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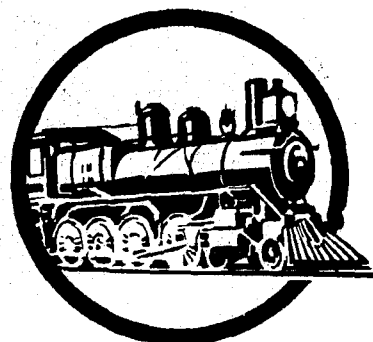
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**OUR WEATHER**

B-r-r-r... what a cold weekend! Snow flurries late Friday night, with about a half inch of accumulation. The mercury dipped to 10° in some areas early Saturday morning, with Sundays high in the teens. Monday very overcast, with a high around 25. Snow flurries forecast for Monday night with more toward the end of the week. Merry Christmas!

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**EAST JORDAN EDITION**

**East Jordan man shot by wife**

On Saturday Dec. 19, at 8:25 a.m. East Jordan Police received a call reporting a man found shot. Upon arriving at the scene they found John H. Russell 37, of 1005 Mill Street, East Jordan lying on the lawn.

The Charlevoix Sherrif Department also responded at the scene.

Russell and his wife, Sharon D. Russell 36, had argued Friday night. Sheriff department reports said at about midnight Mrs. Russell, after retrieving a gun from the bedroom, shot her husband while he was standing in the

kitchen with his back to her.

The bullet penetrated his lower back leaving him paralyzed. Sometime after, it was reported, he crawled out of the mobile home onto the lawn.

Ruffle was taken by ambulance to Charlevoix Area Hospital and later transferred to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Sharon Russell was arrested at the scene and is in custody at the Charlevoix County Jail.

A warrant has been issued charging her with assault with intent to commit murder.



**SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS** listen to Shane, 6, and Bill Tison Jr., 7.



**A CONSOLIDATED CHOIR** with 65 members from 8 area churches rehearses for a Christmas cantata at Bell Tower Reformed Church Dec. 19. Leroy Caddy, of Central Lake, directed.

**Santa and Mrs. Claus stop by East Jordan**

**BY BOB CULLEN**  
Torch and E.J. Editor

Mr. and Mrs. Claus had breakfast Dec. 12, with local youngsters, posed for pictures and provided candy canes. The event was held to provide a good time for families and to raise funds for Reading is Fundamental (R.I.F.) activities in the East Jordan school system.

R.I.F. is a private foundation based in Washington D.C., dedicated to improving reading skills. The local group distributes close to 1,000 books free to 850 elementary and middle school students.

This is a team effort by school administrators, teachers, parents, student council and others.

According to Chris Curtin, the coordinator and P.T.O. President, "The elementary grade curriculum is largely literature based, so the book distribution is vital."

The activities have become a real community effort. Having received a grant towards only \$650 of the needed \$5,000 for the distribution, the rest was raised solely in East Jordan.

In fact, Curtin contends, "We could not be successful without the help and financial assistance of countless people."

The majority of at least 30 volunteers were teachers and parents. In addition to fund raisers, financial support was provided by George and Karen Nipson, the Rotary, Lioness and Bridge clubs. Local businesses provided \$700 dollars to offset expenses of this year's breakfast.

At last report, 250 attended and \$1,000 were realized. Congratulations to all.

**Consolidated choir performs**

**BY BOB CULLEN**  
Torch/Journal Editor

An amazing group is singing about the true meaning of Christmas in four concerts at area churches this December.

The group is amazing because of its size and the way in which it was formed. Its origin is traced to 1990 when the United Congregational Church of Central Lake was without a Minister. Choir members and the music director performed a musical presentation as the Christmas Eve service.

Church member, Jan Johnson (Gary) coordinated the effort. Response was such that they did it again in 1991 and upon request, performed at the Atwood Reformed Church also. Choir members of that church asked if they could be included the following year.

As we all know, good things are contagious and one thing led to another until - lo and behold - the choir now totals 65 very enthusiastic singers. The churches now represented include the original one and: Pleasant Valley Free Methodist - Grace

Community - Central Lake Methodist - Eastport Baptist - Bell Tower Reformed - Atwood Reformed - Ellsworth Christian Reformed - and St. Joseph Catholic of East Jordan.

The group has been rehearsing since October under the very capable direction of Leroy Caddy and has presented concerts at Meadow Brook Senior Residence - Ellsworth Reformed - Atwood Reformed and the United Congregational Church in Central Lake.

Caddy has resided in Central lake since 1990 when he moved from Pittsburgh Pa., where he sang in choral groups and was involved in musical direction for forty years. He performed in the widely-recognized, Mendohlsson Choir of Pittsburgh.

The cantata being performed this year is entitled "Call His Name Jesus" and was created and arranged by David T. Clydesdale. The Cantata opens with this inspiring narration - **THE PRECIOUS NAME, - THE MATCHLESS NAME - THERE IS NO OTHER WORTHY NAME! - THE NAME OF JESUS.**



MANY SANTAS were on display in East Jordan Dec. 11 through the 18th.

## Santa's many faces on show

The spirit of St. Nicholas took more than 200 fascinating forms at the St. Nicholas Show, coming to the Jordan River Arts Council Building on Main Street, Dec. 11 through the 18th.

On display were handmade and collectible Clauses, from miniatures to three-foot tall replicas.

In addition, a limited number of hand-painted, folk art Santas created by local artisans, and numerous related original water colors were offered for sale.

The show opened with a special Dec. 11 evening featuring some of the collectors whose Santas formed the main display, as well as refreshments.

The show continued daily from noon to 4 p.m. In addition a second special presentation, a Children's Evening, was scheduled for Dec. 17, when story teller Patty Clark performed the German folk tale *Cobweb Christmas*, with old world stand-up puppets. Also featured was Steve Little on guitar, group caroling and a project for children to create.

## Council presents service awards

BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS  
Contributing Writer

A brief meeting Dec. 15, was the setting for 1992 Service Awards by the East Jordan City Council.

Service Awards are presented to volunteers and city employees serving the city five years or more.

Mayor Russ Peck presented the following awards: Five Years Awards June Holm - Election Inspector, Bill Scott - Planning Commission, Lawrence Amesbury - Department of Public Works and Bob Malpass - Harbor Master.

Volunteer Firemen Rodney DesRochers, Steve Leaman and Matt Vincent, also received five year awards.

William "Butch" Breakey, DPW Foreman and James "Buck" McWatters, Volunteer Fireman since 1977 received 15-year awards.

Thelma McKinnon was presented a handsome plaque for her 25 years of service as an election inspector.

Anita Chew, Executive Director of the Jordan Valley Freedom Festival requested that the first and second block of Main St. be closed to traffic from 5 to 10 p.m. on Fri., July 2, 1993.

There will be several events, and a block party to celebrate the Independence Day weekend. The Festival committee hopes that the events will attract many people to downtown businesses.

Fire Chief Dave Bernier asked if the set-up would hinder emergency vehicles. Ms. Chew assured the council that all equipment for the D.J. and food vendors would be positioned along the sidewalks. The street may be cleared of people, if necessary. Council approved the request.

Superintendent Bob Johnson and City Attorney Scott Beatty have reviewed and approved acceptance of a \$154,000 Rebuilt Michigan Grant. The grant, will be used for the development of a new water well.

A deferred compensation retirement plan has been approved for city employees.

Johnson explained the state retirement plan limits vesting to employees of at least ten years. The employees is also unable to invest in tax-deferred funds.

The new benefit will allow for vesting on Day One of employment and the employee investments are not limited. The program is completely employee funded.

City Attorney Beatty reported that three zoning complaints are in process, mainly pertaining to junk violations, and the Consumer's Power Co. easement has been finalized.

Beatty also requested the police contract be renewed in early 1993.

## New directory offers energy-saving assistance

The new Michigan Energy Assistance Program Directory for senior citizens and low-income residents is now available to help persons seeking energy-saving programs, including weatherization, home repairs and energy conservation. The directory is on loan to the general public through most Michigan Public Libraries.

Information in the directory has also been shared with Area Agencies on Aging, County Department of Social Services Offices, Community Action Agencies, Senior Centers and Nutrition Projects, State Legislative Staffs, State of Michigan Library, and United Way Agencies.

The directory is conveniently divided into four sections: Emergency/Advisory Services, Energy Payments, Energy Conservation, and Home Improvements. The program description, eligibility, area served, and contact information are provided for the agencies, state departments and companies offering services.

## Sheriff reports

### Fire damages home

Fire broke out Dec. 18 at 12:55 p.m. at the Curry residence on US-31 just south of Torch Lake Village, said Antrim County Sheriff Dale Roggenbeck.

"The fire rekindled again at 7:45 p.m. the same day," said Roggenbeck. "The residence was not occupied at the time of the fire."

The home was not totally destroyed, but there was "a lot of damage," said Roggenbeck.

The Central Lake Fire Department, the Banks Township Fire Department and the Eastport Fire Department were called to the scene. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

### One injured in crash

A Central Lake woman was injured Dec. 18 when her vehicle was struck by a car driven by Phillip Lewin, 23, of Bellaire.

Antrim County Sheriff Dale Roggenbeck said Lewin was southbound on East Torch Lake Drive by Brownwood when he spotted a vehicle driven by Jeanne Trent, 48, of Central Lake making a turn in front of him on the northbound side of the road.

Lewin braked but was unable to avoid Trent's car, said Roggenbeck. Trent was transported to Munson Hospital after the accident.

A Munson spokeswoman said Trent was discharged from the hospital after treatment.

Roggenbeck said both drivers were ticketed.

## Penziens will be missed by many

BY LORNA PEEBLES  
Contributing Writer

Mark Penzien (director of Paullin Funeral Home), wife Cindy and boys recently moved to Dexter Michigan. The Penzien's are moving closer to their family in Dexter. Their moving will be a great loss to the East Jordan community. Mark and Cindy volunteered many hours while living in East Jordan. Their loss will especially be felt by the Boy Scouts. Mark has been the Scout Master for several years. A going away party was held Dec. 14, attended by many friends who wished the Penziens, good fortune.

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**THE NEW CHOIR PERFORMS** at the Central Lake High School Christmas Concert Dec. 16.

## Students perform at Christmas concert

BY BOB CULLEN  
Torch and E.J. Editor

A near capacity crowd turned out for the Dec. 16, concert featuring the Central Lake Junior and Senior High Bands and the High School Choir.

The Junior High Band opened the performance with, the *Little Irish Suite*, and ending with the perennial favorite - *Jingle Bells Around the World*. The audience expressed their appreciation of the effort by the 26 band members.

The 20 members of the new Choir followed with four songs. They ended with a rendition of *O Holy Night* that brought tears to the eyes of some in the audience.

Choir Director, Jeri Aenis, complimented the members on their dedication, hard work and musicality. She stated "We are so proud of the choir members. Their progress from Nov. 2, to their performance tonight is truly inspiring. They far exceeded our expectations".

The Senior High Band, with 44 members, presented five pieces including Themes from the

*Nutcracker Suite* that, according to Aenis was exquisitely played. They ended with the challenging, *1812 Overture*, displaying excellent musical and technical ability.

The two bands and the choir were awarded standing ovations by the audience.



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# Board efforts result in successful year

BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS  
Contributing Writer

"We're right on target," Chip Hanson announced in his final report on 1992 goals of the East Jordan school board.

At the December 14 meeting, Superintendent Hanson outlined the successful completion of 75 percent of board goals including:

- Meeting North Central Association accreditation requirements.
- Development of district-wide personnel evaluation procedures.
- Development of a comprehensive K-12 counseling program to be implemented as of Fall 1993.
- Reduction of shared (between buildings) instructional staff. The support staff is presently being evaluated with the same goal.
- Assessment of self-esteem and post-secondary preparatory programs. A survey of 177 recent graduates revealed the following results:

30 percent went on to college (35 percent is the national average). Of these graduates, 85 percent remain in their college program.

Two percent attended vocational trade schools.

Five percent of the survey group were unemployed, a more positive figure than the national average.

Of those employed, 74 percent are in low wage, non-benefit positions. Although this reflects the national trend, it is cause for alarm to the board.

Students today are growing up in a higher-staked world than their parents. The school board believes the level of expectation from the district will directly effect future attitudes of students and parents toward post-high school education.

Therefore the importance of the curriculum cannot be understated. High standards will increase the students' future chances of lifetime employability.

Other completed 1992 goals are:

- Development of a K-12 outcome-based curriculum for language arts, science and technology.

Through the efforts of business and accounting teacher Jerry Hawes, a new Business Services Technology (BST) will begin serving East Jordan High School students in Fall 1993.

Mr. Hawes developed a program which will expose students to 72 skill areas in business technology. The foundation of the program will be computer literacy and general business.

Implementation of the BST program will include purchase of computers and instructional

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software.

The board is extremely pleased with the work of Mr. Hawes. Mr. Hanson believes the program will have positive effects on the vocational goals of the school board. The intent is to integrate this program into lower grade levels and adult community education.

The same process that produced such exciting results in the business curriculum is now being utilized in the development of the language arts program.

The science program is scheduled for consideration after completion of language arts.

A few of the 1992 school board goals are "in the box" for next year. One plan is the development of a comprehensive curriculum program for each course of study, designed in the same manner as the BST program.

The true sentiment of the Christmas season is aglow in the hearts and lives of everyone.



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Incompleted goals are:

- Development of a four-year educational plan for each high school student that focuses on preparation for a post-secondary career or educational program.

- A comprehensive vocational/technical program that meets the needs of students.

- A building utilization plan to be discussed at the March 1993 school board meeting.

1993 East Jordan School Board goals include:

• Development of media centers that narrow the gap toward outstanding service.

• Develop a plan to initiate split bus runs by Fall 1993. The intent is to provide age-

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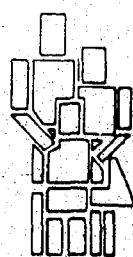
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# Board of education goals are "on target"

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appropriate environment, especially important for the younger children on the buses.

- Create an adequate undesignated fund balance. An emergency, repair or replacement, could easily deplete present funds.

- Develop a system for collecting information on extra-curricular activities. Data of interest would be the number of participants, spectators, and cost of operations.

- Provide regular updates on curriculum, staff development, four-year educational planning, self-esteem indicators and facilities.

Hanson applauded the efforts of those involved in this huge effort.

East Jordan Sports Booster Club, President Gary Redmer presented a history of the Club and the many contributions to East Jordan sports programs.

Their efforts have provided many services, equipment and materials to varsity, junior varsity teams and cheerleaders.

The Boosters have established two sports scholarships and hope to add two more in the near future.

Booster Club members solicit community businesses for advertisements and support. All other funds come from concession sales at games and contributions.

This spring the club would like to replace the baseball field fence with new chain-link fencing.

The cost of the new fence would be approximately \$4448. The Boosters offered two options:

- That the board help finance the project.

- That the board help over two years by providing matching funds of \$2400 which the Boosters would re-pay.

Board President Mary Jason thanked Mr. Redmer and the Sports Booster Club for their many good works. The board will consider the request and give an answer at the next meeting.

Mr. Redmer was invited to address the board anytime and would be welcome as a regular feature of school board meetings.

The board approved the appointment of several faculty positions:

- Melissa Lasater - Second Grade
- Carolyn Downton - PREP
- Caroline Bushing - Art

All three come with high recommendations.

Also appointed:

- Leon Dyer - Seventh Grade "B" Basketball Coach
- Pat Howard - Special Needs Teacher Assistant
- Joy Hettig - Food Service Cashier

Hanson reported that 160,000 lunches have been served to 66 percent of the students attending East Jordan Schools in 1992. The food services organization operates entirely in the black.

In other business:

- Eight Middle School faculty members have

been chosen to be presenters at the annual meeting of the Middle School Association in Rockford, Michigan March 18 and 19.

The board adopted policies pertaining to:

- Death in the school family.
- Reviewing deeds in property sale/transfer situations.
- Board member attendance.
- Student alcohol use.

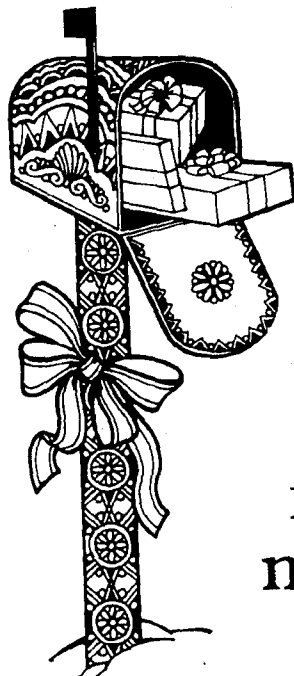
Finally, the board approved summer tax agreements with Echo, Jordan and Wilson Townships and the City of East Jordan. All four governing bodies opted for a two-year agreement with the school district.

The purpose of a biannual collection is to save the district from having to borrow against future taxes. Many taxpayers also view it as a convenience to pay two smaller, rather than one large payment.



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Becoming stuck in the accumulated snow in front of a mail box during the winter season causes the remainder of the mail route to have delayed mail delivery, the carriers added.

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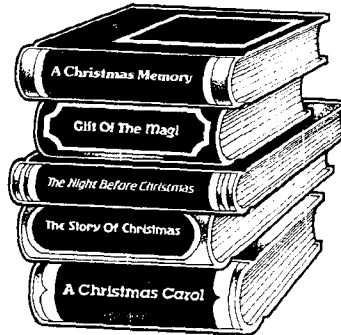


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# Our Interesting Neighbor . . . Don Schleicher

By Priscilla Arcure

Don Schleicher had been retired for 14 years by the time we had our first opportunity to meet. On that day we sat down to talk about what had transpired over the years to shape and influence his life into the gratifying experience it has been.

He had prepared a few notes to present the facts in proper sequence but they weren't referred to very often, as he seemed more comfortable speaking from the heart. For the next hour, he spelled out a beautiful story.

"All this began when our son came into our life," he explained, as he searched for a beginning point. He and his wife, Ruth, had no children and were adopting a son.

When the nurse presented the four-hour old baby to them instead of handing him to his new mother, she handed him to Don. At that moment, as Don recalled, "My knees turned to water!" Deeply moved by the experience, he interpreted it as a message from the Lord.

Up until that time, life had been lacking in some respects but Don was uncertain what changes should be made. "I was like Popeye: 'I am, what I am, what I am,'" he stated.

At that time, a message a Baptist pastor had given him came to mind: "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans: 10:13. This bible verse took on a special meaning for Schleicher and he credits it for helping him make the positive changes in his life.

In taking the new direction and pursuing the study of the bible he was gratified to read in the book of Corinthians: "By the grace of God, I am what I am."

It was not altogether unlikely that Don would enter into the ministry, as his grandfather preached for 54 years in the Michigan area and his father also spent a number of years in the ministry. Through them, Don was familiarized with the Methodist and Congregational faiths. For the most part, however, Don wasn't considering the ministry for himself.

Born in Melvin and brought up in Port Huron, Don, and his wife Ruth never were very far apart. Ruth's home was Harbor Beach in the Thumb area and as they exchanged experiences years later they discovered their paths had come close to crossing many times before they actually met.

Ruth feels these stories indicate a predestination and admits that when they actually did meet, after the first blind date, there was no doubt that Don was the one she could be happy with.

They were married shortly thereafter and it would have been sooner, according to Don, "If I had gotten around to get the license earlier!"

When the Baptist gospel preacher called on the Schleichers one day, he apparently did not impress them too much, except that he did leave with a quote from the book of Romans that later came to mean so much to Don.

Don remembers he sat down and prayed after supper, admitting his life was not complete and "If this the way to salvation ... the Lord has



DON and RUTH SCHLEICHER

touched my life ... shortly after that I was called to preach."

It took Ruth almost two years to become in favor of the decision he had made but they did keep searching for the direction they should go. Don enrolled in a Mountain Preacher's Bible School in Pineville, Kentucky, a school designed to educate older men and one that would allow him to bring along his wife and baby.

In order to make that move, the couple had to rent out the house Ruth had inherited from the sale of her father's farm. That rent, \$45 a month, was their income.

After a period of time, not having the sanction of his father for this venture, Don became discouraged and returned to Michigan. He was assigned to several churches but, for various reasons, felt a loss of motivation and considered going back to General Motors where his better-paying job was still waiting for him.

When it actually came to signing up for work there he just could not do it, saying to himself, "If I have been saved, I cannot quit."

He prayed for an answer and later concluded, "The Lord wants me to go to the Congregational Church." Within 90 days he was called by the Congregational Conference for an interview. After several sessions he was told that Central Lake, a town in northern Michigan, wanted a bible preaching minister in their Congregational Church.

The Schleichers felt they were going to the "ends of the earth," but when they drove up over the hill below Bellaire and saw the view, he told Ruth he thought they were "coming into paradise."

The rest is history. They immediately received a warm welcome from the 32 active members, for (as Don put it) "They were hungry for a bible minister."

"Things took off and grew," Don remembers, and they were able to accomplish impressive improvements in the church facility. A complete

basement was dug out under the church building, providing them with a large kitchen and meeting room.

Later they added a Sunday School wing. All these improvements were made possible by the efforts of the industrious church members and their new minister. He had initiated an 8-8:30 a.m Sunday morning 'early bird' service for the "resorters" and had great response. Their generous contributions to the building fund demonstrated their appreciation.

During the 26 years he was minister in Central Lake, Don was an important part of several generations of families officiating at weddings, christenings and funerals, not to mention each Sunday morning with a timely message and Sunday School education for the young people. He has enjoyed countless rewards as people express their gratitude for the inspiration he has given them and their families.

Don retired in 1977, sold their home on the bay and, for a time, filled in for vacationing ministers until his health began to fail him and he felt he should give that up.

It was a while before they were able to diagnose his frontal lobe stroke but, in the meantime, he did receive an effective medication. Fortunately, that same medication allows him to enjoy a reasonably active life in their small home on Knowles Creek in Central Lake. Their son, Joe, and his family live in nearby Traverse City, making frequent visits possible.

There's a great deal of warmth in Don's expression as he describes how he feels about Central Lake and how he has enjoyed being here. Little did that woman realize the full importance of what she was doing as she handed Don that four-hour-old miracle, his very own son.

## Lancers victorious in conference play

BY S.F. PUCKETT  
Sports Writer

**ELLSWORTH** - The Ellsworth basketball team raised its record to 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the Northern Lakes Conference with a strong 60-40 win over Vanderbilt at home Friday night.

The talents of Jeremy DeYoung were evident once more, with Tim Heneveld, Scott Essenberg and Mike Alfred providing moments of excitement to those in the crowd.

Lancer jayvee efforts were also rewarded with a win, 59-51.

Ellsworth will return to action with a road game at Forest Area Jan. 5, followed by a return to Northern Lakes action Jan. 8 as the Loggers of Boyne Falls host Ellsworth in the first of the key match-ups in the division.

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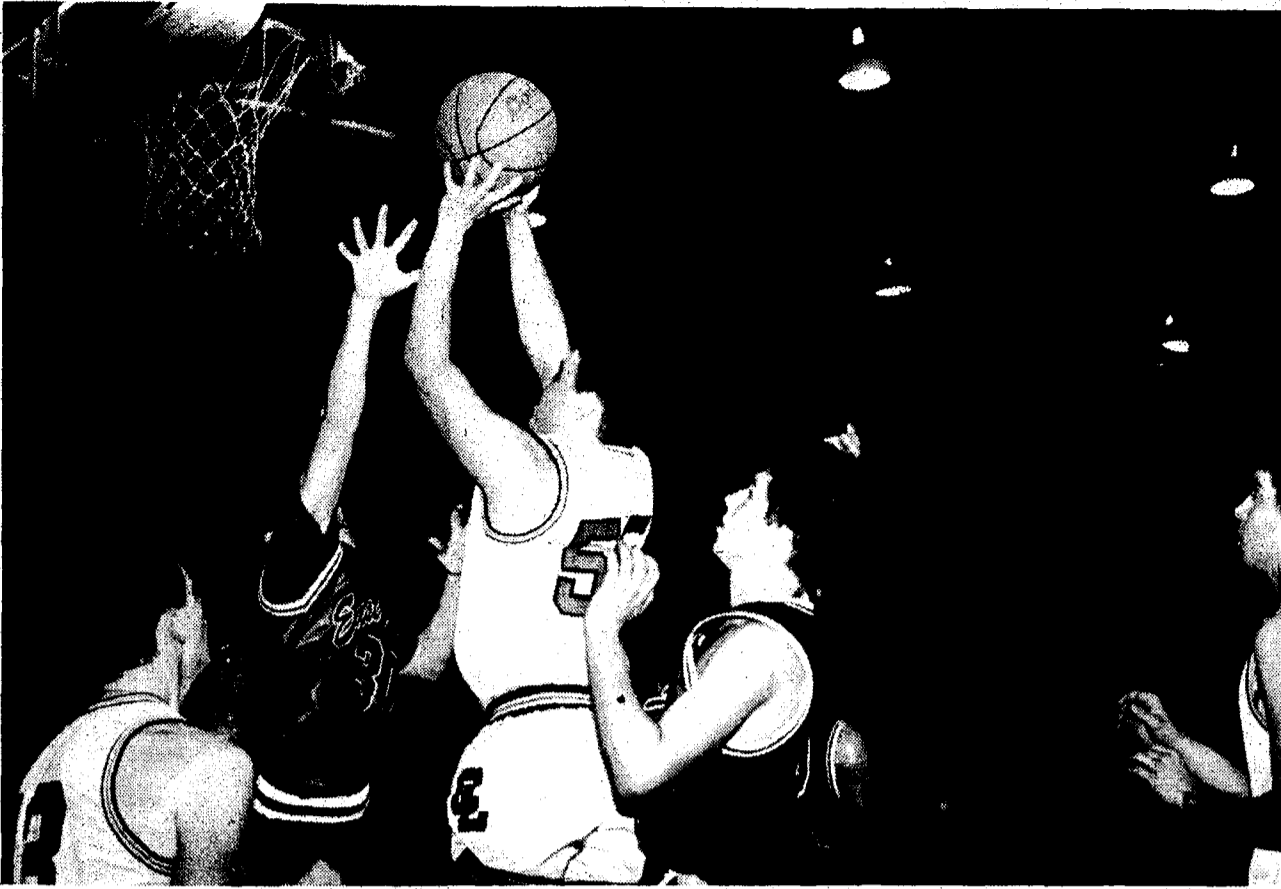
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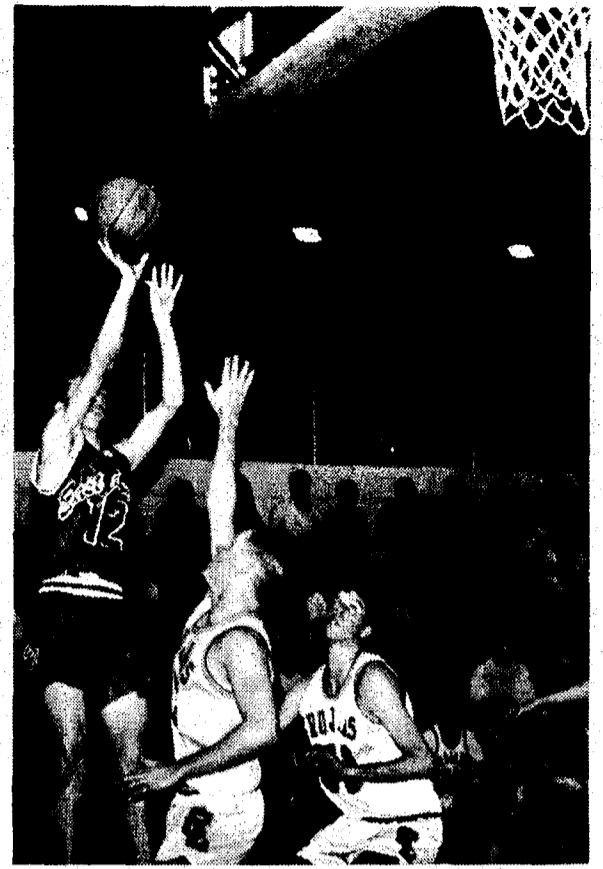
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MISTY BOATWRIGHT SERVES to Harbor Light Christian at the Earlybird Volleyball tournament. Twelve teams competed at Inland Lakes High School Saturday Dec. 19. The lady Trojans won three of eight matches.

## Trojans moving toward success

BY S.F. PUCKETT  
Sports Writer

**CENTRAL LAKE** - The Central Lake Trojan basketball team will catch the winning bug soon, and they came close in both games last week.

East Jordan had to figure out the Trojans Tuesday, and for a half could do not better than hang with them, Central Lake with a 35-34 advantage. In the second half, East Jordan inched up 55-49 with eight minutes to go, then flooded the Trojans with a 29 point outpouring in the fourth period, stopping the Trojans 84-62 by game's end.

Jamie Evans continued his fine string of personal efforts with 26 points, Paul Bunker

with a 12 point night and Mike Aenis adding six.

The Red Devils also took the jayvee match. Friday with Gaylord St. Mary's, Central Lake poured all its heart into toppling the Snowbirds, bolting to a 20-7 lead after one quarter and maintaining the lead 32-27 at the break. By the third period, however, Central Lake trailed, 47-41, and the Snowbirds managed to control the score the rest of the way, winning 73-64 to sit atop the Ski Valley Division through the holidays.

Central Lake got 25 more from Jamie Evans, with David Henry adding 11, Paul Bunker nine and Chad Pletcher seven.

Central Lake's opposition after the holiday will be Bellaire Fri., Jan. 8 in Ski Valley action.

## Local squads in tip-off tourney

BY S.F. PUCKETT  
Sports Writer

Four Antrim-Kalkaska volleyball teams participated in the Inland Lakes Volleyball Early-Bird tip-off degrees of success.

Kalkaska had the best showing by far, going 7-1 in pool play and reaching the finals before dropping the championship 2-1 to host Inland Lakes.

Central Lake went 3-5 in the pool, missing the bracket play by one game.

Forest Area and Bellaire, using extremely youthful lineups, failed to produce wins in the high level of competition.

Central Lake had to endure a tough pool, starting off with losses to Whitemore-PreScott 15-8, 15-6, then St. Ignace 15-6, 15-7.

By the time Harbor Light came around, the Trojans had adjusted and played better, splitting with Harbor Light, falling 13-15 before winning 15-8. Forest Area was then a quick conquest, 15-8, 15-12 to wind up the Trojans with a 3-5 record in pool play.

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# Scholarship winners named

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Ladies Auxiliary of Torch Post #6985, in Central Lake are so proud of all the students from Bellaire, Central Lake and Ellsworth High Schools who entered the Voice of Democracy National Scholarship Program.

Judges on the local level were Barb Faas, Betty Huntly, Don Groll, Ruth Groll and Fred Veermersch. Judging started at 9 a.m., and the

final results were tabulated at 3:30 p.m. Congratulations are extended to the following winners:

Bellaire High School - Teacher: Vicki Ross; first place, Wendy Erickson, \$150, gold medal; second, Caryn Watrous, \$100, silver medal; third, Pat Boyd, \$50, bronze medal. [Editor's Note: Photos of the Bellaire winners were published in last week's news.]

Central Lake High School - Teacher: Mike Velding; first place, Becky Shooks, \$150, gold medal; second place, Steve Viger, \$100, silver medal; third place, Connie Allen, \$50, bronze medal.

Ellsworth High School - Teacher: Larry Platte; first place, Tim Heneveld, \$150, gold medal; second place, Brian Watros, \$100, silver medal; third place, Scott Cooper, \$50, bronze medal.



**NUMBER ONE** among Voice of Democracy contestants from Ellsworth High School this year was Tim Heneveld, pictured here with VFW Commander Russ Guild and his mother. Not pictured are second-place winner Brian Watros and third-place finisher Scott Cooper.



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**1992 VOICE** of Democracy winners for Central Lake were (from left) Steve Viger (second place), Becky Shooks (first) and Connie Allen (third).



**TAKING TOP** honors among Bellaire High School students were (from left) third-place winner Pat Boyd, Caryn Watrous (second) and first-place finisher Wendy Erickson.

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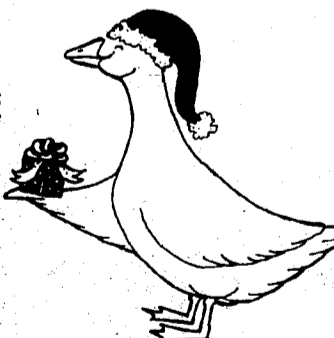
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# McPherson-Anspaugh wed

Patricia McPherson of Ellsworth and Robert Anspaugh of Osseo were married at the Bay City Wesleyan Church Sat., Nov. 28, 1992. Reverend Lyle Reynolds, pastor of the Bay City Wesleyan Church officiated. They exchanged their vows before 200 family members and guests in a unique ceremony that included traditional, as well as personally written portions.

Melissa McPherson, a niece, provided a flute solo, Gordon Schram sang "Wedding Blessing," and the Tri-City Chorus Quartet of Sweet Adelines, Int., Brenda Mahar, Shirley Clemens, Ara Dammer and Mary Garcia sang "The Lord's Prayer." Other music provided by Marilyn Milne were "Trumpet Tune in D Major," Henry Purcell; "Hymn of Joy," Beethoven.

Matron of Honor was Susan Schram. Best Man was Dick Jacobs. Ushers were Bill Hydorn, Ken Straub, Eldon McPherson and Theodore McPherson, brothers of the bride.

Reception followed the ceremony at North Euclid Church of God.

After a honeymoon trip to Williamsburg, Va. and Washington, D.C. the couple are at home in Bay City, Michigan.

The bride is employed as an elementary teacher at the Hughes School in Essexville, Michigan. The groom is an electrical and electronic specialist for the Down Brands Facility in Bay City, Michigan.

Patricia is the daughter of Jack and Anna Mae McPherson of Ellsworth, Michigan. Robert is the son of Edna Anspaugh of Osseo, Michigan and Henry Anspaugh (deceased).

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# VFW scholarship winners

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Commander Russ Guild and President Lorna Brookins complimented the principals and teachers of Bellaire, Central Lake and Ellsworth high schools and the 46 students who took part.

The three first-place winners have been entered in the 13th District Competitions with students from Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Charlevoix, Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Alpena, Montmorency and Otsego counties.

The three top district winners will be announced at the next district meeting, to be held Sun., Feb. 7, in Kalkaska.

Several people took the time to make this program a success: the five judges; the local chairmen Martha Moore, Steve Barnard and Pete Frank; Mac McKune who assisted Commander Guild at all three assemblies; and Marcie McKune who represented the Ladies Auxiliary and takes care of the publicity.

The proud grandfather who appeared in his VFW uniform to present his grandson Steve Viger of Central Lake with his prize and the proud smile on the face of Mrs. Heneveld at Ellsworth School when Tim received his awards made it all worthwhile.

By Marcella McKune, Publicity

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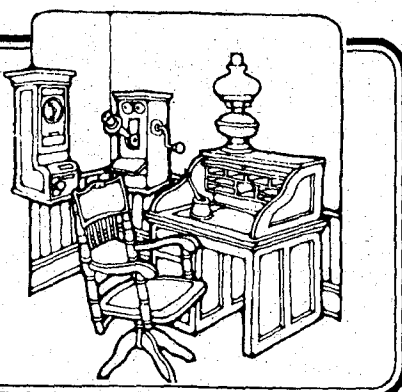
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# Memories By Sonia Bennetts

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**December 22, 1949**

■ The warm weather over the weekend rather spoiled Art Cronover's hard work. The village skating rink, just north of the hotel, was bulldozed early last week and Art, as in former years, has put in many hours flooding the rink and getting it in shape. The rink is in fine condition just waiting for more freezing weather.

■ The fire department was called to the home of Mrs. Minnie Appleby where the chimney burned out Saturday morning. There was some damage to the wall around the pipe but a good neighbor, Avery Wilson, had the fire extinguished before the firemen arrived.

■ A large crowd enjoyed the annual Christmas concert presented by the choir of the Congregational Church Sunday evening. Directed and accompanied by Miss Laura A. Mohrmann the choir rendered many difficult part numbers as well as old and familiar songs telling the beautiful Christmas story.

**December 20, 1962**

■ The following merchants wish you a merry

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■ Central Lake varsity cracks Bellaire 50-38 December 15th. The Trojans playing host to their long time rivals the Bellaire Eagles, chalked up their second conference win. Dean Shank's boys were very calm under the nerve racking conditions of the close game and went to the final buzzer with a pleasing victory.

■ The annual closing of the northbound lane of US-131 in Antrim County was announced today by the State Highway Department. Chief Maintenance Engineer Harold Rathfoot said the northbound lane of the divided highway is closed every winter because not enough traffic uses the highway to warrant keeping both lanes open. He said the Highway Department traditionally closes the northbound lanes about December 15th and re-opens it again about April 15th.

**December 21, 1972**

■ For the first time in the history of our post office, Ellsworth has a woman substitute mail carrier. Postmaster Marvin Elzinga, made public that Mrs. Polly Strange, passed the examination and received her appointment, December 1, 1972 as substitute mail carrier.

■ Central Lake Womans Club are proud to announce the decision of the judges for home decorations. First prize: Willie Wilcox. Second prize: Larry Marks, Third prize: Bernard Loper. Honorable mention goes to Carroll Koon, William Holman, Everett Sharp, Paul McDowell and Allen Aardema Jr. Kenneth Gilpin at the Paul Burnett home.

■ To many car/train accidents in Antrim County: What do we have to do before we get some safeguards at the railroad crossings in Antrim County? In the past four years there have been many incidents all at this time of the year involving cars and trains. When you consider that there are only two trains passing through this area daily, it is obvious that the accident rate is exceptionally high. Most grade crossing on the C&O line through Antrim County don't even have flasher lights.

*By Sonia Bennetts*

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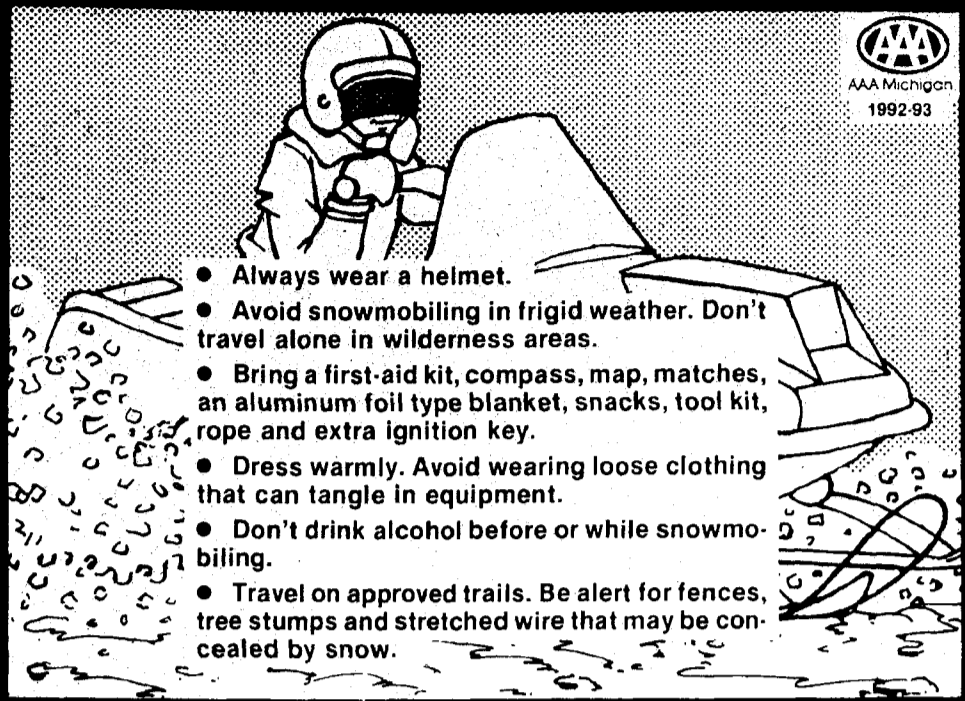
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- Avoid snowmobiling in frigid weather. Don't travel alone in wilderness areas.
- Bring a first-aid kit, compass, map, matches, an aluminum foil type blanket, snacks, tool kit, rope and extra ignition key.
- Dress warmly. Avoid wearing loose clothing that can tangle in equipment.
- Don't drink alcohol before or while snowmobiling.
- Travel on approved trails. Be alert for fences, tree stumps and stretched wire that may be concealed by snow.

Nearly 210,000 registered snowmobiles will hit Michigan trails this winter, making it critical that safety goes along for the ride, AAA Michigan reports.

"Snowmobiling is one of the most popular winter activities in Michigan, which has more than 5,000 trail miles - among the highest number of any state," said AAA Michigan Community Safety Services Manager Jerry Basch.

"However, during the last five snowmobile seasons, Mich-

igan has also recorded a yearly average of 365 crashes, nine deaths and 280 injuries.

"To improve this safety record, snowmobilers must know the 'rules of the road,'" he added.

Operating a snowmobile after drinking alcohol and driving at reckless speeds are two of the most dangerous practices for a snowmobiler, according to Basch.

Other safety tips for a safer snowmobile season:

- Always wear a helmet.

- Don't snowmobile alone in frigid weather or in wilderness areas.

- Carry a first-aid kit, compass, map, matches, an aluminum foil type blanket, snacks, tool kit, rope and extra ignition key.

- Dress in warm clothing, secured so that it won't tangle in equipment.

- Stay on marked trails or, where allowed, on the right

shoulder of the road. Be alert for fences, tree stumps and stretched wire that may be concealed by snow.

- Do not snowmobile on waters where the ice is not at least a solid six inches thick.

Because snowmobile theft can be a problem, owners should always take the keys out of the ignition when the machine is parked and chain and padlock it to a tree when leaving it unattended. Never leave a snowmobile running while unattended.

According to the Department of Natural Resources, snowmobilers can look forward to new trails later this season in the northwest, extending from Petoskey to East Jordan; in the central Lower Peninsula, from Gaylord to Frederic and Gaylord to East Jordan; and in the northeast Lower Peninsula, from Atlanta to Millersburg.

Additionally this season, 16 new groomers have been

added to the 77 snowmobile registration fees are spent annually to maintain, improve and expand and \$1 million in trails.



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MichCon customers may contribute to Heat Bank by selecting one of two options. Pledge cards are enclosed with the December gas bill, allowing customers to donate as little as \$1 a month for five months. Or, customers can enclose a separate check, made payable to "Heat Bank", with their monthly gas payment or mailed to Heat Bank, Box 140, Detroit, MI 48269-0140.

Heat Bank is a one-time per heating season, energy assistance program. It is a last-resort measure, aimed at helping customers who reside in MichCon service areas and are not eligible for state or federal aid - specifically, seniors age 60 and over, the handicapped, the

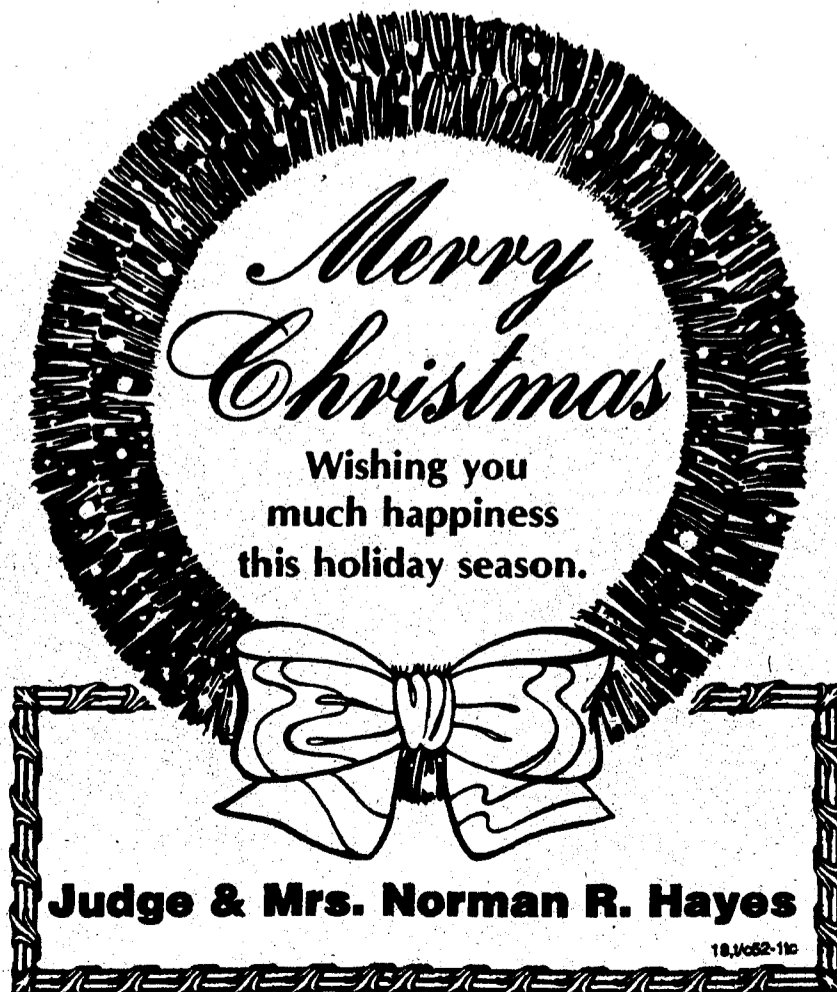
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# Wood heat fires still pose serious threat

Fires resulting from wood heating have declined in recent years, but still represent a serious threat to life and property in Michigan.

In 1991, five deaths here were attributed to blazes which originated in the chimney, according to a spokesman for the insurance industry. No one died in fires resulting from wood stoves and fireplaces; however, eight persons were injured. The total cost associated with both types of these fires

exceeded \$10 million last year.

Wood heating fires increased steadily from the late 1970s to 1983, when the Michigan State Police Fire Marshal Division reported 2,708 wood stove and fireplace incidents and over 3,400 blazes originating in chimneys. Since that time, these accidents have decreased significantly. In 1991, there were 739 fires resulting from wood stove and fireplace heating and 1,173 chimney fires.

The lower incidence of such fires is due in part to the decreased reliance upon wood for home heating over the past several years, said Terry Buckles, president of Michigan Association of Insurance Companies. Apparently, however, the use of wood for home heating is making a comeback.

The nature of wood heating fires have changed drastically. In the late 1970s, when homeowners were just rediscovering wood as an energy source, improper system installation was a leading cause of these fires. In recent years, however, improper maintenance has become a leading cause of such accidents.

Creosote build-up is responsible for many chimney fires. Dark in color and with an unpleasant odor, creosote is a by-product of wood burning that coats the interior of pipes and chimneys. If heavy deposits become very hot, they

burst into flames.

Six guidelines for wood burning safety are recommended: 1) buy only equipment approved by a recognized testing laboratory; 2) make certain the system is installed according to authorized standards; 3) learn and follow general rules for operation/maintenance; 4) regularly inspect the chimney and stovepipes for deficiencies and creosote build-up; 5) check stoves for cracks or faulty legs and hinges; and 6)

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# Jo's News

To see your news in this column, just call Jo Somerville at 544-6347. News for the following Wednesday's paper should reach Jo's ears no later than the preceding Wednesday.

☞ Joe, Ricky and Mandy Jo. Springstead of South Bend, Ind. spent the past weekend here visiting their mother and grandmother Lodema Springstead and brother John and Laurie and family and sister Lesa and Gary Kent and family. Enjoying a pre-Christmas dinner party on Sunday with Lesa at her home on East Torch Lake Drive.

☞ Mark Giddings and a friend from Battle Creek, came Sunday to visit his grandparents George and Marian Giddings. They enjoyed a dinner at the Ponderosa in Traverse City and a good visit.

☞ Mr. and Mrs. Durnell Stephens spent the past weekend in Marine City at their daughter's Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Schattler. All the families gathered for a pre-Christmas dinner party.

☞ Lou Ann and Charles Arnold of DeWitt, spent last weekend here visiting their mothers Hattie Arnold in Eastport and Dessie Wilson in

Central Lake and brother Truman and Wilma Wilson. Dessie has been confined to her home with flue, but is improving.

☞ The 1992 History Class held at Eastport Fire Hall met Thursday, Dec. 17 to enjoy a Christmas luncheon after honoring their Instructor Arlene Lueck with a card and gift. The hall is very pretty decorated. The members were from Bellaire, Eastport and Central Lake. The next meeting will be in January. They are studying presidents and their wives.

☞ The December birthday dinner was held at the Governmental Center on Wed., Dec. 16. Those honored for their December birthday was Marge Berry, Bill Loper and Paul Lisk. After singing happy birthday to them and presenting Ella Burns with a gift as our leader and head chef. We enjoyed a delicious dinner with a birthday cake and ice cream.

☞ The Philathea Class of the United

Methodist Church met Thurs., Dec. 17 in the evening at Marian Telgenhof's home which is so beautifully decorated. A short business meeting was held. New secret pals were drawn, and gifts given out which all were pretty. We enjoyed an evening of Christmas carols with Joyce Tharp playing for our entertainment. A delicious luncheon with punch and coffee was enjoyed. Despite the icy streets a good crowd attended.



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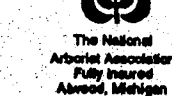
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**TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP**

**REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 8, 1992 - 7:30 P.M.**  
**TOWNSHIP HALL - EASTPORT**

Present: Schmidt, Cowell, Smedley, Hubbell, Dawson.  
Audience: 20

Coffee and doughnuts were provided by the Supervisor for a brief social time prior to the meeting.

1. Meeting was called to order and Supervisor led the pledge to the flag.

2. Minutes of the November 10th meeting were approved as published.

3. Supervisor made a statement he would like to keep the meetings as open as possible, however, he expected to follow the agenda. The bottom of the agenda will always have listed "Board Comments" and "Public Comments" which will be placed there for new business not covered in the agenda. This format seems to be the same as in the past for those having attended meetings.

4. Check #8003 - 8054 covering expenses totalling \$12,422.74 for the Township and Checks #2218 - 2233 totalling \$5,335.40 for the Fire District were approved and filed for audit.

5. a) Constable reported he has handled a littering problem successfully recently and is working on another with the Zoning Adm. at this time.

b) No report from the Fire District.

c) The Planning Comm. will be reviewing the recommendations made by the Antrim County Plan. Comm. L. Sullivan is studying the non-conforming A & B problem and M. Conroy is putting together a list of the non-conforming properties for this commission.

d) J. Norris read the Appeals Board report which is available in the Township Office. Case #92-10 (Tomlinson re signs on the highway right of way and expansion of commercial uses on nonconforming parcels) is still open. Motion by Hubbell, supported by Dawson the Planning Commission give attention to this Case at their next meeting. Carried. Hubbell suggested some Township Board members should also attend the meeting.

e) Zoning Adm. has issued 4 permits since the last meeting.

6. Char Lundy and H. Kruse gave a short report re the work Tor Bay Ambulance is doing. At this time they have a squad of 21 and are interested in recruiting some new volunteers. M. Dawson expressed her appreciation for the assistance her family had recently during an illness and this is the feeling throughout the Township for this small group of volunteers who have been so dedicated. This group has been serving the community since 1975 and overcome many problems. Let's all support them as much as possible.

7. J. Price resignation from the Board of Review was accepted and an appointment to fill this vacancy will be made in January.

8. Motion by Cowell, supported by Smedley, Tobin & Co., CPA Firm be retained to do the annual audit this year. Carried.

9. Motion by Cowell, supported by Dawson J. Hubbell be the Board Representative to the Planning Commission. Carried.

10. Motion by Cowell, supported by Dawson, Supervisor purchase a Michigan State Flag not to exceed \$100.00. Carried.

11. A discussion ensued with regard to continuing education for township representative which has always been encouraged. Consensus was the Board pay for the schools, which usually include a meal, and gas mileage to the school being held closest to our area. Motion by Cowell, supported by Smedley \$20.00/diem be allowed for an overnight stay, and 21¢/mile for travel to a workshop. Carried.

12. MTA Annual Convention Jan. 19-22 will be held in Detroit and the Board agreed officials interested in attending be permitted to do so.

13. Supervisor hours will be Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Wednesday 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Fridays - 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

14. Supervisor pointed out the Road Committee and Recreation Committee were advisory groups to the Township. Cowell recommended the Road Committee continue the work they have been doing. It was suggested they complete the access work that has been started - and review and update their road Policy. Motion by Hubbell, supported by Dawson that J. Berst be appointed to fill the vacancy on this committee due to B. Hassard's resignation. Carried. Motion by Cowell, supported by Smedley that J. Smith be formally appointed to the Road Committee. Carried.

J. Berst stated he would like to urge the new Board to review the files on the two grant properties the Township has. Supervisor stated that J. Norris is secretary to the Parks Commission and will be contacting other workers to hold a meeting in the near future.

15. Motion by Smedley, supported by Cowell the Township Board sign the agreement with the Central Lake Schools to collect summer school taxes. Carried.

16. J. Pilkington questioned some reports not being available to him. He misunderstood discussion re auditor - there was no report. Zoning Adm. report was on table. Road Policy has been in effect since 1987 and was given to new board members for review. Any report is available that is requested.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**  
Eva Cowell, Clerk

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**CENTRAL LAKE VILLAGE****COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

The regular meeting of the Council, Monday, December 14, 1992 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Pres. Seifried at the Governmental Center. Present: R. Guild, H. Smith, M. Kemnitzer, D. Smith, J. Tharp, A. Lessard, R. Donaldson. Absent: D. Richardson and H. Pletcher. Also present, Jeff Hallberg from the Antrim County News and one elector, Mr. Laubach.

Minutes of the November 9, 1992 meeting were read and approved as printed in the Torch.

Mr. Laubach spoke to the Council about the problem of garbage being left on a dumpster in the alley behind his place of business, The Club, also other debris on Maple Street, and cars illegally parked on Maple Street which interferes with snow removal. He told the Council of problems he has had with the sewer system and also asked why the Village does not permit snowmobiling in the Village. Council will check and advise.

President Seifried discussed the feasibility of a membership with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance for the Downtown Development Authority. There was a need for

more information, which will be obtained and presented at the January meeting. He also discussed the 1993-94 budget and work that will need to be done on it in the next couple months.

Mr. Donaldson briefed the Council on work going on in the Village, street repair, snowplowing and etc. He also stated that there would have to be a raise in water hook-ups due to the increase in prices on material used for this.

Mr. Guild told the Council that the Planning Commission has accepted the resignation of John Kohruss, and taken 3 new members, Ted Pierce, Walter Russell and Wes Danielson. A motion made by Don Smith and supported by Mike Kemnitzer for appointment of the new members. Motion carried.

A motion made by Guild, supported by Harry Smith to pay the bills in the amount of \$18,108.59. Motion carried.

A building permit was issued to Rick Sommer for an attached garage on Lakeview Lane.

A motion made by Don Smith, supported by Harry Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held January 11, 1993 at the Governmental Center at 7:00 p.m.

Ann Lessard,  
Village Clerk

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# LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

## NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF CENTRAL LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

### TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the Board of Education of Central Lake Public Schools, Antrim County, Michigan, has called a special election to be held in the school district on Tuesday, February 2, 1993.

**TAKE NOTICE** that the following proposition(s) will be submitted at the special bond election:

### BONDING PROPOSITION

Shall Central Lake Public Schools, Antrim County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Million Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,450,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of erecting, furnishing and equipping an addition to and partially remodeling and partially re-equipping the Central Lake Elementary School; and developing and improving the playground and site?

**THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERKS, IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1993, IS MONTH, JANUARY 4, 1993. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1993, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION.**

Persons planning to register with the respective city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Central Lake Public Schools, Antrim County, Michigan.

CLAUDIA REID HICKMAN  
Secretary, Board of Education

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# One-of-a-kind creations shown at style show

BY LORNA PEEBLES  
Contributing Writer

The EJ Shoppe of East Jordan and the Heart's Content Craft Shoppe were featured at a luncheon on Dec. 11, at Shanty Creek.

Mary Faculak was the commentator for the show, Julie Healey and Zyla Healey along with Jan Bultrud were the models for the EJ Shoppe. Mary says black watch plaid pants and V-neck sweaters are back in. Most of the pants modeled were stirrup pants and the sweaters were mostly over-sized.

The EJ Shoppe has a "wish book" you can go in and pick out your favorite outfit and have "Santa" go in and he'll know just what you want.

Pam Gillie from Heart's Content modeled her own creations, hand painted, hand-crafted outfits. You can be assured of "one of a kind" when wearing one of Pam's creations. Pam's clothes are sold on consignment at the EJ Shoppe.



A MODEL SHOWS OFF a new creation at a style show at Shanty Creek Dec. 11.

# Students help needy

There is nothing quite like youngsters having good clean fun, especially when it helps other people. That is exactly what happened Friday night Dec. 11, when the Central Lake High School Student Council sponsored a dance for the students. The price of admission was at least three cans of food per person, five for a couple.

About 125 students had a good time but best of all they produced over 400 pounds of food, that will be distributed to the needy of the area by the Central Lake Chamber of Commerce.

We welcome the opportunity to say thanks and merry Christmas.

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