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Digging out: Crews plowing side roads

BY DON DIBLEY

While city roads are pretty much cleared out from the weekend's two storms, crews continue to dig out rural areas.

A total of 23 1/2 inches of snow were recorded in Charlevoix since Thursday, while 19 inches were counted in East Jordan.

Charlevoix County road commission trucks, graders and bulldozers are attempting to clear side roads which are still buried under three- to four-foot drifts, Engineer-Director Fred Welch said.

Main roads were passable by Tuesday morning as crews turned their attention to side roads. Eleven vehicles were operating out of the Boyne city garage, six out of Ironton and two on Beaver Island on Tuesday, Welch said.

DPW crews in Boyne City and East Jordan had city streets passable — though some were only one-lane wide — by mid-day Tuesday.

Boyer crews were to be out Wednesday morning widening the side streets, city clerk Tom Garlock said. Workers started clearing Boyne streets at midnight on Tuesday after working until noon on Monday, Garlock said.

An East Jordan spokeswoman said city workers had streets pretty well cleared by mid-day Tuesday. Snow removal efforts were the next order of business, she said.

The first storm hit on Thursday, Dec. 31. Snowfall on New Year's Eve ranged from one inch recorded at the East Jordan sewage treatment plant to seven inches at the Charlevoix city treatment plant.

The major storm came over the weekend, though, as East Jordan recorded 18 inches from Friday, Jan. 1, through Monday, Jan. 4, and Charlevoix had 16 1/2 inches from Jan. 1 through 8 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5.

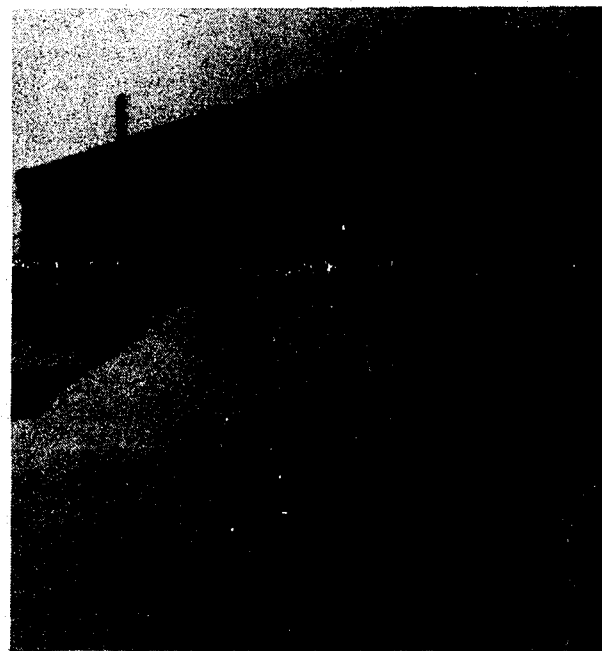
All school districts in the area — and throughout northwestern Michigan — were closed Monday and Tuesday. School officials expected classes to resume Wednesday.

Charlevoix Transit buses did not run all day Monday or Tuesday morning but were back on the road at noon Tuesday. Full-day service was expected Wednesday.

The Sunday-Monday storm, with snow pushed around by winds of up to 50 miles an hour on the county's western side, forced many businesses and stores to close Monday and Tuesday.

Utility customers fared well, though, as Consumers Power and Michigan Bell reported only slight service problems.

About 1,500 Top O' Michigan customers were without power for up to three hours Monday because of blown fuses at a substation near Boyne City. Power was fully restored by 5 p.m.



Monday was a day for digging and plowing. Area residents had about 20 inches of snow to remove from sidewalks and driveways over the holiday weekend. East Jordan recorded 19 inches and Charlevoix 23 1/2.

Ski areas have good holiday

As far as ski resorts were concerned, the season this year started slowly, winter being reluctant to part with much snow.

But the holidays brought improvement.

According to Sandy Turylo, executive secretary of Boyne USA, attendance over the holidays was up from last year.

"No natural snow last year," she explained. "This year, though, we were all set without natural snow." But the natural snowfall helps get people in the mood, she said.

According to Jim Dilworth of Nub's Nob, the natural snow whitens the landscape and makes a nice setting even though some skiers like man-made snow because it is more consistent.

"But many skiers don't actually know

what they're skiing on (man-made or natural)."

Dilworth said, "We showed an increase of five to 10 percent over last year for the holidays. I think it was a healthful sign for northern Michigan and the economy we have here."

Dilworth attributed the increase to good snow conditions. He said they haven't added more advertising.

Boyer USA has cut back on advertising, Turylo said. Still the holidays brought the resorts more people than ever from out of state.

"We had a lot from Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio," Turylo said.

Groomed cross-country trails are an increasing attraction, according to resort managers.

At resorts that attract more families, like Thunder Mountain, Boyne Highlands, and Nub's Nob, cross-country is well-advertised by word-of-mouth.

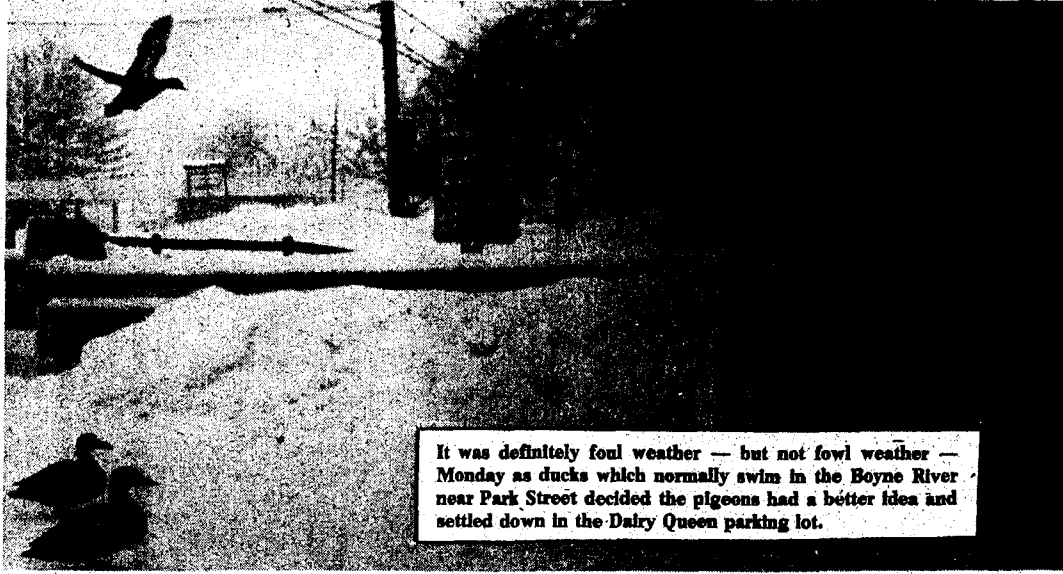
Turylo said it is "a big family sport." And Dilworth said a lot of parents go cross-country while their youngsters do downhill.

Boyer USA also offers lifts to cross-country skiers so they can do telemarks and other turns on the slopes.

At Nob's Nob, free, groomed trails are now available, Dilworth said.

The ski holiday has become a tradition for many families, Turylo said. "The same people will come, year after year."

With the generous increase of snow since Christmas, Dilworth said they are looking forward to a good season.



It was definitely foul weather — but not fowl weather — Monday as ducks which normally swim in the Boyne River near Park Street decided the pigeons had a better idea and settled down in the Dairy Queen parking lot.

Meet EJ's new superintendent

BY BARBARA CRUDEN

EAST JORDAN - John M. (Mike) Dionne, the new superintendent of public works, sees plenty to do to get the city caught up.

"Repairs and equipment will come first," Dionne said after a busy three weeks on the job.

"We have a lot of projects lined up. That's to be expected with the recent turnover period on this job," Dionne is the third superintendent in seven months.

Dionne's previous experience has been in privately-owned businesses, but he said his new municipal duties are quite related to those he has performed

in the past.

"I've done a little administrative work," Dionne said, referring to his duties with Aqua Pura Company in Sterling Heights for six years, and subsequently with The Brechteen Company of Mount Clemens and Curtis Electric in Sterling Heights.

Asked if any aspects interest him particularly, Dionne responded his main objective was in taking care of the city as a whole.

He said they have begun with "very, very thorough inspections of all our DPW physical elements—water, sewer, and so on. Then we will see."

He added, however, "We're still

ascertaining the idea of the marina."

Dionne was able to attend the Civic Dinner, Dec. 8, shortly after he was hired.

"I thought it was a positive thing there was such a big turnout," he said. He is hopeful of funds becoming available this year for beginning the harbor project.

Dionne's parents live in Traverse City, "where my grandparents and their parents lived."

He is appreciative of this area. "I like to take the family boating, fishing, and camping," he said. "This area is without doubt one of the finest."

Dionne and his wife Nancy have three

school-aged sons. They are still in St. Clair Shores, but Dionne is hoping to have a place here in time for the second semester of school.

Asked how he likes East Jordan, Dionne said, "I see a good atmosphere." He liked the fact that people spoke up at the first council meeting he has attended, pointing out things they would like to have done.

He has also attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting, saying all these things, in addition to the great help he has had from those in the city clerk's office and his own department, have helped him get acquainted with the city and his job.



East Jordan's new superintendent John M. "Mike" Dionne and his wife Nancy attended the city's Civic Dinner in December. They have three sons.

with Nancy Northup 582-9174

Neighbors What's Happening

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian DeRoos and daughter Rachel returned home over the weekend from spending the past two weeks in Grand Rapids. While there they met their new granddaughter, Melissa Marie, born to Robin and Don DeRoos on Dec. 28.

Mrs. Ora Webb spent a few days in Warren this week to help her daughter Marsha Lewis celebrate her birthday.

Mrs. Bee Howard and daughter-in-law Micki went to Grand Ledge last week to attend the funeral of former resident Viola Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mosser and family of Petoskey visited his sister Leanna and Jerry Hardy and family over the weekend.

Robin Nelson of Pontiac was home over the weekend visiting her mother Mrs. Vernice Nelson.

Guests at the Connie and Larry Lingle home were Bruce Goetz of Chesning, Bill and Teri Goodall and son of Virginia, Bill and Cindy Goetz and twin daughters Malissa and Mich of Clare and Ray Lingle of Ferris State College and friend Patti Mechalla.

Peggy and Tom Suedhoff spent the holidays in Ft. Wayne visiting their

parents. Visiting the Sue Hobbs this week from Ft. Wayne, Ind. was Tom's brother Rob and friend Mary Jo.

The Trinity Church held a communion service on New Year's Eve, and also enjoyed a fellowship time of games and refreshments.

Bingo winners on Wednesday at the Boyne City Senior Center were Kenneth Wertz, Jenny Jodway, Erma Norton, and two-time winner was Mabel Hanson. The cover-all was won by Flossie Baughman.

Mr. and Mrs. Stary Packard returned from spending the holidays with the children in the Detroit area and visiting her mother and other relatives in Belding.

Paygie and Dave Wilson entertained about 16 people from the Presbyterian Church in their home, enjoying a potluck and songs and games on New Year's Eve. Their daughter Cindy and Jim Gapsinski of Elmira, were also there.

Mrs. Virginia Hegerberg returned home over the weekend from spending the holidays with her daughter Pam and Rev. Richard Schmidt and boys in West Virginia.

Ann Jenkins returned

home over the weekend from spending the holidays in Royal Oak and Clarkston visiting her daughters and their families.

About 200 people attended the New Year's Eve celebration at the Boyne City Bowling Lanes with the County Junction Band from Charlevoix.

Mrs. Dorothy Nowland returned home over the weekend after having spent the past 10 days visiting relatives in Flushing and Flint.

Linda and Jim Felton and family spent the holidays visiting relatives in Grand Rapids and St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morely and family of Clio were here visiting the Felton family this past weekend.

Mrs. Genevieve Sutton returned home over the weekend from attending a family get-together over New Year's at Pretty Lake.

Wade Jenkins has been visiting in the area and doing some skiing. He returned to school at MSU in East Lansing accompanied by his cousin Beth who returned to her job in Monroe.

About 25 people attended a games' party on New Year's Eve at the Christ Lutheran Church.

On New Year's Day, the Ora Webbs hosted a wild game dinner for a group of relatives.

Mrs. Ruth VanHoesen hosted a "Widows' Watch" New Year's Eve party at her home with about six ladies enjoying an evening of cards and refreshments.

W.H. VanAlstine re-

turned to his home in Big Rapids over the weekend after having spent the past week with his son Lloyd VanAlstine and family.

Jean and Bill Korthase attended a dinner party in Kewadin over the weekend joining 16 nieces and nephews honoring their aunt, Mrs. Ella Brown at the Cal Bargy home.

with Millie Walden 536-2381

Mrs. Theresa Walden was surprised on Saturday, Dec. 26, when her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Walden of Arlington, Texas came to visit her. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walden were there as were Mr. and Mrs. DuWayne Dougherty and daughter, Michell.

Francis Bishaw spent Christmas Eve at the home of his niece, Mrs. Harold (Sally) Galnick in Gaylord. He spent Christmas with his niece, Mrs. Robert Holtzman, and 32 relatives. While in Gaylord Mr. Bishaw also visited her sister-in-law,

Mrs. Fred Bishaw.

Milton Veverka returned from six days visiting friends and relatives in Dorr, Portage and Petoskey.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

The center is offering an employability skills workshop for women who wish to enter into the job market or are contemplating a job change. The six-week workshop will be held on Tuesday afternoons beginning Jan. 19. Call 347-0067 to register.

LaLECHE LEAGUE

Nutrition and weaning will be the topics of this month's meeting of the Charlevoix LaLeche League at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the United Methodist Church. Any interested woman is invited. Babies are welcome. For

information call Jenny Bellairs at 547-6255 or Jan Vanderwall at 536-7252.

EAST JORDAN METHODIST

An all-you-can-eat roast beef dinner will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Methodist Church of East Jordan. Price is \$3.75 for adults, \$2 for children and, free for those under nine. Call Betty Yenni at 582-9092 for information.

A.C.E. GENEALOGICAL

The A.C.E. Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at the Boyne City Library. There will be a discussion on the use of Sonday and work will be done on the newspaper files.

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E. J. Chatterings

Mason had a surprise visit from their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winder from Ann Arbor, with their five children. And their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Mason and their two daughters from Lima, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. William Archer spent the Christmas holiday in Muskegon with their son, Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Archer.

Mrs. Elma Prause had for Christmas holidays her children: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Alexander and children of Traverse City; Judy Hosler from Grand Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hosler and Phyllis from Flint; and Mr. and Mrs. William Scott and children of East Jordan.

Edward Jr. and Bill Iversen of Troy spent a few days visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivar Iversen of East Jordan.

Mrs. Goldie Bennett; Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett; Mr. and Mrs. Perry

Bennett and family and Tim Morris; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barrow and girls; Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Barrow and baby; Linda and Jeremy Valentine, Frank, Robbie Valentine; Mr. and Mrs. Olson and baby; Mr. and Mrs. Jim LaBeau and boys; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Katalik and Eddie from Mt. Morris, spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Olson and son.

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College holds short courses

PETOSKEY - A new educational opportunity, the "mini semester," will be offered at North Central Michigan College this January.

Beginning Jan. 5, eight short courses will be held for a maximum of three weeks, with course length

Hospital seeks donors

Charlevoix Area Hospital has initiated a long-term development program to meet growth needs.

Since 1978—when a major fund-raising campaign enabled renovations and construction of

County gives \$3,500 to fair

Charlevoix County government will contribute \$3,500 to the Emmet County Fair in 1982.

The county board had been asked by the Charlevoix County 4-H for a \$5,000 contribution.

Middle School honor roll

BOYNE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL EIGHTH GRADE

Amy Alger, Sheri Bradley, Theresa Davis, Karen

DeSchryver, Debbie Gipperich, Jeff Lingle, Sandy Schmoldt, Peter Skornia.

SEVENTH GRADE

Rhonda Anthony, Janice Behling*, Christy Berry, Geoff. Bohne*, Gretchen Bohne, Jenny Butler, Brenda Caldecott*, Mark Carson, Sheryl DeHeer, Linda Eagling, Heidi Erber.

SIXTH GRADE

Mary Beth Archambault*, Didi Beebe, Kevin Beebe, Micki Bennett*, Bruce Capelin, Jamie Coon, Lesa Curry, Lesley DeGrow, Mike DeSchryver.

Fifth GRADE

Carmen Dole, Kristi Drury, Troy Fall*, Mark Felton, Billy Gipperich, John Gould, Jon Greotis, Shannon Heberling, Troy Heiermann, Lori Knight.

Fourth GRADE

Lisa Koteskey, Julie Lingle, Bob McClintock, Barry Nelson, Jim Potter, Denise Ratcliff*, Becky Rau*, Angela Reich.

Third GRADE

Patty Schmoldt, Eli Sharp*, Peter Smith*, Toni Smith, Greg Talberg, Debbie Towne.

Second GRADE

Sarah Nickels*, Jenni Shields, Derek Smith.

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What's for lunch at school?

January 11 - 15

EAST JORDAN

Monday - Tacos with cheese and shredded lettuce, macaroni and tomatoes, buttered corn

Tuesday - Turkey in gravy, mashed potatoes, salad

Wednesday - Hot dogs in buns, buttered peas, cheese slices

Thursday - Vegetable beef soup, assorted sandwiches, crackers, carrot sticks

Friday - Pizza, salad, green beans

Bread, butter, milk and dessert served with each meal.

BOYNE FALLS

Monday - Tacos with cheese and shredded lettuce, macaroni and tomatoes, buttered corn

Tuesday - Turkey in gravy, mashed potatoes, salad

Wednesday - Hot dogs in buns, buttered peas, cheese slices

Thursday - Vegetable beef soup, assorted sandwiches, crackers, carrot sticks

Friday - Pizza, salad, green beans

Bread, butter, milk and dessert served with each meal.

BOYNE CITY

Monday - Hamwich, sweet potatoes, or baked beans, pineapple

Tuesday - Turkey in gravy over rice, buttered peas or carrot sticks, apples

Wednesday - Pizza, buttered corn or cabbage salad, peaches

Thursday - Hamburger on bun, potato chips, dill slices or green beans, pears

Friday - Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, dill slice or salad and mixed fruit

Bread and milk served with each meal.

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Eagles collect \$1,300 for heart transplant patient

Thanks to the efforts of a lot of Boyne City residents, \$1,327.67 has been sent to help Sharon Jahns of Livonia who had a heart transplant operation in July.

Sharon, 33, is married to the nephew of Robert Jans of Boyne.

It was through the work of Robert Jans and the Boyne City Eagles that money was collected to help pay for Sharon's post-operative medical bills. Sharon, the mother of two, was the

first person to have a successful heart transplant operation at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

She is back home in southern Michigan with her family and thousands of dollars in bills.

When members of the Boyne City Eagles found out last summer that Robert Jans' relative was awaiting the surgery, they pledged to raise money to help her out.

They held a dinner-dance in August

and placed canisters in branches of the Northwestern State Bank.

Fund-raising efforts led by Sharon's friends and neighbors in Livonia raised about \$17,000. After the surgery, she had to remain in the Minneapolis area until October so doctors could keep a close eye on her recovery.

About a year ago, Sharon developed a rare heart-muscle disease called cardiomyopathy.

The muscle in her heart grew so weak her doctor contacted the Mayo Clinic about the possibilities of performing surgery.

Because of Sharon's age and the health of the rest of her body, doctors at St. Mary's Hospital - part of the famous medical facility - decided to attempt their second heart transplant operation.

Improvements in anti-rejection drugs made patients' chances of

survival greater, a hospital spokeswoman said, and doctors decided to start performing transplants.

The hospital's first transplant patient died because other organs were damaged and placed a burden on the new heart, according to the spokeswoman.

Famed heart transplant specialist Dr. Christiana Barnard recently estimated there are currently between

75 and 100 heart transplant recipients around the world.

Sharon's operation took 3 1/2 hours and involved 10 doctors. The donor was a Minnesota woman killed in a traffic accident.

In a holiday greeting to the Eagles, Sharon wrote:

"May you all have a very blessed holiday season. I will never forget what the Boyne City Eagles did for me."

County backs off protest of Big Rock sirens

Work is underway again on the siren warning system around the Big Rock Point nuclear power plant.

The Charlevoix County board of commissioners last week withdrew its opposition to installation of the system.

Because the board informed Consumers Power and the Nuclear Regulatory Agency in November that it was opposed to installation of the system, the utility halted work on the system.

Representatives of the NRC and the Federal Emergency Management Agency met with the board on Wednesday, Dec. 30.

After that meeting, the board rescinded the November resolution. Commissioner John Haggard, who introduced the original and rescission resolutions, said he still did not think the system was needed but wanted to free Consumers Power from the predicament it was in.

The utility is under orders from the

NRC to have the alarm system in place by Feb. 1. If it does not comply, it could face fines or possible shut-down.

The county board's resolution stated it did not want the system installed on county property. Several of the 11

sirens will be on county rights-of-way and the activation switch will be located in the county sheriff's office.

Several commissioners had joked that the utility was stuck in a place between "a Big Rock and a hard place."

Consumers Power informed the board during the meeting that it was going to pay all maintenance costs for the system.

No formal request had been made to the board for the county to pick up any of the costs.

The issue arose when commissioner Thomas Breakley of East Jordan reported on a meeting some commissioners had with Consumers officials. Breakley told the board CP had suggested the county share in maintaining the system.

Board members said they thought accepting any responsibility would lead to further costs in the future - if maintenance costs increased, if it became necessary to hire someone to man the system, if the NRC later decided to enlarge the area covered by sirens.

The siren system is to form a ring for five miles around the plant to alert residents of any possible danger at Big Rock. It would be activated if an emergency or potential emergency existed at the facility.

The requirement for such a system, said Bill Axelson of the NRC's Chicago office, came about because of the Three Mile Island accident in Pennsylvania.

Before the troubles at Three Mile Island, Axelson said, the NRC and utility companies did not anticipate the need for public information and notification.

The NRC now requires emergency notification systems, such as siren systems at Big Rock and other CP nuclear plants, and dissemination of information about the plants and potential hazards.

The utility is required to have a system which will notify persons in a

five-mile radius of Big Rock within 15 minutes when a potential problem exists.

The county has adopted an emergency plan which has not yet been approved by the NRC. And on June 24, 1980, a drill was held to demonstrate its capability to inform the public.

At that drill, said Gordon Winger of FEMA, the county showed that it could inform residents within five miles of the plant of an impending problem, but it could not do it within the 15-minute limit imposed by the NRC.

Loud speakers on police and fire vehicles were used during the demonstration.

Axelsson said the five-mile limit was arrived at because Big Rock is a smaller plant. Only it and two others in the nation have less than a 10-mile notification radius, he said.

The Big Rock facility, which opened in 1982, has a boiling water reactor. Larger, newer plants contain a more complicated, pressurized water reactor.

A study completed by Consumers Power indicated that there was no need for the siren system, but the NRC said all plants must have them.

The agency's authority to require installation has been challenged in court and upheld, Axelson said.

Big Rock public affairs director Phil Loomis said the utility will be able to meet its Feb. 1 deadline.

Only commissioner Oscar Ward of Charlevoix voiced an objection to rescinding the early resolution, stating he would like to see the NRC's authority challenged. Ward abstained from voting as the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Nuclear plant to shut down for refueling



Workmen at the Big Rock Point nuclear power plant during previous refueling activities. The plant will shut Feb. 6 after 365 consecutive days of generating electricity.

After 365 consecutive days of operation, the Big Rock nuclear power plant is scheduled to shut down for refueling on Feb. 6.

The string of 365 days will be the second longest period any nuclear plant has operated without interruption.

The Maine Yankee plant, a pressurized-water reactor, operated for 392 days before being shut down for refueling.

When Big Rock generated electricity for 343 days in 1976-77, it set the record up until that time. The Jenki I facility in Japan has since run for 345 consecutive days.

The facility will be off-line - not feeding electricity into a state-wide grid system - for a little less than two months while the refueling takes place, public affairs director Phil Loomis said.

During refueling, workers will replace about one-third of the 10,164 fuel rods containing uranium oxide. The spent fuel will be stored in a storage area covered by about 30 feet of water.



Nuclear Regulator Agency representative Bill Axelson, rear, speaks to the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners while commissioners Marvin Loding, front, and Lee Moerland listen.

Social Security changes in effect

Along with the wage base increase will be an increase in the social security tax from 6.65 percent to 6.70 percent. The actual tax will rise by \$195.75 to a maximum of \$2,170.80 on wages. Employers will pay a matching amount on maximum earnings.

A worker earning \$13,729 and paying

\$192.98 in social security taxes in 1981, will pay \$191.84 in 1982.

Another change involves earning quarters of coverage which determines eligibility. The earnings needed for one quarter of coverage will rise from \$310 to \$340 in 1982. A total of \$1,260 or more in earnings will earn the four-quarter yearly

maximum. Exempt amounts for beneficiaries working and receiving checks will also change in 1982. At age 65 and older, the exempt amount will increase from \$5,500 in 1981 to \$6,000 in 1982.

Under age 65 exempt amounts will change from \$4,080 in 1982 to \$4,400 in 1982.

Fiddlers ready for 2nd jamboree

EAST JORDAN - Last year's Fiddlers' Jamboree and Old-Fashioned Square Dance was such a success, it is coming again this year on Saturday, Jan. 16 at the Civic Center.

City recreation director Pat Berlo said the Original Michigan Fiddlers' Association periodically puts on these events in a number of cities around the state.

East Jordan is lucky to be the focus in this area, Berlo said.

Association area chairman Bill Stevens will provide the back-up band for the afternoon jamboree. Anyone can

come up and play his or her fiddle along with the band, Berlo said.

The afternoon will be devoted to fiddling and the evening to square dancing. Times will be announced next week.

Donations will be accepted at the door. Berlo added, "If we have anything like the crowd we had last year, they'd better get here early!"

The Association has a membership, but fiddlers—amateur or professional—don't have to belong to be able to play. The only requirement, according to Berlo, is that no electrified instruments

may be used.

"It really is a family event," Berlo said. People enjoy listening to the different fiddlers perform, for the fun of it, and then in the evening, joining the square dancing.

"Children square dance, too," Berlo said. "We had 18 squares going last year, including some children—about all the room could hold. And this year the floor is all newly refinished."

Square dance callers are volunteers. "All are welcome as are all the fiddlers," she said.



The second Fiddlers' Jamboree and Old-Fashioned Square Dance will be held Saturday, Jan. 16, at the East Jordan Civic Center. Photoed warming up for last year's inaugural event are John (left), Charles Christy and Clarence Carley.

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County board undoes the mess it made

They later called it an exercise in futility. But it was much more than that.

When the Charlevoix County board of commissioners voted in November that they didn't want a siren system installed around the Big Rock Point nuclear power plant, they didn't stop to consider what troubles they were going to cause.

It may have seemed like a good idea at the time, but the whole thing was little more than a showboating effort with no muscle behind it.

All that was accomplished was to put Consumers Power, owner of the electricity-generating facility, in a bind with the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission—or, as commissioners liked to joke in the ensuing weeks, "between a Big Rock and a hard place."

The commissioners' resolution of Nov. 25 came almost as an afterthought at the end of a long meeting.

Business had been pretty much exhausted when commissioner Tom Breakey got up to report on what had happened when commissioners went to the power plant to talk with utility officials about the warning system, which the NRC ordered put in.

After Breakey said Consumers was suggesting the county board share costs of maintaining the battery-operated system, commissioners complained vaguely about how doing so could only lead to further expense. "This is only a start," said one, "it's going to get expensive."

In fact, the utility is paying the entire maintenance cost and has never asked the county to help pick up the tab.

As the conversation went on, commissioner John Haggard, whose district the plant is in, said, "Let's tell the NRC we don't want it (the siren system). It's not needed."

There was some talk about how the consumer was going to

pay for maintaining the system whether CP or the county, or some other agency, picked up the check, and then Haggard made his comment into a motion.

On a 12-2 vote, with one absent, the resolution passed. A copy was sent to Consumers and one to the NRC, and that was that.

Except it wasn't. The utility was still under orders from the NRC to have the system operational by Feb. 1 or face fines of up to \$10,000 a day or even possible shutdown.

Meanwhile, the county's grandstand play had left the utility with orders not to put up poles or sirens on county property and not to hook up the activation switch in the sheriff's department.

In an apparent attempt to undo part of the mess they'd made, commissioners—at the urging of Haggard—on Dec. 23 approved sending a letter to Consumers saying they

understood the company was in a tough spot and would not hold it against the firm if it went ahead. But the resolution stood.

The problem wasn't resolved until after an NRC representative and one from the Federal Emergency Management Agency trooped up to Charlevoix for a special board meeting Dec. 30.

The government men told the board nothing it didn't already know.

After the hearing, the board approved a new resolution dissolving the old one.

As a rationale they used Big Rock plant superintendent Cy Hartman's statement during the hearing that the utility would assume all maintenance costs.

But, of course, that was the case all along.

Barbara Cruden

A third party helps first two in conversation

This time of year it's nice to sit in front of the warm, friendly fire and intermittently talk and intermittently just watch the fire.

One of the fears many people have is of not keeping the conversational ball rolling when they have a visitor. The blank patches of silence are so embarrassing that they frantically ransack the drawers of their minds to find something to say.

So a fire in the fireplace is a nice, gentle third party in the room, filling the gaps in conversation with whispers of flame and small exclamations of charred wood dropping into the ashes.

Then, too, one can always get up and throw another log on the fire.

A wood stove, however, for all its efficiency, is not much of a third party. One can't watch the flames. Host and visitor must face each other.

Another good way people visit is while sitting on the old front porch, maybe with their feet up on the railing. Again, they both face the third party—in this case, the world passing by.

The perfect front porch is without

screens. It is about three steps up and about 15 feet from the sidewalk—close enough to call out hello, but not so close that everyone must stop in.

I think sitting on the beach or on a log are also proper settings. The setting itself is the third party and it is part of sitting by a view of water or hills to have long pauses in the conversation while just gazing peacefully at the scenery.

Sitting side by side has a notable effect on how people talk. It was once said—and often repeated—that the ideal classroom was a teacher sitting at one end of a log and the pupil at the other.

Something about both facing the same way, instead of confronting each other, lends an ease of spirit. It leads to discussions in which both are inquirers. At the least, the exchange is one of a agreeable comment. Easy-going. Sometimes even lazy.

I like to sit next to instead of across from a small child. Then I can almost hear the child think. It's like being on the same team. Ages disappear.

I was thinking of these things when a friend was telling what she saw on TV last night.

"Nothing much," she said. She and her husband just watched it off and on. And the other off and on they chatted about not necessarily connected things.

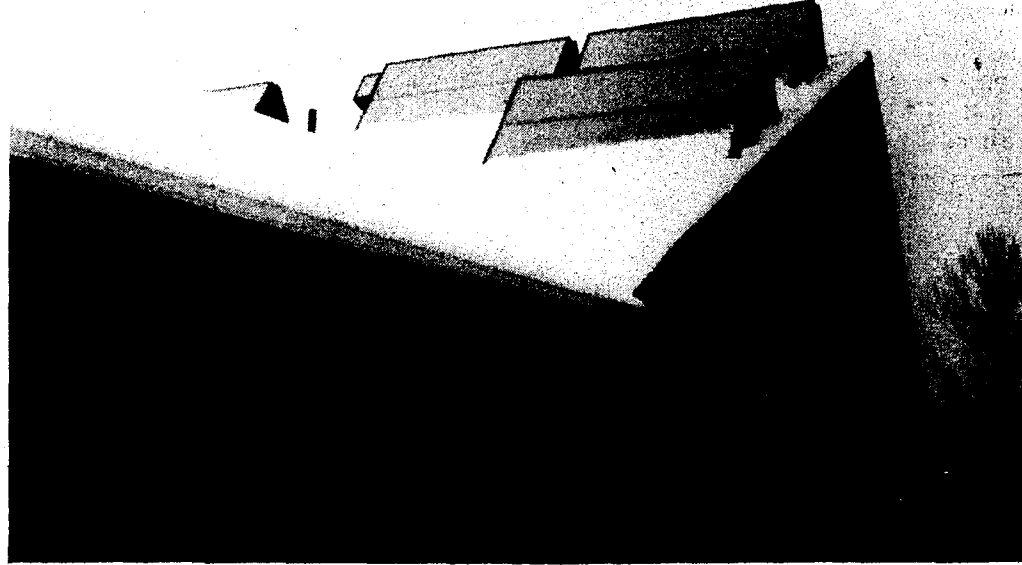
Not having a TV at present, I contemplate for a moment this very pleasant vision of two people, married for a long time, who could chat this way for an hour or so.

It dawned on me, the TV was the third party, much as the fire in the fireplace was, or the light on the water and among the trees—or the people going by on the street in front of the porch.

Indeed, the TV is like the world going by one's living room chair.

Television has so often been accused of killing off conversation among the members of a family, but here it was, encouraging it!

Maybe I'll get a TV instead of a fireplace, after all. If it has any warm, friendly programs, that is.



Solar collectors line the top of a house in Eveline Township. The solar system works in temperatures as low as 30-below and with sun only every 3 days or so, the owner says.

Solar system works in chilly North, too

BY GERI SANTEK

Once regarded as an energy system for sunnier climes, solar heating is making headway in northern Michigan as a viable heat source—as effective as it is cost efficient.

Seals and Roberts Solar Energy Systems of Boyne City is offering a solar system specially designed and tested to operate at maximum efficiency in this area, well-known for its harsh winter climate and sporadic sunshine.

This system will work well whether it's 30 degrees above or 30 degrees below.

Simply put, solar heat is based on the idea of utilizing free sunshine. The solar collector absorbs the sun's radiant heat which is then used to operate existing heating systems or operate independently.

Basically, the energy system offered by Seals and Roberts is composed of glass panels, each one having its own fan controlled by a thermostat. When the internal panel reaches a pre-set temperature, the thermostat automatically turns on a fan which circulates heated air throughout the area, putting out 265 cubic feet of air circulation per minute.

This solar system has the ability to collect energy on sunny days as well as partially cloudy or bright overcast days, and can store that collected energy for 2-3 days.

"November and December are probably the worst months for maximum sunshine because the sun is at its lowest level and the system must have adequate storage capacity," says Bill Seals.

"This system could run several days on stored energy," he adds. "The more heat getting in, the more good it's going

to do." Snow and ice are never a problem because the panels are self-defrosting, Seals says.

The solar system offered by Seals and Roberts can be adapted to a domestic hot water system, or to any type of furnace.

Forced air, radiant and electric heat can be adapted to a solar system and thereby become backup systems used when the solar thermostat temperature falls below the thermostat reading on the existing system.

A spokesman for Seals and Roberts is enthusiastic about the savings potential with solar heat. "I believe that you can conservatively realize 50 percent savings on heating costs," he says.

He says there are quite a few factors involved in determining individual savings such as size of the house, type of construction and amount of insulation.

While solar is not a complete replacement for other types of heating systems, it will provide big savings for the consumer in fuel bills and in energy tax credits, Seals says.

Obituaries

MEDRICK GAGNON EAST JORDAN - Funeral services for Medrick Lee Gagnon, 55, were held Dec. 31.

Gagnon died Dec. 28 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

He was born in Muskegon on Aug. 11, 1926, and came to East Jordan at the age of four.

On July 9, 1955, he married Audrey M. Crawford at East Jordan.

Gagnon was employed at the East Jordan Iron Works for 21½ years before retiring in May 1981.

Gagnon was an outdoorsman.

Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Janice LaVan-Way and a son, Richard A., both of East Jordan; one grandson; three brothers, Kenneth and Gene of East Jordan and Raymond of Vanderbilt.

The family suggests memorials to the East Jordan Ambulance Fund.

M. FLORENCE BRYAN BOYNE CITY - Mrs. M. Florence Bryan, 90, of Boyne City, died Jan. 3 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Services were scheduled for Wednesday at 2

p.m. at the Stackus Funeral Home. H. Forest Crum of the United Methodist Church in Boyne City will officiate and burial will be in Maple Lawn Cemetery.

The former M. Florence Lung was born in November 1891 in Geneva, Ind.

On May 12, 1915, she married Jess Bryan in Westville, Ind.

The couple lived in Geneva until 1917 when they moved to Sturgis. On Feb. 21, 1941, her husband died.

Mrs. Bryan moved to Boyne City where she has lived since.

While living in Sturgis, Mrs. Bryan owned and operated a dress shop.

She is survived by three sons, Garth and Robert, both of Boyne City, William of Cadillac; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two brothers, James and Robert, both of Warsaw, N.Y.; two sisters, Madeline Gloster of Allen Park and Ruth Howard of Highland, Ind.

GUIDO DARIN Guido Valentino Darin, 68, died Monday, Jan. 4, at his home in Boyne City.

Funeral services will be held at the Berback-Kranson Funeral Home in River Rouge.

Local arrangements were handled by the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

ERMA M. REICH EAST JORDAN - Mrs. Erma M. Reich, 57, died Dec. 29 at her Eveline Township home.

The former Erma M. Kitson was born Jan. 24, 1924, in Boyne City. She graduated from East Jordan High School in 1942.

On Christmas Day, 1942, she married Allen G. Reich at East Jordan where she had lived most of her life.

She had been employed at the I.T.T. Corp., for 16 years as a press operator.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Dale A., of East Jordan; two daughters, Sharon Roberts Jr., of Boyne City and Barbara Koerner of Grand Ledge; four grandchildren; a sister, June Reich of South Lyons, and four brothers, Robert and Ivan Kitson of Brighton, Ralph Jr., and Lewis Kitson of East Jordan.

The family suggests memorials to the East

Jordan Ambulance Fund.

HELEN P. GREENMAN EAST JORDAN - Helen Pauline Greenman, 67, died Dec. 29 at her South Arm Township home.

The former Helen Pauline Hotovec was born Dec. 9, 1914, in Olivia, Minn.

She graduated from Olivia High School in 1932 and had lived in East Jordan for the past 30 years.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Colleen Behan of Phoenix, Ariz.; four sons, Patrick M. and Gregory J. of East Jordan, Adrian C. of Waukesha, Wis., and Dennis C. of Holt; eight grandchildren; two sisters, Blanche Wagner of Pocahontas, Iowa and Rose Hotovec of Olivia, Minn.

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In Service

Marine Pvt. Darrell M. Slough, son of Beverly Devitsky of Charlevoix, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

During the 11-week training cycle, he learned the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

A 1979 graduate of Durand Area High School, he joined the Marine Corps in August 1981.

Airman Matthew S. Chipman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Chipman of Boyne City, has graduated from the Air Force medical services course at Sheppard Air Base, Texas.

Chipman will now serve at Elmendorf Air Base, Alaska, with the U.S. Air Force Hospital. He is a 1981 graduate of Boyne City High School.

Navy Airman Apprentice Daniel C. Parker, son of Gail A. Parker of Charlevoix, has returned from an extended deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean.

He is a member of Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 135, based at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, Wash.

Parker joined the Navy in October 1978.

Airman Nancy R. Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Anderson of Boyne City, has been assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, she studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

Anderson is a 1978 graduate of Boyne City High School.

Thomas M. Dressel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dressel of Boyne City, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class.

Dressel is an aircraft maintenance specialist with the 81st Equipment Maintenance Squadron, RAF Bentwaters, England.

He is a 1978 graduate of Boyne City High School.

New Arrivals

A son, Charles Russell, was born to Jim and Mary Dietrich of East Jordan on Nov. 22 at McLaren Hospital in Flint. He weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dietrich of East Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard LeVeque of Flint.

Kevin Lee, a son, was born to Karen and Gary Metzger of Boyne City on Dec. 13.

The Metzgers' first child was 20 inches long and weighed seven pounds, seven ounces at birth in Northern Michigan Hospitals.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Chester Zarembo of Elmira and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Metzger of Boyne Falls.

A daughter, Nicole Marie, was born to Robert and Elizabeth Baker Jr. of East Jordan on Dec. 16 at Munson Hospital.

Nicole weighed seven pounds, one ounce and was 23 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Tolly of LaCrosse, Wis.

A daughter, Krisanna, was born Dec. 16 to James and Sevanna Mayer in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

She is the grandchild of Mrs. and Mrs. Jerry Mayer of Boyne City and Mrs. Charay of San Juan.

Krisanna weighed seven pounds, 13 3/4 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches at birth. She is the couple's first child.

A son, Perry Jon, was born Dec. 17 to Julie and Mitchell Matthew of Boyne City.

Perry weighed seven pounds, 9 1/4 ounces at birth in Northern Michigan Hospitals. He measured 20 inches.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Wells of Charlevoix and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Matthew of Walloon Lake.

In service

Navy Seaman Recruit Douglas M. Pidek, son of John R. and Phyllis J. Pidek of Charlevoix, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week training cycle, trainees studied general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

A 1980 graduate of Charlevoix High School, he joined the Navy in September 1981.

10 honored at college

Ten students from Charlevoix County have made the academic honors list for the fall quarter at Ferris State College in Big Rapids. They are: Doreen Jannack of Boyne City; Lynne Hawkins and Mary Ruhlman of East Jordan; Thomas Mackie of Walloon Lake; and Robert Alger, Patrick O'milleri, Colleen Mol, Debra Potter, Janet Froppman and Gregory Wojan, all of Charlevoix.

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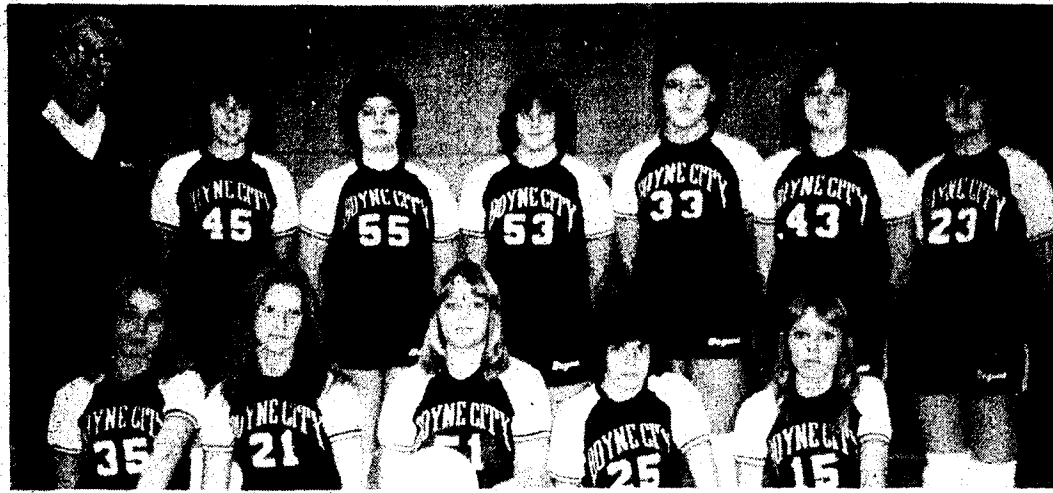
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Boyne volleyball team set to start season



The 1982 Boyne High volleyball team: Front row, Debbie Upton, Lisa Judkins, Liz Sturm, Sheila Faskey, Kandy Kenneda, Tammy Yardley, Janenne Froats, Tammy Penfold, Karen Winters. Back row, coach Pat Upton, Judy Winters, Emily Erno.

By SUSAN BUICK

Boyne City's volleyball team opens its season Thursday at East Jordan. The team is coached by Pat Upton. Varsity players are Judy Upton, Karen Winters, Liz Sturm, Janenne Froats, Debbie Kenneda, Tammy Yardley, Kandi Penfold, Sheila Faskey and Sheila Smith.

Junior varsity players are Emily Erno, Tammy Winters, Eileen Golke, Vicky Gerbracht, Lisa Judkins, Lynn Stevens, Karen Larson and Nereen Guillian.

This year's varsity team is an inexperienced one with only three girls — Upton, Winters and Sturm — returning to the team.

Three girls from last year's JV team — Froats, Kenneda and Faskey — moved up to the varsity team this year.

"During practice, so far, the girls have a good attitude and lots of

enthusiasm," Coach Upton says. "They want to learn and play the game right."

Looking ahead, Coach Upton sees a good, consistent team that works hard.

"This year's junior varsity is a whole

new team. Each girl will have lots of playing time since six play on the court at one time.

"The girls are working hard and coming on strong in practice, says Upton. "Emily Erno is showing a lot of natural ability."

BC ski squad nearly same as last year

By SUSAN BUICK

Boyne City's ski team, coached by Kathleen Ruhs, consists of 10 boys and nine girls.

The girls are Marybeth Tims, Renee Raveau, Teri Heiermann, Cindy Leach, Brenda Bridenstein, Marsha Neumann, Miriam Smith, Kathy Kircher and Heidi Lillis.

The boys are Chris Kuhn, Todd Ward, Scott Stackus, Martin Neumann, Steve Kircher, Chris Wright, Marc Mentel, Bret Johnson, Dan Bajko and Shane Marriage.

Most team members are seniors. "The team has been doing pre-training exercises but hasn't done any skiing together on the hill," says

Ruhs, "so it's hard to say much" about how well they'll do.

"They generally start skiing together the week after Christmas vacation."

The same boys as last year will be skiing with the exception of one who graduated. All of last year's girls will

be back, keeping their team stable. Chris Kuhns, a junior, has been training hard this year and hopes to have a good year. Kuhns placed fourth in the regionals last year against 117 other boys.

Boyne's first meet is Friday, Jan 15, against Kalkaska, Bellaire, Sault Ste. Marie and Grayling at Kalkaska.



Boyne City High's ski team for 1982: First row, Todd Ward, Dan Bajko, Martin Neumann, Steve Kircher, Chris Kuhn, Scott Stackus, Chris Wright. Second row, Renee Raveau, Marsha Neumann, Kathy Kircher, Cindi Leach, Marybeth Tims, Teri Heiermann, coach Kathlene Ruhs. Third row, Miriam Smith, Heidi Lillis, Bret Johnson, Marc Mentel, John McLeod.

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MANEUVER CORNERS WITH THE STEP TURN

The step turn is the most widely used technique to go around a corner while moving forward. With weight on the heel to keep the tail of the ski down, and simultaneously pulling up with the toes, move the tip of the raised ski into the direction of the turn. The faster the speed, the quicker and shorter the steps should be. Weight must be transferred from one ski to the other as the turn is made. Avoid lifting the entire ski or stepping forward. Simply move the ski tip into the turn and place all the body weight on it. Then bring the other ski alongside and repeat the process.



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In short, the buyer's marketplace is fully stocked and consumers can have a pick-of-the-litter selection in just about everything.

"Anyone who has been holding back, waiting for advances in technology and maybe a drop in prices, this is unquestionably the year to buy," says David Ingemie, executive director of Ski Industries America, the trade association which represents upwards of 300 manufacturers, retailers and distributors in the U.S.

"Some items have continued to sell very well, but the selection and the variety of merchandise available for skiers at appealing prices is out there like it hasn't been for several years," Ingemie says.

"It's the old story of supply and demand; the simple fact is the ski industry has an over-



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1. Repair all base, sidewall and topsheet gouges and delaminations.
2. Remove all wax on the base, then iron in a layer of base wax. With waxless skis, apply base wax to tip and tail areas.
3. Store your skis where you wish. Some skiers prefer a cool, damp spot (a throwback to the days of wooden skis); others prefer warm areas (some say the heat helps the wax penetrate the base).
4. Check your poles and repair if necessary before putting them away. Tape poles together.
5. Make sure bindings are securely screwed in and check for any damage. If the screws are loose, tighten them before putting them in storage.
6. Apply a waterproofing solution to ski boots once they are dry, then stuff the boots with newspapers to help them maintain their shape.

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Mid-America Series to make annual stop at Boyne for two slaloms

Over 150 of the best amateur ski racers will be visiting Boyne Mountain this weekend as the Mid-America Series makes its annual stop for the Boyne Mountain Challenge races.

The races will start on Friday with giant slaloms for the men and women who will be coming from

all over the Midwest to compete. Then, Saturday and Sunday they will be racing in slalom events.

On all days the first runs will start at 9:30 a.m. The second runs will begin after lunch.

With the start area on the top of the McClouth slopes the giant slalom races will cover both

North and South McClouth with about 40 control gates that the racers have to pass through. The racers will travel about a quarter of a mile in the Giant Slaloms in about 35 seconds finishing just above the tennis courts.

In the Slaloms, the racers will have to pass through about 55 gates to get to the finish line and

will do that in about 45 seconds. It will take two runs to determine the winners in both the men's and women's events.

The Mid-America Series started in 1971 and has grown to become one of the best ski racing series in the United States. These races are just one of the steps that a ski racer takes in his quest to make an Olympic team. From here, racers graduate to skiing in international events in the U.S. and in Europe. Several racers from the Midwest are currently in Europe participating in the Europa Cup series. That series is one level below the

World Cup events.

Most of the better racers will be coming from Minnesota and the Upper Peninsula areas, although Boyne City will be represented by Chris Kuhn. Other area racers include Rick Kutcipal, Brian Shorter, and Todd Thompson. In the women's events, area racers include Marli Brown.

The best racers will be starting in the first fifteen in all races so spectators should arrive sometime shortly before the 9:30 a.m. starts.

These races are the second stop in the Mid-America Series circuit. The first race was held

just before Christmas at Pine Mountain for the Wendell Trepp Memorial. From here, the racers will go to Duluth for the Atmore Memorial slalom races and then to Houghton, Michigan.

The Mid-Am has been the stopping point for racers like Cory Carlson, Terry Ahola who are now skiing in Europe. Other graduates of the Mid-Am include Jill Robbins who is currently ranked eighth in the national standings.

If you attend, you just may be watching members of our next National Ski team or possibly, members of the next Olympic team.

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TOTAL MOTION TAMES THE STEEP

Lots of skiers can make nice, smooth, controlled turns on shallow terrain. However, once they attempt to ski steeper slopes they accelerate all the way down the run and often wind up out of control. Frequently, a skier attempting to negotiate terrain that is steeper than what he is accustomed to becomes locked into a favorite position and does nothing to control his speed.

When skiing steeper slopes, it's important to think about total motion and avoid static positions of any sort. To keep your body moving, try the following exercise. Start a turn and

gradually run your hand down your outside pant leg as you arc out of the fall line. This will help you to gradually increase the edge angle on your downhill ski and complete the turn.

Next try a series of turns. Try to develop some rhythm and a feeling for total motion as you run your hand down the side of one leg and then the other.

On more challenging terrain, you can vary the motion required depending upon the steepness of the slope and the type of turn required to control your speed.

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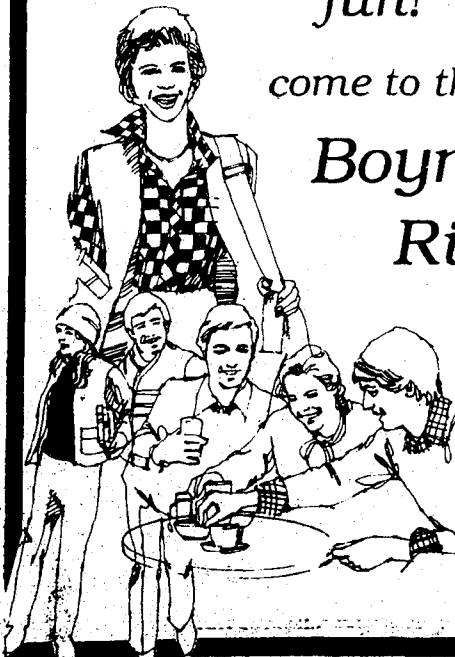
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You can learn to ski better just by watching racers

If you happen to be skiing at Boyne Mountain, Boyne Highlands or even at Thunder Mountain, chances are pretty good that you can see a bunch of flags dotting the hill.

And, if you are a pure recreational skier, chances are that you would say...."those racers are taking up the best slope," and you may want to go someplace else to ski.

But if you do, you may be missing a great chance to improve your skiing just by standing at the bottom of the hill looking at the racers attempting to negotiate the gates.

Each ski race is decided by time, the fastest down the slope through the course that is decided by the flags is the winner.

If you know some of the fine points of what to look for, you will see almost immediately who is going

to finish well and who will be lucky to just finish.

The trick is to look at the knees.

The knees are the determining factor in making a complete turn and the amount of knee bend in a given turn determines whether a racer is going to slow down (too much knee pressure for the turn, turning the racer across the slope), or speed up (too little knee pressure

into the turn making the racer not complete enough of a turn causing him to speed up). While knees are just one of the many factors, they are for the watcher just learning, the easiest thing to see in a ski racer.

The best racers use just enough turn to make the turn and can control their speed through the course going fast in some places while going relatively slow in others because of

the difficulty of the combinations of gates that control the course.

Another thing to look for is how smooth the racer "looks" as he is coming through the course. This is because a ski racer skis, as one coach suggested, very conservatively, or, he doesn't make all kinds of upper body movements because those have a tendency to throw off his balance and timing, both very critical in the slalom races we have here in the Midwest.

Look at how the racer approaches the gates, see where he plants his pole to start his turn, just looking at this will help you ski the mogels if you can picture each mogul as a slalom gate and ski around and through them. Watch how the racers

use their knees, most recreational skiers don't use their knees when they make turns relying more on foot steering to get around. The racers and those experts drive their knees forward and into the turn which puts the ski on its edge forcing it to carve a turn, rather than slide around.

If, after you spend some time watching a ski race, whether it be one of the beginning racers or even those competing in the Olympics, your skiing can get better by putting some of the things you see into effect in your own skiing.

So, the next time you roll into a ski area and see all those flags, take a free ski lesson and watch. You will learn just by looking and trying later when you ski for fun.

You're never too old to ski say members of 70-plus ski club

Age is a state of mind, somebody said, and someone else added, "You're only as young as you feel."

So meet Lloyd Lambert of Ballston Lake, N.Y., who began skiing in 1915, celebrated his 80th birthday this year and has about 500 members of his 70-Plus Ski Club who certainly don't think there's any truth to comments about being "too old to ski."

Lambert, a former display director for a department store, says one of

the keys in skiing late in life is not trying to kid yourself.

You don't have to zip down the steepest and longest chutes; take it easy and enjoy, he says.

"You don't have to go to the top of the mountain. I ski the gentle slopes and still love it."

"I don't think there's anything to skiing past 70 years old if you're healthy and don't have a handicap. Of course, we've even got a woman in the club who has only one foot; she skis with out-

igger skis...beat me in a race last winter, too."

Lambert, who says he used to wrap his skis in seal skins and climb various peaks in the Adirondacks over 60 years ago —"Long before they had any lifts on any mountains," he recalls, is often joined by his wife when he skis. She began skiing in 1923 and shows no signs of stopping either.

"I spent 18 years with the Ski Patrol and when older people would ask me about skiing, I'd give

them two bits of advice: go to the ski school for some instruction and if they couldn't afford the ski school, then stick to the gentle slopes at the bottom of any mountain.

Skiing is all according to the individual, not his age; some people, regardless of their age, are never going to be coordinated and be able to do some things...but, my gosh, look at those people who are over 60 and 70 down in Florida and who are playing softball. Are they too old? No, You're not too old to ski, either."

Lambert says he started the 70-Plus Ski Club "as a local club to help get discounts at local areas for us, maybe 20-25 skiers. Now we've got 495 members and three pending and the membership is in 28 states plus Germany, Australia and Canada. Our oldest member is 95 years old."

Too old to ski? Don't kid yourself.

Ski boot maintenance tips

Some thoughts on proper maintenance of ski boots:

1. Most flexible plas-

tics have a "memory" —they tend to hold a shape after taking that shape for some time.

So it's important to buckle boots before storing them, or they may "freeze" in the unbuckled position.

2. Mildew can be a problem if boots are stored with wet liners. Pull the inner boots out and dry them thoroughly before storing boots.

3. Boots that used to be warm but are now cold, are probably leaking.

The usual source of the leak is a worn out snow dam, the rubber weather-stripping built into the flap over the toe of the boot under the first buckle.

Cover the flap with a piece of duct tape to stop the leak.

4. Broken buckles and cables can be quickly replaced by any well-equipped ski shop.

Cracked shells usually can't be permanently repaired, though they can be sealed temporarily.

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