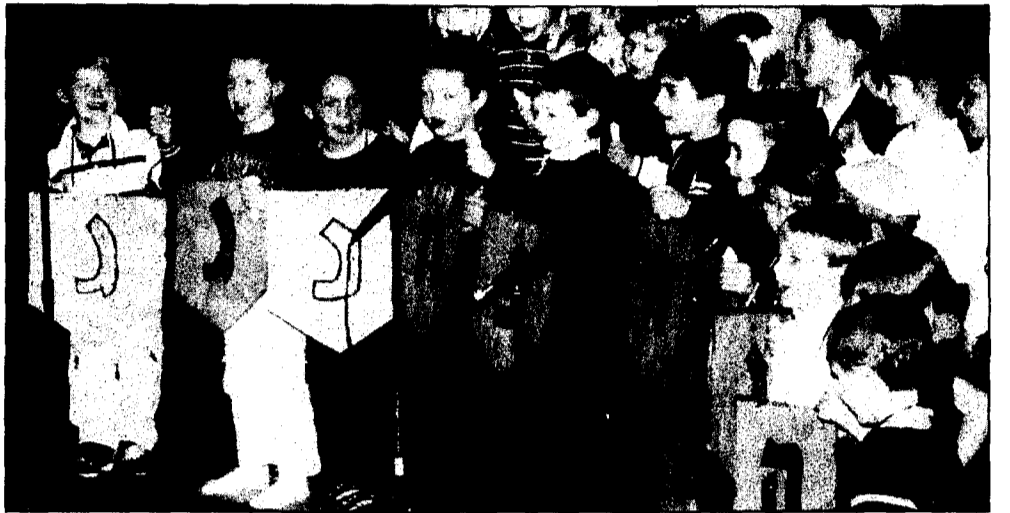


'Tis the season . . .

. . . for school holiday programs, and so last week was a busy one for area students, as kids from Boyne City, Boyne Falls, and East Jordan put on festive shows for family and friends. Above, Boyne City Elementary second-graders, donning appropriate elven gear, demonstrated how Santa "knows when you are sleeping" at their first show in the district's new Performing Arts Center.



East Jordan Elementary second and third grade students went "Around the World at Christmas Time" for their annual production. Here, students Chelsea Joki, Dustin Strong, Rachel Renkewicz, and Devon Antaya show just how angelic they can be. Below, Boyne Falls students sang "The Dreidel Song" in honor of Hanukkah, as part of their all-inclusive holiday show.



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HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

BOYNE CITY AND BOYNE FALLS

The United Methodist Church in Boyne City will hold its Christmas Eve Candlelight service on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 6:30 p.m. In Boyne Falls the Christmas Eve service will be held at 8 p.m. The churches are located at 324 S. Park St. in Boyne City and 407 Mill St. in Boyne Falls.

St. Matthew's Catholic Church will hold its Christmas Eve children's mass on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 5:30 p.m. and Christmas Eve (traditional midnight mass) at 8 p.m. On Wednesday, Christmas Day mass will be held at 11 a.m. St. Augustine Church in Boyne Falls will hold Christmas Day mass at 9 a.m. St. Matthew's is located at 1303 Boyne Ave. in Boyne City, and St. Augustine's is located at the corner of Grove and Maple streets in Boyne Falls.

The Christ Lutheran Church will hold Christmas Eve Candlelight services on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. The church is located at 1250 Boyne Ave.

The First Presbyterian Church will hold its Christmas Eve singing, communion, candlelight service on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. The church is located at 401 S. Park St.

Trinity Fellowship will have a special Christmas service on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 10:30 a.m. There will be a Christmas program sponsored by the youth department on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. and will be followed by a candlelight communion. The church is located at 401 State St.

The Episcopal Church of the Nativity will hold a Christmas Eve service on Dec 24, at 8 p.m. Nativity church is located on Main St. next to the Boyne District

Library.

EAST JORDAN

St. Joseph Catholic Church will hold a Christmas Eve mass on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. and on Christmas Day, at 9 a.m. St. John's Catholic church will hold mass Christmas Day, Dec. 25, at 8 a.m. St. Joseph's is located at 207 Nichols St., and St. John's is on M-32, both in East Jordan.

The First Presbyterian Church will hold a Youth and Children's sharing on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 24, a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. The church is located at 207 Williams St. in East Jordan.

Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold a Christmas Eve carol, candlelight and holly communion service on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

WALLOON LAKE

The Walloon Lake Community Church will have a Live Nativity on Saturday, Dec. 21, from 6-8 p.m. at the Bradley house located at 6090 Horton Bay Rd., Boyne City and on Tuesday, Dec. 24, there will be a Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m. The church is located at 04320 M-75 North in Walloon Lake.

HORTON BAY

The Greensky Hill United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve service Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. The church is located at 4961 Boyne City-Charlevoix Rd. in Horton Bay.

OBITUARIES

William A. Healey, Jr.

William A. Healey, Jr., 91, of Boyne City, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002 at his home.

A Funeral Service was held on Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

Pastor David Crumbaugh officiated. Burial was held in Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Bill was born on Dec. 23, 1910 in Los Angeles, Calif., the son of William M. and Maude Grover Healey.

As a young boy, his family moved to Boyne City. He graduated from Boyne City High School in 1928. Mr. Healey owned and operated a hardware store in East Jordan with his brother and then opened Healey's Neighborhood Grocery in East Jordan.

In July of 1939, he married Geraldine Adeblue.

In 1961, he opened the Gambles Store in Boyne City and moved permanently to Boyne City in 1962. Bill enjoyed servicing all types of small machinery. He retired in 1999. Bill loved running, fishing, and tinkering, helping to fix machinery that no one else could fix.

Survivors include a son, Robert (Thelma Thompson) Healey of Boyne City; daughter, Betty (George) Burt of East Jordan; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Eva Dennis Healey of East Jordan; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Geraldine May 12, 2001 and two brothers, Wade and Bobby.

The family wishes memorials to go to the Free Methodist Church. Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City was in charge of arrangements.

Charles Joseph Stutzman

Charles Joseph Stutzman, 85 of Boyne City, died peacefully surrounded by his family at his son's home in Boyne City on Dec. 11, 2002.

Chuck was the only son of Joe and Anna (Koteskey) Stutzman, born Aug. 20, 1917. He now joins his beloved wife Bertha in togetherness since her departure on March 12, 1999.

They were married June 24, 1938 and enjoyed 61 years of marriage, which produced four boys.

Chuck was born on the Stutzman farm just outside Boyne City near Young State Park. The descendant of Amish immigrants that came to America in the 1730s and Bohemian stock which came to Bay Township in the 1880's, Chuck was of the true working man ethic.

Losing his mother at the age of 9 and his father when he was 20, like so many other young men of the era found productive ways to make his way with his own resources.

Chuck spent two terms in the Civilian Conservation Corps which was one of the highlights of his life, not

to be overshadowed by the marriage to his wife Bertha.

His occupation was driving truck in the days when these men looked out for each other as well as the other motorists on the road and was truly dedicated to his work.

He was credited with saving a motorist by sacrificing his 'double bottom' tanker rig to miss the out-of-control car.

He is survived by his sons, Robert and wife Jean of Boyne City, Joseph and wife Shari of Waterford and Charles Jr. and wife Kathy of Boyne City with five grandsons, Robert, David, Steven, Jeff and Scott, and seven great-grandchildren.

Son Roger and wife Bertha preceded him in death.

We have lost another from a generation that came from an era when material worth consisted of food and clothing and values were of love and family.

The greatest gift that dad gave to his family is unconditional love, which will be carried on to his family.

EJ man sentenced for drunk-driving conviction

The East Jordan man charged with operating a vehicle under the influence and causing a death was sentenced for a lesser crime Monday in Circuit Court.

Edward Kotalik, 35, was sentenced Dec. 9 to up to 16 months in jail, with credit for one day. He was also ordered to pay \$9,865 restitution to the two victims of the other vehicle, \$150 to the forensic lab, \$60 to the crime victims' rights fund and \$60 for DNA testing.

Kotalik was originally accused of operating a motor vehicle on July 29, 2001, on Mount Bliss Road in Jordan Township while his blood-alcohol level was over the legal limit of .10.

Kotalik's vehicle crossed the center line and hit another vehicle, injuring its two passengers and killing his

passenger, Dennis Skrocki Sr., 50. On Oct. 29, Kotalik pleaded guilty to an added charge of operating un-

Recall

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next [commission] will have to live with it."

The issue is just the latest bump in the road for the recall effort, which began last summer with the submission of petition wording calling for the recall of Eveline Township supervisor Dan Skrzeczkoski and clerk Don Hayden. According to the petition wording, approved by the county clerk's office in August of this year, recall organizers claim that Skrzeczkoski "does not faithfully rep-

resent the citizens of Eveline Township," and that Hayden, "by actions and words," has shown "deliberate disregard" for the ordinances and citizens of Eveline.

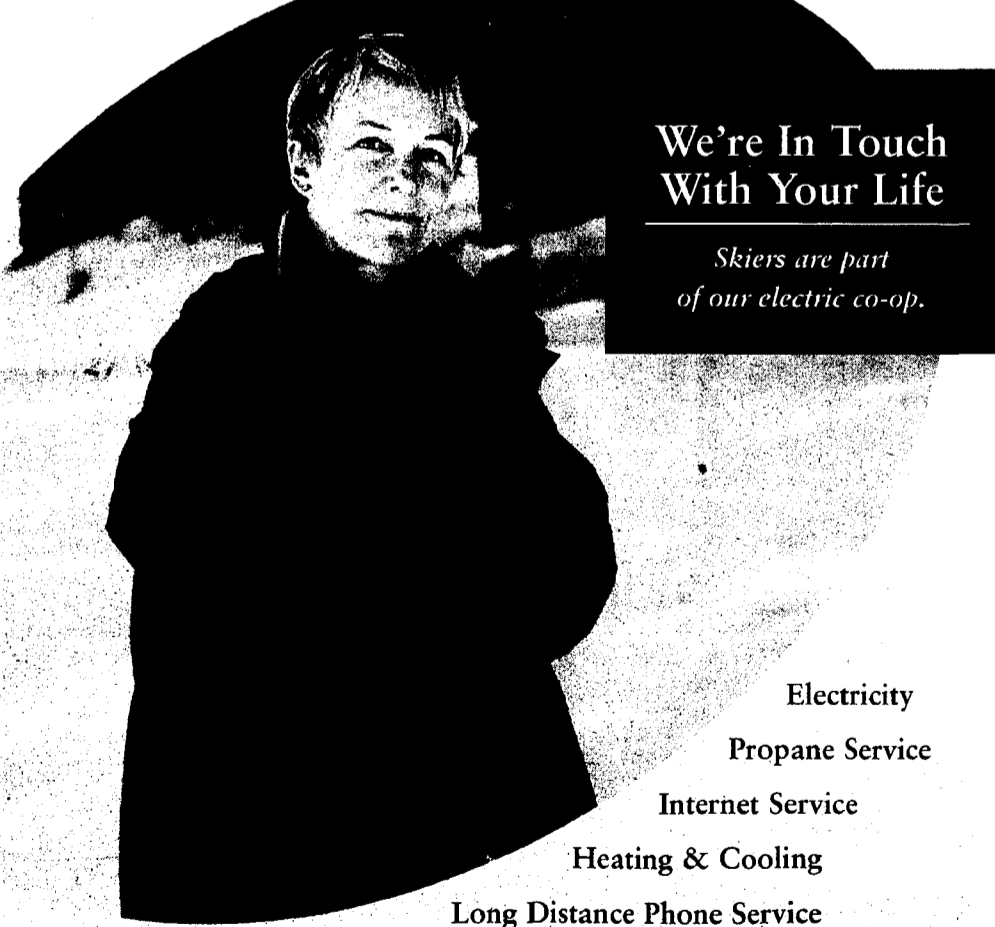
der the influence and causing serious injury, according to court records.

This is Kotalik's third drunk driv-

ing charge, according to circuit court records. He was found guilty in Charlevoix for driving while impaired in 1989 and operating under the influence in 1997 in Pontiac.

Despite the hold put on the restitution issue, Ferguson said that petitioners are willing to start over. "Does [the tabling of the restitution issue] stop us from distributing recall petitions?" Ferguson said. "No."

As of last week, the recall organizers had submitted petition language to the office of the county clerk for approval.




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LETTERS

Green Party urges support of striking nurses at NMH

TO THE EDITOR:

Open Letter to Northern Michigan Hospital:

We urge the Northern Michigan Hospital administration to immediately begin bargaining in good faith with its striking nurses.

As an organization promoting grassroots democracy and social justice, the Green Party supports any group of workers who exercise their right to seek union representation. Once those workers have democratically elected a union to represent them, we support its representatives' efforts to negotiate a contract which ensures its members fair wages, adequate health care benefits, a pension plan and a voice in the decisions concerning the health and safety of the workplace.

On Friday, Nov. 22, about a week after the strike started, two Emmet County Green Party members met with NMH President and COO Tom Mroczkowski to discuss the strike.

While we appreciated Mr. Mroczkowski taking the time to explain the hospital board's position, the Greens were concerned that Mr. Mroczkowski and the NMH board seem more concerned with the nurses having a union than with negotiating a fair contract with them. He also expressed concern that the situation would provide opportunity for further unionization efforts within the hospital and at other area businesses.

Mr. Mroczkowski told us the hospital can run indefinitely without the striking nurses, and would be able, if need be, to attract nurses regionally to fill their positions. It appears the hospital is attempting to break the union by holding out through the winter, when it hopes enough striking nurses will have found jobs elsewhere and a vote can be taken to decertify the union. This, to us, seems a questionable strategy, given the nationwide shortage of nurses, the resolve of the striking nurses, and the groundswell of community support for the nurses' struggle.

Unlike the hospital board, we believe the nurses' union at NMH is a positive step for the nurses, and also for hospital patients. Nurses involved in direct patient care are a crucial component of the quality of care at NMH. It's in the best interest of everyone that they be fairly compensated, and their concerns for patient well-being be represented on the hospital board. We also believe that the nurses' successful unionization effort and their courageous strike - a clear demonstration to employers of the value of their employees, and an example to workers of what they can accomplish by banding together - will have a positive impact in workplaces throughout northern Michigan.

Stephen Brede and Michele Burian
Co-chairs, Emmet County Green Party
Ellis Boal and Virginia Heick
Co-chairs, Up North Green Party

Man searches for clues to family history

TO THE EDITOR:

I am searching for information about my grandfather. His name was Daniel Evans.

He died about 1905 in Boyne Falls. Also, my grandmother - her maiden name was Mary Magoon, I think she came from Canada.

My father Jay, their son, was born in East Jordan in 1900, and he had a brother Ray, also born in East Jordan.

My grandmother Mary Magoon was also married to a Mr. Russell. She was buried near Mesick, I think, at 16th cemetery.

I would very much like to hear from anyone with information.

Donald Evans
321 Clay St. Apt. 19
Ashland, OR 97520



A Mom's Life

Boys will be boys, and then some

By CINDI PLACE

Why is it that no matter how hard we try to keep our kids from viewing activities in a stereotypical way, boys will still play rough and girls will almost always choose the doll over the truck?

I can remember when our sons were little, I wanted to buy each of them a baby doll to play with. I thought this would help bring out their nurturing side.

Their father, however, was not at all happy with the suggestion and would only allow his sons to play with a "manly" doll, whatever that was. So Ernie and Bert, or G.I. Joe would be our compromise. Not exactly what I had in mind, but at least they would get to play with what could inspire them to think about taking care of something. Or so I thought.

When our daughter would play with her dolls, she loved to dress them, feed them and read to them. Just like a little mother.

Our sons, however, used their action figures to start wars, test the theory of gravity, and simply transform them

into projectiles.

Little did Bert know that he could become a football in the blink of an eye. And Ernie, well let's just say that it's a good thing he was stuffed.

Watching our children play is like watching little adults act out the way they see the world. And no matter how hard we worked at talking with our children about role reversal and that girls and boys could do anything they wanted to, no matter who they were, our daughter still took care of her little brothers and her brothers would still act as her protectors.

That's not to say that our sons are not really good at cooking for themselves and doing their own laundry. Or that our daughter doesn't know how to take care of her car and fix a broken table.

It's just that, given the choice, they still think of themselves as doing "boy's" jobs and "girl's" jobs. And that when they're together, our sons gravitate to sports events, while our daughter would rather visit a mall than watch a basketball game.

Unless, of course, one of her brothers is playing.

LETTERS

Senator Walter North reports his record after eight years in office

TO THE EDITOR:

As my eight years as a Michigan State Senator draw to a close, I would like to report the following:

I have had a 100 percent attendance at all senate sessions.

I have traveled just under 500,000 miles in the past eight years.

I have not been away from the district for seven consecutive days since assuming office Jan. 1, 1995. In other words, I have been in the district every week.

I have read 19,700 district newspapers, (6 daily and 18 weekly), in the past eight years.

I have not had meals with lobbyists in Lansing since I have been in office.

I have not charged in-district mileage, thereby saving

the taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars.

I did not participate in the legislative retirement program, which again saved the taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars.

I have spent, on average, less than 80 percent of my allowable office budget each of the past eight years.

I consider it an honor to have represented the people of the 37th District for the past eight years. Because my present district will be shared by three senators-elect, I wish Jason Allen, Mike Prusi, and Tony Stamas the very best in the next four years and I thank the citizens in the fourteen counties of the present 37th District for the opportunity to serve.

Walter H. North
Michigan State Senator
37th District

WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The best read letters are brief and on a topic of local interest. Our deadline is Friday at 5 p.m. Letters will be printed on a space-available basis.

Marty Ward lending talents to support local hospice

While the journey of musician Marty Ward has been primarily one of determination and personal inspiration, his mission has become one of reaching outward. To that end, the performer/songwriter is embarking on a series of concerts designed to give a little something back.

On Sunday, Feb. 16, Ward and his new band will give a performance hosted by and to benefit Hospice of Northwest Michigan, formerly Charlevoix County Hospice. To take place at the Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center, the concert will begin at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are being offered in a special package which includes two tickets and a sample CD for \$35. Individual advanced tickets are also available for \$18.50 apiece, or at the door for \$20 each.

The concept of the series is an outgrowth of Ward's decision to donate 50 percent of the net profits of the sales of his most recent CD, *Miracles in Paradise*, to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. "Why would I do this? Because as a totally independent artist, I can," Ward says. "But foremost, I do this because I want to help children who are battling life-threatening diseases."

Being in a life-threatening situation is something Ward is all too familiar with. On a fast-moving career track with the Chicago-based band eighty-eight, Ward was sidelined by a serious auto accident that nearly took his life. The experience left him with a new attitude about the path he'd been traveling and just where it is that he wanted to go next.

Growing up in northern Michigan, Ward first envisioned himself as a singer/songwriter, and later discovered his talent for expression through the saxophone. Graduating from the prestigious Interlochen Arts Academy, Ward went on to study at Boston's Berklee College of Music, and by his early 20s had experienced phenomenal regional success as one of the founding members of the Jelly Roll Blues Band, opening for such legends as Ramsey Lewis and Earl Klugh.

Subsequently, Ward has appeared on Star Search with eighty-eight, has worked on music tracks for two Jane Fonda "Walk to the Music" workout tapes, and on an album sold exclusively on QVC.

As a follow-up to his critically-acclaimed 1994 album *That's What Living Is*, Ward released *Miracles in Paradise* in 2001, the culmination of 20 years of personal and musical growth. The adult-contemporary songs prominently feature Ward's sax, lyrics, and vocals. His hope is that the inspirational nature of the lyrics and music can be of help to "anyone that may be facing a personal challenge in life."

The music, then, is an appropriate vehicle with which Ward can make a contribution to a place like St. Jude's, as well as local organizations such as the Hospice of Northwest Michigan. Tickets for the Feb. 16 event in Boyne City are available at Boyne Country Books in Boyne City; Busy Bridge in East Jordan; The Clothing Company in Charlevoix; and Sturgeon River Pottery in Petoskey, as well as from hospice volunteers.

For ticket information on Ward's upcoming appearance call Hospice of Northwest Michigan at 536-2842

Raven Hill offers holiday family fun this season

Raven Hill Discovery Center will be open extended hours over the Christmas holidays. From Saturday, Dec. 21 through Saturday, Jan. 4, the Center will be open daily from 12 noon until 4 p.m., with the exception of Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, when it will be closed. Admission is \$6 per person except for members who are admitted free.

The public is invited to attend a holiday open house at the Center on Saturday, Dec. 28 from 5 until 8 p.m. Exhibits will be available for interactive adventures, the animal room will be open and refreshments will be served. Come and meet old friends or get acquainted with some new ones. Bring the whole family. This is one of three days a year when the museum is open with no admission fee.

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Raven Hill is located between East Jordan and Boyne City off C-48 at Pearsall Road. For more information, call (231) 536-3369.

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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

THERE WAS A great turnout on Friday at the Lexamar Corporation for Santa's annual visit to the children of their employees. Each child received a wonderful gift bag of goodies, candy, and had their picture taken with Santa. Cookies and punch were served to all attending.

NELS AND LOUISA NORTHUP of Boyne Falls spent early holiday time this past week, visiting daughter Kathy and family in Indiana, step-brother and wife, Ken and Lena May and family in Kentucky, and daughter Jenny and family in Ohio. Jenny's husband, who works with Honda, left on Monday, on a business trip to Japan.

LITZENBURGER PLACE tenants and those of the Deer Meadows Apartments shared the annual Christmas Turkey dinner and potluck and gift exchange, and a jolly good evening on Tuesday.

ROGER AND JANET SMITH of Boyne City

left over the weekend for a few months of vacationing in Florida.

BOB AND SHIRLEY MATHERS of Boyne City entertained on Saturday night with their annual employee/friends Christmas dinner party. On Sunday, his family, in celebrating his birthday, honored Bob.

INDUSTRIAL MAGNETICS of Boyne entertained employees with their annual Christmas dinner and party at the Hotel Dilworth on Saturday night. Among those attending were the company's founder and his wife, Mike and Judy (Ralph) Stowe, adding to the celebration of a good year!

MARY AND MERLE CARSON just arrived home from the Flint area, after having an early Christmas with daughters Karen and Sandi and Connie and Linda and families. They also celebrated grandson Chris Lang's 16th birthday, and attended a wonderful Christmas Theatre produc-

tion of "Sugar Plums Danced In Their Heads" in Flint. Before driving home, they attended the United Methodist Church Christmas program that two of their grandchildren, Ryan and Morgan Pittillo, of Fenton, were in. They had a wonderful time and counted their blessings twice!

JANE AND JOHN ROZYZKI hosted a Christmas hors d'oeuvres and desserts party on Saturday night for the staff of the Boyne Falls School. There were 42 there, enjoying a visit from Santa, too!

BRUCE AND NANCY LAWSON hosted a small family pre-holiday gathering on Saturday evening. Attending were her mother, Jean, and Jean's niece and husband, Christine and David Bliss of Tennessee and their daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Jim Reid of Petoskey.

(To submit an item Nancy at 582-9174 or e-mail her at neighbors@gtlakes.com)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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 Education 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.

LACLECHE LEAGUE
Second Wednesday
Mothers who wish to breastfeed their babies are invited to attend Petoskey Area LaLeche League meetings; infants and young children are welcome. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Northern Michigan Hospital's Community Health Education Center in Petoskey. For more information call 348-7976.

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, ex-

cept for the months of January and February, when no meetings are held. Anyone interested in learning more about Grandvue or volunteering is invited 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.

AL-ANON
Thursday nights
Al-Anon meetings are held at 6:30 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, 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.

To have your event included in the community calendar, call 582-6761 or e-mail citizen@voyager.net.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

East Jordan

NAME: Beth Stallard
GRADE: Junior
PARENTS: Al and Shelley Stallard
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society, SADD
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Music and Science
FUTURE PLANS: Go to college to teach Biology.
FAVORITE CLASSES: Advanced Biology and Communication Arts
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Beth is a truly positive and enjoyable student," said Lance Bailey. "Her attitude and volunteer spirit make EJHS a better place. Beth's constant smile and desire to learn are contagious."
"Beth has a positive attitude," said Liz Huyck. "She is an outstanding teacher assistant."
"A cut above the rest," said Patricia Tinney. "A real sweetheart."
"Beth is an all around great student," said Alice McPherson. "She is conscientious in all of her work and approaches even difficult tasks with a positive attitude."
"Beth is a very dedicated and hard working student that always goes the extra mile," said Greg Bowden.



Beth Stallard

Boyne City

NAME: Ashly Dawn Smith
PARENTS: Linda Joy Smith
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Drama
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Hockey, reading, crafts, singing, dancing
FUTURE PLANS AND GOALS: "I plan to graduate from high school then spend two years at LSSU and another two years at Cal Tech or Florida Tech, majoring in physics and astronomy. After graduating from college, I would hope that I can move on and become a real astronomer!"
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Ashly is doing a great job in World Geography," said Mrs. Deming. "She is always willing to participate and quite helpful in class. Keep up the good work, Ashly!"



Ashly Smith

Boyne Falls

NAME: Erika Jarema
PARENTS: Randy and Theresa Jarema
GRADE: Senior
FAVORITE CLASS: Art
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Cheerleading, singing and dancing
FAVORITE COLOR: Blue
FUTURE PLANS: To attend NCMC for two years, then transfer to a university to study Art.
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "I am extremely pleased to recommend Erika Jarema Student of the Week," said Mrs. Hinkley. "I have had the pleasure of having Erika work with me as my aide and participate in our musicals for the past three years. Her versatility has been invaluable to me as I needed a student who was reliable, skilled, and knowledgeable with the technology available in our school. She has been able to independently pull together many quality projects and work on a one-to-one basis with students who needed an extra hand or an extra boost of confidence. In addition to the dedication and organizational skills, Erika is involved as Class President, Yearbook Editor, Basketball, Cheerleading, Dance, Actress in Christmas Program, and Tutoring - she is a true leader!"



Erika Jarema

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Boyne Area Kiwanis



New members were inducted into Kiwanis of Boyne at a holiday potluck dinner for members and their families on Sunday, Dec. 8. Pictured above, secretary Linda Leist presents a pin and certificate to Jason McCree, city manager of Kelly Services; Fred Sitkins, president-elect, performed the induction; and Mark Parsons, superintendent of Boyne Falls Public Schools, is welcomed by Scott MacKenzie, chair of the Community Service Committee.

COLLEGE NEWS

MICHAEL CZERKES, son of Steve and Cathy Czerkes of Boyne City, graduated on Dec. 7 from Michigan State University with high honors. Czerkes earned a Bachelor's Degree in psychology. He will be entering medical school at Michigan State in the fall of 2003.

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Get acquainted with Michigan's reindeer – the Rocky Mountain Elk

By LINDA GALLAGHER
Contributing Writer

You're not likely to see any of Santa's reindeer in the forests of northern Michigan during the month of December, but travel an hour east of Charlevoix County, and there's a fair chance you'll spot the next best thing to Rudolph or Prancer – one of northern Michigan's Rocky Mountain elk.

Michigan's only native species of elk, *Cervus elaphus canadensis*, or woodland elk, disappeared from the state due to loss of habitat and market hunting in the late 1800s. Today's elk herd dates back to 1918, when the doors of a railroad box car from Wyoming opened near the village of Wolverine in Cheboygan County, releasing seven Rocky Mountain elk into the forests of what is today the Pigeon River Country State Forest. From that reintroduction, the number of animals has grown steadily over the years.

Also known as "wapiti," a Native American word for "white," referring to the animal's white tail, *Cervus elaphus* is one of North America's largest game animals. In the wild, Rocky Mountain elk, now extirpated from the east, remain fairly numerous in most of western North America in both America and Canada. In recent years, elk have been re-introduced to a number of eastern states besides Michigan, including Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. A slightly smaller, darker subspecies, known as the Roosevelt elk, inhabits the mountains and forests of the Olympic Peninsula in the state of Washington.

A very social herding animal, the females of the species, known as "cows," travel together with calves to good grazing areas during the spring and summer months, while the males, known as "bulls," form separate "bachelor" groups. The herds join together in the fall, when the bulls' loud, resonant calling to attract females and challenge other bulls, known as "bugling," can be heard for long distances. Both males and females travel



Michigan's original elk herd disappeared in the late 1800s; today's herd dates back to 1918, when the animals, from Wyoming, were released near Wolverine.

together with the young during the winter months, primarily during the day, as opposed to Michigan's white-tail deer, which are known to be most active at night. Large bull elk can weigh up to 850 pounds, while adult females weigh 400 pounds.

Most impressive about the Rocky Mountain elk is the bull's impressive antlers, which can have as many as 8 points on each individual antler, with a width, or "spread," of more than four feet. Because of these impressive antlers and food value, the Rocky Mountain elk is one of the world's most highly regarded game animals.

By 1964, Michigan's Rocky Mountain elk herd, which now inhabited most of Cheboygan, Otsego, Charlevoix, Emmet, Montmorency, Alpena and Presque Isle Counties, numbered more than 1500 animals and had reached the point where limited hunting was considered for the first time by Michigan's then Department of Conservation.

Hunting Michigan's wild elk was curtailed during the late '60s and '70s, due to reduced quality of habitat and increased poaching. Michigan's DNR estimated the herd at less than 200 animals by the winter of 1975. By the late 1970s, renewed public interest in the elk herd was spurred by oil exploration in the Pigeon River area of the elk range. Reduced poaching losses, timber

cuttings which provided ample browse, and creation of elk grazing areas resulted in an increase in elk numbers to 850 by 1984, when limited hunting began once again.

Limited hunts have continued annually since that time, to keep the herds in balance with the amount of natural food available and to minimize agricultural crop damage. This year, 125 very lucky hunters, who applied for the once-in-a-lifetime hunt through a lottery that annually sees more than 40,000 applicants, will each be allowed to harvest one animal from a herd of approximately 800 elk, during the seven-day December hunt, which began on December 10.

Also on the increase throughout northern Michigan is interest in raising elk domestically for both food and medicinal use. Antrim County now boasts two herds of domestic elk, which are being utilized for the restaurant trade as well as for the increasing world-wide interest in ground-up elk antler as a calcium supplement and as a homeopathic remedy and aphrodisiac.

Spot one of northern Michigan's Rocky Mountain elk, and you'll agree – it may not be Rudolph, but the sight of one of these noble and magnificent creatures will be one of the highlights of your Christmas season.

ELK FACTS:

- Like cattle and other cervids, elk are ruminant animals and therefore regurgitate their food and remasticate to aid in digestion. This is also known as "chewing cud".

- The Rocky Mountain elk's breeding season, known as the "rut," takes place in early September in most western states, while biologists believe most breeding takes place in early October in Michigan's wild elk.

- Female elk generally only give birth to one calf each spring – twins are rare, unlike whitetailed deer, which usually give birth to twins, and fairly often, triplets.

- Also unlike whitetailed deer, which lose their antlers during the winter months, the Rocky Mountain elk retains his antlers until spring. After the loss of the old antlers, new growth begins almost immediately.

- Elk are known as the noisiest of all cervids. Newborns bleat and squeal, females bark, grunt and squeal, and males are known for their characteristic low pitched bellow or roar, known as bugling.

ELK VIEWING:

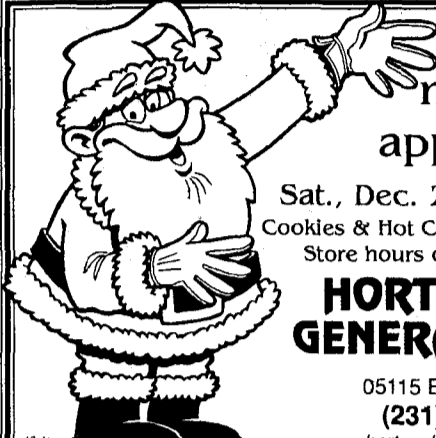
- For tips on where to see Michigan's Rocky Mountain Elk in

the wild of Michigan's Pigeon River Country, contact the Gaylord office of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources at 1-989-732-3541, or visit the agency's Web site at: www.michigan.gov/dnr

- Wild elk can also be viewed in Gaylord at the city's elk viewing park, which recently received funding for improvements and additions scheduled for 2003 from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

For more information, contact the Gaylord Convention & Visitor's Bureau at: 1-800-345-8621, or visit their Web site at: www.gaylord-mich.com

- Thunder Bay Resort in Montmorency County near Hillman offers fall wagon rides and winter sleigh rides to elk viewing areas on their property. For more information, contact Thunder Bay Resort at 1-800-729-9375, or visit their Web site at: www.thunderbayresort.com.



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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard M. Arnott and Glennis L. Arnott, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated Jan. 14, 2002, and recorded on Jan. 18, 2002 in Liber 453 on Page 892 in Charlevoix County Records, Mich., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE AND 07/100 dollars (\$71,229.07) including interest at 8.375% 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. 31, 2003.

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

The West 60 feet of Lot 6, Block 4, Village of South Lake, now City of East Jordan, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 41, Charlevoix County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) 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: Dec. 18, 2002

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF MELROSE, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 37, Springbrook Hills No. 1, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 197, 198, 199 and 200, Charlevoix County Records.

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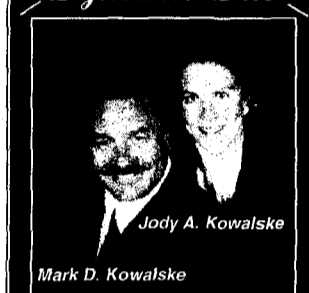
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main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

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48 seconds East along said North section line 33.0 feet to the Point of beginning; being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, Town 34 North, Range 7 West.

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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. The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) 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.

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

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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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46/100 dollars (\$206,045.46) including interest at 5.650% per annum.

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Said premises are situated in the CITY OF BOYNE CITY, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

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Dated: Dec. 18, 2002

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always thought I might like to come back full-time."

By the time she'd completed her senior year, Whitney had persuaded the organization to take her on full-time, receiving a letter in May, only to discover that they wanted her in June. Sooner than she'd expected, she satisfied her goal to return to the land that had so captured her imagination.

As a project coordinator and grants writer, Whitney has been responsible for duties both in the office and in the field, including production of press releases and special reports, as well as overseeing projects in job creation, particularly in West Bank communities. "I mostly work in the Bethlehem areas and the surrounding villages," she said, focusing on community-based rehabilitation which aims to both provide jobs for area residents while benefitting the community on the whole with construction and repair projects. The goal, Whitney said, is "instilling in the people working a sense of pride. It's a holistic approach, instilling a sense of dignity while providing [workers] an opportunity to put bread on their tables."

In recent months, the economy of the area has grown desolate, mostly due to military closures which have resulted in a freeze on commerce between Israel and businesses in the West Bank. An area that primarily targeted tourism in the past, the villages are now "completely empty [of tourists]," Whitney said.

Witnessing the daily ravages of such a devastated economy, Whitney has developed a more humble view of the world, especially considering her own comfortable upbringing. "I can never be comfortable being comfortable again," she said. "I've heard terrible stories, I've [seen firsthand] people living in the midst of military

oppression, not only economic suffering but cultural."

Such oppression has led to vehement side-taking, Whitney said, which has resulted in demonization of the "other side" by both parties. "Everyone is suspect," she said. "The dehumanization of the enemy is tragic."

At the core, though, Whitney has witnessed the human side of the story, bringing to it the new eyes of an outsider, and in the process, becoming all too aware of the tendency toward apathy of most Americans.

"There have been so many delays, broken promises," she said of the experience of the Palestinians and Israelis both. "It's built up a simmering inside of people."

Ultimately, she said, "both people long to have a normal life. They long for peace." But, she admits, as encounters have become more and more violent, "people have been forced to stick to sides. It's become so polarized."

"Really, people are victims of their leaders. Extreme solutions produce extreme reactions."

It's one thing to see evidence of the latest suicide bomber or sniper attack on CNN, and another to actually live through it, seeing the event, and the results, up close and personal.

Whitney relates an experience, for example, in which she and other aid workers and members of the diplomatic corps went on a routine trip to deliver food into the large city of Nablus.

After a three-hour wait at the Israeli military checkpoint, Whitney and her co-workers undertook the trip to the warehouse from which the food was to be distributed. Passing through a village of citizens who had been confined to their homes for two weeks under military curfew, the convoy was mobbed by villagers. "Despite the

threat of sniper fire, they were mobbing the truck for food," Whitney said. "They were trying to open the truck before we stopped." Explaining to the hungry crowd that the food would have to be taken to the warehouse to be accounted for before it could be distributed, the humanitarian workers found themselves in an impossible, and potentially dangerous, situation. "It was to the point where they were going to be violent because they were starving," she said. Once the convoy was able to move on, they found that they were being followed by tanks, and soon became aware of sniper fire overhead.

As if the experience hadn't been harrowing enough, Whitney relates, when they finally arrived at the warehouse, they discovered a vast space filled with food, some of which was rotting on the shelves, unable to be delivered due to military closures. The scene, she said, was heartbreaking. "It's really easy in that position to demonize the Israeli soldiers," she said, adding that it was an inclination she knew, as a humanitarian worker, that she must not give in to.

As it was, her job was to deliver the food, and in doing so she experienced one of the many very simply human moments of her experiences in the Middle East.

Waiting for the food to be unloaded, feeling a bit overwhelmed by the events of the day, Whitney felt a tug at her waist. Turning, she saw a "precious little girl. She took my hand and opened it, and put a tiny little wilted rosebud in my hand." Whitney, who has become fluent in Arabic, conversed with the girl, named Yasmin, asking about her family. "She was just clinging to me," she said. "Before I left, she just wanted to give me something. I wanted to take her away from there."

After leaving the warehouse, Whitney asked about the girl, only to discover that she and her family were helping out at the warehouse after losing their home only a week before. "They were ordered to evacuate their building for whatever reason," Whitney said. "They didn't even have time to collect their things." During the evacuation, Whitney was told, tanks were aiming at the building, eventually riddling the building with shells despite the fact that one family who refused to leave was still inside.

Suicide bombings, which to most Americans are just another day's news stories, have also hit close to home for Whitney, who at one point was in a shop only two blocks from an attack. "There was a huge explosion that shook the whole building," she said. "All the people in the shop



After a particularly perilous food delivery to a United Nations warehouse in Nablus, Schraw and other humanitarian workers were interviewed by ABC news crews.

were frozen. Then they turned on the radio [to find out what had happened], and just started crying." Being in an Israeli shop, Whitney, who doesn't speak Hebrew, was at a loss as to what had transpired, and what to do next. "I thought, 'what can I say to these people?'"

The conflict has gotten to the point, Whitney said, that, on both sides, just about any Palestinian or Israeli citizen has been affected personally. "The families are large and extended," she said. "Everyone knows a cousin that's been taken [prisoner by the military], a friend of a friend who's died in a suicide bombing."

The experiences, rather than scaring her off, have simply given Whitney a stronger sense of purpose in her work. "I'm not afraid," she

said, answering the obvious question put to anyone in her position. "I feel such a warm kind of spirit with the people." The events she's witnessed, then, have created "a very strong sense of solidarity for the cause."

For now, though, Whitney is reconnecting at home with her family and a few friends, though she finds returning to America has become harder and harder, in light of the fact that Americans are roundly under-educated about the part of the world in which she is so deeply invested. "People say things to me like, 'you're still alive!'" she said, shaking her head at the comments that are made so lightly.

Though her heart still obviously is in Jerusalem, her family, fearful for her continued safety, has attempted to persuade her to rethink returning to

the area, at least while events are so politically volatile. "I've been challenged by my dad to [consider] where I can be most effective as a change-maker," she said. "Right now, I feel so attached to [the Middle East], I think I can be a change-maker there." She is, however, taking time to contemplate if, in fact, "I can influence change on a bigger scale, maybe in Geneva or a U.S. lobby."

"Maybe I'm not supposed to go back to Jerusalem [now]," she said.

No matter what decision she makes, though, in the long term her dreams will have her returning to her first love. "I've had this recurring vision that I hope to do in the future," she said. "I'd love to do something with Palestinian and Israeli children. They are the future peacemakers."



Schraw has made a point of connecting with local residents in her journeys in the Middle East.

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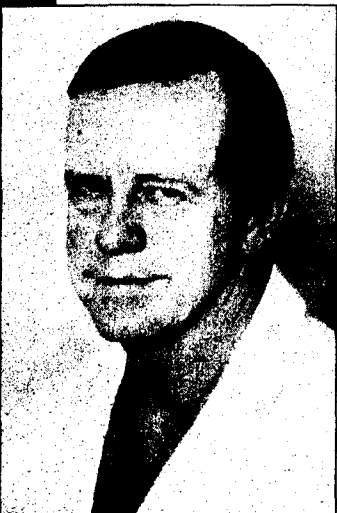
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