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BC school tax request will be slightly lower

The Boyne City school board has approved a 21.3 mill tax renewal request to go on the June 14 ballot.

The decision to go for .1 less than last year's 21.4 mills was based on the increase of the district's property valuation by the state, which will be about 8 percent, according to Superintendent Rich Kelly.

The higher valuation, resulting in higher taxes, is expected to provide enough for the \$3,175,000 budget for 1982-83.

Kelly noted that his budget was

\$168,000 more than the current year's, due in part to increased employee benefits, and the conviction that certain parts of the school program should be restored—such as the junior primary class.

Bused field trips will also be restored and textbooks-supplies will go up 25 percent per child after three years of austerity.

Another expense which will increase this year is interest on the school's tax anticipation loan—annually necessary because the state fiscal year does not coincide with the school system's need for revenue in the summer.

Kelly estimates the interest for 1982-83 will be \$75,000—a good reason, he said, for instituting a summer collection for the school tax.

On the plus side, Kelly pointed to a \$24,000 savings this year over what was anticipated for community ed expenses because of joining the St. Ignace consortium.

Also about \$50,000 had been budgeted to cover mandated instruction if Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate Schools had failed to obtain its millage request to cover those services.

Totalled up, the school saved in 1981-82 about \$150,000 over the \$2,800,000 budgeted for all expenses.

While the board did vote to ask renewal of 21.3 mills, there was a consideration of holding the millage at last year's 21.4 because Kelly's work on the 1983-84 budget showed a less rosy prospect coming along.

For one thing, property values are heading down—good news, except for the fact school reliance on local property tax is increasing. This year, property tax was \$2,766,000 out of the \$2,830,000 total revenue.

The difficulty getting voters to increase millage made the board pause before the possibility that they may have to tack the .1-mill back on in 1983.

They concluded, however, they had to be fair to the taxpayers and expect the taxpayers' cooperation in the future.

Two school board races

There will be races for school board seats in Boyne City and East Jordan on June 14.

Two people filed for a four-year term in East Jordan and two for a four-year term in Boyne City.

There are elections but no races—barring a write-in campaign—in Charlevoix and Boyne Falls. Deadline to file nominating petitions was 4 p.m. Monday.

In Boyne City incumbent Gary Mellon is being opposed by Billie Ruth (Bea) Reinhardt. Mellon was appointed to fill out the term of Shirley Crozier.

Larry Chanda and Gigi Antoine are vying for a post being vacated by Thomas Galmore in East Jordan. Bill Olstrom is unopposed in seeking election to the rest of a term he is filling for Daniel Nachazel. That term ends in 1984.

Ruth Matelski and Don Griffiths filed for two four-year terms in Boyne Falls. Incumbents Mary Hausler and Tom Howell did not file for reelection.

In Charlevoix, incumbents Elaine Martin Buddle and Ardeth Wieland are unopposed in their bids for new four-year terms.



BC students bring 'Brigadoon' to life

Scott Moody and Matt Chellis give a song the big finish, above, as cast members rehearse for Brigadoon, this year's musical play being presented by the Boyne City High School drama department. Performances will be at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 22-24. Tickets are available at the high school and elementary school. The play will be performed at the elementary school and tickets are getting scarce. There are 68 students involved in the production, including the band and stage crew. Director is Bob Wollenberg, whose wife Jackie is in charge of costuming the Scottish musical by Lerner and Loew. Jim and Joan Bogetto are handling the music, while Jim and Sue Douglas are doing the sets and make-up. If anyone wants to buy a \$3 patron ad they will have a seat reserved for them at the show.



Area jobless rate dips for a change

Charlevoix County's unemployment rate is on the way down.

At least that's the indication from February figures just released by the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

The state agency's tally for February showed 22.5 percent of the county's workforce was off the job. In January the rate was 24.7 percent.

The number of people out of work dropped by 150—from January's 2,250 to February's 2,100, while the total workforce increased from 9,125 to 9,325, the MESC said.

Emmet County's jobless rate also dropped, falling from 19.3 percent in January to 17.8 percent in February. March figures will not be released for several weeks.

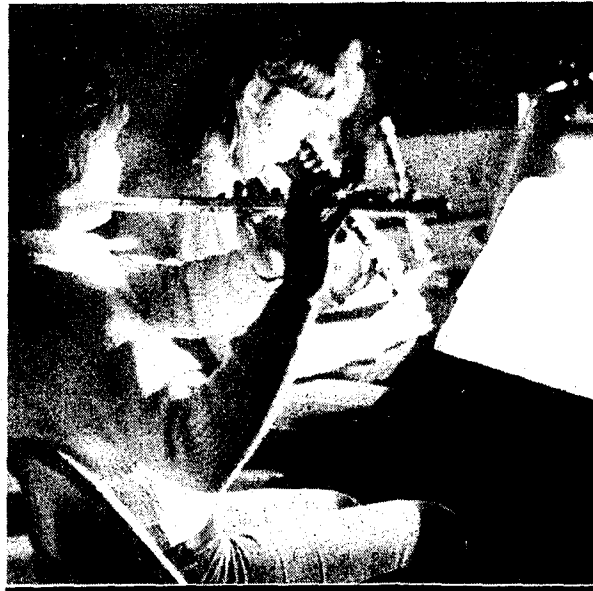
While the county's jobless ranks

were thinning a bit for a change, the state rate continued to climb. Michigan's unemployment rate for March (the state figures are compiled differently and released sooner than the county ones) hit a record high 17 percent.

There were more than 725,000 workers off the job during March, according to the MESC. That was 41,000 more than in February.

It was the third straight month the number of unemployed workers set a record.

A year ago, Michigan's unemployment was 13.1 percent in March. The national rate for March stood at 9.0, a hike from the 8.8 percent recorded in February. There were 9,854,000 unemployed workers across the nation during March.



Charlevoix County Press moves into new home



The Charlevoix County Press has a new home.

The new offices are located at 108 Groveland, where Michigan, Lake and Groveland intersect at the blinker light on the north end of Boyne City.

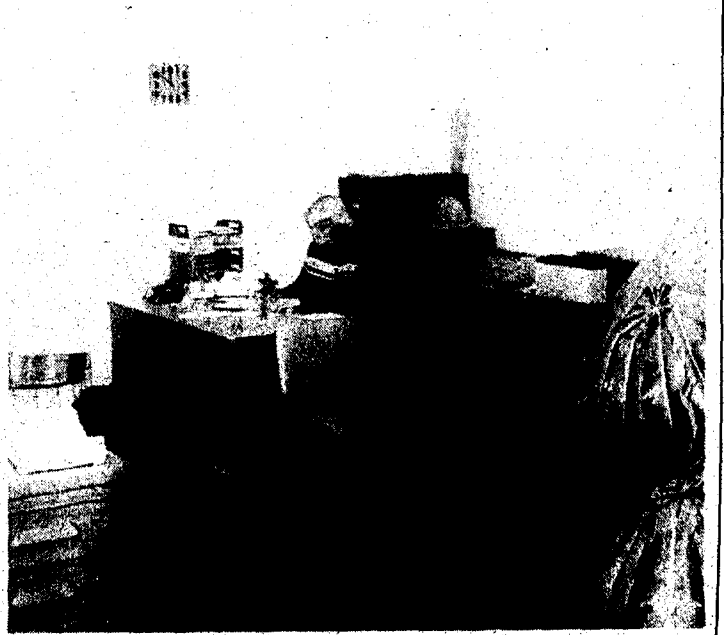
The building was once Godette's Party Store and has housed a karate studio, an ice cream shop and a sporting goods store.

"This move was one of several changes planned by County Press in preparation for the future and for the growth of the community," said publisher James Silbar.

"Conditions were right to make the move earlier than expected," Silbar said.

The interior has been remodeled and the building has been made more energy efficient.

The newspaper offices occupy nearly half the building and there is room for another professional office in the structure.



582-9174
with Nancy Northup

Neighbors

About 50 adults attended the 3rd annual candlelight symbolic Pass-over supper held at the Trinity Pentecostal Church of God. There was also a special program of music. The children had an Easter egg hunt, games, prizes and refreshments at the home of Danille and Nick Moose.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Ayers and Terry spent the Easter weekend in Seoney with Diane's mother, Mrs. Loreta Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boyer and daughter Jennifer of Flint were here over the weekend visiting relatives.

Linda and Nels Northup of Gladwin and daughters Lynnell, Lori and Jennifer were here for the weekend with his mother Mr. and Mrs. Richard May on Marshall Road.

Shirley Bullock of Central Michigan University and Mark Bullock of Spring Arbor College were home with their parents Rev. Wayne and Arlene Bullock over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mueller and son Matthew of Kalamazoo, Mr. and Mrs. William House and daughter Karen of Romeo, Hattie Weinrich of Petoskey, Violet Mueller and Mary Heinstra and daughter of Boyne City were all Easter guests of Lila and Karl Mueller.

Mary Jo McGeorge, daughter of John and Carol, was home over the weekend from Central Michigan University and on Easter Sunday at the Free Methodist morning service was taken in as a full member of the church.

Mrs. Delcie Phillips returned after having spent the winter in Florida.

Gary Jenkins of Michigan State University was home for the weekend with his mother Ann Jenkins.

The Boyne Valley Garden Club met last Wednesday at the library with about 20 members and guests present. Violet Manglos gave a book report on "Plants Are Like People." A decision was made to present another garden show this year. Plans were made to entertain the Petoskey and Charlevoix Garden Clubs on April 28.

Bea Smith has returned home after having spent the winter in Arizona.

The Boyne City Junior Girl Scouts and Brownie Scouts have a variety of

outings. Brownie Troop 285 spent an afternoon swimming at the Holiday Inn in Petoskey. Brownie Troop 283 sang for residents at the Litzenger Apartments. Brownie Troop 277 toured Healey's maple syrup farm. The girls in Troop 277 joined Junior Troop 325 at Connie Lingle's house coloring and decorating eggs for Easter and making chocolate Easter candy molds.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Erber of Cadillac were here over the weekend visiting his mother Isa Erber.

Jeff and Julie Bradford and family spent Easter Sunday in Petoskey with her brother Mark and Jan Bryan and family.

Virginia Hegerberg spent a long weekend in Berkley with Alex Robinson and Pat Sarnowski.

Henry Korthase celebrated his 94th birthday on April 9.

Thirteen Boyne City High School students returned home from their trip to Florida with the Campus Life group. They stayed at Camp Moon in Orlando and visited Daytona Beach, Sea World and Disney World and other points of interest.

Easter Sunday guests of Ramona McGeorge were Claude and Marilyn McGeorge of Traverse City and their daughter Susan, Pauline Laisure and Lois, Ruth and Gene Hayden and Clarence McGeorge.

Monica DeLaney, Becky Mackowiak and Shelley Mackowiak hosted a bridal cocktail hour on Saturday afternoon for about 20 friends of Mary Kay Mackowiak who will marry Rodney Puska on July 17.

Pat and Louie Upton and family returned home from a trip to Aurora, Colo. Enroute, they visited Sally and Ed Pasque and family in Detroit and George and Ellen Shaler and family in Romeo. While in Pueblo, Colo., for one day, Pat ran into former Boyne resident Rita Kurchinski.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve DeLaney and daughter Heather, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mackowiak and children Jennifer and Ryan, all of Big Rapids, Mary Kay Mackowiak of Grant and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mackowiak of Charlevoix were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kise Mackowiak.

Mrs. Evelyn Wajji of DeWitt and two granddaughters Lori and Kim were here visiting Mrs. Irene Shaler. On Saturday, Irene's granddaughter Karen Shaler and Jodelle Aimesbury stopped in.

Dorothy Christensen made the return trip to Rockford, Ill., with her sister Nan and Harold Crummer for a few weeks' visit.

Bingo winners at the senior citizen center were three regulars: Alice Munson, Bernice Suchara and Evelyn Stebbins. Winners of two specials were Helen Larson and a tie between Jennie Jodway and Mary Kritchener. The cover-all went to Ruth Shaver and the door prize to Caroline Maciejewski. On Friday the seniors had an Easter bonnet contest and parade. Winners were Margaret, Bennett, Alice Munson, Helen Wertz and Harry Munson. Otis Hanson won an Easter lily donated by the Boyne Avenue Greenhouse and Earl Kritchener won a floral arrangement donated by Delores Munson.

Kathy and Jim Rice and children Shannon and Jeremy of Tecumseh were here over the weekend with her family, the Charles Inmans.

Pat and Regis McCord and children Cameron

and Molly of Traverse City spent the Easter weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bray.

Glenn Hardy spent the weekend with the Richard Dubins, visiting Keith Rheul.

Easter guests at the Chuck and Ardith Hawleys were Dan Seeley of Mackinac Island, Jay and Mary Hawley of Batavia, N.Y., David and Karen Seeley and children Amy and Ryan, Tim Hawley and Leta Erber.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron MacNaughton of Belding are here visiting her daughter Sally and Norm McGeorge and family.

Easter dinner guests of the Bill Korthases were their children Bill and Deb Korthase and children Adrea and Brianne, Nancy and Jim Anthony and children Kristin, Karen and Nicholas, and Mrs. B. Anthony.

In the Sunday morning service at the Christ Lutheran Church, Peter Skornia and Kevin Jannisse were confirmed.

SEWING MAGIC
Nancy Ziemann, professional home economist, will demonstrate sewing techniques during classes at 1 and 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, at the Banks Township Hall near Ellsworth. To register, call the Charlevoix County Cooperative Extension Service. Registration fee of \$5 is due by April 21.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS
The Petoskey chapter will attend at potluck dinner at the home of Nancy Massey in Petoskey at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 16. Dancing to Wes McCoy's North Country will follow at Victory Lanes. Contact Massey at 347-2078. A family kite fly-in will take place at the Petoskey State Park at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 17. Dinner at Burger King will follow with \$1 off children's meals. Call Virginia Vedder at 347-4780. On Sunday, April 18, at 4 p.m. there will be a family potluck dinner at Betsy Elges' home in Petoskey. Call Elges at 347-5007. Family swimming at the Holiday Inn will take place from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, April 21. Call Emily Stratton at 347-2704.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
The next regular meeting of the Northern Michigan Community Mental Health Services Board will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at the administrative offices, 8746 Moeller Industrial Park Drive, Harbor Springs.

WOMEN TODAY
Marge Hoekwater, 582-7377, is the area coordinator for the Women Today retreat which will be held April 23-25 at Lake Superior State College. Featured speaker will be Peg Rankin, author of the "I Hate to Cook Book."

DENTAL ASSISTANTS
The Vacationland Dental Assistants Society's next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at the Michigan Con-

solidated Gas Co. building in Petoskey. Speaker will be Dr. Ken Nelson, who will speak on intravenous and intramuscular sedation. Assistants, doctors and hygienists are welcome to attend. Call 647-4768.

LIONS CLUB VEGAS NIGHT
A Vegas night will be held at Boyne City Lanes from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 24. Admission is \$5 and tickets are available from any Lion or at Boyne City Lanes. Persons must be 21 or older to participate.

BOYNE CHILD STUDY CLUB
A progressive dinner

with Millie Walden, 536-2381

E. J. Chatterings

Theresa Walden returned home from Little Traverse Hospital.

Mrs. Allan Erno and daughter Karen of Rudyard spent the weekend with Mrs. Lydia Ellsworth of East Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bowerman from Wyoming, Mich., was up to visit friends and surprised Millie Walden by stopping in.

Margo Walczak of Ionia

was up for Easter to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walczak and sisters, Nora and Carolyn and grandmother, Mrs. Mary Walczak.

Mark Howard has been accepted in the Air Force Drum and Bugle Corps. His new address is Airman Mark Robert Howard, 385-80-6790, PSC - 3 Sg. 3706, Flight B-288 Lackland A.F.B., San Antonio, Texas 78236.

BOYNE CITY SENIOR CITIZENS
Activities for April 20-24 are crafts at 10 a.m. and dinner on Tuesday, bowling at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, bingo on Thursday, dinner on Friday and sale at the high school from 10 to 3 on Saturday.

MONDAY STUDY CLUB
The club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 19, with Evelyn Gould. The theme will be Presidential Ladies by Ruie Gardner.

LIONS CLUB EGG HUNT
The annual egg hunt, postponed Easter Sunday because of bad weather, will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Veterans Memorial Park in Boyne City. There will be prizes awarded in five age groups.

GLAUCOMA CLINIC
The Boyne Valley Lionses will hold a glaucoma clinic, conducted by optometrist Gary Mellon from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at Mellon's office, 102 E. Main, Boyne City.

FULL GOSPEL BUSINESSMEN
The Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship will meet Saturday, April 17, at the Holiday Inn of Petoskey. Dinner is at 7, meeting at 8. Speaker will be Lee Ladouceur from East Jordan, who says the Holy Spirit has taken her by the hand and led her into a new lifestyle. Reservations are necessary. Call Ron Grunch at 582-6974 or 582-6574 or Richard May at 582-6751 or 582-6955.

Adventists aid school
Seventh-day Adventists in Boyne City will give an offering this week to support education at a university in Michigan, according to Gary E. Russell, pastor of the Boyne City Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pastor Russell said that his congregation will join nearly 4,000 other Adventist churches across North America in contributing to support graduate education at Andrews University in Berrien Springs. The monies raised will be solely for endowed scholarships for students enrolled at the university's School of Graduate Studies and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Adventists operate nearly 4,000 elementary schools, 700 secondary schools, 70 colleges and three universities worldwide.

What's for lunch at school?
April 19 - 23

EAST JORDAN
Monday - Pork and noodles (Au Gratin), celery and carrot sticks, pears
Tuesday - Hot dogs, buns, green beans, peaches
Wednesday - Spaghetti, lettuce salad, applesauce, peanut butter cookies
Thursday - Tacos with lettuce and cheese, raisin cups, bananas
Friday - Fish stix on buns, corn, fruit cup
Bread and butter and milk served with each meal.

BOYNE FALLS
Monday - Tacos with cheese and shredded lettuce, macaroni and tomatoes, buttered corn
Tuesday - Vegetable beef stew, salad, cheese slices
Wednesday - Hamburgers, buttered pears, carrot sticks
Thursday - Chili, crackers, peanut butter sandwiches, cheese slices
Friday - Turkey in gravy over mashed potatoes, buttered corn
Bread, butter, milk and dessert served with each meal.

BOYNE CITY
Monday - Hot dogs, baked beans, salad and applesauce
Tuesday - Pork patties and gravy, mashed potatoes and pineapple
Wednesday - Pizza, buttered corn, pears
Thursday - Oven fried chicken, sweet potatoes, peaches
Friday - Tuna noodle casserole or macaroni and cheese, vegetable sticks, Jello and whipped cream
Bread and milk served with each meal.

Obituaries

DELLA G. PUMFREY
Della G. Pumfrey, 78, of East Jordan died April 6 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Delia G. Lenosky was born April 20, 1903, in Wilson Township. On Aug. 20, 1930, she married Clifford M. Pumfrey in East Jordan. The couple lived there until 1936 when they moved to Kalamazoo. They returned to East Jordan in 1968 and Mr. Pumfrey died in 1971.

Mrs. Pumfrey had been employed as a nurse at the Charlevoix Area Hospital prior to her marriage.

She was a member of St. Joseph Church in East Jordan.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Betz and Barbara Werner, both of East Jordan; five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

DONALD P. ZOULEK
Donald Peter Zoulek of Caledonia, owner and operator of Byron Center Hotel for 32 years, died April 4.

He was born April 23, 1920, in Wilson Township, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Zoulek of East Jordan.

He was a veteran of World War II, a life member of the North Dorr VFW, Amvets Post 23 and Caledonia Post of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife Lillian; two sons, James of Byron Center and Michael of Middleville; grandchildren Tom, Ron, Ginger and Heather Zoulek; one sister, Frances Edwards of East Jordan; two brothers, Fred and William of East Jordan.

SOPHIA WALKER
Sophia Walker, 80, of

East Jordan died April 8. Born at Empire April 28, 1901, Sophia Olson came to East Jordan in 1906. On June 19, 1926, she married Ralph L. Walker in Detroit.

She returned to East Jordan to make their home. Mr. Walker preceded her in death Aug. 28, 1974.

She was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and in earlier days sang with the church choir.

She is survived by two sons, Robert J. of East Jordan and Raymond A. of Grand Rapids; four daughters, Lorraine Robinson of Mt. Morris, Shirley Murray, Patricia Bayliss and Sharon Walker, all of East Jordan; 13 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren and a brother, Ingvar (Bud) Olson of Muskegon.

The family suggests memorials to the East Jordan Ambulance Fund.

GEORGE HOUSEL SR.
George H. Houseil Sr., 90, of Horton Bay, died April 6 at the Petoskey Nursing Center.

He was born April 2, 1892, in Farmington, Ohio, and lived in Michigan and California, moving back to Horton Bay 14 years ago.

He was associated with his daughter in the ownership and operation of the Horton Bay General Store. At one time, he worked at the Petoskey Portland Cement Co.

In August 1939, Houseil married Betty Ames in Southington, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife; one son, George H. Houseil of Van Nuys, Calif.; one step-son, Jim Bruster of Braceville, Ohio; two daughters, Novelda Schaeffer of

Warren, Ohio and Harriet Houseil of Horton Bay; nine grandchildren; and 22 great grandchildren.

HELENA M. WEAVER
Helena M. Weaver, 91, of East Jordan, died April 6 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Born in Charlevoix County May 24, 1980, Helena M. McKee married George E. Weaver on Thanksgiving Day 1909 in Boyne City where they lived until moving to East Jordan in 1924. Mr. Weaver died in 1948.

She was a former member of the East Jordan Garden Club. Study Club and Extension Club. She was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Florence McInerney of Saginaw; four sons, Ira E. of Southfield, Carl R. of Saginaw, Lyle R. of North Carolina and Russell of New Jersey; 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

CHRISTANNA SAYLES
Christanna (Anna) Sayles, 94, died Sunday, April 11 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Born Christanna Trudgeon in Evaline Township in 1888, she was raised by Mr. and Mrs. James Biggs after her mother's early death.

She graduated from Charlevoix high school, Ferris Institute in Big Rapids, and Kalamazoo State Teachers' College, and was principal of the elementary school in North Boyne.

Married to Foster M. Sayles in 1916, she lived in Detroit for a number of years. The couple returned to Boyne City in the '30s.

Mrs. Sayles died in

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Marshall Sayles

Mushroom festival: Fun(gus) in the sun

Boyer City's National Mushroom Festival is so near you can almost reach out and touch it.

Unlike the Smeltania celebration, there's nothing fishy about a mushroom festival. And I like that best; for anyone may join in the picking contest—grown men, small boys and even people.

Let us all hope the weather will not lose its head as it did on Easter morning. There's a time and place for bad weather; mushroom season is neither the time nor the place. I'm saying this to bolster the spirits of our Chamber and its Commerce—godfather and mother hen of the festival for the last quarter century. I shall have more to say about the celebration as it approaches, just as I always spout off about things that creep up on Boyne City. Barbershop singers will be arriving before the mushrooms and I shall

creep up on them too.

News Flash: Taking a hint from Argentina, Boyne City is making arrangements to attack the county court house and bring it back to where it belongs. It was ours in the first place and we want it back to save our honor.

We expect Charlevoix to muster sling shots and bow and arrows to stave us off, but we shall fight for it, striking hip and thigh—even though East Jordan may dispatch an envoy, praying that we negotiate the fracas before anyone is wounded to death.

It is understood that if the situation develops into a full-blown fist fight, Petoskey will use the confusion to seize Beaver Island as Emmet County's own. It belonged to them at one time.

Two things are at stake. One is our honor and the other is the creation of a

mess that will raise our patriotism, causing residents to forget the Republicans and the fact that we are all out of work. There's nothing like a good fight to make people forget what they've been worrying about.

Let us all thank Argentina for making it popular to take back what we once owned.

When I returned from a vacation blizzard in the upper peninsula, I caught the 24-hour bug. It lasted through five days in bed and two on the davenport—making seven full days of sassy talk easily understood by any eighth grade dropout. The bug attacked my think tank, letting all of my bright ideas drozzle out and waste away.

It is my hope that by next week this drizzling and wasting will have let up long enough to write another column.

Barbara Cruden

Place your bets -- which side are you on?

In the past year there have been incidents of setting tie votes or tied qualifications for a job by drawing straws.

Apparently luck is supposed to be the final arbiter rather than the democratic process or merit.

This mindset is to be expected when a whole state sanctions gambling (the lottery) as a means of supporting, of all things, education. But since when did the laws of chance supplant the laws of our land.

Nine thousand people did not die, nor were nine million dollars at stake in these decisions to gamble, so they were not considered serious.

And that's just why they are serious. In the Bible they draw straws, yes, to decide if Jonah was guilty. But in the Bible they prayed, don't forget.

The winds that blow these days are the kind that let us look quite frankly behind some flapping curtains.

I had just been arguing to myself about these problems with gambling when the winds began again and on the very topic. In a newspaper, a whole series on gambling. On the radio a woman told how it was to be married to a gambler. All very interesting.

But none of them made what I think is an important point—which I intend to lead up to.

One thing about the nationally publicized discussion, however. It may make the anti-gamblers look a little less extreme.

It isn't that one begrudges the elevator operator her good luck at winning a lottery, especially when she has worked hard all her life and still has never had a new car or an ocean voyage, or even security.

There's a lot of truth about the advantage of being born with a silver spoon in one's mouth. Without a rich aunt, one may have to hope to be adopted by Lady Luck. Don't the poor have a right to the good life?

But the alternative to drudgery shouldn't be the luck—not that one in 10,000 winning the pot.

What is so right about one winning and the rest receiving nothing. Right. The rest shouldn't bet if they didn't want to lose.

Burn ethic either way.

And what about the grocery store contests that the customer is compelled to pay for in the price of her groceries. Compelled, if not compulsory gambling! Besides I know I still don't want to go off with the quilt or the car that my neighbors wanted and didn't get.

That's one point against gambling I haven't yet heard.

There are two others.

The woman on the radio said the excitement of gambling kept her husband in a continual high. Added to that was the exhilarating sensation of power he had when he was on a winning streak.

Lots of people, who can afford their own cars or quilts and who wouldn't be called gamblers, still feel it's more fun to place a bet on a raffle than simply to donate to the good cause. And they too like the meaningless sense of achievement of getting something for nothing.

What's wrong with a little gambling, everybody used to say.

But nationally it is harder and harder to see where the line is drawn between a little and too much, and sillier and sillier where the line is drawn between legal and illegal. Or is there really a line between good gambling and bad. That's point two.

Mainly, I don't argue about betting, because there are worse things, but I do

get fussed up when people justify it by saying, "Well, after all, life is a gamble!" And they say business is a gamble, and you can't tell, when you go out in the morning, if you'll make it back that night.

Point three is—that's quite untrue.

One may compare the great degree of uncertainty in gambling with the much smaller degree of uncertainty in life in fine poetic fashion, but ordinary careful planning isn't gambling. Putting in work isn't something for nothing. Service to others isn't only a bet, regardless of the degrees of greed or risk that creep into making a living.

And money invested in gambling has not produced anything. It may, that is true, but it hasn't, at the gambling stage.

So, finally one must say the spirit of gambling is not the same as the spirit of real life.

And more—look at the returns to society. Not the same at all.

Ashton stands for discipline

Editor,

Why is it that people can't mind their own business? We, the voters of the East Jordan School District, elect a school board to run our schools. Several times in the last few years some J---- A--- gets the idea he or she knows more than anyone else and has to create a hassle over a storm in a tea cup.

I have lived in East Jordan most of my 76 years. I went to school here and I started teaching here. I have seen the disciplinary set up go from excellent to poor, to bad, to worse. This was due mostly to a lessening discipline. When students can stand and curse at a teacher or strike a teacher or come to school drunk it is time to do something about it.

Thank God it happened when the board hired Mr. Ashton. Right away parents started yacking about his being too strict. It is a sad day when the parents do not support the school administration. But this generation of parents is a product of the same situation so it's no wonder the kids are what they are.

Shortly after Mr. Ashton arrived I was in Glen's Market. A young lad about 14 or 15 was ahead of me in line. A lady asked, "Why aren't you in school?" His answer was, "I was suspended for calling the teacher a son of a bitch, and can't go back until I apologize." She said, "You're not

going to are you?" He answered "Hell no!" She replied, "I don't blame you." It made me so angry I couldn't resist saying, "It's because of parents like you that we have situations like that in the schools." You can imagine where I was told to go.

A school the size of East Jordan does not need three principals.

The junior high used to be with the high school years ago and the students suffered no ill effects from associating with the older students.

No townsman is qualified to judge which principal should go and which should stay. That is for the board to say.

Someone had better get busy in town and run for the board or the East Jordan schools are in trouble.

If the board bows to the wishes of the townspeople and if Ashton is turned off, think what an impression it will give to the students. They'll figure they can get away with murder and nothing will be done about it.

If the administration and the board do cave in, I'll never vote for a school millage again. Stand up, school board, and show your guts.

Carlton Bowen
East Jordan

Write a letter
to
the editor.



These are the Pointe Classics, last year's winners in the Bush League barbershop singing contest. They will be featured as the contest for novice quartets. The Bush League contest is artists at this year's variety show, which is held the same day in its 36th year.

36th Annual Bush League contest to be held May 1st here in Boyne

The 36th annual Bush League barbershop quartet singing contest and variety show will be held Saturday, May 1, in Boyne City.

The contest is for quartets which have never won a competition. It will be held at 2 p.m. at Boyne City High School. The variety show, featuring the winner of the contest and other acts, will be at 8 p.m.

The event is sponsored

by the Boyne City chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing In America.

The chapter began the contest in 1946, two years after it was chartered.

Featured at the variety show will be the Pointe Classics of Grosse Pointe, last year's winners of the Bush League contest, as well as the local Snow Belt

Chorus, Homer Lee Talboys and the East Jordan Sweet Adelines.

Profits from the show will go to the Institute of Logopedics, a speech correction facility in Wichita, Kansas. The chapter also plans to send one or two students to the National Music Camp at Interlochen.

The Bush League contest was devised in 1945 by then-president Loton Willson.

The first competition was held in 1946 with quartets from Boyne, Charlevoix, Traverse City, Mt. Pleasant, Manistee and Big Rapids. At times the contest has had as many as 16 entries.

In the early 1950s, Willson said, certified judges and a clinic were added. The first clinic was conducted by the SPEBQSA international president.

Letters

An ode to a dear friend and neighbor

Editor,

Here is the only thing I could see that I could contribute to a very dear friend and neighbor that would be of benefit to him and those who loved him.

There once was a man who lived down the street, in a house you might call not exactly so neat.

But it served this man well a home it was true, even though at the windows no curtains there blew.

The door was left open to nature and air, no reason to shut it only one man lived there.

A man close to nature. Birds loved him too. Chickadees would eat from his lips,

I saw it, tis true! He had electricity, and he did like TV,

But on warm summer eves, on his porch he would be, drinking a beer, watching a battery run tube,

And if not that giving his bus a good lube. His background was staggering, an old Russian Jew.

He sailed on the Great Lakes and Great Oceans too. He'd bring back collectables, beautiful old knives.

He loved the fine crafting, said, 'They're better than wives!' A big man in stature,

his heart gentle and warm, He was stubborn and funny, and loud like a storm.

This man Steve Kotowich rode in a VW van. This man Steve Kotowich, was really quite a man.

Here in this Valley of the old Jordan River,

we live out our lives as anyone will. We're proud of this Valley, it's history, yet still...

There's something now missing, an emptiness, vast. It's as if the old River has dried up at last.

But now, the River still flows and sings its clear song. It's Steve, Steve Kotowich, who has left us, is gone.

He was as the river is to this town, and we'll listen to hear his V dub put along.

But we won't hear him, nor see him wave, He has gone on the journey we all must someday.

Good bye Steve Kotowich your life is at end, And we'll miss you dearly our neighbor, our friend.

Linda Beers Aydlott
East Jordan

Arthur Poineau of Real Estate One of Boyne, announces the sale of the Sportsman Bar, Boyne City to Gino Longo & Maurizio Bacciocchi.

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Good News

EJ Chamber chief

The new Chamber of Commerce executive-director in East Jordan is Judy Shea.

She has started her job—working mainly from her home at present.

Shea's job, which began April 1, will include promotion, advertising, bookkeeping and correspondence.

Prior to hiring Shea, these operations were handled by Chamber members. But everybody is so busy, they needed someone to carry the ball. Chamber people wanted more efficiency.

The new director has wide experience which includes teaching school at St. Mary's in Mount Clemens and three years on the Detroit police force. The latter led to a position administering grants for Northeast Regional Planning Commission. Shea's latest experience was her seven years in administering CETA programs.

She came to East Jordan after her husband Chris' appointment as director of the East Jordan Family Health Center. The couple has three children.

Shea said she met with the Chamber Tuesday, April 13, to begin considering projects for the city. Word on them will be forthcoming.

Meantime, till the mushroom season begins and the Chamber's booth on M-66 opens, Shea will be contacted through Dressel Realty, which has had the winter phone for the Chamber.

Magazine feature

Philip Skornia, a native of Horton Bay, is featured in the April issue of Fighting Stars magazine.

Skornia, a 1959 graduate of Boyne City High, is headmaster of the Instructor's College for Zendo-ryu Karate International in Los Angeles.

Skornia lived and studied in the Orient for a number of years and is a well-known authority in martial arts in the U.S. He holds a doctorate in Oriental philosophy and teaches at the Instructor's College and at the University of Oriental Studies.

He is chairman of the membership committee for the American Amateur Karate Federation, the governing body for amateur karate in the U.S., and is on the Olympic membership committee for AAKF.

County solid waste plan altered

The county solid waste planning committee has slightly altered its proposed five-year proposal for taking care of area garbage.

A second out-of-county landfill has been designated as a usable dumping site and the location of a possible major transfer station has been made less specific.

The committee is putting together short-range and long-range waste disposal plans for the state as required by a recent state law change.

In February the committee designated the Charlevoix Garbage Service landfill near Ironton as the primary dump and named the Antrim-Kalkaska municipal landfill near Kalkaska as the secondary site.

CGS is privately owned. The short-term plan also included trucking garbage from Charlevoix to CGS putting transfer stations in Boyne City and East Jordan and having smaller transfer stations, known as green boxes, where they already exist in Melrose and Boyne Valley townships.

Last week that plan was altered to add the Otsego-Crawford counties dump as a secondary site.

Language which had designated the CGS site for a major transfer station should the landfill reach its capacity — which is expected in 8-10 years unless it expands — was changed last week to allow the transfer site to be "near" the landfill.

The short- and long-term plans are now identical. The plan is to be updated in no more than five years.

Committee members talked at length about the possibility that they had created a potential problem in naming only one landfill site in the county, but took no action to change that.

Some committee members are concerned that the privately operated landfill could squeeze out competing garbage collectors by not allowing them to use the dump or by charging them high rates.

Saying he has "not exercised any monopolistic rights" in the couple months he has owned the landfill, committee member Dawson Way said he has no intention of excluding anyone from using the dump.

Mark Stephens of the state Department of Natural Resources, who is helping the committee, said his department has not encountered any situations elsewhere where landfills rejected business. In fact, he said, most compete heavily for what business there is.

Stephens said it was not economically practical for a landfill to exclude anyone. Bill Marmee Jr. said one garbage collection company was not allowed to use the dump under its former ownership.

Some members questioned designating just one place in the county as a landfill and not allowing for future development of another. Bruce Malpass suggested leaving the entire county open to development without citing a specific site.

Stephens said that could be done but he questioned whether the required two-thirds of the county's communities would approve such a plan. The committee will meet again May 13 in the county building annex in Charlevoix to discuss management options which may be built into the plan.

County planner Larry Sullivan said he expects the plan to be ready for public hearings in July or August and set to be sent to the state a month or so later.

Dionne plan: 'Mobile unit' at EJ dump

East Jordan city superintendent is hoping to resolve the city's landfill hassle with the state by installing a "mobile transfer station."

Dionne's plan is to buy a couple garbage trucks with packer units attached and park them at the landfill.

Residents who now take their garbage to the landfill would throw it in the trucks. A city employee would operate the compaction unit.

The state Department of Natural Resources has been after the city to shut its landfill, which the DNR says could not be licensed under a recently enacted state law.

The DNR and the county solid waste planning committee have been favoring installation of a transfer station in East Jordan. The transfer station would be a large collection and compaction box that would be hauled to a licensed landfill to be emptied.

Dionne says his plan, which has not been formally presented to the city council yet, would be less costly than purchasing a large capacity transfer box and paying someone to unload it.

He says he knows where he can buy two packer trucks for about \$15,000 apiece. East Jordan is about 10 miles from the Charlevoix Garbage Service landfill.

Fire-gutted restaurant given to EJ

The City of East Jordan is now the owner of the burned-out Racquetball Restaurant.

The restaurant at 205 Main Street was offered to the city last week by owners Bill, Bob and Ted Sherman.

The council Tuesday, April 6, voted to accept the free, no-strings offer as the best solution to a potential problem.

The possibility of the gutted building remaining unsold and eventually being taken over by the state, only to be returned to the city with strings attached, didn't appeal to the councilmen.

City superintendent Mike Dionne was asked to have presentable-looking barriers constructed to make the building less hazardous until something is done with it.

No decisions about the future of the building have been made as yet, but Bob Sherman said he thought the location could possibly be of some advantage to the city in the future in relocating city services, if the building is not picked as the site of a new business.

Before the Shermans purchased the building and remodeled it two years ago, it was an ice cream parlor and had served also as a youth recreation center.

The Shermans will continue to operate their East Jordan business, the Sherman Canning Co., Inc. on Fourth Street.

Board defends keeping Ashton

Noting how difficult it is to discuss personalities and come out with any kind of general agreement, East Jordan school board president Mary Jason repeated in an interview Monday the board's decision to hire Bud Ashton as high school principal was carefully based on qualifications and experience.

The distress in the community about the dismissal of Doug Shields is understandable, she said, but qualifications for the high school principal position aren't the same as those for the middle school level.

"I don't mean that it can be a sterile decision," she said, and referred to the fact that relations between staff and students and their parents is also very important.

Also present at the interview was superintendent Tom Rossler.

One point that hasn't been clear, Rossler pointed out, is the position of high school principal is not vacant. He agreed with Jason in saying the job descriptions are very specific.

Speaking of Shields' dismissal, he said, "It's never easy to eliminate a person's job."

Shields' dismissal comes as a result of having the high school and/or the elementary school absorb the middle school department in an economy move.

Jason said the proposal to cut down on the administrative staff has been studied since last summer.

Enrollment decline and faculty cuts are all involved. She said, "The board feels terrible about this. They have fought hard to keep a good school program. It doesn't mean they will stop, but they have to organize it in a different way."

She gave an example this spring's arrangement that permits middle school youngsters to go to the high school building for introductory shop classes.

She said blending the middle school students with high school services has worked out very well.

Returning to the concern about Shields, she said she appreciated the feelings of the parents and students about losing Shields. They have a specific concern, she said, but the board must have a wider concern—all the aspects of education.

The school board, she said, is aware of the importance of relations between the community and the school, and is making an effort to improve them.

Rossler added, "We are working toward the point where we can have a stable school system—one that is under local control."

Cop complaint hearing set in EJ

The police committee of East Jordan's city council will hold an open meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, on the complaint by bar owner Chuck Sherk against a police officer.

That meeting, to be held in the council chambers at city hall, will follow a state Liquor Control Commission hearing to be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Cheboygan County building.

Sherk has accused officer Ron Malinowski of improper behavior in Chuck's Place on Christmas Eve. Malinowski and Officer Paul Timmons filed a complaint with the LCC stating the bar was open after hours.

Sherk then filed a second complaint claiming they filed a false report with the LCC.

Sherk's first complaint has been in the hands of the police committee since it was presented to the council Jan. 5. Committee members have continually said they are still investigating the matter.

Rec plan hearings set

Hearings to gather resident input for development of a county-wide recreation plan have been scheduled.

The hearings will be held in the three cities, but are open to township residents as well. The plan is being developed by county planner Larry Sullivan and youth activities director Mike Davis.

Davis, a state Department of Social Services employee, is a member of the state recreation advisory committee.

The first hearing will be held at the Boyne City hall on Tuesday, April 20. The second will be at the East Jordan city hall on Thursday, April 22, and the third at the county building annex in Charlevoix on Thursday, April 29. All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

Davis said the pair will travel to Beaver Island to meet with officials there sometime in May.

School calendar

April 15-24 BOYNE CITY
April 15 - Professional study committee meeting.
April 19 - Several staff members to Boyne Mt. to meeting on sexual abuse.
April 19 - Starting Metropolitan Achievement Tests administered to middle and elementary school.
April 20 - Human Reproduction committee meeting, 7:15 a.m.
April 24 - Math competition in Traverse City.
April 24 - Anything-you-want-to-sell sale by Community Ed.
BOYNE FALLS
April 15 - Parent-teacher conferences. School dismissal at 11:20 a.m.
April 19 - Band concert with Alanson band at 12:45 p.m.
April 21 - Kindergarten, round-up

EAST JORDAN
April 16 - Winter Sports' Banquet, 7 p.m.
April 20 - Middle school concert, 7 p.m.
April 21 - School, 1/2 day. Parent-teacher conferences from 1 to 4 p.m.
April 22 - School, 1/2 day. Teachers' in-service from 1-3 p.m. Parent-teacher conferences from 6-8 p.m.
April 24 - Students to Traverse City for regional math contest.

MELROSE
April 15 - Parent-teacher conferences. School dismissal at 10:45 a.m.
April 20 - Second series of parent-teacher conferences. Dismissal at 10:45.

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