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Jordan River weir vote expected Wednesday

An important date in the history of the Jordan River salmon weir was Wednesday, Aug. 24, the date of the county commission meeting. Commissioners have been expected to vote then on the placement of a temporary salmon weir for use this fall. The vote, which came after this issue of the paper went to press, was crucial to whether the weir could go in.

The decision involved only the temporary weir, said Chairman I. Lee Moerland on Friday before the meeting. The sequence, he said, has been established by the Department of Natural Resources. However, the DNR has plainly stated that the temporary weir will be set in at the site where the permanent weir will eventually be constructed. And the DNR's preferred site is the one three-quarters of a mile above Rogers Bridge.

The commission's vote could be nullified by the refusal of the river zoning board to grant a variance. In a telephone interview, Jerry Manz, of the DNR fisheries division, said there would be a public hearing on the

question of the variance in September.

Actually, two regulations are involved. One, he said, is the Dredge and Fill Act 346, requiring permission to dig in the river (to put in the posts for the temporary weir) and the other is the wild-scenic river ordinance, forbidding any obstruction to free flow of the river.

Manz said they can't have a hearing on the permanent construction until the design is complete, and that time-table is not yet set.

Meetings of the river zoning board are called by the DNR. Appeals of board decisions are made by the Natural Resources Commission.

Rejections of the DNR site preference in various advisory votes this summer have not turned down the whole weir program, only the location. It is understood that spawning lamprey and spawning salmon need to be kept out of the river. The temporary salmon weir is the first step in the process.

At the August 16 city council meeting in East Jordan, the council

approved the suggestion of resident Vern Stark to send a letter of support on this location to both the county commissioners and the DNR.

A brief history of the Jordan

River's problems at the hand of man was read at the council meeting. Called "Jordan River Fact Sheet," the account was signed by "Common Sense."

It called the efforts of the DNR "a re-building process" and asked for support of the lamprey barrier proposal so that "you will once again have a good fishery."

The "Fact Sheet" was in response to the continuing resistance by groups, who do not want the wild-scenic stretch of river above Rogers Bridge altered by the lamprey dam and the salmon harvest.

South Arm recommends weir placement

Voting three to one at a special meeting August 11, on a motion prepared before the meeting, South Arm Township board of trustees recommended that a temporary salmon weir for this fall be placed below the juncture of Deer Creek and the Jordan River.

The vote was requested by the Department of Natural Resources, Land Resource Programs Division, because the Jordan flows through the township.

With the question of the permanent weir and lamprey dam still tabled for engineering surveys, the DNR wants to move on a temporary weir because the fall salmon spawning run is not far off.

Called at the Gaylord DNR office, Jerry Lawrence said that if the temporary weir were to go in three-fourths of a mile upstream from Rogers Bridge, which is what the DNR recommends, a variance would have to be granted by the river zoning board.

The reason for this is the state

ordinance, forbidding obstructions in any stretches of river that are designated wild-scenic. Above Rogers Bridge, the river has the wild-scenic designation.

A variance would also be required if the permanent dam and weir were to be constructed above Rogers Bridge. Below the bridge, no such restrictions exist, Lawrence said.

A weir of some sort is necessary, according to DNR biologist Steve Swan, who attended the meeting. The salmon going upstream to spawn this fall are expected to number as many as 6,000, he said. As the 320,000 fingerling salmon planted in the Jordan this spring reach maturity in three or four years, the number could go up to more than 30,000.

Swan explained to the 20 questioners at the meeting that locating the weir below Deer Creek, near Rogers Bridge would not only be more expensive, but also that it would be more destructive to the environment than if it were at the upstream site.

The main reason, he said, is that the river only drops six inches in its journey from Rogers Bridge to the river mouth. The lamprey dam, on which the permanent salmon weir will be built, has to extend 18 inches above the water. Putting the dam in at that location would make it necessary to flood an enormous area "to get 18 inches of head."

Upstream, the drop is much greater, and consequently the water backed up behind the dam would not go over the banks, Swan said.

Another objection Swan noted was the soft bed of the Jordan below Rogers Bridge. Previous weirs could not entirely prevent the salmon from going upstream.

Three letters to the township were read at the meeting. Two were signed by groups of residents, one by the Antrim County commission. All were opposed to locating the weir on the wild-scenic stretch of river, citing the ordinance designating that stretch of river as especially protected because of its uniqueness and beauty. They also predicted river pollution from flooding in spring when the lamprey dam would be closed and in the fall from the salmon harvest.

The Land Resource Program Division, requesting the township's advisory vote, will accept also any written views from individuals or groups up to August 31. The address is: P.O. Box 30028, Lansing, 48909.

One resident said he and a few others had employed a surveyor John Ferguson, whose figures differed from those of DNR engineers. His was a 10 1/2 inch drop from Rogers Bridge to the lake. He added that the lake was unusually high, and allowed another 11 inches for that.

Swan disagreed, saying the lake

was at a normal level.

Dr. John Kempton said that the majority of people in the area had indicated being in favor of the weir and he was speaking for them.

Although he repeated that the meeting concerned only the temporary weir, Swan reviewed the whole problem in responding to questions.

"We were asked to come in here," he said referring to the fact that a number of other cities had also sought the DNR investment and the Jordan River had been the favored site.

Some of his other points were: (1) Before lamprey control "you wouldn't go into the lake."

(2) The DNR does not anticipate any change on the status of salmon sport fishing.

(3) To have the benefits of lamprey control (without chemicals) and salmon sport fishing, some negatives inevitably have to be accepted.

(4) The DNR had not wanted to go upstream with the weir, but had no choice, because of the comparative costs.

(5) There are no houses along the river at the point where the DNR would like to put the weir.

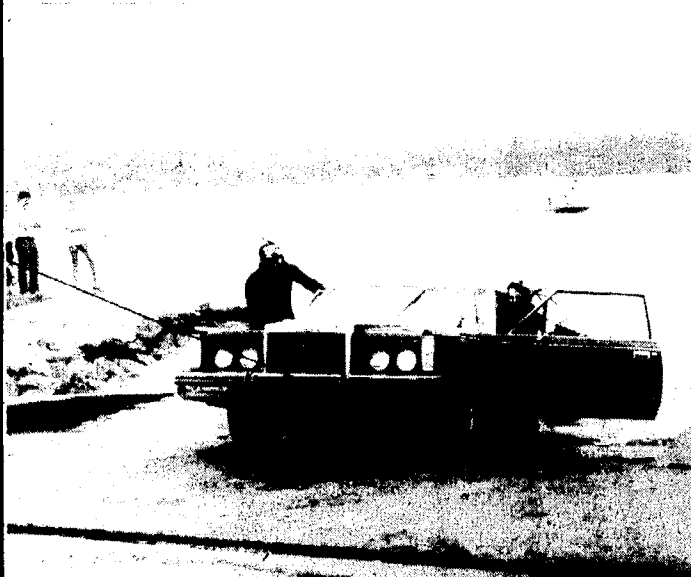
(6) Access would be cut through the cedars and a 150x20 foot holding pond would be made.

(7) Only salmon would be taken. No electricity would be used; no indiscriminate electrification of fish.

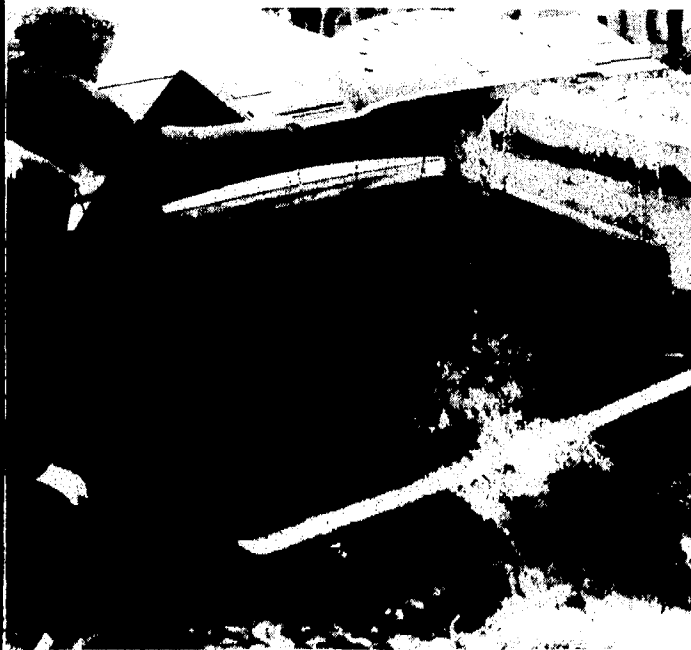
The actual decision on the weir will be made by the county commission at their August 24 meeting, but there is also the unresolved question of whether a variance on the wild-scenic river ordinance will be allowed by the river zoning board. Their meeting has not yet been called for by the DNR.



An almost brand new Lincoln Continental belonging to James D. Dreyer of Gaylord went for a trip to the deep last Sunday after Dreyer attempted to pull his car and trailer out of the Boyne City boat launch and the car slipped back into the water. The car stopped when it was fully covered. Scuba divers prepare for the wrecker to tow the car out of the water.



The divers steered the car and the trailer up the ramp with the water gushing out of the doors.



The trunk as well as every other part of the car was filled with water. The car is now at a local garage getting dried out for the owner.

Marina off limits to commercial boats

Called in by anonymous people, Ray Lawrence of Michigan Waterways Division said that commercial use of Boyne City's marina was illegal.

He verified the complaint that a boat slip was being rented for charter boat purposes instead of for the required private use of pleasure craft. In addition, the city has rented an outside dock berth to "South Shore" for \$100 a month for scenic cruises. This is also a commercial use of city park facilities, according to Lawrence.

Waterways is involved because its contract with the city stipulates no commercial use of the marina. The marina was built with aid from Waterways.

The problem arises because the city has no designated commercial facilities for boats.

After "South Shore" was given city permission to dock, the city did seek permission from Waterways, and

this, plus the complaint, was what brought Lawrence.

The "South Shore" has since changed schedules and will soon stop using the dock. Lawrence, however, in a countervailing statement, told the city that if it wanted to come back for the 1984 season, he advised rates be twice what private owners pay, or about \$1,100 for the season.

At the same time, acting city manager Tom Garlock said, Lawrence reviewed the boat-parking at the city's launch site. According to Lawrence, there is nothing wrong with that being done as long as they are charged a reasonable fee.

Garlock said at the city commission noon meeting Tuesday that five boat owners already have said they wish to pay fees next year, in response to the commissioners' resolution last week to set rates for beginning next season.

Construction schedule may cause problems

Consumers Power Company and Bell Telephone will be cooperating with Boyne City in resolving their problems in connection with Lake Street reconstruction, slated to begin after Labor Day.

The city wants to bury as many of the lines as they can, but Consumers is not sure if the high voltage can be sufficiently insulated, and the telephone company is still on strike.

If the lines can't be buried, the poles now carrying them, will have to be moved, or, as acting city manager Tom Garlock said, the poles would be in the street.

Granger Engineering is studying the problem, because moving the poles would crowd the sidewalks.

Useful suggestions on other aspects of the plan have resulted in one, and possibly more street parking places.

BC weir panel to see others

The new Boyne City weir committee will go with Department of Natural Resources representatives to see commercial salmon-harvesting on a river near White Cloud.

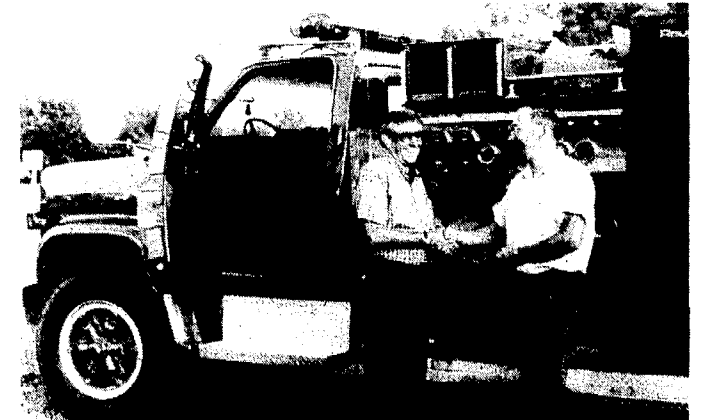
This, said committee member Bill Grimm, will help them judge if the harvesting would be in the city's best interests.

The committee is in agreement that a weir is necessary. Without one, the swarming salmon would devastate the river. Their review is to determine where it should go.

Committee members are: Tom Greetis, Bill Grimm, Bob Dunnette, John Talboys, Marvin Loding, Oral Sutliff, and DNR fish biologist Mason Shouder.

Thus, entrance to the city parking lot next to Sears will be on Ray Street instead of on Lake as it is at present. Not yet approved is another possibility next to the theater.

Garlock said a construction overseer will be on the job continuously, so that the wait on getting questions answered will be minimized.



Accepting the keys for the new fire truck that was delivered over the weekend from Harry Atkins who sold the chassis to the city, is Fire Chief "Butch" Erber. The new truck will be the subject of a lot of training for the firemen this week as it was put into service almost immediately as the men tried out the various pumps and equipment. The truck, a combination pumper and tank truck, holds more water than the others of the department and is slated to be used for fires out in the townships that the department services. According to Erber, the truck should help to reduce fire insurance rates throughout the area.



Winners of the Moonlight Madness Pet Show included, from left to right, Kathy Mathews with her cat who was given the "Best Behaved" award as the cat was paraded between two dogs; Adria Korthase with Princess, a Great Dane for the "largest pet"; Jacob Monroe with his Schnauzer as the "youngest", being two years old; Jeremy McCutcheon with his parakeet as the "smallest", and Robert McGarva with Ziggy, a Russian wolfhound as the "most unusual".

Linda Mania becomes Mrs. Daniel Talboys

At the First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City, Linda M. Mania became the bride of Daniel W. Talboys. The bride's mother is Mary L. Larsen of Kalkaska and Mr. and Mrs. John Talboys are parents of the groom.

In an August 20 evening wedding performed by the Rev. Milton Walls, the bride was given in marriage by John Talboys, Daniel's father.

For the double-ring ceremony in front of 200 guests the bride wore a gown of point d'espirit, lined in acetate taffeta with a wide lace ruffled front and back bodice, a lace stand-up collar and bishop sleeves. Lace trimmed the hem of the gown. A cap trimmed with simulated pearls held a fingertip blusher veil of sheer netting edged with lace. A bouquet of pink roses, white mini carnations and babies breath completed Linda's costume.

Melanie Weaver was Linda's maid of honor, and Tracy Mania served as bridesmaid for her sister along with Lori Talboys, the groom's sister, and Cathy Ecker.

Steven Talboys acted as best man for his brother while Randy Massey, Thomas DeNike II and Thomas Garlock Jr served as groomsmen. Ushers were Kevin Wilson and Robert Christy.



MR. AND MRS. DANIEL W. TALBOYS

Mrs. Libbie Talboys, sister-in-law of the groom, served the wedding cake at a reception at B.C. Lanes Banquet Room, and Claudia Newson attended the guest book. Music was

provided by Bittersweet.

The new married couple are both employed in Boyne City, Linda at R.A. Campbell Agency and Daniel at Country Star Markets.

In service

Marine Lance Cpl. James V. Spence, son of James E. and Kay Spence of East Jordan, has reported for duty with the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California.

with Nancy Northup
582-9174

Bob and Jean Stutzman and sons spent last week in W. Lafayette, Ohio visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stutzman, his brother the Charles Stutzman Jr. and her sister Alice Miller and daughters Danya and Kathy in Garden City.

Mrs. Jane Peters of Grand Haven was here this past week visiting Mr. and Mrs. August Johecheck.

Former Boyne resident Chester Hughy, now of Petoskey, and daughter Lorraine, who is here from Saudi Arabia were in the Boyne area this past week visiting friends and old neighbors.

Oscar and Dorothy Day of Lake Orion were overnight guests on Thursday of Sally and Clarence Day. On Friday, they all went to Traverse City to visit their nephew and son the David Days and to take David and Linda's daughters Sonia and Michelle home from spending the week here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gaunt Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. David Gaunt and family joined a group of 31 on Sunday in Cadillac for a Taylor family reunion. Their picnic got rained out but they enjoyed an inside get together. Family members came from East Jordan, Fremont, Houghton, Hesperia, Muskegon and Wyoming, MI.

Mrs. Richard (Edna) May is a surgical patient in Little Traverse Hospital this week in Room 125. Her sons, Murray Northup of Midland and Nels Northup of Gladwin were here visiting her over the weekend.

Mary Karl of Climax came up by bus earlier in the week to visit her former neighbor Pam Hegerberg Schmidt and husband Dick and sons who were here from Missouri and her parents the Frank Spencers. Mary's husband Paul and daughter Amy came up over the weekend. The Schmidt's returned home on Thursday.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union met last week for their annual picnic at Lillian Cikalo's, followed by their regular meeting with a discussion on what they could do to better themselves for the next year.

This week's bingo winners held on the Boyne City Senior Citizen Center on Thursday were regulars, Glada Ryder, Laura Eggers, and Bernice Suchara with the specials going to Violet Mueller and Laura Eggers. The cover-all went to Minnie Martin and the fruit basket door prize for Friday went to Ione Ploughman.

Weekend guests of Ray and June Anthony, and here to attend the Mortgage burning service and open house at the Horton Bay United Methodist Church on Sunday were the Rev. and Mrs. John Gurney of Portage and Mrs. Orin Baley of Kalamazoo.

EJ cheerleaders have gone national!

East Jordan varsity cheerleaders came back from national competition in Lansing last weekend with 17th in the nation in their pocket.

Their advisor Phyllis Hammond said it is considered very rare for a squad to place first time in the nationals, and this is a first time.

In the process of garnering their 17th in cheerleading, Hammond said, the team also explored Lansing's important spots, starting with the capitol, and including a couple of nice restaurants.

"I didn't think they needed the whole time to think of nothing but the competition," Hammond explained.

It has been a busy summer with the state competition a few weeks ago in Traverse City, where the eight girls took second place.

On Saturday the team will take part in the Cherryland Mall's annual competition for squads from area schools. And on Tuesday, August 30, there will be a big show at the East Jordan middle school gym at 1 p.m., featuring the team and numbers by other talented kids. No charge.

In Service

Sgt. William E. Jensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. Jensen of 434 Poplar St., Boyne City, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force refrigeration and air conditioning course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Jensen will now serve at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base, MI, with the 410th Civil Engineering Squadron.

Celebrate fiftieth



MR. AND MRS. BILL ZOULEK

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Zoulek of East Jordan will be holding an open house in honor of their parents' 50th wedding anniversary. It will be held at the East Jordan Snowmobile Club on Alba Road on Sunday, the 28th of August.

The Zouleks have three children: a son, John Zoulek of Nephi, Utah, and

two daughters; Mrs. Robert (Margaret) Siedlecki of Muskegon, and Mrs. Richard (Agnes) Clark, Jr. of East Jordan. They also have 13 grand children and one great-grandchild.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend the open house from 2 to 5 in the afternoon. No gifts, please.

Neighbors

entertained with country and gospel music. They are planning to make this an annual event.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray MacNamara of Mt. Pleasant were here over the weekend visiting his sister Marie Schmitdiel.

Jean Limron returned home on Sunday from spending the past week in Little Traverse Hospital. Her brother Donald Maclean and his wife of Oscoda visited her while she was hospitalized and also visited his mother Lela MacLean who is a patient at Grandvue.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fritz and daughters Dawn and Dusti and son Phillip of Independence, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mangios also of Missouri, all returned to their homes over the weekend after having spent the past week here with their father.

A family dinner was held on Sunday afternoon at Pauline and Lois Laisure's home, honoring Lois' birthday, which was last Tuesday. Guests were Ramona McGeorge, Marie and Francis Boynton, Ruth and Gene Hayden and Gregg McGeorge.

Kay Thayer, daughter of Don and Marilyn, left over the weekend to attend her senior year at Grace College in Indiana.

The Cecil Clelands, the Harley Parks, the Mark Fruge's, the Raymond Andersons and the Ed Hart-

wells went to a Cleland-Hartnell family reunion on Saturday, making the group 24 in all. It was held at the Bruce Cleland cottage on Platt Lake.

Mrs. Irene Shaler returned to her home on Sunday after having spent the past 10 days as a medical patient at the Lockwood Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hayes returned over the weekend from a two-week trip to Colorado where they attended the wedding of their great nephew, Steven Smith, son of the Joe Smith, and grandson of Olive and Arnold Smith. The Hayes also visited South Dakota and Mt. Rushmore.

Mrs. Irene Tunison of Charlevoix has been traveling with and visiting relatives throughout Michigan since May 18th.

She spent three weeks with her daughter Mr. and Mrs. Harold Morrison and family of North Branch; two weeks with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Corwin and family of North Branch; three weeks with another son, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Corwin and family of Mt. Morris; three weeks with another daughter Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Utter and family of Harrisville. She also stayed with another daughter Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole of Bay Shore.

Mrs. Tunison was also remembered on her 75th birthday, July 3, with a lovely party given by her children.



East Jordan's Lucki Joseph, crowned Miss Michigan United Teenager last week, will reign over a dance given by city service clubs on September 17. The dance will honor her and her parents, Beverly and Al Joseph. Lucki also received formal congratulations from the city council. She and her parents will go to the national competition in December in Washington, D.C.

with Millie Walden
536-2381

E. J. Chatterings

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Castle and family and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lewis went to the Irish Hills last weekend for a family reunion and campout. They camped at the Walter J. Hays State Park and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ball and daughter from Pontiac were here visiting Mrs. Ball's mother, Mrs. Bert Sutherland, and sister Sharon of East Jordan. While here Mrs. Ball also visited her step-father, Mr. Bert Sutherland in Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility at Bellaire.

Mrs. Janet Walden went down to Mt. Morris to visit her daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith and children also her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Walden of Mt. Morris.

Mr. Ernie Walden of East Jordan and his brother Vernal of Bellaire accompanied Vernal's Boy Scout troop.

Mrs. Pat Kay from Sault Ste. Marie spent from Friday to Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Archie Murphy of East Jordan. She was here to attend the Murphy family reunion at Elm Pointe.

Mrs. Murphy's sister and brother in law, Gale and Jane Brentnall and daughter Carla from Hudsonville, spent Sunday evening and Monday morning with the Archie Murphy's of East Jordan.

Jordan Valley V.F.W. Post 7580 and the Ladies Auxiliary will have its monthly meeting Tuesday, August 23

at 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

This month's meeting will be a discussion and passing of post by-laws. The monthly meetings are every 4th Tuesday of the month.

Bowling Odd Couples

Anyone interested in being a substitute bowler for the odd couples league call secretary Millie Walden at 536-2381. Bowling starts the first Sunday in September, the 4th, at 4:30 p.m., bowling every other Sunday.

Senior Citizens Bowling

The first meeting will be held Wednesday, August 24 at 1:00 at the bowling alley. Bowling will start Wednesday, Sept. 7th at 1:15 p.m. Anyone interested in bowling or subbing please call Millie Walden at 536-2381.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES August 29 & 30

Mon., Aug. 29 - Dinner at 12
Tues., Aug. 30 - Dinner at 12
Plans are underway for the 4th Annual Senior Picnic and Fair. Date has been set for Saturday, September 3. Be sure to keep this date open. There are still some openings for the September 2nd Health Screening Program. Reservations may be made by calling 536-7831 between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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Marshall Sayles

It was hot and humid. I was home alone. There was nothing to do. So I went outdoors and got myself into trouble.

How does a man get into trouble when it's hot and humid and he's home alone? He puts on an old hat, gets into an old pair of floppy shoes, takes a plastic pail along with a stout cane and sets off into the fields to see if the wild blackberries are ripe.

Ripe! I'll say they were ripe. They were the largest I've ever seen, hanging there like a cow ready to be milked. I stuck my cane in the ground among the tall weeds and commenced picking as fast as I could. The pail began filling up in no time.

I got to wondering. Why was I picking so fast? I was a mile from any house; no one was around and I had all afternoon to fill the pail. I guess it was because I grew up picking fast. I have always been a fast picker.

Trouble did not come until I started whistling Yankee Doodle. That's when I stepped on a snake. (Warning: Snakes do not like to be stepped on when you're whistling Yankee Doodle.)

Six things happen when you step on a snake. (1) You lose all interest in your blackberries and throw them up in the air. (2) You grab your cane and

swing at the snake. (3) You get the hell out of there on a dead run. (4) You get your foot caught in the wild grape vines and hit the ground like a beef. (5) Ants crawl into your mouth. (6) Blackberry thorns are in your flopping shoe and you are sure you have been snake bit.

All you can think of is crawling to the road and flagging down the next ambulance that comes by. Snake bites can kill a man if they aren't attended to quickly, or quickly attended to, I wasn't sure at the time.

After it was all over and I was at home slowly dying on the davenport, I got to thinking.

There aren't any deadly snakes around here. No copperheads, no rattlers, no boa constrictors, no cobras. Maybe a garter or an adder, but none that should cause you to give a wild whoop and throw two quarts of fast-picked blackberries up in the air.

But when you have stepped on a snake and listened to that awful hissing noise, you do not calmly say to yourself: "There aren't any deadly snakes around here." And then continue picking blackberries as though nothing had happened. That ain't the way it's done.

I've already told you how it's done.

Jottings

BY JIM SILBAR

Have you ever been intrigued with the normal road sign?

I mean road signs like "Slow Children Playing" or "Don't Walk", or any of the other signs that seem, if your mind works wrong, out of place and time.

One that we have locally that drives those of that bent up a wall is the sign that says "Advance reduce speed".

Now you know that by advancing you don't slow down, right? But, in Advance, you'd better.

It is the same with slow children playing. Are they really slow? Does that mean slow learners? Or does it mean that the children are playing slow and can't get out of the way very fast.

All this discussion came up because of someone saying to me that they thought it was strange that they should advance at a reduced speed.

That brought up other signs you get to read as you drive around the nation.

Look at Hell, Michigan. They have made a real living off the tourists who want to say that they have visited Hell. You can buy tee shirts that say so. And you can buy tee shirts that say a lot of other things all connected some way with Hell.

If you have ever been there, you know that it is another wide spot in the road and there is really little to do in the town.

You can get there in many ways, one of the more interesting ones is to bicycle starting from Swartz Creek. I imagine that when you finish the 100 mile tour, you get a tee shirt that says "I've been to Hell and back".

I see by one of the many newspapers that we get in the office that the state lawmakers are at it again, trying

to explain their existence by passing many laws that will benefit a few, and cost the public more millions.

We are looking at a law that is proposed to require those who own landfills, those who own gas stations, those who own oil tanks, and those who are in the chemical business, to buy insurance in the million dollar range to protect the rest of us from leaks.

While the idea is all right, considering a Berlin and Farro type operation, we can only see it raising the costs of gasoline, fuel oil, and even aspirin as the companies that own the storage facilities have to raise their rates to pay for the government mandated program.

If the law passes, and if it pertains to those who store petroleum products underground, then I would suggest that the state itself better go out first and buy mega-trillions of dollars of insurance, paid out of the funds normally meant to pay the legislators, for all the oil that is underground and is already leaking into the environment.

All the acres under the Pigeon River State Forest, for example, which is supposed to have oil, belongs to the state. Sure, it's several thousand feet below ground, but it is still leaking and causes an environmental disaster as it flows to and fro between the rock. I think the state should pay as they own the land.

And, of course, they should pay without causing any taxpayer burden. Sometimes the best of intentions can cause monumental problems for those of us who have to pay for them.

Come on, would it be simpler for those who are involved with toxic wastes to be the only ones required to have million dollar insurance packages?

Barbara Cruden

Here and there, morning light touches trunks of somber trees, tall and dark in the woods. We see them, beyond leaves that seem to float—as though this were the bottom of some clear lake.

The presence of woods trees always holds our minds. Woods trees, unlike meadow trees or lawn trees, are not great, green mounds, filled out and rich with fully developed growth.

Woods trees are leafed out mainly at the top. Their lower branches have perished for want of light. Thus the woods are filled with these dark, columns, living in the shadows they themselves have made.

To see woods trees, we stand inside the wall of green at the edge of the woods, the wall that is made by plentiful light.

There in the dark green shade, we feel the height and the calmness of woods trees.

I think it has to do with comparison. The girth of a man or woman in relation to height seems a basic arrangement. But the diameter of a tree may not be much more than that of a person, yet we can look up and up to the height it can sustain, 10 or 12 times our own height.

Going farther into the woods, we come to the steep slope of a hill and another view of this congregation of giants. Now we can see the light shine through leaves as it does

illumination of joy.

Trees should be appreciated in every possible way, but mostly for beauty, because beauty, the poet said, is truth.

We seem to appreciate things mainly because of their scarceness. Scarceness, in our society, is what, in economic terms, causes an object's value to "appreciate." If it is of any value at all, we rush to bid on it for its relative uniqueness.

Thus trees—well, how many millions of them are there. So we whizz by them, vaguely pleased with their contribution of gracious greenery. But we could consider how each tree is unique. And as we drive, become acquainted.

There is a great sky-bracing popple (poplar) tree on Twin pines in East Jordan. There are two pines that speak of time and patience out on Korthase Road, and five trees stand like five sisters in the middle of a field along Pesek.

For scarceness, if that's what we must like, we could hunt down big, really big, elm trees. For congeniality, we could wave back (mentally, at least) to the fluttering silvery white poplars along M-66 near Ironton.

And back in the woods, in the total uniqueness of trees the wind sends a hushing sound through the leaves. It's one of the best sounds of summer, a vast summer sound, gift of the woods trees.



Fires were commonplace back in the old days as houses burned down because of many factors. The smoke of this fire marked the end of the lumbering days for Boyne City, as it was the fire that destroyed the White Lumber Company. Next week we will show one of the best pictures we have found covering that fire. This view, taken from several blocks away, shows

the smoke billowing upward and seems to cover a whole city block. Of course, the mill was large and burned very fast according to some of the people still around who watched it burn. If you have any old pictures of the area, bring them to the office so that we can copy them to share with our readers.

Letters

River poisoned, let's have weir, barrier

Editor,

Right now we have a mess in the East Jordan area. We have our beautiful river being systematically poisoned every few years to control the sea lamprey. We have salmon, that were never planted in the Jordan, reproducing on their own and causing untold problems in the ecology of the upper river and monumental law enforcement problems. We have the most underused, underdeveloped, poorly managed tourist and recreational opportunities in the area. We are handicapped by the perception in Lansing and in the D.N.R. that we don't want to develop our natural resources and that our people don't care about improving our local economy.

As a fisherman and sportsman I was inclined to be against the weir when I first heard about it. After attending the first meeting held by the D.N.R. I became a solid supporter of the project, as did nearly everyone who attended the meeting. I am convinced that the weir will not only solve the above problems but will be a big boost to the local economy.

From talking to people, it is obvious to me that nearly everyone in

New subscriber remembers past paper ownership

Editor,

Please enter my one-year subscription to the Charlevoix County Press. Enclosed is my \$16.00.

I have fallen in love with Boyne City and I don't feel my vacation is complete until I've spent some time at Young State Park. Thus, I enjoy camping and Lake Charlevoix completes the picture. This year I decided to buy the local paper and I was surprised to see a familiar name, at least, I think they are.

Could you have been from Fenton and related to Bob Silbar? Although I did not know Mr. Silbar personally, I do know the quality of the paper he published.

Small world if, indeed, you are related.

Sincerely,
Mary Lou Gardner
Fenton, Michigan

Council says thanks

Editor,

We are writing to thank you for the kind coverage you have given Crooked Tree Arts Council and the Virginia McCune Arts Center during the past summer. Our events have been well attended and well received, and it is your attention to community publicity which has helped our efforts so much.

Yours very truly,
Sean Ley, Director
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Say yes to weir, barrier in Jordan River

It's not that we are weary of the weir, but we feel, after much discussion and a lot of looks at the topography of the Jordan River, that perhaps the best place for the salmon weir and the lamprey barrier is the same location that the Department of Natural Resources decided in the first place.

Our reasoning is based on the fact that, while the river was designated as a natural scenic river, it is, in fact, not so.

It has been polluted with chemicals to kill the lamprey, polluted with effluents from Brabbs, Manake to O. U.

John M. Brabbs from Boyne City High School, and Bruce D. Mahanke from Boyne Falls High School have been admitted to Oakland University for the fall semester.

Oakland University is a state supported institution with an enrollment of nearly 12,000 full and part-time students. The university offers more than 75 undergraduate and master's degree programs with Ph.D.s in engineering and reading. External research support runs approximately \$3 million each year.

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the federal fish hatchery, and had the bottom of the river torn up by the loggers many years ago.

If the people who desire to have a natural river are out in force, they would want to have a barrier and a weir so that the salmon and the lamprey cannot go upstream as both are unnatural fish to the area.

If the State of Michigan had piles of money that they could spend building up a dike system so that the weir and the barrier could be placed at the mouth, then we would be for that.

But, the money that the state would spend is yours and ours. And if we are to try to maintain costs of government, then we should not agree to overspend to put a barrier where we would like to have it... at the mouth of the river.

So that leaves the other sites that were selected by the environmentalists. One, by

the "sucker hole" also leaves a lot to be desired in that the river bottom is marl and unstable, and the water that would be backed up behind the dam would create serious flooding and a lot of pressure on the barrier.

Again the issue is perhaps the cost of putting in a dam and controlling the flooding.

If the barrier is placed above Rogers bridge where the DNR has said it should be placed, the backed up water would be less, the river bottom is more stable, and the pressures against the dam would be smaller.

Yes, to a degree, the natural river idea would be affected, but we think that would be a small price to pay for the remaining amount of miles of the river that could then, hopefully, be brought back to a more natural state.

One of the big concerns of the populace is the number of fishermen, and we use that term loosely, who would try to catch, snag, or destroy the returning salmon.

We have seen the utter disregard for private property rights at other locations in the past, and we would hope that the state would have learned from past mistakes about what to do to cure those problems. We think they will, and a lot of our fears will be overcome.

Of the 300,000 plus salmon that have been planted, quite a few will never make the trip back to the river. Possibly less than a third of this year's plant.

Salmon could go up the other rivers that feed into the lake, such as Horton Creek, Porter Creek, and the Boyne River.

And the fishermen will be distributed to fish in those rivers along with the Jordan.

We don't think that there will be a problem. And if we really want a strong sports fishery and all the additional tourist dollars that it will provide, perhaps we should compromise some of our pristineness also so that we can have that fishery.

BC settles cases

The circuit court cases of Boyne City versus Carlton Bradley and Warren Solgot were settled out of court recently. Each man had been notified early in the spring to clean up his place. Both defendants had filed counter suits.

It was a question, city clerk Tom Garlock said, of unsightly yards. The particular problem in Solgot's case, he explained, was his over-

stepping the definition of home occupation.

Solgot takes in scrap metal and prepares it for re-use.

In Bradley's case, it was the parking of a commercial vehicle. Bradley will keep the truck one more year. The second year it is not to be parked on his property overnight. And after five years his business must move to another location.

Boyne Falls a sets opening

Boyne Falls Public School will open for the 1983/84 school year on September 6th. Students will report to school by 8:20 a.m., and will be dismissed at 2:45. Vocational education students do not need to report until 11:45 on September 6th and 7th. Their first day at the vocational center will be September 8th. The bus will leave at 8:20 a.m.

Elementary and junior high school students should report to their classrooms. Students in grades 9-12 will report to the gymnasium for a general orientation session.

Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 11:20.

New students who have not registered should come in and do so before the first day of school. Parents should accompany their children on this visit.

Verification of immunization will be necessary for entrance to school.

Lunch will be served on September 6th. The cost of lunch is 70 cents for elementary and 75 cents for high school students. Free/reduced lunch forms are available in the principal's office and will be distributed on the first day of school.

Boyne City Commission minutes

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOYNE CITY COMMISSION DULY CALLED AND HELD AT THE BOYNE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1983, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Thelma Behling (Mayor Pro-Tem), William Grimm, Steven Moody, Martin Paul.

Absent: Mayor Keith Fitzpatrick (excused). Also Present: City Attorney William McGart, Acting City Manager Tom Garlock, City Treasurer Edith Beck (Acting City Clerk).

There were six (6) people in attendance at the meeting, one of whom was from the news media.

Moved by Paul, supported by Grimm, that the following minutes be approved:

a. Tuesday, July 12, 1983 - 12:00 noon. b. Tuesday, July 12, 1983 - 7:00 p.m. c. Tuesday, July 19, 1983 - 12:00 noon. d. Tuesday, July 19, 1983 - 7:00 p.m. e. Tuesday, July 26, 1983 - 12:00 noon. f. Tuesday, August 2, 1983 - 12:00 noon.

Cebert Gillespie, 302 East Cedar Street,

ice School, Fort McClellan, Ala.

Students were trained in civil and military law, traffic control, map reading and self-defense.

brought it to the attention of the Commission that there was no flag in the room. Inadvertently, the flag had not been brought out by the Librarian but it was immediately provided and placed in the room.

It was suggested by Acting City Manager Tom Garlock that two letters which had been received be read at that point of the meeting dealing with the annexation of the 84.6 acres in Evangeline Township.

The Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Pro-Tem Behling for consideration of a petition by John Kujawski for the vacating of the alley adjacent to his property at 801 Earl Street.

The only correspondence received was from Consumers Power requesting easements for both overhead and underground public utilities be reserved.

After a discussion, the motion was made by Moody, supported by Paul, to close the alley adjacent to John Kujawski's property at 801 Earl Street subject to approval by the Boyne City Planning Commission, provision for easements for public utilities, and Mr. Kujawski to bear all costs involved. The City Clerk also must send a certified copy to the Charlevoix County Equalization Department.

Roll Call: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of a Contract between the City of Boyne City and the Michigan Department of Transportation authorizing a loan in the amount of \$170,000 for the reconstruction of South Lake Street was discussed.

Roll Call: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

It was stated by Com-

Moved by Grimm, supported by Paul, to purchase a secretarial desk and chair from Professional Office Supply in the amount of \$666.72.

Funds are available within the Central Administration Budget under the Capital Outlay line item Account Code 101-172-975.01 Funds in the amount code were initially budgeted for the acquisition of a new IBM typewriter, however, the third unit will not have to be replaced until next fiscal year.

Roll Call: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Attorney McTaggart read the communication from the Michigan Municipal League concerning the establishing of a Michigan Municipal League Legal Defense Fund. On his recommendation that Boyne City should participate, it was moved by Grimm, supported by Behling, to authorize the expenditure of \$200 annually to participate in this program. Funds will be used from Account Code 401-101-705.030.

Roll Call: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

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Roll Call: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

It was moved by Behling, supported by Grimm, that the above appointment be approved.

Roll Call: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

It was moved by Paul, supported by Grimm, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Roll Call: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

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There will be a Special Meeting of the Boyne City Commission to be held on Tuesday, August 30, 1983, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall to award the bid for the South Lake Street Construction Project.

Thomas Garlock
Acting City Manager
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Charlevoix County Official Notice

Charlevoix County is now accepting bids for the following described vehicles: 1979 Chevrolet Impala as is; 1978 Dodge Aspen as is; 1979 Chevrolet Impala as is. These vehicles may be inspected at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department. The County of Charlevoix makes no representation or warranty as to their condition. Bids may be submitted to the Charlevoix County Clerk's office prior to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 23, 1983. The County of Charlevoix reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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East Jordan City Council Minutes

East Jordan City Council met in regular session Tuesday, August 16, 1983 at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Merwin presiding and all members present.

Minutes were approved, authorization was made to pay \$49,172.50 in bills as presented, and department reports were received.

Committee reports were received—Elm Pointe ballot wording and two proposed Ordinances were tabled and a Resolution to establish authority and protocol for Rehab II was adopted. The Friends of Elm Pointe and Portside Art and Historical Society requested and were granted permission to keep Elm Pointe open through September and October by reimbursing the City for the cost of the caretakers salary and utilities for that period.

Resolutions were adopted to place a street light in the alley behind Walkers new building on Water Street; to impose Property Tax Administration

fees and Late Penalty charges; to send letter of support for the DNR plan for the fish weir to the County Commissioners and to the DNR; to send a letter of intent to the DNR and Sheriff's Department regarding buoys at Elm Pointe; and to authorize the Ambulance "stand-by program" for the home Football games.

A Public Hearing for CRA tax abatement at 306 Main will be held at 7:00 p.m., September 6, 1983; delegates were appointed to the V.E.R.S. meeting; bids will be asked for paving the Parking Lot and the alley west of the Presbyterian Church; Dionne will attend the Waterways Commission meeting and present the Harbor proposal; and a request for zoning variance was tabled for written agreement.

Suggested rate changes for the Tourist Park were referred to Parks and Recreation Committee and a Jordan River Fact Sheet was read into the minutes by the Mayor.

A vote of thanks was given the Rotary Club for their contribution of two child restraining seats for Police Department use.

Special Congratulations and commendations were voted for Lucrezia "Lucki" Joseph for becoming Miss Michigan United Teenager.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

A copy of the official minutes of the above meeting are posted at the City Hall for perusal during normal working hours.

Fern L. Merria City Clerk

City manager selection close

Applications for the vacant city manager position in Boyne City are under review by city commissioners. After the commission has narrowed down to six the 45 resumes, received prior to the August 15 deadline, a screening committee will undertake the selection, possibly as soon as next week.

The committee is made up of two commissioners, city attorney William McGart, acting city manager Tom Garlock, and Richard May, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

In service

DNR Pvt. Kevin J. Mort, son of Jack and Jean Mort of Charlevoix has completed military police training at the U.S. Army Military Pol-

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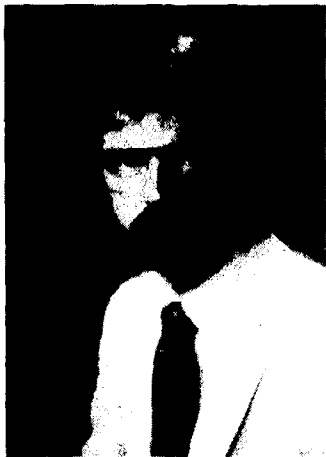
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Davis named to state recreational committee

The State Recreation Advisory Committee has elected Michael B. Davis of Boyne City and David O. Laidlaw of Milford as co-chairmen for the 1983-84 year. The 15-member ad-



visory council, appointed by the Governor, advises the Natural Resources Commission and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources on recreation matters, especially local needs, and shares recreational views with the Governor, the Legislature and the general public.

Davis is director of the Youth Activities Program in Charlevoix, and is a former director of the Boyne City Community Recreation Department. He is secretary of the Charlevoix County Parks and Recreation Commission and a member of the Michigan Recreation and Park Association.

Big Rock in excellent condition say officials

Results of a major inspection of the Big Rock Point Plant—the oldest nuclear power plant of its kind operating in the world—show the plant is in excellent condition, according to Consumers Power officials and they expect that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will give their approval also.

Physical and mechanical systems throughout the plant, including safety systems and the reactor vessel itself, were inspected as part of an "in-service" inspection program which is conducted at 10-year intervals.

The plant is the oldest commercial boiling water reactor operating in the world and the second oldest commercial nuclear power plant operating in the United States. When it began commercial operation in December 1962, it was Michigan's first and the nation's fifth commercial nuclear plant.

"The results of the inspections are significant because of the plant's age," Russell B. De Witt, vice president of nuclear operations at Consumers Power Company, said. "All operating nuclear plants are subject to an in-service inspection program, but no other boiling water reactor inspected has operated for as long or as reliably as Big Rock Point."

"What these inspection results say is that nuclear power plants can be built to be safe and sound. The technology and equipment work well over the long term. Now that the inspection at Big Rock is complete, we have proof that this is true."

DeWitt added: "The inspection results are very satisfying. We think they are an im-

portant statement to the plant's neighbors and our electric customers, and for the nuclear power industry nationwide."

Consumers Power Company was among the first electric utilities to construct and operate a nuclear plant. The company also operates the Palisades nuclear plant near South Haven and is building the twin-reactor Midland nuclear plant.

The inspection program at Big Rock Point included approximately 4,000 individual inspections, 300 of which were completed during the plant's recent refueling and maintenance outage. Inspections are completed according to requirements in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.

Plant superintendent David P. Hoffman said that technicians look for "service-induced defects," primarily cracks or corrosion in plant piping. About 80 percent of the inspections involve welds on the primary reactor coolant system and safety-related piping. Pipe hangers account for about 15 percent of inspections with the remainder performed on pumps, valves and miscellaneous plant equipment.

"Inspections are performed by sight and by dye penetrant, magnetic particle, radiographic and ultrasonic techniques," Hoffman said. Inspections were completed by Rockwell International, the Magnaflex Corp., Southwest Research Institute and Consumers Power's laboratory services department.

Hoffman said that inspection of pipe welds is particularly important because a type of metal

fatigue known as intergranular stress corrosion cracking has been found at some larger boiling water reactors. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has been considering the issue and is recommending that remedial actions be taken by the utilities affected.

"However, there have been no indications that the problem exists at Big Rock Point," Hoffman said. "All other minor problems discovered during the inspections—such as a bent pipe hanger or loose hanger nut—have been corrected."

Some of the more sophisticated and costly inspections were completed this summer inside the plant's reactor vessel. Technicians lowered a computer-programmed, remote-controlled ultrasonic probe into the vessel from a tripod that rested on top of the open reactor.

The ultrasonic probe allowed inspection of both horizontal and vertical welds, as well as nozzles on the wall of the 120-ton reactor vessel. In all cases, inspections and follow-up analyses indicated that Big Rock Point's reactor is in excellent condition even after 20 years of operation.

Big Rock Point is the oldest boiling water reactor in which a mechanized in-vessel inspection has been completed. The in-service inspection cost nearly \$1 million.

"Nuclear plants are designed to operate 35 or 40 years," Hoffman said. "If there are lessons to be learned from Big Rock Point's inspection results, then the commercial nuclear industry as a whole stands to benefit from the knowledge."



Technicians from a division of Rockwell International operate a computer console that controls an ultrasonic inspection device inside the Big Rock Point plant's nuclear reactor. Results of an inspection at the plant show that primary piping and the reactor vessel are in excellent condition after 20 years of operation.

The plant's in-service inspection results will be compiled and forwarded to the NRC within 90 days.

EJ firemen to burn house

Some people may notice a big cloud of smoke Sunday, Aug. 28, but it won't be anything to worry about. It won't be a "real" fire, only a practice fire for the East Jordan volunteer fire department.

Chief Dick Barnett said the crew of 18 will be having its twice-a-month exercise in fire fighting, first setting fire to the remains of Walter Goebel's building on M-66, and then putting it out.

Practice on a building actually being consumed by fire is infrequent, but the chief hopes it won't get too much attention. "We want to avoid congestion," he said. "It won't be very exciting for very long, anyway."



A pair of young mermaids are elated after swimming 1.3 miles of calm Lake Charlevoix waters from Young State Park to Whiting Park on Tuesday morning. Thirty-one students of the Boyne City Swim School participated in the 19th annual lake swim, which was postponed twice because of high waves. Finishing the crossing at a school record time of 44 minutes were Krals Schroeder and JoAnn Baldwin.

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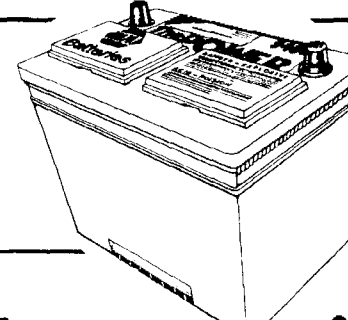
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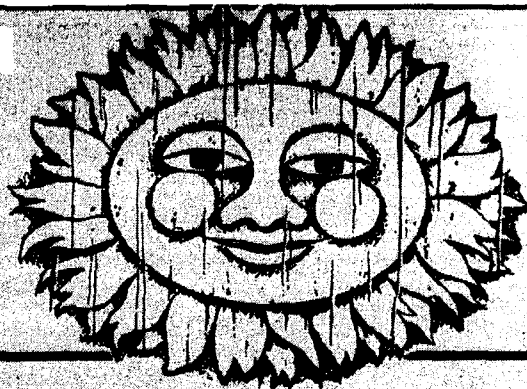
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Pathway walk

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Jim Annis: artist

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Walking down the Jordan River Pathway leads to many scenic views as the hikers move through the 18 mile path. This view of the scenic wild river happens when the walkway crosses over the river at some point. Our reporter made the trip last week and, complete with blisters on his feet, writes about the effort on page three.

Pat Taylor
535-2234

As summer nears its end, I'd like to take it



Windblown sunflowers, saying summer's nearly gone. This parade goes around the farm of the Calvin Brickers, Boyne City.

upon myself to thank Midge Barnes on behalf of the residents of Walloon Lake. Midge maintains our lovely Melrose Township Park, keeping the grounds free of litter and the restrooms clean. He also maintains our Township Cemetery in Clarion, our beautiful beach and fire hall and makes sure our township fire trucks are ready to roll when needed. It's a job well done this summer, Midge. Again, a hearty and sincere THANK YOU.

Bob and Kay Weisend of East Tawas were guests at the home of Ms. Louisa Taylor Wednesday, August 17th.

Mrs. Marian Lanz has returned to her home in Portland, MI, after spending a week with her parents, A.C. and Versa Fineout.

The Rev. and Mrs. Ron Ward and family of Clancy, Montana were visiting his parents the Rev. Rod Ward and

family of Walloon Lake this past week.

Miss Darlene Jensen of Utica has been visiting her grandmother,

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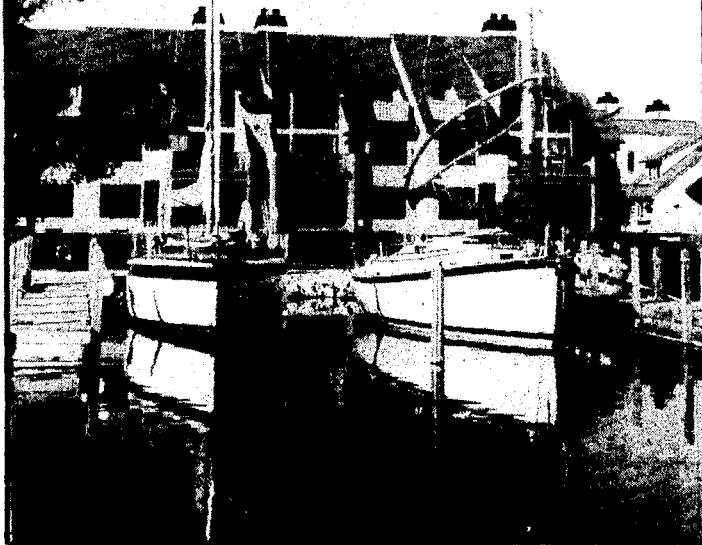


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Jordan Valley Pathway hike can be beautiful.

BY JIM HEIL

There are times when nothing is more pleasant to the ear than the sounds of silence, especially deep inside a northern Michigan forest.

Yet there is rarely total silence along the Jordan River Pathway.

Depending on the time of day and one's location on the trail, the chirping of birds and crickets and the babbling of the Jordan River and its neighboring springs are audible.

The pathway consists of 18 miles of narrow trails cut through the

Jordan River State Forest. The casual hiker isn't forced to endure the entire distance, as a three-mile loop is part of the scenic pathway.

Regardless of how far one goes, the encounters with nature are well worth remembering. If one starts out unpre-

pared, however, physical hardships can result. One novice hiker recently suffered some king-sized blisters from wearing improper hiking boots along a full trail.

Along with a pair of flexible boots with firm traction, a canteen filled with water and high-protein foods are essentials for hikers going the full distance.

Fortunately, a rustic campground is furnished for hikers at the midway point of the 18-miler. A fully enclosed tent is essential here to keep one protected from the elements—particularly insects.

Hikers preferring to go the long route are advised to leave by noon, as the campground is eight miles from the trail's starting point at Deadman's Hill. Equipped with a full backpack, one should allow for at least 45 minutes for each mile hiked (or longer, if one is mesmerized by nature).

On a humid sunny

day in August, the cool shade provided by the trail's thick foliage is an added pleasure for hikers. The sunlight gently breaks through the top of the trees, with the subdued lighting bringing out the fullest colors of the forest.

The darkness does not overcome the blue trail markers painted on the sides of trees along the trail. Without the

markers, hikers can mistakenly venture onto several of the adjoining trails that lead away from the designated route.

One can lessen his chances of getting lost by bringing a compass and a map provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. For evening hikers, a flashlight can prove to be crucial.

The markers are usually spaced about 50 feet apart, although the bark which many are painted on has fallen off through aging. As a substitute on forking trails, previous hikers have shaped wooden arrows on the ground from fallen deadwood.

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the northern slope of Deadman's Hill, on which the trail is surrounded by northern hardwoods such as sugar maple, basswood, white ash, American beech and American elm.

The life and death of nature is observed during the first mile. While

many of the elms have rotted away from Dutch Elm disease, bright yellow mushrooms and other fungi have sprouted from the fallen timber.

The walk down the hill extends for about a half-mile, during which hikers might sense that the steep drop contin-

ues perpetually. But they finally reach the base of the hill and enter the trail's first unshaded area.

Hikers then enter a timber stand consisting of aspen, white birch and red maple. The aspen serves as a valuable source of food for wildlife.

Part of the Jordan River watershed is then passed through. Hikers observe the first natural springs along the trail, some of which flow over the path. Man-made bridges, usually consisting of two split logs, prevent hikers from getting their feet wet.

The Jordan River watershed contains 101,800 acres, of which

about 22,000 are state-owned.

Hikers can easily get their boots coated with mud as they walk along the swamp bordering the Jordan River. Years ago, the swamp's water engulfed a hardwood stand in the forest, producing a shallow lake of standing deadwood that still remains.

Hardly a trace is left of an old logging railroad built along the watershed by the White Lumber Company in about 1910. The only

recent construction there of industrial proportions has been a dam built by beavers.

One of the more recent commercial timber harvests of the state forest occurred in 1976, and hikers pass through the young aspen stand that sprouted up after the harvest.

The mature aspen stand was cut by local loggers and processed by local mills. The tree tops that were left gradually break down and

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return to the soil, acting as fertilizer.

The first sign of modern civilization along the trail is a dirt road that crosses the Jordan River. The river and its tributaries, which derive 90 percent of their flow from springs, are the predominant natural features in the valley.

The river's dominant fish species is the brook trout, most of which are too small for human consumption. The river also supports a spawning run of steelhead trout during the spring.

As hikers travel west along the Jordan River, they come upon the remains of another railroad grade. Built in 1918 by the East Jordan Railroad Company, the grade was used for shipping timber on flatbed cars into East Jordan after the wood was hauled to the grade by horse teams.

Eight miles from the start, hikers reach Pinney Bridge Campground. Unlike most northern Michigan campgrounds, it does not have the conveniences of electricity and flush toilets. The most modern facility at the rustic campground is apparently an outhouse (one for both genders).

The clearing was Logging Camp #2 for the East Jordan Lumber Company back in 1915. The 60 men who worked in the camp included loggers, a blacksmith, cooks and teamsters who drove at least eight teams of horses.

The railroad workers bunked in barrack-type homes mounted on 60-foot-long flatcars. Stor-

age buildings and barns once constructed at the camp have long been dismantled.

Being one of the few cost-free campgrounds in the area, Pinney Bridge is well worth the effort getting to. The handful of campsites occasionally fill up on summer weekends, but on weekdays they are usually deserted.

A manually operated well pump provides campers with an abundant supply of water. In addition, a primitive fireplace at each campsite allows hardy campers to prepare hot meals over flames.

The old railroad bridge that crosses the Jordan River still stands sturdily along the trail, although rust has replaced its original iron color.

After crossing Pinney Bridge Road (which runs east from route M-66), hikers encounter trails that are almost overcome by vegetation such as ferns. They then come upon a grassy opening created by the DNR to provide food for herbivorous animals.

The grasses are the first of the food chain to green up in the spring and the last to die in the late fall. Deer are occasionally observed feeding on the grasses, most often at dawn and dusk.

Hikers can fill their canteens with spring water gushing out of an artesian well along the pathway's southern end near Cascade Road. Numerous creeks run down the hillside and flow into the Jordan River.

After a long upward climb, hikers reach one of the highest points of the trail at about 1,100 feet. A scenic overlook provides a spectacular view of the Jordan Valley's western section, as well as a bird's eye view of Landslide Creek directly below.

The Wisconsin Glacial Age, which ended about 10,000 years ago, formed the rolling hillsides and set the Jordan River at an elevation of about 700 feet.

As hikers approach the end of the pathway, they come across something apparently left behind by a flustered lumberjack. Pieces from a crosscut saw blade have been left in the fork of a 60-year-old maple tree.

The tree has encased the blade through its

growth. The incident occurred about 45 years ago.

Upon completing the 18-mile course, hikers are often seen stripping their feet of their shoes and socks to expose them to the cool air. Some will even start counting blisters.

But the sense of hav-

ing just finished a tire-some physical feat is overwhelming, especially in such a beautiful natural setting. Patting one's self on the back is highly appropriate.

Although birds and animals evolved on nearly identical time schedules, there are more than twice as many different species of birds than animals alive today, reports National Wildlife magazine. At last count, there were over 8,700 species of birds, ranging in size from the condor to the tiny hummingbird, compared to 4,000 species of mammals.

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Jim Annis: Fisherman, artist



Charlevoix artist Jim Annis displays four of his finished works of game fish. The painting on the left is of a rainbow trout, one of Annis' more colorful portraits. On the right is his award-winning steelhead trout painting, which was selected by the National Wildlife Federation for its stamp issues. In his left hand is a carving of a grayling, which was a popular fish in the Jordan River prior to its extinction.

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There's something fishy about Jim Annis'

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style of painting. The veteran artist from Charlevoix is beginning to receive national recognition for his portraits of the scaly inhabitants of Michigan's lakes. While he rarely ventures outside of northern Michigan, his fish paintings are spread throughout the country.

Annis doesn't limit himself to painting fish. His portraits of nostalgic railroad scenes encompass nearly half of his work, and they have earned him spots in galleries nationwide.

But Annis' paintings of trout, bass, salmon and other game fish species have been witnessed by thousands of sportsmen. By having his paintings published on the covers and pages of several fishing magazines — such as Michigan Outdoors — he has developed quite a following.

An avid fisherman-himself, Annis says he has developed an almost photographic memory of most popular game fish. He has achieved this ability by studying the anatomy of his catches.

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home with something other than his intended catch.

For instance, while ice fishing on the Clam River for perch in 1974, he pulled up a 31-pound muskellunge on a 6-pound line. The lunger turned out to be a world record for ice fishing, and Annis ended up using the fish as a model for one of his paintings.

"Right now, I need a largemouth bass, but I haven't had the time to catch one," he says. "I've only gone fishing twice this summer."

Annis does most of his angling during the winter, although he continues to paint on a regular basis during the cold months. Sometimes he will paint from 6 a.m. to midnight, he says.

"It's a business, just like anything else," he says. "But it's doubly hard, because you have to finish the painting before you can market it."

Annis has made his paintings more market-

able by participating in national and statewide art competition. His portrait of a steelhead trout is part of a stamp collection issued this year by the National Wildlife Federation.

In addition, Annis finished in the top ten in both the 1980 Michigan Trout Stamp competition and the 1983 Kentucky Trout Stamp contest.

Annis would like to diversify his artwork even more and start painting ducks more often. He already has about a dozen duck portraits, but he says mastering the subject requires knowing more about the duck's physique.

Yet Annis considers most game fish to be more beautiful than waterfowl because their scales display a myriad of colors while under the sun.

"There's a lot more detail with a fish than a duck," Annis adds. "No two fish are alike."

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Operation CARE set for holiday

"Operation CARE," the holiday weekend traffic safety program, will again be in effect this upcoming Labor Day weekend and the Michigan State Police are requesting the assistance of Michigan's motorists to insure safe holiday travel, Col. Gerald L. Hough, depart-

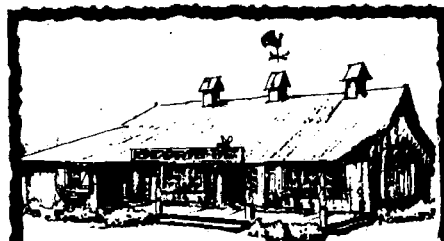
ment director, reported. In an extra effort to encourage highway safety, Hough said the State Police are requesting that all motorists wear their safety belts and travel with their headlights on during the daylight hours of the holiday weekend to remind others to buckle

up. Law enforcement officers throughout the state are also being asked to display their headlights. Hough said, "Twenty-one persons lost their lives over the Memorial Day weekend and 18 traffic fatalities were recorded over the July 4th holiday weekend. The coop-

eration of Michigan's motorists in safe driving has kept traffic fatalities this low." Hough further said, "Twenty-one persons lost their lives over the 1982 Labor Day weekend, 12 of which involved alcohol, and not one of the victims was wearing a safety belt. Over the same weekend, troopers arrested 196 drunk drivers, wrote 8,984 traffic tickets, and assisted 1,661 troubled motorists."

Assisting the State Police with "Operation CARE" will be about 50 volunteer organizations who will be conducting motorists' safety breaks in rest areas and roadside parks. Travelers are encouraged to take a break from the rigors of driving and to stop

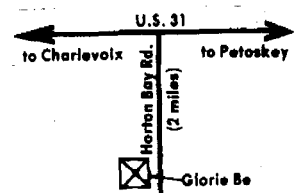
for free refreshments. In accordance with Gov. James Blanchard's executive order, the Michigan Army National Guard will also assist "Operation CARE" by providing four helicopters for use in air-speed timing and traffic surveillance. The helicopters which will be assigned to the major trunkline highways will each carry a state trooper and will work closely with patrol cars in locating drunk drivers, clocking speed violators, and improving response time to troubled motorists and traffic accidents. "Operation CARE" will be providing over 2,900 hours of overtime for troopers throughout the state.



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