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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2005

COMING EVENTS

Citizen of the Year

It's time again to make your voice heard in East Jordan's Citizen of the Year selection! Nominating forms are available at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce office.

Main Street taking applications

"Be a part of something great - join the exciting Boyne City Main Street program." Applications are being accepted for those who want to make a positive difference in their community and the future of our unique downtown. No previous experience necessary. Applicants must be willing to roll up their sleeves and get involved. Positions available for board and committees - promotions, organization, design and economic restructuring.

Join the people that have brought you Boyne Thunder, Stroll the Streets, Buy into Boyne, directional signs, storefront improvements and much, much more.

Applications are available at city hall, the Main Street office, or online at www.boynecity.com, and are due by Monday, Dec. 12, to be considered for this year. For more information call Kelly at (231) 582-9009.

Adopt a family for Christmas!

It's getting near the Christmas season again, so the Charlevoix-Emmet Department of Human Services, Community Resource Coordinator, Shirley Gillespie is looking for any businesses, organizations, individuals or families that may be interested in participating by adopting a needy family through the Christmas Giving Program. As in years past, your outstanding generosity has been appreciated very much by those families in our community. If you would be interested in helping a less fortunate family enjoy the holiday season please contact Lois Gilbert, Christmas Coordinator at (231) 348-1659.

Coats for Kids underway

Charlevoix - Emmet Department of Human Services is sponsoring the Coats for Kids Program. The coat drive will start now through Dec. 31. We will be accepting new coats, hats, gloves and mittens. We will also accept used coats, hats, gloves and mittens that are clean and in good condition.

Donations can be made at K-Mart in Charlevoix and Petoskey as well as Glen's in Boyne City. Bradford Master Cleaners has again offered to donate the cleaning of any coats for the Coats for Kids Program that may be necessary. Charlevoix-Emmet DHS contact person is Shirley Gillespie at (231) 348-1636.

Coats will be available at the following locations beginning the week of Nov. 14:

- 7th Day Adventist Church, 1404 S. Howard St. Petoskey, Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Thursday 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
- 7th Day Adventist Church, 326 N. Park Boyne City, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
- First Congregational United Church of Christ, 101 State St. Charlevoix, Monday and Thursday 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- The Salvation Army, 712 Pleasant St., Petoskey, Monday through Friday during regular business hours.

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Santa's helpers

BY JANE BOOZE
 Editor

Well, they were at it again recently, those green-thumbed elves of the Boyne Valley Garden Club. Tuesday morning before Thanksgiving, they met at the Eagle's Hall in Boyne City to assemble fresh greens and natural pine cone wreaths, just as they have been doing for more than 20 years.

The garden club members arrive to find tables neatly labeled, so that the wreath assembly is as efficient as Santa's workshop. Each member finds his or her position and for the next couple of hours they are up to their elbows in green boughs and red bows.

When they are finished, a few short hours later, they have created 464 wreaths, each complemented with lush red ribbons and six Norway Spruce pine cones.

It is the Boyne Valley Garden Club's biggest fund-raiser, and it is over and done with before a newcomer has a chance to say, "I want one!" The wreaths have become so popular in the Boyne area that they are sold out even before they are assembled.

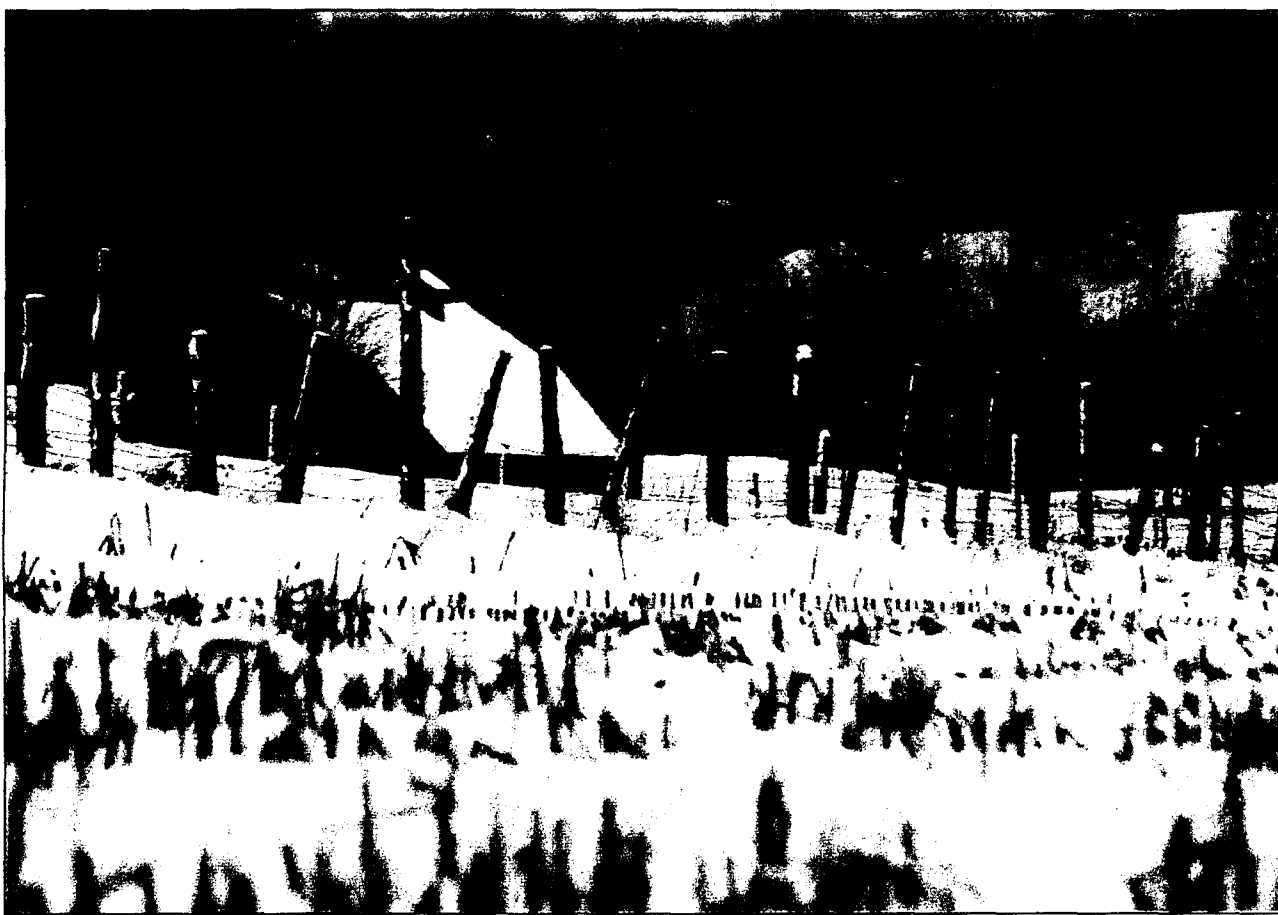
It started out 20 years ago with the garden clubbers actually heading into the woods to cut their own greens and collect pine cones. After that, Bernie

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The members of the Boyne Valley Garden Club gathered at the Eagle's Hall recently to assemble these gorgeous wreaths that will beautify houses and warm hearts throughout the Christmas season.

Snow field



This is what snowbirds miss when they flock to southern climes for the winter: the beauty of early snowfall and the unique northern Michigan landscape that is its perfect canvas.

NCMC announces new class location, schedule

The Jordan Inn hosted a gala event last week, when North Central Michigan College invited East Jordan city and school officials, business people and chamber members to join assemble for dinner and the official announcement of East Jordan satellite classes.

The classes, which will start in January, will be held in the remodeled Lake Street Center, formerly the Dura Building, on Lake St. in East Jordan.

Currently, two classes are being offered.

Introduction to Literature (ENG 130F) will be offered on Thursday evenings from 6 - 8:55 p.m., with instructor Jeanne Heath. Heath, an East Jordan resident, is a high school English teacher in

Boyne City, and has been teaching college-level English for dual-enrollment students at the High School. Her students respond enthusiastically to this class, according to NCMC president Cameron Brunet-Koch.

The course will provide students with an introduction to the major genres of literature: short story, poetry, novel, drama and analytical prose. It will also consider the elements of literature, including plot, structure, characterization, symbolism and conflict, with emphasis on understanding and enjoyment of literature.

According to NCMC literature, the class is "ideal for dual-enrolled high school students, col-

lege students pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree and adults seeking enrichment."

The second offering at the Lake Street Center is an EMT Basic class (AH 112B). This is an entry level emergency medical technical training course, which follows the criteria developed by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and is needed to receive National Registry certification as an EMT Basic.

The class involves lecture and hands-on instruction, both in the college lab and clinical settings. According to the course description, students may

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Season of giving

There are, every year, a good number of people in Boyne City and East Jordan who make Christmas truly a season of giving - who make Christmas special for families who might otherwise not have a Christmas dinner, presents under the tree, or even a Christmas tree.

EAST JORDAN

East Jordan's Care and Share pantry is open every Thursday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. Its goal is to make sure area families have enough to eat, and it provides a week's worth of groceries on a weekly basis.



Kathy Reid

But at Christmas time, Care and Share, with no disruption of its weekly schedule, makes an extra effort, planning whole holiday dinners for needy families, packing boxes with ham, apples, potatoes, beans, jello, rolls and spread, and pineapple.

Kathy Reid has been involved with Care and Share for nine years, and has been running the program for the last seven of those. She said families are eligible for Care and Share assistance if they live, work, or go to church in East Jordan.

"We are looking for a tie to the community," Reid said, noting that there are no income-based criteria for helping families.

The program was started by area churches, which still provide much of its support. It also gets financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and has held a summertime golf fund-raiser for several years.

The pantry is allowed to use its space in the basement of the East Jordan Family Health Center free of rent, and it doesn't have to worry about utilities or maintenance, so the location is ideal for the program. Reid has about nine regular volunteers who switch around some, so that on Thursday mornings, she can count on a crew of four or five people.

Many of these volunteers are older people. One younger volunteer who comes faithfully on board every Christmas to help with the Christmas gift basket is Connie Roberts. In past years, Roberts has wrapped and divided gifts, so that families with children had age and gender appropriate surprises to put under the tree.

But last year they started something new, leaving the gifts unwrapped and allowing parents to select gifts for their children from the offerings arranged on tables at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall on M-32.

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HOLIDAY TALES

We are looking for personal Christmas stories to share with our readers throughout December.

We would like to invite our readers to tell their stories: a special childhood memory, a unique family tradition, a holiday or otherwise memorable holiday story, anything you would like to share with our readers - your neighbors and friends.

If you have a special Christmas story to share, please send it to Jane Booze at citizen@voyager.net, or you can drop it off at our office at 112 S. State St. in Boyne City, or mail it to Citizen Journal, P.O. Box A, Boyne City, MI 49715.

Boyne Booster stocking stuffers

The Boyne All-School Booster coupon books are out, just in time for Christmas giving and entertaining.

The books contain more than \$1,000 in money-saving coupons, for items ranging from personal services, such as tanning, haircuts and facials, to golf discounts, to two for one dinners at a variety of restaurants. At a cost of \$20 each, the new coupon books are a user-friendly size, fitting easily into a pocket or purse - or stocking.

Past president Pat O'Brien said that in the past the coupon books have been the largest income boosters for the program, which raises between \$20,000 and \$24,000 a year - "And that's what we give back," O'Brien said.

In this way, the coupon books benefit school programs, consumers and participating businesses, creating a win, win, win situation for Boyne City.

The coupons represent the participation of 40 area businesses, and are available at Ace Hardware, Boyne Country Books, Carters, Glen's, Pat O'Brien Real Estate, Self-Indulgence and any of the school offices.



Pat O'Brien and the Boyne City All-School Boosters have made their annual coupon book sale a little more user-friendly, with a booklet perfectly fitted for Christmas giving.

Events

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Kiwanis of Boyne Christmas fund-raiser

Kiwanis Members are presently selling Koeze Nuts and Giant Coloring Books to raise funds for local children. These items have made very popular gifts during the past holiday seasons. There are a variety of size and kinds of nuts available to fit your taste. The coloring books sell for \$6 or two for \$10. The mission of Kiwanis is to be of service to children. The coloring books may be purchased at the library in Boyne City through the treasurer of Kiwanis, Nannette Miller, or through any of your Kiwanis neighbors.

Peace Coffee House concert

Peace Coffee House will present the second concert of the season on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at the Jordan River Art Center, on Main St. in East Jordan. This month's featured performers are Dennis Kingsbury and Gretchen VanLoosen. Open stage follows scheduled performers.

Admission is \$7, refreshments served, everyone welcome. For more information, please call (231) 525-9168.

'We Seek the Lord'

The Ellsworth Community Choir will present, "We Seek the Lord," on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church, 9323 Main Street in Ellsworth. This Christmas musical will be directed by Pastor Chris Wallace of the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church and performed by volunteers from several local churches. Donations of non-perishable food items or baby diapers and wipes will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will go to the Good Samaritan and Moms and Tots Center in Ellsworth. Please join us!

BC Historical Calendars available

Boyne City Historical Commission 2006 calendars are now available. The theme this year is to celebrate Boyne City's 150 year anniversary. Calendars are available at Country Now & Then, Boyne Country Books, and Boyne City Hall. Cost per calendar is \$10. All proceeds go to operation cost for the museum.

BC Business After Hours

Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce will hold Business After Hours Thursday, Dec. 15, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., hosted by Remax Resort Properties and Lake Street Market at Remax Resort

Properties, 111 South Lake Street.

Pictures with Santa

Danielle Burns is holding a fund-raiser for her People to People student ambassador trip to Australia. Pictures with Santa Claus will be taken at Glen's Market in Boyne City from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17. The cost will be \$5, which will go toward her trip in June. Donations are also accepted. Danielle is a junior at Boyne City High School, and participates in student council, track team, drama club and is color guard captain of the marching band. She is also a member of Girl Scouts and is a 7-year member of Charlevoix County's 4-H club. For more information call (231) 582-2155.

Walking for Christmas cookies

A Christmas Cookie Walk, sponsored by the Boyne City Presbyterian Women, will be held Saturday, Dec. 10, beginning at 8 a.m. at the church, on the corner of Park and Pines Streets in Boyne City. For the Christmas Cookie Walk shoppers will be able to select Christmas cookies to fill containers that are provided. Also, take time to enjoy a cup of coffee and a cookie while visiting with friends. Proceeds from the cookie walk are used to support the mission and outreach of the Boyne City Presbyterian Women.

Yule celebration

Grass River Natural Area's third yule log celebration invites you to come with family and friends to join in this festive tradition of the winter solstice on Sunday, Dec. 18, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. This wonderful event includes a yule log hunt, wassail toast around the bonfire, caroling and refreshments. There is no fee, however donations will be appreciated. If you plan to attend, please call (231) 533-8314. The Natural Area is located between Bellaire and Alden at 6500 Alden Highway in Bellaire. It is open seven days a week from dawn to dusk. Admittance to the Natural Area is free. For a schedule of winter and spring classes, and to learn more about the Natural Area, visit our website at www.grassriver.org.

Church of the Nativity open house

On Sunday, Dec. 18, from 2 - 5 p.m., the Church of the Nativity in Boyne City will be holding an open house to celebrate their 20th anniversary. "Really fine" refreshments will be served, and the church hosts promise to receive their guests as they would Christ. The church is located at 209 E. Main St., next to the library.

ON-GOING EVENTS

Every Sunday

• The East Jordan Baptist Church holds a food pantry every Sunday from 3 - 5 p.m. at the church located at 812 Ontario Street. For more information, call (231) 536-7155.

Every Monday

• The Seventh Day Adventist Community Service Center is open every Monday from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., located on Park Street in Boyne City. For information, call (231) 582-0089.

First Monday

• The OES Chapter Evangeline Chapter 95 meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 212 N. Lake Street. All OES members are invited. For membership, call (231) 582-6819 or (231) 582-0506.

First and third Monday

• Boyne Food Pantry pick-up hours are on the first Monday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon and the third Monday from 5 - 7 p.m., or on Tuesday if a holiday falls on Monday. The food pantry is located at 401 State Street.

• Mothers of Preschoolers meet the first and third Mondays of each month at the East Jordan Light House Missionary Church in East Jordan. The meetings are open to all mothers of preschoolers. Child care is available. Meetings will feature educational, spiritual or fun topics, as well as refreshments and crafts. For more information, call Julie Laferty at (231) 536-0353, or Charlene Roberts at (231) 536-7859.

Every Tuesday

• Bingo games are conducted each Tuesday at the American Legion Post #228. Doors open at 3 p.m., with Bingo beginning at 6 p.m. and concluding at approximately 10 p.m. Must be 18 to play. A service officer will be available from 4 - 6 p.m. preceding Bingo. Any veteran seeking assistance may visit the Post at the corner of Lake and Main streets, or call (231) 582-7811 at that time.

Second Tuesday

• A meeting of the Jordan Valley VFW Post 7580 is held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the East Jordan VFW Hall. For information, call (231) 544-5312.

Third Tuesday

• A potluck dinner at the Jordan Valley VFW Post 7580 and Auxiliary is held at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the East Jordan VFW Hall. For more information, call (231) 544-5312.

Every Wednesday

• The Boyne Valley Lions Club holds weekly meetings every Wednesday from noon until 1 p.m. at the Boyne District Library.

First Wednesday

• The Alzheimer's Association support group meets the first Wednesday of every month from 3:30 - 5 p.m. at the Charlevoix County Adult Day Center (Senior Center) located at 116 Main St. in East Jordan. For information, call Barb Shooks at (231) 536-5300.

Fourth Wednesday

• Grief support seminars for working through death, divorce, heartbreak and other losses are from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church in East Jordan. Sessions are facilitated by Theresa Prymuszewski, MA, MTS, LPC. All are welcome to attend these non-denominational and free seminars sponsored by the St. Joseph and St. John parishes and the Healing Circle. For more information please contact Theresa at (231) 499-4476.

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Thursdays

• The East Jordan Food Pantry is located at 601 Bridge St., in the basement of the health center. Pick up or donation hours are held Thursday between 9 a.m. and noon.

• Interested people are invited to join the Kiwanis of Boyne for coffee, camaraderie and community service every Thursday morning at Robert's Restaurant in Boyne City.

• All-Anon meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, 1303 Boyne Avenue, Boyne City.

First Thursday

• The American Legion Ernest Peterson Post #228, Legion Auxiliary Unit #228, and the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #228 meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Legion Home on the corner of S. Lake and Main Streets in Boyne City. The meeting is preceded by the Veteran of the Month ceremonies at 6:15 p.m., and is followed by a potluck supper in their honor. All veterans are welcome and encouraged to come. For God and country, we are veterans helping veterans.

Second Thursday

• The Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m., except for the months of January and February, when no meetings are held. For more information, call (231) 582-6278.

Third Thursday

• Women's Auxiliary of VFW Post #7850 meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the VFW post. For information call Cindy Bennett at (231) 536-2905.

First Friday

• A new support group is forming for women who have placed a child for adoption (recently or in the past), offering emotional support to those who are grieving. Meetings are the first Friday of every month starting Dec. 2. Meetings will take place at the Pregnancy and Resource Center located at 418 Waukazoo St., Petoskey. For further information contact Leah Hart at (231) 838-3873.

First and Third Saturday

• Open Door Christian Coffee House meets at the East Jordan Senior Center on Main Street on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. This is a non-denominational coffee house. Donations are accepted for special musical guests, and refreshments are available. For more information, call Ruth Crain at (231) 547-4152.

Daily

• The Boyne Valley Group of AA meets in the basement of St. Matthew's, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City. Times: Sunday: 1 p.m.; Monday: noon, 8 p.m. (Big Book study); Tuesday: noon; Wednesday: noon, 8 p.m.; Thursday: noon, 6:30 p.m. (Step study); Friday: noon, 8 p.m. (Grapevine study); Saturday: 10 a.m. Meetings are closed and non-smoking. The first Friday of each month is an open talk and potluck at 7 p.m., with a meeting at 8 p.m.

To have an item included in or removed from the calendar, call (231) 582-6761.

Sudoku Answers

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2	9	6	1	7	5	4	3	8
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Boyne City School Boosters 300 Club Drawing

and the \$100 winner is ...

Jim & Eleanor Stackus

December 3, 2005

Thank you for your support. All proceeds benefit the Booster project.

After Hours Craft Sale

Dec. 12-16 - Monday-Friday 5:30-8:00 p.m. 7569 Springwood Drive off Old State Rd. Central Lake 231-544-6752

Local area crafters offering decorative wood painting, embroidered clothing, cloth items, pottery and much more. Please stop by and see!!

Thank You

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended, contributed and volunteered for the soup and a pie supper held for our benefit. Living in such a loving, caring community has been an uplifting experience. Words cannot express our gratitude for your overwhelming support.

Sincerely, Toni Jaki-Schlicht, George, JB and Chelsea

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Boyne Area Girls AAU Tryouts, 10u-13u Dec. 10th 1-3 P.M. at BCHS, 14u-16u Dec. 11th 1-3 P.M. at BCHS. All applicants must be accompanied by an adult and have a photo copy of their birth certificate and a picture I.D. There is a \$30.00 non-refundable tryout fee. A highly recommended parent meeting/Q&A will be held Dec. 4th 1-3 P.M. at BCHS. For more info please call H. Jenkins at (989) 370-0409 or contact me at pride-coachhj@yahoo.com.

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Boyer City:

Dec. 1-21
 • Boyne Area Community Christmas Food, money, and toys will be collected beginning Dec. 1 so that no child or family will be without a Christmas. Boxes will be packed on Dec. 21. Call Ruth Witek at (231) 582-3152 for drop off times and more information.

Sundays, Dec. 11 and 18

• 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Trolley Tour of Lights. Ride the Castle Trolley and tour the best of the Boyne area for a small donation of canned goods or a gift for the Community Christmas project.

Dec. 17

• Santa will meet children of all ages at the Eagles Lodge FOE 1583, 106 North Lake St.

East Jordan:

Through Dec. 16

• Members Christmas Art for sale, 1 - 4 daily at the Jordan River Arts Center.

Thursday, Dec. 8

• Garden Club wreath sale, Civic Center
 • Holiday Community Night: 6 p.m. Community tree lighting with Citizen of the Year, Paul Michael and family.
 6:30 p.m. Santa Parade on Main Street
 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Photos with Santa and handmade stockings with the East Jordan Lionesses at the East Jordan Senior Center; soup cook-off at the East Jordan Civic Center; pick-up pre-ordered wreaths at the Civic Center from Girl Scout Troop #375; Tour of Lights - meet in front of the Senior Center (sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank and Stark Realty); decorating contest (sponsored by Real Estate One of East Jordan); merchants' open houses - special sales, refresh-

ments; Christmas art for sale at Jordan River Arts Center.

Saturday, Dec. 10 and Sunday, Dec. 11

• Family holiday workshop, Raven Hill Discover Center
Wednesday, Dec. 21
 • Snowshoe to Stonehenge, Raven Hill Discovery Center
Wednesday, Dec. 28
 • Holiday open house, Raven Hill Discovery Center
Jan. 20 - 22
 • East Jordan Sno-Blast

Ellsworth:

Wednesday, Dec. 14

• Ellsworth Wooden Shoe Holiday Festival
 6 p.m. Santa Claus comes in on horse-drawn sleigh
 6:15 p.m. Tree lighting outside Banks Township Hall
 6:15 - 8 p.m. Visit and photos with Santa (sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank); games, food, and gifts (for children under 12 years of age); bring a canned good for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry and be eligible to win a gift basket; winners of the decorating contest announced (sponsored by Real Estate One of East Jordan and the Village of Ellsworth).
 There will be games and a chance to mingle with neighbors at the Banks Township community hall.
 8 p.m. Labyrinth Candlelight Walk following the events at the community hall.

Note: Residents and businesses are asked to donate gifts for children 12 years old and younger. There will be collection boxes at local businesses.

For more information, contact the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce at (231) 536-7351 or the Ellsworth Grocery at (231) 588-7435.

Senior center open house

Sunday afternoon was marked by snow-covered and slippery roads and a biting wind that whipped snow across the parking lot at the new Boyne Area Senior Center, trying to close the doors on incoming guests who packed the dining room for the Center's official open house.

In spite of the weather, organizers estimated that 375 people were in attendance throughout the afternoon, many of those to see mayor Eleanor Stackus officiate over the ceremonial ribbon-cutting. A total of 300 guests were served lunch for the first time in the spacious dining room, with servers working out of the bright and efficient new kitchen, while diners waited in a cheerfully noisy line.

State representative Kevin Elsenheimer was on hand to welcome the new Center, with a gift of a Michigan flag which had been flown over the capitol building in Lansing, and may now fly over Boyne's seniors. There was a representative group of Lions, as well. The Boyne

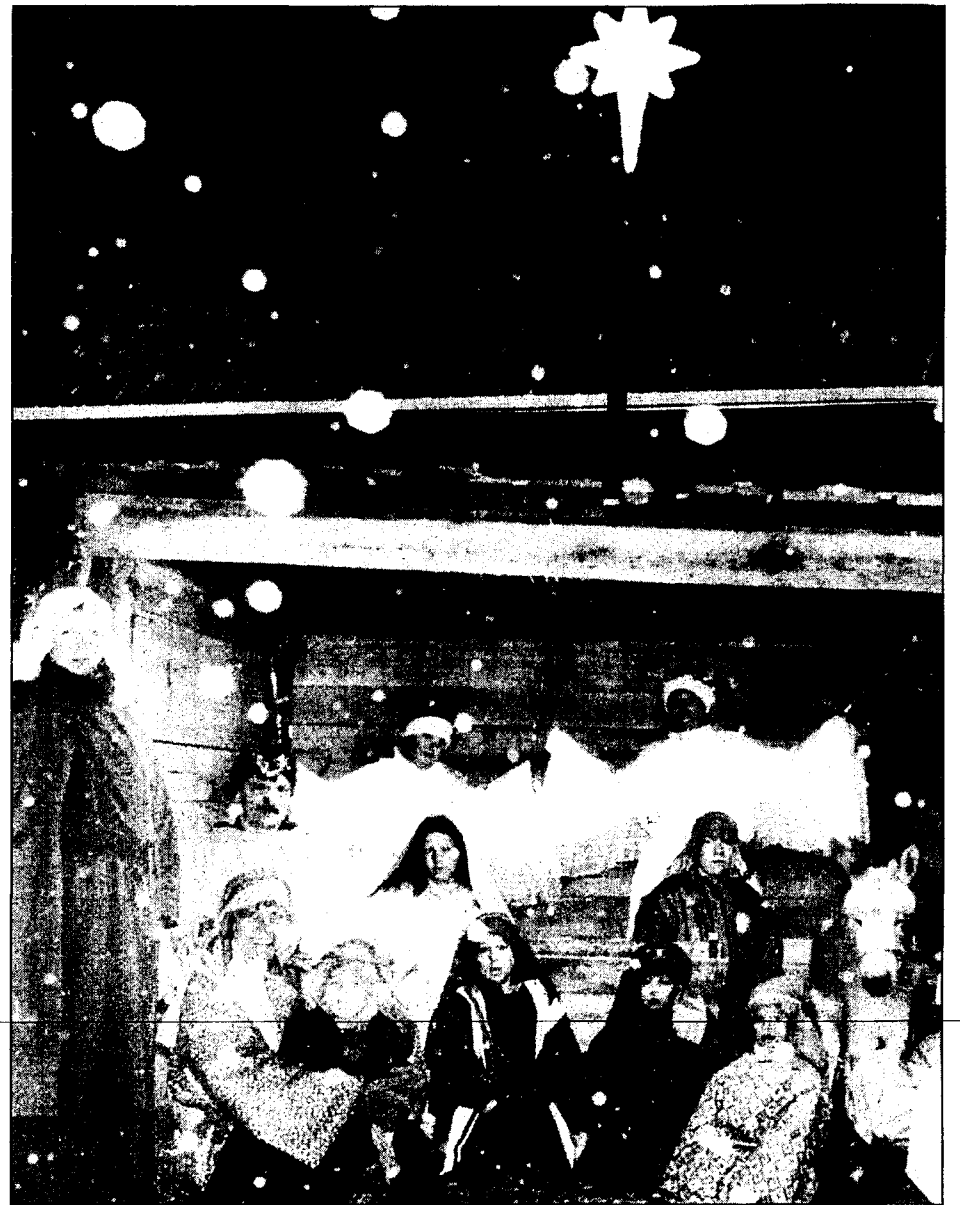
Valley Lions have done a lot to support the construction of the new Center, and Sunday they presented a check for \$4,400 to the Center. The money was raised by the Evening of Melodies. Harmony and Melodies put on by the Lions at the Performing Arts Center last month.

In addition, the Center received another \$2,200 Sunday from other donors.

Ribbon cutting wasn't the only cutting being done. Irresistibly drawn by wonderful selections performed by the Cousins Music Group, Lyle McGeorge and Bernice Edwards cut a rug, gracefully breaking in the new dance floor.

Starting on Monday after the open house, area seniors were able to share meals at their own new Center, with food prepared on the premises. The Center represents both the fulfillment of Boyne Area Seniors, Inc.'s vision, and the proceeds of dedication and hard work.

Away in the manger



A live Christmas Nativity will once again be performed by family and friends at the Bradley home on Horton Bay Road on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 22-23. Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus will be center stage in the stable with animals and visiting shepherds cloaked in robes and kings bearing gifts. The live Nativity will be performed every half-hour on the hour and half-hour, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. each night. The event is free and the families involved provide hot chocolate, coffee and cookies for all visitors. The live Nativity is located at 6090 Horton Bay Road, which is located about 1/4 mile north of the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road or about 4 1/2 miles south of U.S. 31. Look for signs and a large red barn on the property. For more information contact Sheri Bradley, (231) 582-6922, or Lauri Lee, (231) 582-0494.

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Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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V. EASY

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Super Crossword

JOB REQUIREMENTS

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| ACROSS | 50 Buck's "The Good —" | 101 Out-of-this-world org. | 5 — Kippur | 48 Sylvester's snooze | 95 Survey |
| 1 Summer slinger | 55 Most spirited | 103 "Hi, Horace!" | 6 Train | 51 "Gotcha!" | 96 Joyce of "Roc" |
| 5 Say "Hey!" | 58 Descend | 104 CHANDELIER | 7 Bonet or Wheelch | 52 Antique | 97 Neighbor of Molokai |
| 9 It rhymes with doom! | 60 Slick | SALESMAN | 8 Riga resident | 53 Senator Lott | 98 Lapidus or Lewis |
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| 19 — podrida | 62 Agitated | 110 Singer | 10 Clerical abbr. | 56 Building | 105 Press |
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OPINION

Away with the Manger

In our house, Christmas was, I now know, a simple affair. Christmas Eve: oyster stew, the Christmas story, taken from the gospels of Luke and John, read by the light of the Christmas tree (actually Dad probably had a light on), and carols sung by the whole family.

Christmas morning, we could get up when we got up, as I recall. I suppose there was one caveat: Dad and Mom

had to have gone to bed. They stayed up until the wee hours wrapping presents, and if we got up and they were still up, we had to go back to bed. When it was actually Christmas morning, we could get up, but they were not to be (too) disturbed until eight o'clock. We could open our stockings while we waited.

LAST CALL



Jane Booze

The stockings, which were handmade by Mom, and hung by the chimney with care, had nuts, a tangerine, a couple candy canes, and a small gift. With this we had to be content until 8 a.m.

The actual presents came and went in a whirlwind of colored paper - the one thing I think my parents did wrong at Christmas. I think Christmas is done best when each person waits while another opens a gift, turns are taken, Christmas is luxuriously drawn out. But that's not how we did it, and it was over almost as soon as Mom and Dad stepped into the living room. In the aftermath, a wonderful Christmas dinner.

The main thing is, Christmas centered around that Christmas story. That manger long ago, the Mother and Child. We had a book called "Christmas in the Stable," by Astrid Lindgren, the author of "Pippi Longstocking" and "The Tomten." In it, a mother explains the Christmas story to her young daughter, who imagines a modern mother coming to a barn to have her child, surrounded by familiar farm animals (i.e., cows, not camels). That was how I pictured the stable, like the soft paintings that illustrated that book, and the mother's head covered in a scarf like my own mother would wear outdoors.

In these days of "Happy Holidays!" the manger is almost obsolete. Do children listen to this fabulous tale of a long-ago birth, breathless, their imaginations engaged, knowing the celebration of Christmas is something outside themselves, the tree, the stockings, the gifts?

I am at a loss to understand why Christ shouldn't be at the center of Christmas. I know that there are many who celebrate the season who do not share a faith in the baby Jesus, and I have no quarrel with that. I do not ask that anyone convert for the sake of a holiday.

And I know that the day that marks the birth of Christ is not an exact birth date. Rather it was chosen for the convenience of incorporating pagan mid-winter celebrations into the Christian year.

But Christmas - Christ + mas - is the celebration of Christ. That's what it is. It is a Christian holiday. It is not to the exclusion of Hanukkah or Kwanzaa or the celebrations of any other religious holiday. In our own and European countries it is the most wide-spread, because most of us, or our ancestors, consider(ed) ourselves Christians. Christmas and Easter are our major holidays. They should be celebrated proudly, joyfully, unashamedly.

Christmas has become a huge commercial boon to retailers and capitalists everywhere, and though I sometimes long for simplicity, I am in favor of anything that benefits the economy.

But even though the market is involved, and even though non-believers celebrate Christmas, it is still a Christian holiday. Christmas, in this country, has always marked the celebration of the birth of Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem.

We hear of Nativities being banned from public display, Christmas songs - so traditional to Americans - being displaced in favor of "holiday" songs (this even in our local schools). I love Frosty and Santa and Rudolph, and even the Grinch and little Cindy Lou Who. The secular celebration of Christmas does not bother me in the least. But why should the religious celebration of a religious holiday bother anyone else?

A huge percentage of Americans say that they believe the event of the Nativity occurred. Why should this majority be cowed into saying a generic, politically correct "happy holidays," when what they want to say is, Merry Christmas! Noel! Emmanuel! Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Jane Booze is the editor of the Citizen-Journal.

SPEAKING OF FACE TRANSPLANTS



CHECK IT OUT

Holiday happenings at the Boyne Library

BY NANNETTE MILLER
Contributing Writer

All aboard for Polar Express night at the library on Friday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. Wear your pajamas and join us for crafts, refreshments, and a reading of "The Polar Express." As a special treat, Mr. and Mrs. McGinty are setting up a scale model of the Polar Express train. Pre-registration is required.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 is a special holiday preschool story time starting at 2 p.m. Children ages 3-5 will enjoy 45 minutes of stories, songs, crafts and refreshments. Pre-registration is required.

Until Dec. 21 overdue library materials may be returned "fine free" with a donation to the community Christmas baskets. Acceptable donations include non-perishable food items, new toys, books, games, hats,

mittens, or other suitable gift items, or money. Donations do not cover charges for lost or damaged library materials.

The library will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13. The doors will open at 6 p.m. only for those who wish to attend the regular meeting of the library board of trustees. No regular library services will be available after 5 p.m. that day.

The next Yu-Gi-Oh Night is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 30 at 5 p.m. Get in on the fun with this wildly popular game.

The library will be closed for the Holidays on Dec. 24, 25, 26, and 31, and Jan. 1 and 2.

For more information or to register for a program, please call the library at (231) 582-7861.

On behalf of the Boyne District Library board and staff, I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

MANY THANKS

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you, Jordan Inn. On Thanksgiving day my husband and I traveled to East Jordan to spend the day with my mom, a resident of Grandvue, and take her to dinner. When we left Lapeer the weather was not a problem; north of West Branch was a different story. When we got to East Jordan it was blizzard conditions and our planned trip with Mom to Petoskey for dinner didn't sound like a very wise choice. We decided to check on dining possibilities in East Jordan and our second try was to the Jordan Inn. We were informed they would be serving dinner from noon until 3 p.m. After picking up Mom we headed to the Inn.

What a fantastic place to spend a family dinner. We

TO THE EDITOR:

On Thanksgiving day I went with my wife and daughter to a Thanksgiving dinner at the local Eagle's club here in Boyne City, expecting the usual mundane dry, tough, cardboard-like turkey and over-seasoned dry stuffing that are well known to be the mainstay of dinners out on holidays.

Oh, how wrong I was! When we arrived the surprise started and did not stop until we departed. We were welcomed by name at the door. By first names: Eddie, Pat and Kelly - the friendly way! Our coats were taken and hung. We were escorted to our table and seated. A host discreetly inquired if we had any particular dietary needs. The food was served to us at the table; we did not need to stand in line.

Our drinks were kept full as needed, without the server being underfoot.

To say the least, the cuisine was not as I had expected

TO THE EDITOR:

Our heartfelt thanks go to the members of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Hero Committee, who collected snowsuits, hats, scarves, and mittens donated by hospital employees. These items will be given to families served by the health department. Many children will

received such warm and caring service from both the waitress and the owner of the Inn. The dinner was more than any of us could eat: squash, mashed potatoes, moist turkey, dressing, cranberries with orange sauce, and creamed onions. They also had pumpkin pie, but there was no room for it after the dinner.

On top of the great dining experience, we found the bedrooms at the Inn very nicely done and have booked a room during the Christmas holidays for family traveling from Florida.

The Jordan Inn is a hidden treasure!

Kathy and Dave Dagley
Lapeer

to find. It was succulent - the tuck and larder was complete with anything one could ask for. The cookery was second to none, and surpassed many dinners I have partaken of. The portions were bountiful and the carry-outs were the order of the day.

When someone came and asked if we were in need of anything, it was from a friend - a face we recognized from the heart, and well meant. Not a maitre d', who is paid to enquire.

My hat is off to Jerry Kelts and his friends who brought this program to Boyne City and our winter residents. I can only sincerely wish that this becomes a yearly event.

God bless you all and thank you for this wonderful Thanksgiving dinner.

For my wife, Pat, daughter, Kelly Ann, and myself,
Edward "Eddie" May III
Boyne City

stay warm this winter thanks to their generosity and kindness.

Jane Sundmacher and
The staff of the Family Health Division
Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency

NEIGHBORS

• **BITTER COLD WIND ON SUNDAY** didn't keep them home. Throughout the afternoon, about 300 people attended the open house for the newly constructed Boyne Area Senior Center. It was heartwarming, seeing old church friends, neighbors and even many new faces among the happy and supportive people of six town-

ships and the city of Boyne City just beaming with pride and gratitude to have such a beautiful new area senior center. Many beautiful flowers of congratulations, and much applause went out to those recognized as beneficial in making it all come together for this great day.



Nancy Northup

• **ALSO FOR THE OPEN HOUSE:** The Cousins Music Group provided music. A big "Thank You!" goes to Wayne of the Charlevoix County Transit, who volunteered his day for free transportation for those seniors needed a lift bus to be able to join the momentous event! Lunch was served to those attending. Touring the building through the crowds was an awesome adventure, too. Obviously, it was, that much thoughtfulness went into the planning stage, right down to the automatic flushing of the toilets, and the running water the instant you placed your hands under the faucet for washing. It still needs a little more work and donations are always appreciated, but it's officially open to serve us all - at home away from home!

• **MORE OF LAST WEEK'S CELEBRATING** is that the McCleary family found themselves congregated at the home of Patrick McCleary in Alanson for the Thanksgiving holiday. In attendance were Caroline McCleary, Boyne City; Ray and Terri (Tompkins) Barnes, Grand Rapids; Chris and Erika McCleary and daughter, Riley, Grand Rapids and Boyne City; and Shawn and Natalie McCleary and their children, Alex and Isaiah, of Jenison. All enjoyed a day of feasting, football and fun!

• **BOULDER PARK TERRACE** is hosting its annual resident Christmas celebration on Saturday, Dec. 17. Residents' families and friends are invited to join them as they celebrate the blessings of this past year. Please come and enjoy each other's company and a delicious buffet-style meal at noon. All at Boulder Park Terrace are looking forward to seeing you. For more details, call Boulder Park and ask for Christi Givens, Danielle Clark or Elke Maierhofer. Need gift ideas for your resident/family member? Contact the activities department at (231) 237-8004 and they'll be glad to help you.

• **FRIENDS AND PEOPLE OF THIS AREA** might like to know that Peggy (Willson) March of Harrisburg, Va., passed away last weekend. Peggy was a graduate of the class of 1953.

• **WINNERS OF NOVEMBER'S RAFFLE** at the Boyne Area Senior Center were: Kurt Jabara won the quilt; the afghan was won by Sue Bergmann; the winner of the Roller Walker was Steve McCarry; Cindy Puckett was the winner of the flag from Jason Allen that has been flown at the capitol in Michigan; Bud Rauch won dinner gift certificates; the painting, donated by Steve McCarry, went to Noel Parks.

• **SHAWN MCCLEARY AND WIFE, NATALIE**, were in attendance at the 10-year reunion of the BCHS class of 1995 held at the Boyne City Lanes last weekend.

• **T'WAS THE SATURDAY OF THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAARS**, some with luncheons, around Boyne. In spite of the nasty weather, area people made the day a success by stopping and shopping at the humongous one of crafts and other holiday items at the high school, and making the rounds, and also attending the annual memorial benefit of Judy Kuheana at the Red Mesa, with those profits going to four different organizations. Mary Carson of Boyne City did a wonderful job spear-heading the United Methodist Church luncheon and crafts and baked goods, as did Judy Hartlep Owen, in the community room kitchen of Litzemberger

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Neighbor

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Place, with a luncheon, home made candy, baked goods and group of resident vendors with a variety of holiday displays. There may have been more around town, as 'tis the Christmas season!

• **ENJOYABLE IT WAS**, having Mark and Shelia Zinck and son, Andy, of Grand Rapids, and brother, Paul Zinck and Rachael of St. Louis, Mo., able to be here last week to spend the Thanksgiving holiday here with mom, Mega Zinck, and sister, Diane and husband, John Monk.

• **RAY AND TERRI (TOMPKINS) BARNES** of Grand Rapids were the weekend guests of Joan Tompkins over the last holiday weekend.

• **SGT. SCOTTELEIST OF THE U.S. ARMY'S NATIONAL GUARD** has returned to Iraq after having spent the past two weeks here at home.

Wonderful it was, that he could enjoy Thanksgiving with his wife, Theresa, and children: Sadie, Ashley and Amanda, ages 10, nine and four.

• **MARY DUNLOP, SHIRLEY LOOZE, BARB MUMICH**, and Bunny Garlock got together at the home of Joan Miller at the end of November to celebrate three of the girls' birthdays. Joan served snacks and homemade cake. All enjoyed an evening of visiting together.

• **PIPER LEANNE BOWMAN** was welcomed, the first child of Sabrina and Dan Bowman of Boyne City. Little Piper Leanne, born Dec. 2 at 5:41 p.m., at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, weighed in at seven pounds, three ounces, and measured 20 inches in length at her birth. Grandparents are Ron and Kay (Knapp) Broquette of Boyne City and Michelle Bowman of Charlevoix. Piper Leanne is the four-

teenth great-grandchild of Mabel and the late Harry Knapp of Boyne City.

• **COME JOIN THEM AT THE NEW BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER** for lunch this week. Lunch is always served at noon. For those 60 and older, a suggested donation is \$2. For those under 60, the suggested donation is \$4. Thursday, Dec. 8, they will be serving chili. Thursday is Bingo day following lunch. Everyone wins - join the fun! Friday, Dec. 9, they will serve chicken and dumplings. Carrot cake will also be on the menu. Monday, Dec. 12, they will be serving pork chops and Au gratin Potatoes. Enjoy Red Velvet Cake for dessert. Tuesday, Dec. 13, a beef patty and carrot and raisin salad in on the menu. Wednesday, Dec. 14, for lunch they will serve chicken and noodles. Also mark your calendars for Sunday, Dec. 11, for Sunday dinner at the East Jordan Senior Center.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne Falls Schools

NAME: Carrie Butka
 PARENTS: Stan and Wendy Butka
 GRADE: Kindergarten
 FAVORITE CLASS: Gym
 HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Read
 FAVORITE SPORT: Softball
 FAVORITE COLOR: Red
 FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza
 FAVORITE MOVIE: Cinderella
 FAVORITE CARTOON: SpongeBob
 STAFF COMMENTS: "Carrie is a delightful student who is always friendly and willing to help others. Carrie enjoys learning and has leapt right into reading! Carrie can brighten anyone's day with her cheerful smile. We are proud to have her here at Boyne Falls." - Mrs. Collins



after transferring to our school and then had the courage to go to the National Portfolio Show. Her efforts paid off with acceptance into one of the finest schools for design in the country, but also with a partial scholarship based on the strength of her work. She is so mature and together and such a pleasure to work with even though it has been a frantic push to get ready. She has made us all very proud. We are so glad she has come to the East Jordan School District." - Mrs. Tinney
 "Emily is a very bright and polite young lady. I'm glad to see her receive this." - Mr. Cross
 "Emily is a hard working individual that sets high goals for herself and achieves them to the fullest! She works expresses her creativity everyday in class which is impressive to see." - Mr. Podskalny
 "Emily is an insightful, bright student. She is perceptive and makes connections from the written word to real life experiences. A joy to have in class." - Mrs. Stangis

Concord Academy Boyne

NAME: Zane Bobo
 PARENTS: Mike and Debra Bobo of Boyne City
 GRADE: 5th
 FAVORITE MOVIE: "The Black Hole"
 FAVORITE BOOK: "American Chillers"
 FAVORITE FOOD: Pepperoni Pizza
 FAVORITE CLASSES: Science - "experiments and dissecting are my favorites"
 FAVORITE AUTHOR: Jonathon Rands
 FUTURE PLANS: "When I grow up I want to be an engineer or a toy inventor"
 STAFF COMMENTS: for "Character Education: Respect": "Zane is one of the most respectful young persons I have met. His genuine respect is extended to students and adults. He sets an example for everyone." "He is one very special, kind hearted boy. I was very impressed with his mature outlook on friendships."
 CONCORD CARES: When Zane was asked what he did that showed others he cared about them, this is what he said. "When people are mean to me, I don't stop being their friend. I try to understand and help them."



East Jordan Middle School

NAME: Tyler Williams
 PARENTS: Shane and Tricia Williams
 GRADE: 6th
 STAFF COMMENTS: "Tyler's teachers believe that Tyler is a bright young man with a great attitude who strives for excellence all the time."



Boyne City High School

NAME: Kaitlin Fitzpatrick
 PARENTS: Kevin and Shari Fitzpatrick
 GRADE: 9th
 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball and drama.
 HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Art, gymnastics, reading, hanging with friends and going to the movies.
 FUTURE PLANS: Go to college but not sure what I will be studying.
 STAFF COMMENTS: "Kaitlin is always prepared in U.S. History. Her attention to detail impresses me. Great job Kaitlin!" - Mrs. Deming, Social Studies

East Jordan High School

NAME: Emily Hagen
 PARENTS: Joyce Wardwell and John Hagen
 GRADE: 12th
 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Prom Committee, Soccer, Spanish Club, Drama Club
 FAVORITE CLASS(ES): Art and Photography
 FUTURE PLANS: Attend college for Costume Design
 STAFF COMMENTS: "Emily Hagen is a hard working, creative, intelligent young lady. She put together an entire portfolio for design in just 5 weeks"



OBITUARIES

Bryan P. Brennan

Bryan P. Brennan, 51, of Dunnellon, Fla., died Nov. 18, 2005, in Dunnellon. He had recently moved to Florida from Lake Ann.

Bryan was born in Charlevoix Township on Oct. 31, 1954, and attended school in East Jordan and Traverse City. He was a graduate of Traverse City High School. Bryan was the former owner/operator of Wing-Jig Grinding in Traverse City.

Survivors include his companion of 28 years, Kathy Billings, of Dunnellon, Fla.; mother, Iris Brennan (George Lardie), of Traverse City; father, Patrick Brennan Sr. (Bedella), of East Jordan; maternal grandmother, Maxine Lilak, East Jordan; maternal grandfather, Roy Hosler, also of East Jordan; brother Patrick Brennan (Karen) of East Jordan; Michelle Latsch (Doug) of New Jersey; nephew and niece, MacKenzie and Brady Brennan of East Jordan; nephews Brennan and Nathan Latsch of New Jersey; and several other family and friends.

Bryan was an avid motorcyclist. He had recently taken steps to join the Shriner's motorcycle precision drill squad. He was a member of the Dunnellon Masonic Lodge No. 136 F&AM.

A private family viewing was held at the Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services TimberRidge Chapel in Ocala, Fla. on Friday, Nov. 25. A Masonic funeral ceremony was performed in Dunnellon on Saturday, Nov. 26. The ceremony was preceeded by a motorcycle motorcade from Ocala to Dunnellon.

A gathering to celebrate Bryan's life will be held in East Jordan at the East Jordan Sno Mobilers Club, 5586 Mt. Bliss Rd. on Saturday, Dec 17, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital, 12502 Pine Dr., Tampa, FL. 33612.

In memory of Mark Behling

March 27, 1947 - Nov. 28, 2005

No farewell words were spoken. No time to say goodbye. You were gone before we knew it. And only God knows why. We love you, Mark. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers. We miss you. The family of Jack and Gwen Davis, Gary and Sherry, Jeff and Debbie, Frank and Debbie, Jack and Donna, and Wilma Kalafitis

Baroquen Ensemble in concert at JRAC

The Baroquen Ensemble will perform Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2:30 p.m., at the Jordan River Arts Council, 301 Main St., East Jordan. This ensemble often plays together, performing baroque music and other music appropriate for the season.

Members are: Robert Pattengale on harpsichord; Bing Farrar on double bass; and Margaret Beck on viola; all of whom are members of the Great Lakes Chamber orchestra. The fourth member is Roger Lilak on wind synthesizer, a 20th century elec-

tronic instrument, not of the baroque times - hence the name Baroquen.

The ensemble is returning by popular demand, with the performance being partially funded by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. A social time will be provided following the concert. The doors will open at 1 p.m. to allow patrons to enjoy and purchase any of the many items for sale during the annual Member's Christmas Art for Sale exhibit which is open daily from 1-4 p.m., and runs through Dec. 16.

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BOYNE CITY

Basketball

The Boyne City varsity team will have a new head man on the bench as the 2005-06 schedule begins this week as John Hertel enters his first year as the top Rambler taking over a squad that went 6-16 a year ago.

Hertel brings eight years of assistant varsity basketball, football and baseball coaching experience in the Richmond and Algonac school districts to his first season as a varsity basketball coach at Boyne City.

Hertel, an English teacher at the high school, says that he has set as his primary goal in leading the Ramblers to lead the Ramblers with hard work and dedication to the game of basketball.

That hard work and dedication is also the key to success for Hertel's players, who will once again be led by fourth year varsity standout Grant Ameel.

Joining Ameel as returning lettermen will be senior second year players Evan Conklin, Amen Karaptian, Scott Morrow and second year junior Taylor Voice.

"Our team has a positive attitude and our players really seem to have fun playing the game of basketball," says Hertel. "We need to continue to get better at making decisions with the basketball on when to shoot and when to pass the ball."

"We have good experience, but at the same time our players are learning some new things. We have five seniors and we are looking to them for leadership, because we believe you are only as good as your seniors are," he added.

The Ramblers will play a team-oriented game and look to share the ball on offense, while emphasizing the team play on the defensive end as well.

Hertel sees a Lake Michigan Conference schedule with good teams from top to bottom and he points to Charlevoix as one of the top contenders for the title. The Ramblers will open league play at home against Grayling on Friday, Dec. 16.

The Ramblers opened the schedule last night at Belaire and will be at home for the next two games against Alanson this Friday and Petoskey next Tuesday.

Volleyball

With five starters returning from last season the 2005-06 version of Boyne City varsity volleyball will open the schedule this week with a much more experienced and determined game than has been the case in recent years.

Coach Casie Parker expects her Lady Ramblers to be the hardest working team on the court every time out in order to be successful in the Lake Michigan Conference race as well as the post season tournament.

Team unity is the key, says Parker, and if this squad can play an aggressive game, while believing in themselves and how good they really are, the wins should come along.

The coach will count on second year setters Molly Hausler and Emma Clemens to provide the senior leadership for the Lady Ramblers, while juniors Jessica Nichols (third year defensive specialist) and Lindsay Baic (second year middle blocker) and sophomore Tricha Tomkins (second year outside hitter) will bolster the line up with their experience.

Junior setters Anna Bricker, Perry Fish, Alicia Pierce and Mallory Slate; along with sophomore blockers Kaitlyn Wonski and Heidi Olsen will fill out the balance of the roster.

It will be another interesting season of Lake Michigan Conference play, says Parker, with a lot of surprises on tap. "You never know what is coming up, but I think that we will be one of [those surprises]," she commented.

The Lady Ramblers will open the schedule with a trip to the Pellston Invitational this Saturday. League compe-

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tion begins on Monday, Dec. 12, with a three way match in Traverse City against Traverse City St. Francis and Grayling.

Parker, a teacher at the Great Lakes Academy, is starting her second season as the head of the varsity volleyball program.

JV Volleyball

The 2005/06 Boyne City junior varsity volleyball team will be very young, but this bunch of Lady Ramblers will show their strength up front when the season gets underway next week.

Coach Carrie Bricker says that her team's strength spans the court with outstanding hitting, blocking and passing skills.

Three sophomores, four freshmen and one foreign exchange student will make up the line up when Boyne City joins Traverse City St. Francis to open play with a three way match at Grayling on Monday, Dec. 12.

Sophomores Stacey Spaniak (weak side hitter) and Stephanie Woodward (center hitter) are the two returning players on the squad.

Coach Bricker, a math and science teacher at the Boyne City Middle School, is entering her fifth season as the junior varsity coach.

BOYNE FALLS

Basketball

The Boyne Falls varsity basketball team lost its top three scorers from last year's regional finalist team, but the Loggers are top loaded with returning veterans all looking to put together another outstanding season this winter.

"We are going to have to fill some holes, but we're setting our goal to win our conference again this year," says head coach Frank Hamilla.

Hamilla says that the Loggers do not have a dominant point getter to count on, so he will spread the offense out to get a more balanced attack and keep the opposition from keying on one single player.

The Loggers do have two starters returning from a year ago with senior guard Ben Kondrat, last year's leader in assists, and fellow senior center Trevor Matelski, last year's second leading rebounder, coming back to head the line up.

Other lettermen back for another season include seniors Jimmy Gross (guard), Shawn Kilmer (forward), Cliff Leazier (forward), Jake Himmelspach (center/forward), Jeff Miller (center), Victor Hart (forward) and Nathan Waslewski (guard).

Hamilla will have the Loggers trying to run the break to start the offense, but if the quick shot is not there look for an inside/outside passing game with a lot of touches to get the open shot at the basket.

Defensively the Loggers will utilize a mixed scheme to keep their opponents off balance and hopefully off of the scoreboard.

The Loggers opened the season against East Jordan this last Tuesday. Three straight road games are on tap against Ellsworth next Monday, Northport on Friday, Dec. 16, and Harbor Light on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Coach Hamilla is entering his 19th season as the head of the Boyne Falls varsity. He teaches middle school social studies and high school business.

JV Basketball

Boyne Falls junior varsity coach Alan Massey has an experienced group of athletes to work with as 11 sophomores make up his team all working to learn the game of basketball while striving to move on to further success on the court.

"I expect my team to play hard each night and strive to improve every game," says Massey. "Our team has good chemistry and we are very unselfish."

Massey cited David Gross, an excellent shooter, and Codey Sisson, a good all-around man, as two players to keep an eye on in the season ahead.

Massey says the Loggers will be tough physically and mentally, while playing a strong rebounding game and a close man to man defense to limit the opposition.

On offense look for the Loggers to use a lot of movement and screens to open up the lanes for the easy buckets.

Massey, a third grade teacher at Boyne Falls, is starting his first year as the junior varsity coach. Previously he has four years of middle school coaching experience.

EAST JORDAN

Basketball

East Jordan varsity basketball coach Lance Bailey has a new assistant joining his staff for the 2005-06 season and the new duo is looking forward to another season of high intensity action as the Red Devils take to the court this week.

Mike Gile is the new coach on the bench and Bailey says that he will bring a "level of intensity and accountability to the program."

Seven seniors and five juniors make up the 12 man roster and Bailey commented that they are excited to have Gile committed to helping out with this varsity team.

"If we can play excellent defense, and take care of the ball, we'll get some balanced scoring from a variety of guys which should make us tough. This is the smartest team I have ever coached, in a basketball sense, and they

understand the game. I am very pleased with the focus, intensity and accountability of this group.

Five lettermen return to the squad with Andrew Streufert (guard/forward), Eric Hansen (guard), Chris Becker (forward), Alex Lorne (center) and Chad Kraemer (forward) all set to lead the way for the Red Devils.

"These five seniors really provide the leadership, maturity, work ethic and intensity of our team. At every level they have experienced success and we want to send them off as champions," said Bailey.

Seniors Justin Wilson (guard) and Josh Blaha (guard) round out the fourth year players.

Juniors Jeff Keyser (guard), Jarred Sochel (guard), David Marr (guard/forward), Tom Pentecost (guard) and Devin Kurzhais (center) round out the lineup.

The Red Devils opened the season last Tuesday at Boyne Falls and continue the non-conference portion of the schedule at home against Mancelona this Friday and St. Ignace next Tuesday.

Lake Michigan Conference play begins on Friday, Dec. 16, with a road trip to Traverse City St. Francis.

Volleyball

East Jordan varsity volleyball coach Paul Nachazel enters his eighth season coaching with a young group of athletes set to make their mark in the coming head to head conference action as well as in the post season tournament play.

"I have high expectations. We will be in every match," says Nachazel. "Last year's junior varsity team was very competitive (they finished second in the conference) and add to that my returning lettermen, we should be very competitive."

With just three letter winners on the 12 member team the Lady Devils will need a fast start to boost their confidence and then build on that to make the 2005-06 season a success.

Senior third year player Sierra Roberts will lead the squad with her experience, while junior second year players Jessica Roberts and Jill Drenth will add their skills and knowledge to bolster the line up.

Sierra Roberts led the team in digs last season and was the defensive most valuable player. Jessica Roberts started as a sophomore and Nachazel looks to her to lead the Red Devils from her setter position. Drenth made all-conference honorable mention a year ago and led the team in kills.

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BAHA shuts out Mackinaw twice

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

opener and Schwartzfisher and Pomranke in the second game.

Squirt Division - Panther goalies Mitchell Smielewski and Mitchell Reynolds both earned their first shut-out victories of the season when the BAHA squirt team downed Mackinaw City 6-0 and 7-0 on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Ben Schwartzfisher posted a hat trick to lead the Panthers in the first game, while Nick Trombley, Brandon Pomranke and Derek Smith added one goal each. Assists went to Reynolds, Aaron Clark and Trombley with one helper each.

Brandon Pomranke got the hat trick in the second game, while Trombley and Schwartzfisher chipped in with two goals each.

Strong Play Awards went to Smielewski and Reynolds in the

Midget Division - The BAHA Paul Bunyan Lanes midget team posted a pair of wins downing Mackinaw City 4-1 and 5-4 on Saturday, Dec. 3.

The Axemen scored four goals in the second period, two coming while the team was shorthanded to power past Mackinaw City in the opener.

John Miller scored two goals and Gabe Korthase and Britt King scored one goal each, while Evan Keller contributed with three assists. Keegan David had one assist.

Nick Dunwoody tallied a hat trick to power the second game victory and Miller added two goals. King, Ryan Pardee and Korthase all picked up one assist.

Nick Ferree was in goal to earn both wins.

Five Loggers named academic all-state

Five Boyne Falls athletes have been named to the 2005 academic all-state cross country and basketball teams.

Annie Pernicano, Nathan Wasylewski, Trevor Matelski and Shawn Kilmer made the cross country scholar squad, while Tiffany

Matelski and Pernicano made the basketball team.

Pernicano was also named to the All Northern Lakes Conference basketball team and teammates Tiffany Burks and Kelly Kondrat received honorable mention.

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Nachazel says that the Lady Devils will have a strong bench and a very deep team that will give him the opportunity to substitute when necessary to take advantage of the team's high skill level.

Filling out the roster are senior Meghan Warnos, juniors Kayla Hines, Jenaye Chew, Kayla Windish, Laura

Schihl, Heather McKinnon and Sara Testa; along with sophomores Mary Shaw and Cassy Crick.

Nachazel looks for another tough campaign in the Lake Michigan Conference this season and he cites Charlevoix and Harbor Springs as the teams to beat.

The Lady Devils will open the schedule this Saturday with a trip to the Pellston Invitational.

BUSINESS UP NORTH

New Business: Calo Plumbing and Heating

Lenn Calo, father of six, and husband to Colleen for 18 years, has finally taken a leap of faith and opened up his own plumbing and heating business. He said that while people might think he was crazy to start his own business in the winter months, he believed the time was right, as the commercial project he was working on with a previous employer had wrapped up. Besides, as a licensed master plumber, he was able to see identifiable needs in the local communities for a service-oriented residential plumbing and heating business.

Calo Plumbing and Heating has been in business for just a few weeks, but the dream was around for a lot longer than that.

"I've been thinking about it for six or seven

years," Calo said, adding that with five sons and a daughter, he would like to establish a business that he could pass on to his children, if any of them were interested.

With 14 years in the trade, Calo has extensive experience in both commercial and residential plumbing and heating work, but likes the idea of being able to build a residential business based on service.

"Service works keeps you local," he said, and added that as a new business owner, he will do any kind of residential plumbing or heating project. "I will do just about anything - I have to feed my family," he laughed. He believes that as Michigan trends turn from manufacturing, busi-

ness will be more service-oriented, and he is ready to meet the service needs of his customers.

A friendly, cheerful person, Calo looks forward to serving his community on a personal basis, and looks forward to someday expanding his business enough to be able to hire an apprentice. He will specialize in plumbing and heating service and repair.

Outside of work, Calo said that his hobbies all involve children's sporting activities - "I have six kids," he said, explaining everything. "How would you ski and all that?"

He said that he enjoys hiking, kids' sports, swimming (in the summer), being with the family and spending time with Colleen.



Todd Ager

Ager receives honors from funeral directors associations

Todd Ager, soon to mark his two-year anniversary overseeing Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City, has been honored by the Michigan Funeral Directors Association for "Outstanding Accomplishment in the Funeral Service Profession." This is the second such honor for Ager, a Boyne City resident with more than 15 years experience in the funeral home business. "My goal is to guide families and friends who have lost a loved one through a very difficult time by providing comfort, support, and direction," said Ager, who started his position as manager of Stackus Funeral

Homes in March 2004.

Ager, a 1998 graduate of Worsham Mortuary School outside Chicago, began working in the funeral business at Mortenson Funeral Homes as a high school student in Central Lake. He further learned the business at several other funeral homes, including Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City, where he spent five years before taking the position at Stackus Funeral Home. Moving to Boyne City from Traverse City allowed Ager, married with two young sons and a daughter due in January, to "spend

more time together as a family and become an active member in the community."

He's been involved with Rotary International for the past several years and is currently serving as president elect for the Boyne City Rotary Club. In June of 2002, Ager completed the requirements to be a certified funeral service practitioner. He is one of 53 funeral directors in the state of Michigan to receive this certification.

He and his family - wife, Trisha, and sons: Jacob, 5, and Brayton, 2, - are active at Walloon Lake Community Church.

BOYNE CITY POLICE REPORT

Monday, Nov. 28: MDOP reported on Wenonah St.; parking citation on Water St.; PDA on E. Main St.; fight in progress on N. East St.

Tuesday, Nov. 29: Assist citizen at police dept.; fraud complaint under investigation; PDA on Boyne Ave.; speed citation issued; violation of controlled substances; suspicious situation on Lewis Ave.

Wednesday, Nov. 30: Damage to property on N. Lake St.; NSF turned in from BC Pizza; civil complaint at BC Motel; officer assist on N. Park St.; officer assist on Lewis Ave.; assist on Hannah St.; disturbance at

Fieldcrest Inn; county assist; suspicious situation on E. Main St.

Thursday, Dec. 1: Harassing phone calls on Ann St.; assist complaint; PDA on E. Division St.; one arrested and transported to CCSD; citation issued for expired registration; unlock on High St.; unlock at Trent St.

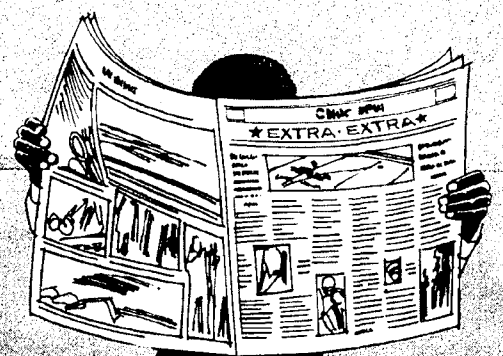
Friday, Dec. 2: Citation issued for no proof of insurance; noise reported on Front St.; trespassing at the high school; barking dogs on E. Pine St.; NSF check turned in from Boyne Mobil; fraud complaint under investigation; NSF check turned in from Eyes on Main St.; stalking com-

plaint near Boyne Ave./Reh Lane; citation issued for expired registration.

Saturday, Dec. 3: CDA on Michigan Ave and Boyne City-Charl. Rd.; assist on Hannah St.; unlock on Boyne Ave.; family dispute on Groveland St.; PDA in McDonald's lot; citation issued for careless driving.

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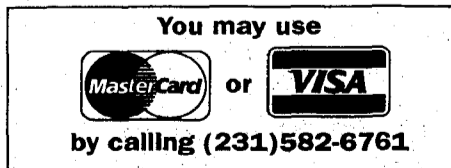
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Helpers

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Kondrat began supplying the club with pine boughs, and nowadays they buy them from suppliers. But the wreaths are still hand-made by the club members, the bows are still created by hand (starting each year in October), and the Norway Spruce cones are still collected year-round by past president Betty Shaver.

"I know where every Norway Spruce is in this town - the cemetery, private property - I should be looking today," Shaver said, noting the wind tossing the tree tops. "Every time there's wind, they come down." Shaver said her house is a repository for drying pine cones, which are stockpiled in her basement and garage, ensuring a surplus for the next year's Christmas bounty.

Shaver drives a 1994 Toyota pickup truck that she bought after she joined the Garden Club in Feb., 1994. She became its president the following June, and decided a pickup would be much more practical for all-city gardening than her Cadillac, and has driven it ever since - decorated with a red, white and blue bow for the summer sea-

son, and a dazzling red one for Christmas. She continued as president for 10 years, before relinquishing her duties to Gary Francis when her back began slowing her down (not that you'd notice). The job she assumed reluctantly in 1994, feeling woefully inadequate to lead a northern Michigan garden club while in self-described ignorance of northern Michigan gardening, became a well-loved one, and she continues to be very active in the club.

The Boyne Valley Garden Club brightens the landscape all summer, and even in the winter, the rose bushes outside City Hall wear a wintry wardrobe of burlap adorned with hats, earmuffs and scarves, and some of them sport sunglasses against snow-glare. All in all, the club spends about \$4,000 a year to beautify Boyne, planting and maintaining 13 flower beds. That money is raised largely through fund-raisers such as the annual wreath sale.

They also sell home made pies for the 4th of July, 50/50 tickets at the Mushroom Festival, and a spring shrub sale. (Note: Next spring's offerings will be a Limelight Hydrangea and a purple coneflower.) But

most of their money is made through the Christmas wreath sale.

Currently the garden club boasts 95 members, whose objectives include:

"... to stimulate interest in beautifying the home and the area; to cultivate a love and knowledge of trees, plants and flowers ..."

The club is involved in several projects every year, only a few of which are the fund-raisers. They also donate to environmental and gardening causes, plant and maintain those flowerbeds and create a scarecrow display for the Fall Harvest Festival.

Shaver thinks the work of the garden club is something like a well: you don't notice it unless it runs dry.

The meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Boyne District Library's community room, and new members are always welcomed by president Gary Francis, and the Boyne gardeners.

Xmas

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Christmas baskets and toys are the result of generous giving from many East Jordan businesses and individuals.

"This time of year, the East Jordan middle and high schools collect an enormous amount of food," Reid said.

Families receiving Christmas baskets are referred to Care and Share by schools, churches and government agencies. These families get a notice that Care and Share has a basket waiting for them.

On a scale of one to 10, 10 being greatest need, Reid said she would rate East Jordan's need at about seven.

"We have so many working poor," she said. "We see senior citizens that need help, but even more single parent families. They are working, but it's not enough. We see people who are living on \$1,000 a month - and rent is \$600."

Care and Share does Thanksgiving as well as Christmas, and this year will provide those holiday meals to 200 - 250 families.

Reid said that finding volunteers is no problem, especially for the Christmas baskets.

"People just show up," she said. But financial assistance is always welcome, as the pantry is not just covering Christmas, but handing out provisions to families all year long.

For those wishing to help out financially, checks can be made out to East Jordan Care and Share, and mailed to Care and Share, c/o East Jordan Family Health Center, 601 Bridge St., East Jordan, MI. 49727, or may be dropped off at the pantry on Thursday mornings.

Food donations may be brought Thursday mornings, or can be left outside Care and Share in the health cen-

ter basement any day during work hours.

New toys for Christmas giving may be taken unwrapped to Ed's Used Cars in East Jordan. There is a special need for teenage appropriate gifts, particularly for boys.

"At this point, our numbers (donations) are down, but not majorly," Reid said. "It is still early, so it's hard to call. It's not so drastic that it's going to prevent us from doing what we need to do."

That would be tough. These volunteers have been known to go into churches with challenges such as, "Would your congregation be willing to come up with 250 cans of beans or boxes of stuffing?" just to make sure those baskets are full. They won't let people go hungry at Christmas or any time, as long as they can make a difference.

BOYNE CITY

Ruth Witek is the president of the Boyne Area Community Christmas, but her smiling face is only one of the familiar ones that gather to pack extravagant baskets of food and goodies for Boyne City's needy families.

Now in its fifty-first year, the Community Christmas was started by Thelma Behling with about 10 families. Last year the committee of volunteers packed 350 baskets, and 550 Christmas bags of gifts for children.

Each child gets, in his or her bag, hats and mittens, clothes, and a few age appropriate gifts. In addition, the committee

NCMC

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be expected to spend time beyond that outlined in the syllabus to achieve the course objectives.

This class has some prerequisites: students must have a valid driver's license, no felony convictions, a completed physical examination, immunizations and current health insurance prior to the clinical portions of the course. Admission to an emergency medical program or the permission of an EMS coordinator is required. (For more information, go to www.ncmich.edu.)

The instructors for this course are Gerald (Jay) Peck, director of EMS in East Jordan, and John Lamont, director of EMS in Boyne City. These instructors have worked together on many occasions to ensure that services are providing consistent, accurate instruction to all incoming EMTs.

Brunet-Koch said she has received considerable positive feedback on Peck's classes, indicating that he has a "following" among people going into the emergency medical field.

Tuition is \$101 per credit hour, but East Jordan resident, Barb Worgess, who is also on the NCMC Foundation board, is working to provide scholarship opportunities for any students with an East Jordan address. There are no age or grade point average requirements.

The scholarship will be funded by tax-deductible donations, and it is NCMC's hope that it will grow, enabling students to get the same tuition rates as Emmet county residents, whose tuition is lower because that is where the college's tax base is.

"We want students to be able to say, 'I'm getting the same rate as Petoskey students, because I have a commu-

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— Tim Dykstra, NCMC Dean of Instruction

nity that supports (the local campus)," said Worgess. Worgess has put her money where her mouth is, making an initial contribution of \$1,000 toward the scholarship fund.

"I think the Lake Street Center is very exciting, but I also think this community is very exciting," said Tim Dykstra, NCMC dean of instruction. "I want to say thank you to this community. I am so impressed." He added that NCMC's presence in East Jordan was the result of the city's vision and persistence.

Classes in East Jordan will be on a supply and demand basis.

"As demand becomes more evident, certainly we'll provide more classes," said Sean Pollion, president of the NCMC Foundation Board. "As Floyd (Wright) gives us more space, we'll be bringing more classes."

"We will need help from East Jordan to know what those classes should be," he added.

Pollion recognized Worgess for her contribution to the board and for her advocacy for East Jordan, praising her energy, helpfulness, advice and presence for East Jordan.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FAMILIES FACE A HARD WINTER

- The unemployment rate for Michigan is the highest in the nation. Charlevoix County's unemployment rate is 6.5%, nearly double from five years ago according to statistics published by the State of Michigan. Many who are employed do not earn a living wage.
- An increased burden on all families is the soaring prices of heating fuels since last winter; propane has increased 17% and fuel oil 30%. Natural gas is through the roof, a whopping 59% increase.
- State budget cuts have reduced or eliminated many county programs for needy families. What funds they do have will buy a lot less fuel.

Families are hurting!

- This is going to be one tough winter for a lot of our neighbors.
- Good Sam has been helping families with their emergency needs since 1990. When families have nowhere else to turn they come to Good Sam. And they are coming. We have already seen a huge increase in requests for emergency needs - utility shut off notices, and heating fuel.
- There are many real needs in this world, many asking for help. Sometimes it is hard to know where to help. Please consider the profound needs right in our own backyard.
- There are few options for a desperate family in Charlevoix County. The resources are quickly overwhelmed. We must try to keep families together in their homes, children warm, living as normal lives as possible. We must keep hope alive.
- This Thanksgiving season give thanks for your many blessings, and reach out and give to those less fortunate. We don't want to turn anyone away. With your help and others like you we won't have to.
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