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Trends group re-affirms 'Old Town' concept

At their December 19 meeting, members of planning and zoning commission, Trends committee, Chamber of Commerce, and city council re-affirmed by vote their intention to see if an "Old Town" concept would work for East Jordan.

Speaking for South Arm Township, Trends member Bill Ashley was concerned with just what the Old Town concept entailed, and to "what degree does the plan go?"

Chairman Tom Sheridan emphasized that the concept is only what would be acceptable to those involved, namely, merchants in downtown East Jordan and East Jordan Iron Works.

Old Town has been offered as a means for moving the city ahead economically. At the previous meeting on November 10, the vote for the Old Town idea was the result of two studies of East Jordan: one, from interviews of East Jordan business people, and the second, the Chamber of Commerce survey of 420 residents.

The idea of capitalizing on East Jordan's 100-year-old foundry, is what is called Old Town. The purpose would be to create a destination for tourists, something that is more than simply giving service to those that happen to come through.

To improve that tourist service was the second idea, and the third was

"to strengthen the business district by expanding the permanent market... tourism would be disregarded." In other words, the city would focus on its outstanding characteristic and continue to develop industries.

Emesco, a Grand Rapids consulting firm, had been called in earlier this year, to help Trends committee with what had been found to be the priority in drawing up a comprehensive plan for East Jordan. That priority was the three downtown blocks of the city. Without a clearcut solution there, the total plan was unworkable.

Following Emesco's study, the idea of Old Town seemed most desirable

to the committees because it combined tourism with the industry that is part of downtown, the Iron Works.

Making a foundry museum as a focal point, possibly recreating an 1880's Main Street, with horsedrawn carriages over a brick-and-cobblestone street, and adding an arts and crafts shopping area are suggestions for developing Old Town.

The committees have stated that it would take time, study, and funds. The goal now is to collect as many suggestions as possible.

Sheridan pointed out, "You can do what you want to make a beautiful Main Street," but, he said, the business community has to be involved.

Patsy Clark and Zane Miller of Emesco provided the committees with an outline of the project, including general layout, street by street; projected costs; and income. It is their view that in its final form, the Old Town could attract 906,400 tourists in a year. They include a safety

factor that would allow their predictions to be 30 percent off, and costs to triple, and "the project would still remain viable."

Sheridan repeated that the draft was only a suggestion. What the city would do would be only what is acceptable.

Dennis Jason suggested they reconsider the possibility of developing East Jordan as an industrial town. "I think the theme ideas are great," he said, "but there are people here who are dying for industrial jobs." He noted that their skills would be wasted if tourism were the chosen alternative.

The view that attracting industry is very difficult in Michigan was given by Chamber of Commerce president John Kempton.

Developing cross-country skiing and fishing were also mentioned, but the committees pointed out that while these were important, they were not part of the downtown problem that

the group was focussing on.

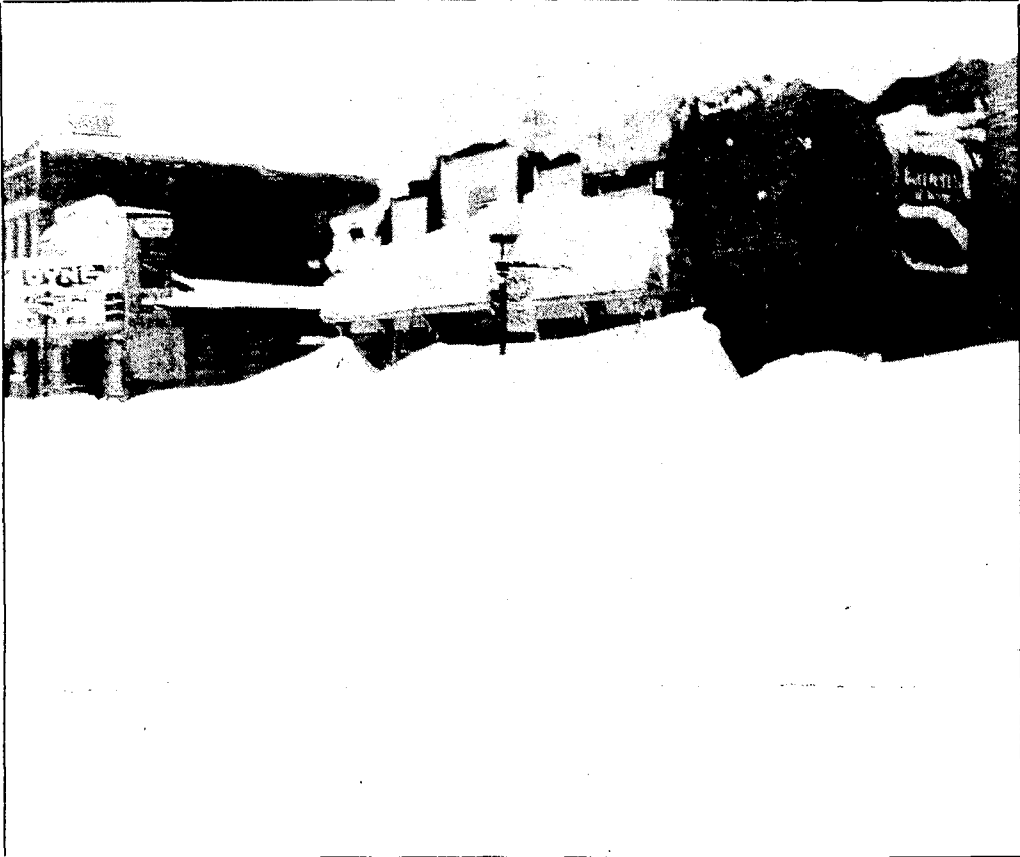
Miller mentioned other cities which had successfully developed a theme: Hannibal, MO.; Mark Twain's town; Mystic Seaport, CT.; and Rockford, MI, which resembles East Jordan in that it has an industry in the center of town.

He added that the Hannibal project started with a redevelopment authority, a for-profit operation, selling stock. Hannibal, he said, had about 300,000 visitors last year.

Councilman Al Joseph was concerned about the possible destruction of landmarks and old homes to make room for the parking areas, proposed for the Old Town concept.

Committee members agreed that nothing would be done without input and discussion. If a building should be saved, they said, that would become part of the plan.

The next meeting, open to the public, as the others have been, will be at 5:37 in January.



The weekend snowfall along with the blowing winds made these drifts in front of the stores along Lake Street in Boyne City as the wind blew the snow off the frozen lake, over the roofs of the stores and then dumped it right in front. In some cases, the snow makes it hard to see what

the store is, let alone what they are offering in the windows. Barretts of Boyne is one of the stores that was almost completely hidden from the road. Snowfall in the area reminded some of the winter of 81-82 when we had a blizzard every weekend for some weeks.

Boyerne looks for four runway airport funding

Extending the present airport runway, Boyne City may have to dig up as much as \$44,000. "We were rather shocked at the figure," said the city commissioners. The price tag for going from 3,200 to 4,000 feet to accommodate turbo-props is the state's estimate, and includes six inches of aggregate base which the existing runway does not have.

Saying, "Regardless of turbo-props, the longer the runway the safer it is," commissioner Bill Grimm moved to go ahead with the intent, and city commission approved.

The commitment to extend the runway stems from an agreement by the city to trade extension for part of the needed match of funds to put up the airport terminal building. The private funds include \$2,170 collected, \$2,500 pledged at the beginning of construction with \$250 a year for 10 years.

Total cost of the building will be \$50,000. The city's match, including the private funds, \$25,000.

City manager Randy Frykberg said the Michigan Aeronautics Commission has funds available for runway extension on a 50-50 sharing basis, and has loan funds to allow the city to borrow for its matching share of the cost. The city could borrow up to 90 percent of the share.

Because Aeronautics is meeting in January, to plan for the next five years, it needs the statement of intent from Boyne City.

Frykberg reminded the commissioners that the grass runway will be shortened to allow for two or three lots in the air-industrial parks, if Aeronautics permits it.

The city will also have to add zoning for its newly-annexed 83.4 acres at the industrial park.

Higher rates were approved for weekend requests for turn on/off water service. Up to the present the rates had been \$25, higher than the regular \$15 rate because of being after regular working hours.

Frykberg said the total cost plus

the 10 percent called for in the ordinance, actually came to \$37,38. There is a two-hour minimum required by union contract. The commissioners voted to set the after hours rate at \$37 to approximate actual cost to the city.

The city commission also voted to approve the \$7,000 contract between the city and Granger Engineering, Inc. for designing and building improvements listed in the Small Cities Grant to the city, totalling \$290,225.

The city is supplying \$80,000 toward the projects, which includes new raw water supply, waterfront park improvements, and public works improvements.

Frykberg pointed out these three alone would not have merited the grant, but with the commitment of One Water Street's investment in a docking facility at \$1,200,500, the application showed sufficient value to the improvement of city economy to gain approval by the state.

EJ Board reviews early results of state testing

Although results from the Michigan Educational Assessment Program are intended only for across-the-state comparison, East Jordan teachers and school board are nevertheless concerned that the test marks are down one or more points from last year.

"We don't know why, yet," said Principal Don Peters, explaining that it could be a combination of causes. Classes, he said, vary from year to year in the things they do well. The tests are in math and reading only, and are administered every year to the students in fourth, seventh, and tenth grades.

Such a small sample is really not indicative, Peters continued. There are 64 in fourth grade. A point or two

either way is not very significant.

Schools have different textbooks, he said. For example, one school may thus cover metric numbers a year earlier than another. There were questions involving the metric system on the tests.

Of the 83 students tested in tenth grade, counselor Carl Rothenberger said reading scores were down, but math up slightly.

A committee of teachers will study the whole question. Superintendent Tom Rossler said he would like the school to have its own testing program for comparison purposes.

It was noted that some schools review the test before it is given and they average better scores. "We have

not taught to the test," said Peters.

Rossler commented, "Our kids are going to have to compete with kids across the state." He said that four years of English in high school, more time spent in math may be the next steps to take.

The school board's meeting on December 14 had been postponed from its regular meeting date. In addition to the MEAP results, the board also reviewed with Rossler the question of a summer school tax collection.

Rossler said he was in favor of summer tax collection as far as the school is concerned, "but then there are others for whom summer taxes could be disruptive."

While money conditions vary from

year to year, the fact remains, he said, that the state's fiscal year is different from a school's, and thus a school borrows money to get started in September. Tax collections in winter are then used to pay back the loan.

The board members agreed that between now and June, they would talk the matter over with township boards and with city residents to find out if a summer tax was desired, and if so, for how much.

"We won't request it for 1984," Rossler emphasized. "We need to tell people a year in advance if a change has been agreed on."

Anne Johnston, who is East Jordan assistant to Community Education

director Shelly Martin, reported the enrollment in adult education has increased every year. Rossler commended Johnson for the fact that the enrollment jumped from 28 last year to 42 this year.

Johnston also reported on a survey on community ed. that will be going out along with a newsletter to the school district. Opinions will be asked on such things as what enrichment courses residents would be interested in taking, and what activities for education they would like to take part in.

Community ed. is for all ages, Johnston said.

Coaches are doing an excellent job of keeping athletics in a good relationship with academics, said Dennis

Snarey, athletics director. Appointed to coaching positions were Mike Bos, Fran Pepin, and Richard Brooks.

Teacher leave requests were granted to Peg Johnson for additional education, and to Diane Frykberg. Frykberg's may possibly go the rest of the school year.

The board also approved expenditure of \$650 for participation in Char-Em's gifted and talented program. It is for any student who shows a preference for study of music or some other special field, Rossler said.

Purchase of school supplies, at favorable prices, was approved. Used school equipment, mainly typewriters in need of repair, will be sold in January to holders of sealed bids. The date will be announced.

Blowing winds, drifting hit area

For the second week in a row, the weather made the news again as the area was hit with blowing, drifting snow that closed many roads and businesses.

The snow, while not falling in the same rates as the previous week, was still adding inches to the total on the ground. The winds made the Christmas weekend treacherous as it kept drifting the snow over the north-south roads.

The county crews were pulled off the roads when it was deemed that plowing through the "white-outs" could cause damage. The crews were

out plowing on Monday when the wind settled.

For a time, US 131 was closed to traffic between Petoskey to Manicelona, with some of the other east-west roads, like M-32 also being closed down with drifting snow.

Boyne City crews worked Christmas day to clean out most of the town, but had Monday off as the winds filled in all their work.

The city crews this year are having a hard time keeping up with the snowfalls, as the cold weather hasn't allowed the salt-sand mixtures time to cut through to the road pavement.

The story is much the same in the county, although the scraper blades are getting a workout as the crews try to keep the roads open. Friday and Saturday, the county brought out their big Vee blade to open up some of the roads out in the country.

For the most part, the ski resorts are doing business as one resort spokesperson said, when they get here, they have nothing to do but ski.

Schools were not affected by the recent drifting although the students were let out one-half day early for the Christmas vacation.

Task force completes funding

The Charlevoix County Business and Industry completed its funding plans with the approval by Charlevoix County commissioners to pledge \$5,000 for the operation. The county Economic Development Corporation pledged \$5,000 also, making a total of about \$27,500 pledged by private business and industry and governmental units in the county.

With pledges in hand, said EDC chairman, Chuck Sherk, the group can now go to the state for a Small Cities grant. Sherk said he believes it

is in "the forefront of consideration."

The Task Force, say its progenitors, is to be a one-stop-shopping center for business in the area and those coming in. The Task Force office, which will be run by a coordinator, will be a repository of information on such matters as permits, regulations, and places to locate.

The office will also work to coordinate regulations among townships and cities. "Anything we can work on to improve the business climate in this county," said Sherk.

One of the hopes for Task Force is that it can form a county-wide workers' compensation pool. "Some of these things will be giant savings for companies," Sherk said. "It is an exciting effort."

With approval of the grant application, a professional could be hired for the coordinator position. It is hoped the office will soon be supported with fees paid out of savings from the pool and other efforts.

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Opinions

Looking back helps the look ahead

The last week of the year is a good time to reflect on some of the things that are happening in the area, and also to look forward to what is projected in the coming year.

Boyer City has a lot of good things going for it, even during the winter months. The ground was broken for the new "One Water Street" restaurant and motel complex that many think is the start of the regrowth of Boyer, while the streets in the downtown getting the rebuild treatment help make the

city look a lot more vibrant for the future.

In the coming months, we hope to see some of the storefronts occupied by businesses that will serve the local as well as the tourist trade.

And, if all the local projectors of economics have their indicators set right, 1984 should be a good year for the merchants as well as the tradesmen of the area.

Over in East Jordan, we think that taking steps to begin a theme for the downtown is definitely a step in the right direction. They

have the architecture to make it happen now in place. All they have to do, is get the city fathers behind it so that it will be completed.

This area is projected to be one of the places where things are going to happen. More developers are going to be starting projects to help make the town grow, as more and more people are discovering where we are.

It will be an interesting year after the almost disasterous years we have just come through. Like last January with no snow to

attract visitors, and more unemployment than we thought possible.

This coming year looks a lot better in our eyes; the auto-related plants here in the north are going great guns, and the planners are being kept busy with new projects coming across their desks every week.

We look forward to 1984, not with the Orwellian idea, but with the thought that our local economy is going to hold up, both with tourist dollars as well as local ones.

Jottings

BY JIM SILBAR

This is the week that everyone goes "bowling."

Oh, not at the Boyer City Lanes or at the Gemini. Not that kind of bowling. What I am talking about is the real thing...especially for all those folks who really get into football.

This week, you could almost watch a whole high school season's worth of football games in just one short week.

Look at the schedule. Sugar Bowl, Cotton Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Rose Bowl, and all the other football bowl games are upon us. If your heart is set on watching every one, freak out.

But if your heart is set on watching something else on the telly, you might as well go out into the woods for some cross country skiing. Or go over the hills and watch the skiers brave the elements.

You don't really have a chance to watch anything else on this weekend.

And if you don't get enough college football, then you may be able to watch the pros on Sunday, as they start their wildcard selection games.

For the rest of us, this is also the time when we all get together with family or friends. Last weekend with

Christmas, or this weekend at many of the establishments for the New Year celebrations.

If one uses some of the stuff that lies between the ears, one can have a great time, be able to drive home without getting nailed for drunk driving, and be able to watch the bowl games without a hangover.

Well, the world famous, or should we say infamous, Indian-chief-retired-mayor-and-general-curmudgeon-in-charge, Bill Underhill, told me that he doesn't have to dance this year to freeze the lake. Seems the lake did it all by itself.

Bill did say, though, that he can remember only one other time when he went fishing on Christmas. He said if the weather keeps coming the way it was last week on Thursday, he would be out there dipping a line for those winter-firm bellied smelt.

He added that when the ice is about safe, it is also the best time for fishing. I think he was joking, because no sane man would dare risk getting wet during the winter time. At least not me.

According to the ice experts, it is best not to trod on it, until it is about

four or more inches thick.

Now, ol Bill, I think has something sly up his sleeve. I think he knows exactly where the smelt are going to be biting this season, and he wants the exclusive right to be able to fish in that spot.

He probably figures that if he can get a large amount of his competitors, greenhorns, and other riff-raff out on the ice when it is too thin, then when it's safe, he'll go out and get in all the fishing he wants.

He won't have to worry about catching some other guys line, but if a lot of them follow his advice, we will be fishing with draglines.

It always amazes me when I see people out on the ice, wanting to be the first ones out with a shanty. But, I'll leave that decision up to a lot of other guys who know more than I do about the ice fishing on Lake Charlevoix.

Speaking of shanties, we have had a lot of interest in our used metal plates that folks are using to make the shanty. Either the fishing is going to be great this year, or the times are so tough a lot of folks need to fish for supper.

Marshall Sayles

We braved a wicked snow storm to go down and buy bread at the brand new Bread Box bakery. Inside everything smelled so good we bought stuff we hadn't come for at all. I hate places that smell so good you buy stuff you hadn't planned at all. Merchants call that "impulse buying." Well, I'll fix that. The next time we go shopping, I'll leave our impulse at home.

I'm not used to watching black and white television, but I sometimes must because in our house football wears on everyone's nerves except mine. Our small black and white set has a plug-in for earphones. Our color set does not. That's why I have to use the smaller set while watching football. In this manner everyone can enjoy my enjoying football without being cranky at the mouth and ears.

But there is a catch to this. When I was a kid I saw it written on the back of a barn that there is no enjoyment in life without a catch to it.

The catch is my eyes. They can stand the sharp, black and white picture just so long, then they get runny and sticky. My eyeball doctor says that in February he will fix them so I will be able to see just fine. But I can't wait that long. NFL professional football will be over by then.

The other night I got to thinking. I wear colored glasses to drive against bright snow. Why not watch black

and white television with colored glasses? So I did. And I believe I am the only person in the country to watch a black and white football game in color.

But, as the writing on the barn warned, there was a catch to this. Colored glasses turned the black and white picture into a sickening brindle. And if you don't know what shade of brindle I'm talking about, it's not my fault that you were not brought up in a poolroom.

At our afternoon coffee table one man began telling a little funny that I felt was about to corrupt my morals and I told him so.

"Your morals?" he said. "You don't have any morals."

"Yes I do," I said. "I just bought some the other day."

"That's mushrooms, you fool," he

said. Confused and a bit embarrassed I changed the subject, like I always do whenever my ignorance rises to the top.

A man sought me out the other day asking for a little something to tide him over until payday. When I refused, he raised his voice, asking again if I would lend him money. And I got to thinking. How come a person never raises his voice when asking something of the Lord, or perhaps a banker?

A man said to me the other day, "The more I get to know you, the less intelligent you seem than when I didn't know you at all."

Happy New Year to every one of my four or five readers.

Letters

Char-Em thanks clubs

Editor,
The Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District special education staff and students would like to thank all of the service clubs and organizations that have donated money, time and/or equipment to our programs

over the past year. The donations have allowed us to enrich our students' educational experiences. Thank you again and have a happy holiday season and all the best for the new year.

Char-Em Staff and Students

In service

Marine Pfc. Bruce W. Crouterfield, son of Donald and Patricia Griffith of Boyer Falls, has been meritoriously promoted to his present rank upon graduation from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Letters

Letters to the editor, handwritten or typed, are a welcome and important part of this paper. They should be under 750 words in length and signed by the writer, although he or she, for special reasons, may request that the name not be printed. The paper reserves the right to edit material.

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Barbara Cruden

The New Year is coming, but not looking very new with all this old snow around. It does just build higher and higher, with the clouds coming in lower and lower, and us sandwiched between.

But I've learned a little. I know now that there is such a thing as too much beauty. Unfortunately the beauty of snow can't be observed for itself alone.

And while I was shoving the drifts back from the big gas tank (According to directions, the gas inside is affected if the tank becomes insulated by snow.), I found how cozy it is to be nearly buried in snow.

The red squirrels know. They tunnel down and then up in the stuff, like a needle going in and out of cloth. They travel from tree to tree, and from lunch stop to lunch stop. They also sleep down there, but I haven't discovered how they preserve their air supply.

They must have to rouse up occasionally and punch their tunnel through the new accumulations.

Of course, mice, rabbits, and many others are tunnelling down there also, as we will see when it all melts away.

What is surprising is to get maybe four feet down to the earth itself, and find how beautifully green the grass is!

With all this in mind, I began to wonder why we ourselves try so hard to stay on top where our troubles multiply with the multiplying snow flakes and undiminishing wind.

Some friends of mine complained a few days ago that they couldn't get out. All their doors were drifted shut. And their house is much warmer.

Why don't we simply declare a moratorium on everyday life, and just spend a few mouselike weeks in our tunnels, munching on a big supply of nuts and apples and cheese, chatting on the phone, playing with those Christmas presents that managed to arrive, and even reading a book or two.

No more plowing, no more unearthing reluctant cars, no more wondering if we'll make it back home tonight.

Next summer, like the squirrels, we could get ourselves ready. And some smart company could stop manufacturing snowmobiles for on top of snow, and produce burrowers, for drilling passageways underneath. Actually, I don't know if this message will make it to the newspaper. I'll put it in a bottle or something. Someday it will wash up on a Boyer City curbstone.

Meantime, let's see. Shall I have the nuts first and the cheese last, or...?

Boyer Falls candidates file for March election

Boyer Falls' slate for 1984 at the December 20 deadline included the following nominations: Charles Myers for village president, Gladys Upton for village treasurer, Deborah Taylor for clerk, and four nominations for the six trustee seats.

The four that have been nominated

are William L. Zimmerman, Gerald P. Hawes, Joanna M. Foster, and Gerald Bell.

"We expect write-ins," said Taylor.

The annual election will be on March 12. "No need for a primary," Taylor noted.

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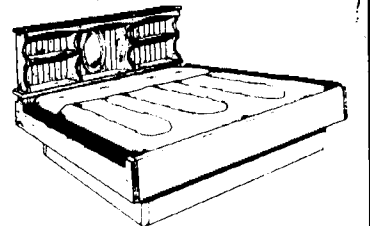
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Commission Minutes

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 9, 1983

A meeting of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:35 AM by the Chairman, I. Lee Moerland, who also led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll was taken with the following members in attendance: Commissioners Matthew, Harmon, Sutliff, Breakey, Smith and Moerland, 6.

Guests in attendance were Peg Ohle, reporter and Drew Young of Charlevoix.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26 SESSION

Moved by Commissioner Smith that the minutes of the October 26, 1983 session of the Board be approved as presented. There being no objections, the Clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

EAST JORDAN IRON WORKS ANNIVERSARY

The Chairman read the following letter which he presented to the East Jordan Iron Works on the occasion of their 100th anniversary, Monday, November 7, 1983:

East Jordan Iron Works/East Jordan/Attention: F. Bruce Malpass, President/Dear Mr Malpass: The PEOPLE of Charlevoix County and surrounding area, using their elected voice, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, congratulate you on achieving the enviable success of attaining the centennial year of business this November 8, 1983.

We express our sincere appreciation to you for being a keystone business and industry in our county. Steady, progressive and always concerned.

We all fervently pray that with the commencement of the work day November 9, 1983, East Jordan Iron Works, Inc. will embark on the beginning of a very successful bicentennial!

We are all proud of you! Sincerely yours, I. Lee Moerland, Chairman, 6th District Commissioner./Copies to: Thomas Breakey, District 4; Ralph E. Harmon, District 2; Larry D. Matthew, District 1; Donald Smith, District 5; Oral E. Sutliff, District 3.

Moved by Commissioner Breakey that the letter be made a part of these minutes. There being no objections, the Clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman reviewed a map, prepared by the Planning Department, showing 12 mile area boundaries for use by the Medical Examiner and his deputies in determining areas of primary responsibility. He asked the Board members to review the map for action later in the day.

The Chairman also read a letter from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission regarding an Integrated Plant Safety Assessment at Big Rock. The report will be available in the Clerk's office.

Also reviewed was a memorandum from the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee addressed to members of the Northwest Michigan Regional Planning Commission regarding a scheduled November 14 meeting.

The Chairman read a letter from David Kurchinski, steward of the Sheriff's Department employees' union, stating their willingness to begin contract negotiations. The matter was referred to Commissioner Matthew.

RESOLUTION--1983 TOWNSHIP & CITY CLERKS' REPORT (#83-065)

Joan Blanchard, Equalization Director, distributed the 1983 Township & City Clerks' Report and reviewed the effect the Tax Limitation Act, Truth in Assessing Act and Truth in Taxation Act had on reducing the authorized mill rates.

Moved by Commissioner Smith that the following resolution be adopted:

The Committee (Township & City Clerks' Report) recommends the Board of Commissioners accept the 1983 township and city clerks' report as prepared and submitted. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas, 6. Nays, none. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 10:40 AM, reconvening at 10:55 AM.

FRIEND OF THE COURT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

George Ebenhoeh, Friend of the Court, explained recent legislation affecting the operation of his department and the need for the Board to certify that Friend of the Court funding has not been reduced. He also explained the new fund for mediation fees being collected since July 1. The matter was referred to Commissioner Smith.

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman read a letter from the Department of Social Services regarding the recent audit of the URESA program.

The Chairman reported on his attendance at the 37th District Road Commissioners meeting. The main concern among all eleven counties in the district is revenues. State Department of Transportation representatives reported that increases in gas taxes will reflect in increased revenues to the counties; however, increased use of gasohol due to price incentives created by a 5% production allowance, probably will have effects on anticipated revenues.

The Chairman read a communication from the Citizens for Responsible Government which expressed concern for recall procedures and the need to inform citizens of the dangers of recall.

Also reviewed were the brief submitted on behalf of Charlevoix County in the matter involving the Organized Voters of America and a letter from the Gaylord law firm of Rensberry and Foster regarding a suit being brought against the county on behalf of the family of Michael Sobleski.

The Board recessed at 11:45 PM, reconvening at 1:05 PM with all members in attendance.

AFTERNOON SESSION

RESOLUTION--PUBLICATION OF 1984 MINUTES (#83-066)

Moved by Commissioner Matthew that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Advertising Committee has investigated the cost of publication of the complete minutes of the County Board of Commissioners; and WHEREAS, recent legislation has authorized the publication of excerpts of Board of Commissioners meetings, with complete minutes on file for public inspection;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, effective January 1, 1984, publication of proceedings of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners shall be excerpts only.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that complete minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners will be on file in the office of the County Clerk and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours. There being no objections, the Clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

1982 AUDIT REPORT REVIEW

The Chairman indicated the need to formally accept the report of the 1982 audit prepared by the firm of Bredon & Company of Traverse City. After a lengthy discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Sutliff that the 1982 all-funds audit report be accepted as presented. There being no objections, the Clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Vincent Olach, Business Manager of the Charlevoix Schools, appeared before the Board to discuss the school's collection of summer taxes. He indicated that the Board has passed a resolution to collect 50% of their taxes in the summer and that letters are being sent to city and township treasurers regarding this matter.

Other items of correspondence included: 1) a letter from Carl Moser, Superintendent of the Boyne Falls Schools, expressing appreciation for the Sheriff's Department's recent fingerprinting program in his school district. 2) a resolution from Bay County opposing dumping of nuclear waste in Michigan, which was referred to Commissioner Matthew. 3) a resolution from Antrim County favoring an increase in recording fees, which was referred to Commissioner Matthew.

MICHIGAN BELL CENTREX PRESENTATION

Jerry Slaby, business representative of Michigan Bell Telephone, discussed the installation of centrex systems in the Charlevoix area, indicating that the system is currently operating at capacity, with more lines becoming available

around the first of the year. He also reviewed up-coming rate increases and the costs for installation of the centrex system of Charlevoix County. Moved by Commissioner Sutliff that Michigan Bell be authorized to proceed with an inventory of offices for the possible installation of a centrex system. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas, 6. Nays, none. Motion carried.

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY TASK FORCE

Robert Hunt, Charlevoix City Manager, distributed a draft of the by-laws of the Business & Industry Task Force and briefly reviewed some of the anticipated responsibilities of the group.

The Board recessed at 2:55 PM, reconvening at 3:05 PM.

RESOLUTION--MEDICAL EXAMINER GUIDELINES (#83-067)

Moved by Commissioner Smith that the following resolution be adopted:

To establish guidelines for implementation of the Medical Examiner and Medical Examiner deputies, the following areas of initial responsibility are created as set forth on the attached map.

Medical Examiner and deputy Medical Examiner services provided within their service area centering from their municipal center will be compensated \$50 for each service provided. Beyond their areas of initial responsibility, the fee shall be \$75.

Actual mileage and travel expenses will be reimbursed at the mileage fee set for the county office. Fares will be reimbursed on actual receipts costs.

Special application will be Beaver Island, whereby the deputy Medical Examiner's service area is Beaver Island. The out-islands and mainland remain outside the deputy's service area.

The Medical Examiner will communicate with his deputies, law enforcement agencies and medical services, informing them of this action. There being no objections, the Clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith indicated that the Northwest Regional Planning Commission has requested payment of half of its 1984 dues at this time. Commissioner Sutliff stated that the Ways and Means Committee would take the matter under consideration.

FOC INCENTIVE PROGRAM CERTIFICATION

Moved by Commissioner Smith that the Chairman be authorized to sign the necessary certification for the Friend of the Court Incentive Payment Program. There being no objections, the Clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

The Chairman reported on a recent meeting of Board Chairpersons of the counties in the 10 county region. The main topic of discussion was ways in which cooperative effort could bring more money into the region. Also discussed was the Job Partnership Training Act.

Moved by Commissioner Harmon that the meeting be adjourned. All present in favor.

Next meeting, Wednesday, November 23, 1983 at 7:00 PM.

JANE E. BRANNON, COUNTY CLERK

I. LEE MOERLAND, CHAIRMAN

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 23, 1983

A meeting of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:05 PM by the Chairman, I. Lee Moerland.

Roll was taken with the following members in attendance: Commissioners Matthew, Harmon, Sutliff, Breakey, Smith and Moerland, 6.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Commissioner Matthew.

Guests in the audience included the new Prosecuting Attorney, Kraag Lieberman, and Irvin Sturm, who is Chairman of the Ad Hoc Sanitary Code Committee.

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

Kraag Lieberman, who has just assumed the duties of Prosecuting Attorney, thanked the Board for the warm welcome he has received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9 SESSION

Moved by Commissioner Sutliff that the minutes of the November 9, 1983 session of the Board be approved as presented. There being no objections, the Clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE AD HOC SANITARY CODE COMMITTEE

Irvin Sturm, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Sanitary Code Committee, outlined the progress that the committee has made on revising the County's current sanitary code. He explained that, although the committee's final report was scheduled to be given on this date, the committee has not completed its work and requested an extension until the January, 1984 evening meeting of the Board. He explained that the committee is currently working on the "mound system" and went on to

outline some of the criteria the committee is developing for such systems. He stated that mound systems are a complex issue and have delayed the completion of the Code revisions. The Board concurred with the request of the Committee for a time extension.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman reviewed the following items of correspondence: 1) an announcement of a MAC seminar on landfills to be held December 7; 2) a letter of thanks from the East Jordan Iron Works for the Board's 100th anniversary presentation; 3) a notice from the Department of Treasury regarding Hayes Township's lack of a certified assessor; 4) a letter from the Sheriff offering to conduct CPR training for county employees.

Additional correspondence from the Sheriff's department requested permission

to hold a Sheriff's sale for stolen and/or unclaimed property. Moved by Commissioner Breakey that the Sheriff be authorized to conduct such a sale. There being no objections, the Clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 7:50 PM, reconvening at 8:03 PM.

EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Joan Blanchard, Equalization Director, reviewed Public Act 24 of 1983, which deals with enforcement of the Plat Act. Under the provisions of Section 3 of Act 24, assessors will enforce compliance with the act. Mrs Blanchard indicated that letters have been sent to parties affected by the Act, informing them of the requirements for entering property splits on the assessment rolls.

Mrs Blanchard also informed the Board that Hayes Township, at its last board meeting, contracted with Robert Potter, who has a Level II certification, to provide assessing services.

APPOINTMENTS

Northwest Michigan Regional Planning and Development Commission: The Chairman stated his desire to appoint Randy Frykberg, the new Boyne City manager,

to the NMRP&D Commission, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Tim Clifton. Moved by Commissioner Sutliff that the appointment be confirmed. There being no objections, the Clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

Northwest Michigan Area Agency on Aging: The Chairman stated his desire to appoint Marvin Loding to both the Policy Board and the Advisory Council of the Agency. Moved by Commissioner Harmon that both appointments be confirmed. There being no objections, the Clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

Northwest Michigan Employment & Training Consortium, Private Industry Council: The Chairman stated his desire to appoint John K. Schmidt of South Arm Township and Mark D. Kowalske of Boyne City to fill vacancies on the Council

Clogging, a style of dance, drawing interest in county

Clogging is a real style of dance, nowadays, not just a descriptive term for a kid hopping along on a boardwalk.

For those whose memories include "Truckin' the Big Apple," clogging may be too new to be familiar. However, cloggers Daniel Gorno and Michelle Bellanger from Mancel-

ona have been at festivals around Charlevoix County to show what clogging is.

"It comes from stepping as done by English, Irish, and Scottish people," said Gorno. "And it has a little German folk dancing—and a little American Indian in it, too."

It isn't tap dancing, although serious clog-

gers put taps on their shoes. But instead of taps on the toes of their shoes, cloggers put taps under the balls of the feet, as well as on the shoe heels. Because this gives a floor a hefty scrubbing, cloggers don't just dance anywhere. A good device is a little boxlike platform.

Gorno broke into an energetic, loose-jointed

shuffle, to illustrate the action.

"Do you buy clogging shoes?" we asked.

"Sure do," he smiled. "Best ones come from the Salvation Army." Clogging shoes should have old-fashioned hard leather soles and heels, he explained. You can achieve satisfying clogging results with such shoes, even

without taps.

People will clog in any kind of shoes, he said, even tennis shoes.

But since sound is part of the pleasure, Bellanger added, it's better to have hard soles.

Clogging is free-style. And clogging is particular steps in a set design. One begins to see there are all kinds of clogging.

You can even clog your way through square dances, the couple said.

Gorno and Bellanger learned their clogging at workshops and by watching other cloggers at summer festivals. Now they pass the pastime along to others.

They also do benefits and other community things with a group called

"Dance All Night," connected, Gorno said, with "Bayside Travellers."

"We practice for hours," said dark-eyed Michelle. They have choreographed special clogging dances to perform at shows.

"Clogging styles are different in different parts of the country," said Gorno, who prefers

swinging his arms to the straight-up-and-down posture of some dancers.

"If you watch 'Grand Old Opera' you'll see some clogging," he said, adding that in the Appalachian Mountains there's been an American version of clogging going on for years.

"It's not hard to do; an eight-year-old can

learn."

When they're not going to fairs, festivals, or benefits, Bellanger and Gorno raise some horses and small farm crops. He is also a potter, and she is studying music.

But it's "clogging" that brings smiles to their faces.

Vet assn says to look out for parasites

Late fall and early winter can be busy times for farmers with sheep or goats. According to the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, these small ruminants require some extra attention to keep them in good shape during the cold weather.

Sheep and goats may harbor a large number of internal parasites including roundworms, tapeworms, flukes, coccidia and lungworms. It is a good idea to drench

the flocks before they are moved to a dry lot or indoors. It is always wise to put sheep on a clean area after drenching and to use feed bunks to avoid food contamination. Many wormers are available and you should consult your veterinarian and have a fecal sample checked to determine the best one for your animals. Goats and sheep should be treated for external parasites, such as lice and ticks,

as well.

Ewes should have been shorn in early spring since shearing helps when lambing time approaches. Sheared ewes take less barn space, are cleaner, therefore provide better protection for their lambs, and lambs can nurse more easily.

If sheep and goats are on pasture into the late fall, it is important to check for poisonous plants. When pastures are drying up, plants

that normally would be avoided may be eaten. Some common plants that can cause poisoning are chokecherry, goldenrod, and milkweed.

Prelambing is a good time to think about vaccinations. Ewes and does should be vaccinated against tetanus and enterotoxemia. In some areas additional vaccinations, such as vibriosis and bluetongue, may be recommended. It is best to consult your veterinarian for your area.

United Way honors Thomas

United Way leaders from 110 United Ways in Michigan were honored at the 1983 United Way of Michigan's Campaign Achievement Celebration held on December 15 at the Kellogg Center on the campus of Michigan State University.

Over 400 United Way volunteers from all sections of Michigan were in attendance. Each local United Way general campaign chairperson was honored for the leadership and service

provided to his/her local United Way.

Dee Thomas, campaign chairperson of the East Jordan Community Chest was presented a set of United Way of Michigan mugs for the outstanding leadership provided the local United Way.

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created by recent resignations. Moved by Commissioner Matthew that the appointments be confirmed. There being no objections, the Clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS

The Chairman read a notice from the Michigan Association of Counties regarding the enactment of legislation continuing Federal Revenue Sharing for three additional years. Annual audits of these funds must now be provided.

Commissioner Breakey, the Board's representative to the Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency Board, reported that there will be no more cheese distribution until January. Home Weatherization projects and the Head Start program have shown significant increases.

The Board and Sheriff Lasater discussed the need to bring jail facilities into compliance with applicable regulations.

RESOLUTION--1983 BUDGET INCREASE (#83-068)

Moved by Commissioner Sutliff that the following resolution be adopted: WHEREAS, a preliminary analysis of the Child Care Fund financial transactions indicates a projected cash deficit at September 30, 1983 at approximately \$67,658; and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee notes that the original 1983 general fund child care appropriation of \$85,000 has been already credited to the Child Care Fund;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION of the Ways and Means Committee that in addition of the \$53,786 of increased state revenue sharing funds allocated for child care purposes, general fund contingency funds in the amount of \$14,214 be allocated for child care purposes, this increasing the child care appropriation account from its original amount of \$85,000 to \$153,000.

FURTHER IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION of the Ways and Means Committee that the County Treasurer be authorized to transfer \$68,000 from the general fund to the Child Care Fund. There being no objections, the Clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION--CHILD CARE FUND APPROPRIATION (#83-069)

Moved by Commissioner Sutliff that the following resolution be adopted: WHEREAS, the 1983 approved General Fund revenue budget estimated the State Revenue Sharing at \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has notified Charlevoix County that the amount to be received by the County during 1983 amounts to approximately \$153,786;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION of the Ways and Means Committee that the 1983 General Fund State Revenue Sharing revenue budget account be increased by \$53,786 and the Child Care appropriation account be increased by \$53,786. There being no objections, the Clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION--REVENUE SHARING FUNDS (#83-070)

Moved by Commissioner Matthew that the following resolution be adopted: WHEREAS, on November 10, 1982, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners held a public Federal Revenue Sharing budget hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Revenue Sharing amount reflected in the 1983 approved budget is \$279,279; and

WHEREAS, the use of the 1983 Federal Revenue Sharing funds has not been officially specified;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION of the Ways and Means Committee that the 1983 Federal Revenue Sharing funds be specified for use as follows:

Manatron payments	\$40,000
Building Authority rent	\$50,000
Sheriff operations	\$189,279
Total	\$279,279.

There being no objections, the Clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

REFERRED REPORTS

Commissioner Smith reported on a recent meeting of the Regional Planning Commission, the recent hiring of a part-time protective services worker by the Department of Social Services, and provisions of the Foster Care Reimbursement Act which indicate that Probate Court reports of fee collections should be available to the Board.

The Chairman informed the Board that he talked with the Register of Deeds, Stephen Pond, who indicated that some progress is being made in alleviating the backlog of work in his office. The consensus of the Board was that the status quo should continue through the end of the year, with the staff being given the option of working extra hours at their convenience.

The Chairman reviewed correspondence from the National Association of Counties regarding a financial study in which the County participated. He also indicated that a decision on the Business & Industry Task Force appropriation should be made at the December 14 meeting.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Harmon that the meeting be adjourned. All present in favor.

Next meeting, Wednesday, December 14, 1983 at 9:30 AM.

JANE E. BRANNON, COUNTY CLERK

I. LEE MOERLAND, CHAIRMAN

Public Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY IN HUDSON TOWNSHIP

Take notice, that a petition has been filed with the Board of County Road Commissioners of Charlevoix County, Michigan, asking for the absolute abandonment and discontinuance of the following portion of County Highway in Hudson Township, described as follows, to wit:

Part of the southwest 1/4 of the Section 28, T32N, R4W, being described as commencing on the east and west 1/4 line of said section 28, at a point 33.0 feet east of the west line of said section; thence south on a line 33 feet west of, and parallel with said section line, 1024.51 feet, being the P.O.B. of this description; thence easterly, perpendicular to said section line, 211.19 feet to the westerly line of Camp Ten Road; thence south 9° 54' west along said road line 67.0 feet; thence westerly, perpendicular to said section line, 199.67 feet; thence northerly on said line being 33 feet east of and parallel with said section line, 66.0 feet to the P.O.B.

Please take further notice, that said petition asks that the above portion of said County Highway be absolutely abandoned and discontinued.

Further notice is hereby given that the Board of County Road Commissioners at 10:00 A.M. on the 9th day of January, 1984, at their offices at 1051 East Division Street, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Dated: December 12, 1983
Carl J. Hulet, Clerk
Board of County Road Commissioners of Charlevoix County
Dec. 28

Public Notice

Special Use Permit
City of East Jordan

WHEREAS, Stanley Scott has requested a Special Use Permit to allow a ceramic shop in his home at 214 S. Maple Street, and

WHEREAS, Planning and Zoning have recommended approval, and

WHEREAS, City Council can find no fault with this.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Jordan City Council announces intent to issue a Special Use Permit to Stanley Scott for a ceramic shop at 214 S. Maple Street, and will conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments on this issue on January 3, 1984, at 7:00 P.M., at City Hall.

Glendora Murphy
Acting Clerk/Treasurer

Public Notice

Lot Split
City of East Jordan

WHEREAS, a request for a lot split was received from Carl C. Beck, at 8239 La Londe Road, East Jordan, and

WHEREAS, Planning and Zoning have recommended approval with the stipulation that easement be provided to parcel A so that parcel A will not be landlocked, and

WHEREAS, Council could find no fault with this.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of East Jordan announces intent to split the following described property:

Government Lot 3, Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held on January 3, 1984, at 7:15 P.M., at City Hall, for comments.

Glendora Murphy
Acting Clerk/Treasurer

In service

Marine Sgt. Thomas B. Redding, son of Phyllis Thomas of East Jordan, recently returned from a three week deployment to the Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada.

He is a member of Marine Air Control Squadron Five (MCAS-5), Detachment "A", Second Marine Aircraft Wing, Beaufort, S.C.

MCAS-5 assisted the group by providing air control for "aggressors" to engage the Navy fighters and attack aircraft in mock warfare.

What's for lunch at school?

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TUES. - Corn dogs, pizza, French fries or rounds	TUES. - Pizza, buttered corn, carrot sticks	TUES. - French dip sandwich or hot dogs or subs, French fries
WED. - Spaghetti, green beans or spinach	WED. - Hamburgers, French fries, green beans, cheese slices	WED. - Chamosetti or tuna sandwiches or soup and salad bar, cole slaw
THURS. - Steak sandwich, French fried onions	THURS. - Vegetable beef stew, salad, carrot sticks	THURS. - Fish or hamburgers or ham and cheese on buns, corn
FRI. - Chicken patties, lettuce, mashed potatoes and gravy	FRI. - Chicken patties, mashed potatoes, buttered spinach cheese slices	FRI. - Pizza, corn, bananas or chocolate pudding

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U.S. women downhillers stuck in 'snowlack'

The U.S. women's downhill team ascended the heights of Haus, Austria December 20 for a morning of mixed weather, not to mention mixed fortunes. The weather in the valley was mostly rain and the snow line was about halfway up the lift line.

The World Cup downhillers were preparing for another training run but the rising temperatures and lowering visibility closed the course. They then took off down a promising section of mountain for some free skiing, but they ran out of snow before they reached the valley and

the lift they had planned to ride back up was not operating.

Thus began a series of plaintive telephone calls from an obliging farmhouse which soon engaged a substantial number of fellow Americans and sympathetic Austrians to 1) try and figure out where they were, and 2) find means to retrieve them. The rescue was eventually effected and after lunch, the downhill family went over to a slope near Altenmarkt to resume the ski testing that was interrupted by the weather earlier.

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ARM EXTENSION

Make the most of your diagonal stride by being sure to extend your arms both forward and in back of you while skiing.

Many skiers tend to plant their pole very weakly in front of them (A). In so doing, the skier

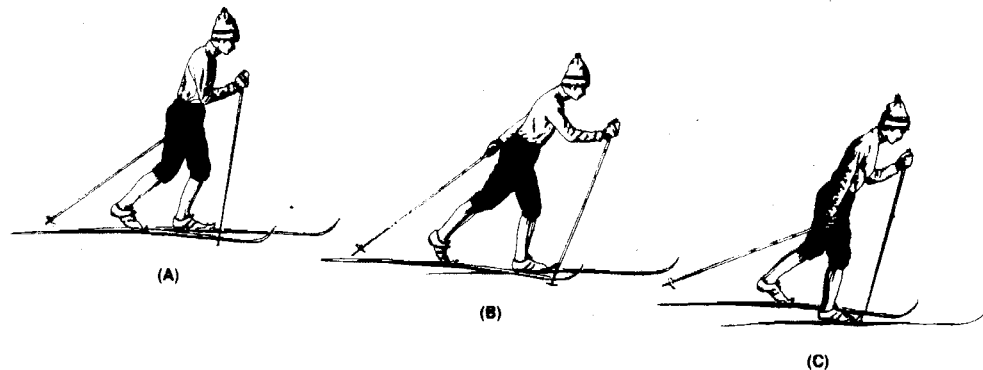
remains very upright and can not gain proper leverage on the pole to establish a strong poling motion. By extending the arm to form a relaxed arc (B), the skier is then better positioned to execute his poling motion.

Likewise, many Nordic skiers do not complete their poling motion but begin to swing their arm forward when the hand has barely passed the hip (C). By pushing

back on the pole "until there is nothing left to push on," you can increase the strength of each poling motion.

By combining arm extension to the front and to the rear you can lengthen and strengthen your diagonal stride.

Technical assistance provided by Eastern Professional Ski Touring Instructors



Some folks might want to go to Florida

Winter travelers planning to escape frigid Michigan to seek refuge in the Florida sunshine will find a wealth of new water parks, elegant hotels and exquisite restaurants, reports the Automobile Club of Michigan.

"More than 550,000 Michiganders are expected to travel to Florida this winter, approximately 4 percent more than a year ago," stated Auto Club Travel Operations Manager James Drury. "Seventy-five percent of those traveling will go by motor vehicle."

For those who prefer to fly, the trip will be easier because of a \$242 million expansion at the Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, a \$100 million expansion at Tampa International Airport and a new \$96 million Southwest Florida Regional Airport at Fort Myers.

Among the largest new projects in Florida is the \$500 million

Grand Cypress Resort adjacent to the Walt Disney World Village in Central Florida. The first phase of the resort, an 18-story, 750-room Hyatt Regency, is expected to open in early February.

Visitors to nearby Epcot Center, Walt Disney's spectacular \$900 million visionary community that opened in 1983, can enjoy the world showcase pavilions, ride through history aboard the Communicore in Spaceship Earth or board the center's newest addition, a ride-through adventure called Horizons.

In Central Florida, the recent opening of the 870-room Buena Vista Place, the 445-room Kon Tiki Village Resort Hotel and the 220-room Caravey Inn brings the total room count in the Orlando and Kissimmee areas up to 75,000.

For entertainment, visitors can climb

aboard boat cruises now offered along the Dora Canal in Mount Dora or enjoy Kissimmee's Gatorland Zoo's recently opened Jumparoo Show, featuring snapping alligators leaping for food.

In Northeast Florida, visitors will find that preservation efforts have served as a springboard for many new bed and breakfast inns, including Jacksonville Beach's 1924 Casa Marina Hotel and St. Augustine's Casa de Solana, a restored 1763 colonial home.

Travelers can tour Jacksonville Beach's restored turn-of-the-century railroad depot, now housing the historical society's museum of local history. They also can walk along the northward-flowing St. Johns River, which has two new riverfront restaurants, the Chart House and Crawdaddy's.

In Southeast Florida, Miami Beach's restoration program includes a \$944,000 landscaped riverwalk along the Miami River, while visitors can thrill at the 80 rides which make up the new \$18 million water theme park, Six Flags Atlantis, nestled around an 11-acre lake in Hollywood.

The "World of Little Horses" opened recently in Pompano Beach with 48 Falabella minia-

ture thoroughbred horses.

West Coast visitors can tour Adventure Island, a satellite of Busch Gardens in Tampa, which has opened a new water slide called the Gulf Scream. Entertainment of a different kind is offered at the new Ruth Eckero Hall, a \$13 million, 72,000-square foot, performing arts center in Clearwater.

New restaurants guaranteed to tempt the palate are Tampa's London Victory Club, Ybor City's Old Spaghetti Warehouse, Palm Harbor's Indian Royal Restaurant and Sarasota's Stickland's Restaurant in the Palmetto Wharf Company complex on the Manatee River.

Northwest Florida travelers can explore Shipwreck Island, a \$6.5 million water sports park with wave pools and water slides at Panama City Beach. Travelers also can visit uninhabited beaches of Shell Island across from St. Andrews Bay by taking advantage of the area's two new houseboat rental operations, Create-a-Cruise in Carrabelle and Home Cruiser Boat Rentals in Fort Walton Beach.

"Southeast Michigan drivers should allow at least 2 1/2 days to reach

the Florida state line and an extra day if traveling to Miami," Drury pointed out.

The fastest and most direct route listed on the Auto Club's map for Southeast Michigan

motorists is along I-75, which covers 1,401 miles—all four-lane highway—with only about 50 miles of semi-mountainous driving in Kentucky and Tennessee.

West Michigan travelers will find the most direct path to Florida is a 1,456-mile route along I-65 or I-69 to Indianapolis where drivers connect with I-65 southbound.

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Winterfest 84 plans continuing

GAYLORD - Winterfest '84 plans are continuing.

Activities for the Feb. 10-12 celebration will be firm up early next month, according to Nancy Morgridge, executive

director of the Gaylord-Otsego Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber, through its tourism council, is sponsoring the festival.

Handicapped? Baloney say these 3 legged skiers

It began in 1967 when World War II amputee Jim Gardner taught himself to ski, using selfmade outriggers. Bruce Gavitt, director of Haystack Ski School in Wilmington, Vermont, joined with Gardner in an effort to expand on his success. The Boston Globe picked up the story and Fran Rebstad read it. Fran had lost a leg five years previously in a motorcycle accident. For an athlete the loss was particularly devastating, but she had not lost her will to overcome adversity. The Globe article stimulated her husband, Dick, as well, because it showed that skiing might be a sport they could learn to share. At Haystack they met Gardner and Gavitt. That meeting could be termed the beginning of

what has become the New England Handicapped Sportsmen's Association (NEHSA). In 1970 Fran and Gardner, along with Ben Allen, an amputee and Tufts University Medical student (now a doctor) formed what today is recognized as the most vigorous and active of the 35 chapters of the National Handicapped Association for Sports and Recreation (NHASR). Theirs, in fact, was the first program for handicapped skiers. There were eight members. All were volunteers. All were amputees. And Fran was soon to join Ben as a qualified ski instructor. Since then the story has been as exciting as a giant slalom run. NEHSA, now based at Mt. Sunapee, New Hampshire, has more

than 400 dues paying members with 30 authorized volunteer instructors teaching those with disabilities which also include blind, deaf, and nerve damaged skiers. There is no cost for lessons. The necessary financing for specialized skiing equipment, local and national competitions and travel costs, is raised through private contributions. Additionally, through the efforts of members Cale Kenny and Jan Hansberry, a summer sports program has been added. Kirk Bauer, and executive director of NHASR who lost a leg in Vietnam, has been a prime mover in helping to expand membership and stimulate recognition for the handicapped athletes nationally. Among them are numerous Vietnam veterans

like himself. Tony Santilli, a former Marine who skis wearing a T-shirt with the logo—"One Legged Lighting," has his whole family involved. So does Terry Conrad, also a former Marine. He and his wife, Eileen, video tape those taking lessons or in racing competition so that form can be judged and improved on. Gaining confidence and adapting are the big hurdles, and progress made by one is shared and enjoyed by all, each success considered a victory for the individual and the group. Nowhere has this victory been better described than by newsman and amputee skier, Larz Nielson. In Winterfest '83, NEHSA's magazine, Nielson reported

the exciting story of world competition by disabled skiers. "It was a dream that few athletes ever realize," he wrote. For 21 handicapped athletes, last year's sweep of the World Disabled Ski Championship in Switzerland was a combination of personal and

team triumphs. The World Cup Victory was in a field of 900 Handicapped skiers from 30 nations... Of the 21 winners, three were NEHSA members. Paul DiBello, a double amputee brought home four gold medals; Diana Golden, Dartmouth student, won

her gold medal defeating the reigning Austrian champion in the women's downhill and Vermonter Mike Murphy captured a bronze medal. NEHSA's motto is "If I can do this, I can do anything," and those who have tried can do anything. fishermen working the dropoffs. Tiger muskie have been recently planted in Big Bear. Manistee Lake - Best walleye fishing in the area. Also, good numbers of perch are available. Lake 27, Lake Marjorie, Big Bass and Section One Lakes - Good for bluegill and other panfish. Manuka Lake - Some pike and bluegill. Lake is lightly fished, so it could be a sleeper. Big Lake - Another lightly-fished lake that is likely to produce good catches of bluegill, perch and pike. Big Chub and Bridge Lake - Has returned as a good producer of brown trout. Guthrie Lake - Excellent for panfish.

Gaylord has many good ice fishing lakes

GAYLORD - Some of the best winter fishing in the Midwest can be found in the Gaylord area. Ice fishermen are advised to check ahead with lake residents or the Department of Natural Resources before venturing on a lake's covering. Here are some of the best wintertime fishing spots: Otsego Lake - The county's largest lake has recently emerged as one of the state's foremost producers of tiger muskies because of an ambitious stocking program began by the old Otsego Lake Chamber of Commerce (now called the Otsego Lake Association) in cooperation with the DNR. The hybrid, sterile fish is

planted every other year by the DNR. Pike fishing is good, and there is no limit on catches for eight to 10 inch perch. Bluegill and other pan fish are fair to good. Little Bradford and Big Bradford - Probably the most heavily fished of area lakes. Perch are plentiful and are of the large variety. Some pike are available as are catches of bluegill and other panfish. Douglas Lake - A much improved perch lake since 90 percent of the lake's sucker population has been removed by the DNR. Opal and Heart Lakes - Good numbers of rainbow trout and perch. Big Bear and Dixon Lakes - Fair numbers of walleye are available to



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Vacation timesharing just growing and growing

Vacation timesharing is a concept which has been very well received by three facets of the regional resort community: the local merchant, the hotel owners, and the vacationer/consumer.

Growing 2500% in popularity (over 750,000 owners) over the past five years alone, the benefits of Timesharing appeal to these three groups in very separate and distinct ways. One obvious benefit of Timesharing is the fact that a family may freeze the cost of vacation accommodations in luxury resorts throughout the world, although this is really an over-simplification of the overwhelming appeal which Timesharing holds.

Vacation Ownership (Timesharing) started in Europe 30 years ago and grew rapidly in popularity because, just like today, high interest rates and spiraling inflation made second home ownership unaffordable and impractical. Hotel rates zooming higher and higher were fast making the typical vacation a financial impossibility. Necessity being the mother of invention, vacationers grouped together to share the expenses of ownership (maintenance, insurance, mortgage payments, taxes, etc.) Sharing these costs with others made the ownership of a once unaffordable luxury villa

very affordable.

Developers in the United States began marketing Timeshares in Florida in 1972 and it quickly spread across the continent. As with many other unique ideas that have found their way to the United States, the Americans made Timesharing just a little bit better through the international exchange system. Each Timeshare owner now has the ability to vacation at the other resorts in his/her exchange organization. The total charge to facilitate this exchange is approximately \$40.00. Your accommodations while on vacation are free because you have given up the use of your villa that year to the exchange company. They will, in turn, make it available to other members of the exchange group. This innovation has become one of Timesharing's major selling points.

Timesharing is popular for several other reasons. Many people don't like to rent because they feel the money is going to subsidize other people's mortgages. Thus they buy into Timesharing, feeling they are buying something for their money. The chance to buy only the amount of time one vacations for is another selling point. Buyers don't have to worry about year around maintenance on

a vacation cottage which is only used a few weeks per year. Timeshare units also have kitchens, and the option of cooking.

Northwest Michigan's environment places some special conditions on the timeshare industry. To most people, a week in March would not be worth a week in mid-July, or at the height of ski season. The price of local timeshare units reflect this variance. A week in mid-July costs around \$9,000, whereas a week in March costs about \$4,000 or less.

This demand characteristic brings up another question: how does a March week compare to a July week on the exchange market? As far as exchange goes, a prime-time slot can trade for either a prime-time slot or a lowtime slot; whereas a lowtime slot can generally trade for a lowtime slot.

No matter what time of year you do buy, the taxes, maintenance and insurance costs will be the same. These are generally rolled up into one payment and average \$175 per year nationally, ranging from \$150-\$300. These prices are not fixed and will rise with inflation.

The state of ownership varies with each resort. Some offer whole ownership, others offer leasing arrangements. Some leases run for fifty years or more, while others run for only 10 years. Whether the specific resort offers whole ownership or leasing, the unit can usually be transferred if the owner dies. This is something to check though.

Timesharing offers little to the person looking for a tax shelter.

The only aspect able to be written off is the property tax. Because the investor's share is so small of a percentage, this amounts to a negligible amount, often about \$20 a year.

Flex Time, a concept developed and owned by the Pinestead Reef, is a recent innovation to the Timeshare industry that some see as the shape of things to come. A person can buy a week of Flex Time and use the days in any combination at any time of the year, one must only make reservations. If a person wishes to exchange his Flex Time week for a week at another resort, he has a designated exchange week which functions as a regular timeshare week.

Local merchants are also looking favorably upon the Timeshare concept. The demographics on a typical Timeshare owner gives the reasons why. They are generally family oriented, enjoy annual incomes of \$35,000 and up, enjoy the recreational aspects of vacationing, and dine out often. The average Timeshare owner has more discretionary dollars available for food, shopping and recreational pursuits because, unlike the average transient vacationer, the Timeshare owner does not have to dig into his/her pocket for hotel expenses. Since the Timeshare owner stays in a resort area for a week or two at a time, he/she has more of an opportunity to become familiar with the area and support the local merchants.

At one time hotel operators looked upon Timeshared resorts with disdain (spell it c-o-m-p-e-t-i-t-i-o-n). It didn't take long for most of

them to realize that Timeshared resorts are no more competition for a hotel than the second home cottage or condo. In many cases, Timesharing actually has had a positive effect on the profitability of nearby hotels. Many Timeshare facilities were once luxury hotels on extremely valuable properties that have been converted into large, fully furnished villas. This conversion removes from inventory the use of these hotel rooms to the typical over-night vacationer, thus increasing demand on the remaining quality accommodations in the area.

A few important points should be kept in mind, according to the experts:

1. Purchase a Timeshare apartment close to home. In any economic situation you will always be able to vacation, even if gasoline prices triple.
2. Never buy sight unseen. Always inspect your resort first-hand.
3. If your Timeshare purchase will pay for itself within a fifteen year period, based upon the prevailing nightly room rate, you have made a wise investment since you probably would have spent that amount of money on room rentals.
4. If the exchange aspect is important to you, make sure that your resort is a member in good standing with a reputable exchange group.

Timesharing is a va-

cation innovation that is revolutionizing the industry. It offers unique attractions that appeal to more and more people every year.

Not only are vacationers seeing the benefits, but the resort community as a whole is realizing the profit.

Forbush CC center lighted

FREDERIC - Cross country ski enthusiasts may find Forbush Corners is the right place for nocturnal skiing.

Located one-quarter mile east of I-75 at the Lewiston - Frederic exit (264) on County Road 612, Forbush Corners is offering night skiing for no extra charge under the illumination of high pressure sodium vapor lights.

Dr. Dave Forbush is the operator of the ski

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"Ever since I had the lights installed by Milltown Electric of Grayling, this place has been popular," Forbush said. "I'm really excited about it."

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Constant gauging of hill conditions, more personalized ski instruction, better dining facilities, having the capacity to make more and better snow, and using top-notch groomers to manage the snow, are just a few of the improvements Nubs Nob is working on this year.

Other new ideas include the "Unlimited Season Ticket." The purchaser of this ticket is allowed access to all 21 slopes anytime Nubs Nob is open—for day or night skiing.

Beginner skiers also get a special discount this year. During the Nubs Nob 25th year anniversary, beginners for their first five times out get a lift ticket, ski rental and a lesson for the price of a lift ticket.

Since purchasing Nubs Nob in 1977, Walter and Alfred Fisher have perfected the ski resort to its renowned standing in the mid-west.

The ski lodge was re-

stored to its comfortable A-frame splendor.

The addition of a new quad ski lift almost doubled the number of skiers the resort could scoot up the slopes each hour.

Fun Bowl and Smooth Sailing, the most popular ski hills, were added that year. The beginning of Nubs' new snow making capability got its first test, too.

Late in 1978, Nubs Nob also cultivated cross country ski trails along the top of the hills.

A major, 60-acre ski development was under taken in 1979. Nubs Nob South added to the ski resort five new trails, a new triple chair lift that expanded Nubs Nob total uphill capacity of 8,200 skiers per hour.

In only two years, Nubs Nob had grown **First win in 10 years**

U.S. skiing history was supplemented in the opening day of downhill in Bad Gastein as Holly Flanders became the first American woman in 10 years to win a World Cup downhill, one of two she would post on the year enroute to a second place downhill ranking. Flanders outdistanced Austria's Lea Soelkner by 29 hundredths of a second.

from 13 runs, four lifts and an uphill capacity of 4,400 skiers per hour, to 21 runs, seven lifts and an uphill capacity of 8,400 skiers.

This season will see six new patented Nubs snow guns added, expanding snowmaking capabilities 40 percent.

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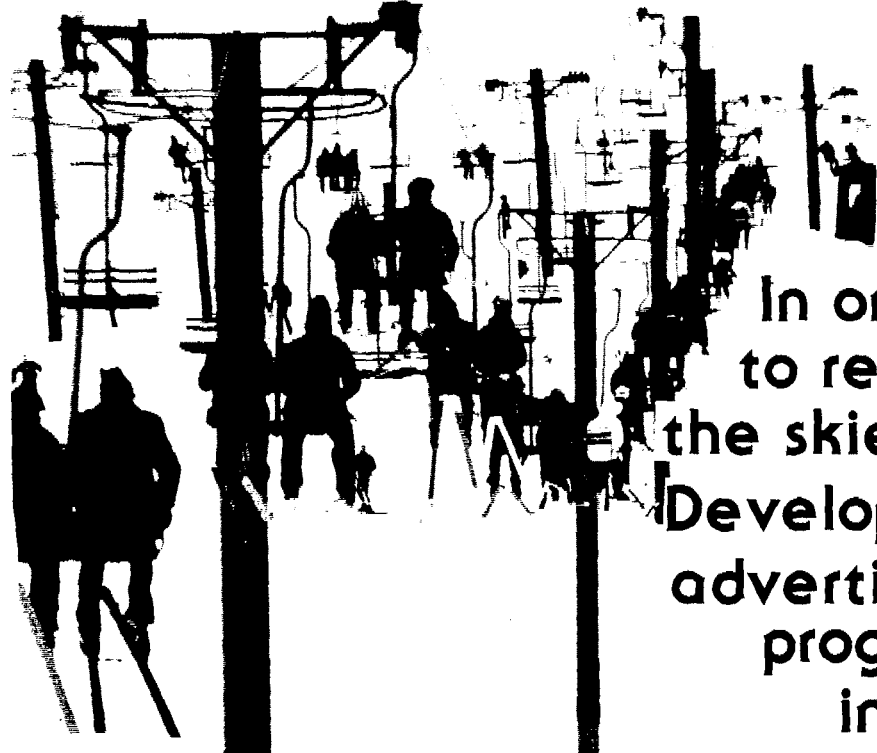
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The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) warns drivers to be alert for slow-moving snow removal equipment at this time of year, particularly

when visibility is poor.

During the 1982-83 winter, seven vehicles collided with MDOT snowplow trucks, a relatively snow-free season in the lower peninsula. This year, there have already been reports of six such accidents.

"That figure doesn't include the 62 county road commissions and 154 municipalities which work under contract with the depart-

ment to keep state highways clear of snow and ice," said MDOT's chief of maintenance, Donald Orne.

"Although we've equipped all our trucks with flashing yellow strobe lights, sometimes they become nearly invisible in a cloud of snow," he said.

Orne said the average cost of repairs for a rear-end accident involving a snowplow

vehicle is \$1,200 to \$1,500.

He noted that the department is working on ways to keep the taillights of the trucks clear of snow by installing heat sensors in them, but it continues to be a problem.

"If you cannot see the red taillights in front of you, the main clue that there's a snowplow ahead is the strobe lights, which are mounted high on the

trucks," Orne said.

"If you see a truck, keep a fair distance behind it, and always allow extra room when passing it because of the snowplow blade.

"And remember, our equipment operators are concerned every minute they're out there about the possibility of an accident. They need your cooperation in keeping the highways safer for all drivers."

McKinney named Sportswoman of Year

Defending overall women's World Cup champion Tamara McKinney recently received another honor in recognition of her accomplishments last winter as the U.S. Olympic Committee selected her as their Sportswoman of the Year for 1983. McKinney joins World Archery Champion Rick McKinney (no relation), who was named Sports-

man of the Year by the USOC. The two were selected as the top amateur athletes in the nation from a total field of 58 American men and women who compete in the sports programs of the Olympic and Pan American Games. Last year's winners were diver Greg Louganis and equestrian performer Melanie Smith.

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Mackinac Island busy in winter with construction

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inac Island is like in the winter? In the summer the horses rule the roads, but this winter they will be replaced by an unprecedented number of trucks. Twenty motor vehicle permits were issued by the council on November 9.

Taking a boat out of the water for winter storage, furniture deliv-

ery and construction projects were some of the reasons permits issued, at \$25 each.

The Murray Hotel received four licenses, including one for a tractor trailer at \$40, in conjunction with the hotel expansion. The semi will be carrying piping for a sprinkling system for fire prevention.

The Grand Hotel renovation requires seven permits and will allow trucks to come to the island in addition to those already working at the hotel. Large windows, frames and lumber will be hauled by the flat beds and dump trucks, also steel, on the narrow roads of the island.

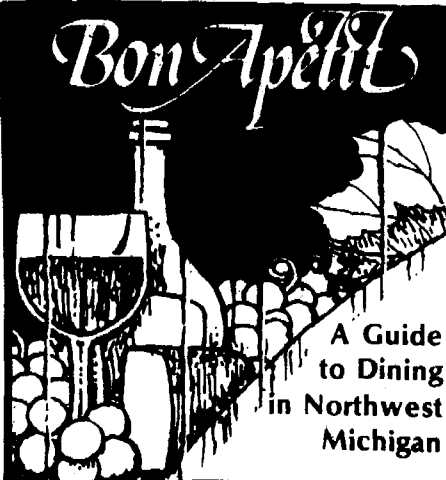
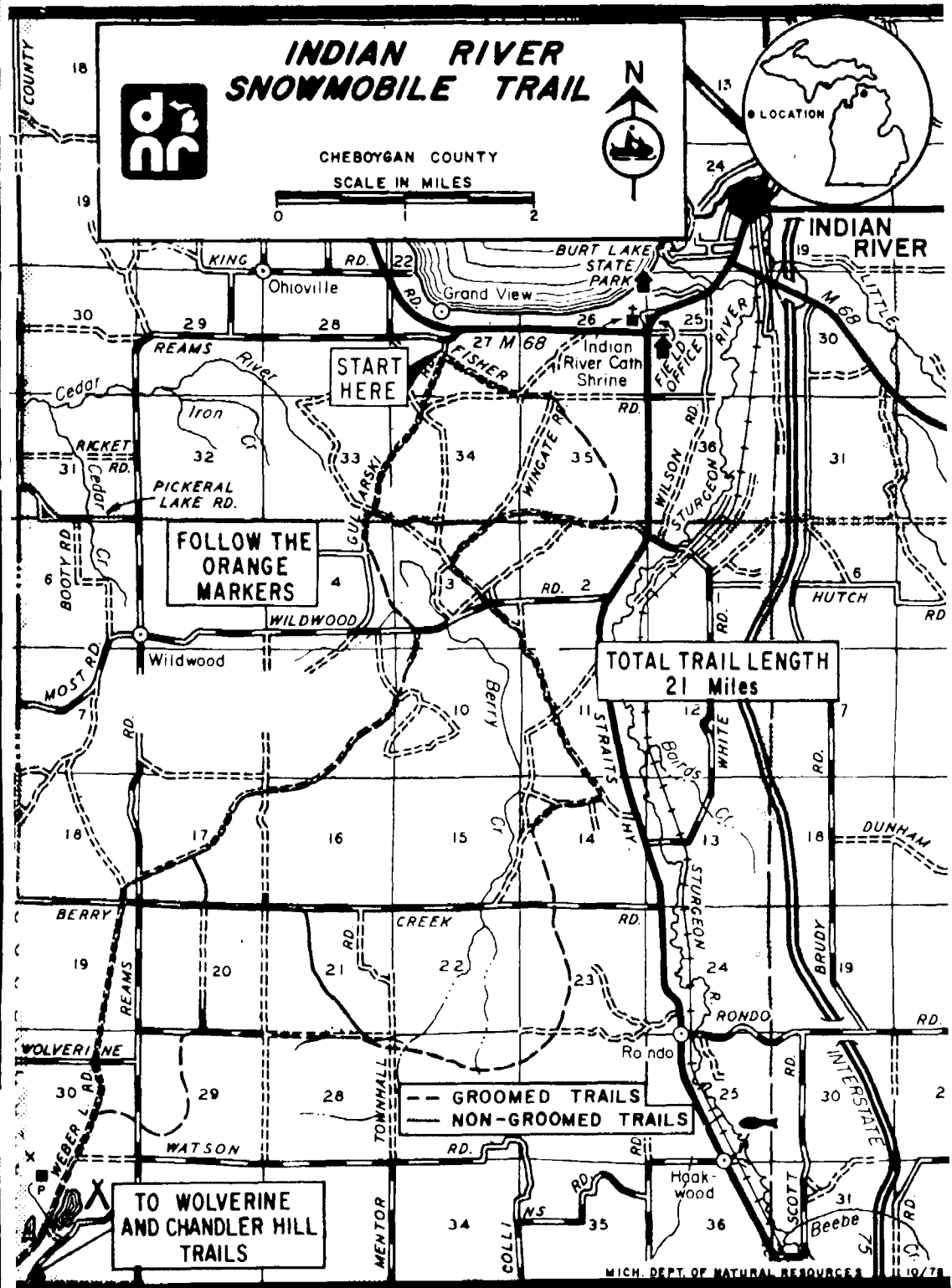
The Lakeview Hotel plans construction of two wings on the building. Work there began the end of October and they received two permits.

The Edison Sault Electric Co. was granted permission for four vehicles to carry specialized pole-raising and cable-stringing equip-

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Ski rental is available at Michawye for \$10 a day. Lift tickets for half-days are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. All-day lift tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children.

Cross country skiing is free at Michawye and open to the public at anytime. The five trails total 8.2 kilometers, with the longest one being 2.2 kilometers. The trails are all well-marked and offer hills and curves to challenge the seasoned skier along with flat trails.

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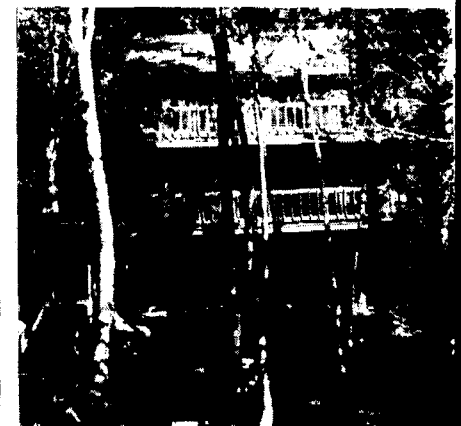
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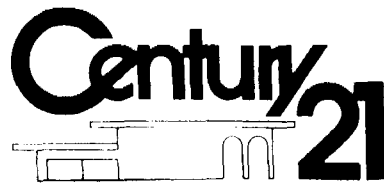


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Ski-A-Thon set for Otsego Ski Club

GAYLORD - The Second Annual Otsego Ski Club Special Olympics Ski-A-Thon will be held Sunday, Feb. 12.

The event is intended to raise money for the Michigan Special Olympics through the sale of booster buttons (\$2 each) and the Ski-A-Thon in which area downhill skiers will compete at the ski club.

The skiers are to be sponsored by individual or corporate businesses in Otsego County, local service organizations, clubs and fraternal organizations, schools, churches and individuals. All contributions will be tax-deductible.

The primary goal of the race committee will be to obtain sponsorship for all Gaylord High School ski team members. The booster buttons will serve as an admission to the races, which will begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12.

Persons interested in competing and businesses or individuals who wish to be sponsors

may contact Pat Duffy at the Otsego Ski Club by phoning 732-5181.

The annual Special Olympics snowmobile convoy, headed by friends of former Detroit Tiger, the late Vic Wertz, will participate in a parade through Gaylord at noon on Thursday, Feb. 9, and proceed to Otsego Ski Club. This will take place on the group's return trip to Detroit.

The snowmobile convoy will first stop in Gaylord on that day, enroute from Mt. Clemens on a trip that will take them more than 600 miles, ending in Mackinac City.

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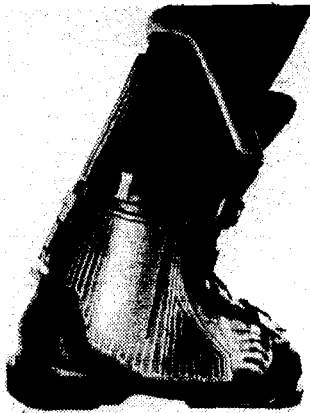
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Tyrolean Hills, new owners, remodeled

GAYLORD - Tyrolean Hills, east of Gaylord, is under new ownership and has been remodeled to include an indoor swimming pool.

Grand Rapids businessmen Ron Baio,

Denny Carlson and Kim Bachert bought the resort in November. The lodge and hills are open now that ski season is in full swing.

Tyrolean Hills has 12 slopes, with one double

chairlift, one pomalift and two rope tows to take skiers to the top.

Snowmaking machines have been churning for weeks to prepare for the season, and combined with plenty of the real thing, conditions are excellent.

Skiers may stay in any of the resort's 23

units or in the dormitory. The rooms have been redecorated and fixed up.

New furnishings have been placed throughout the lodge and by four fireplaces. New carpeting is covering the floor and walls have freshly painted look.

January skywatchers to see meteors

ANN ARBOR - January offers sky-watchers what may be the most interesting meteor shower of 1984 and a display of all nine planets, says University of Michigan astronomy Prof. Richard G. Teske.

"The Quadrantid meteors may be seen in the dark northeast sky after midnight until early dawn Jan. 4. They appear to come from an area between the handle of the Big Dipper and the keystone-shaped constellation of Hercules to the lower right of the handle," Teske says.

"Between one and three meteors per minute should be seen, especially if viewed from a dark location. Observation will be assisted by a nearly new moon that will not light up the sky to hamper visibility."

Although the Quadrantids usually provide a good show, Teske notes that Upper Midwesterners may not be able to see it because of the low temperatures and high incidence of cloudiness at this time of year.

He explains that a meteor shower "occurs when the earth encounters a stream of dust and gravel debris shed from a comet. The tiny meteoric pieces follow their own independent orbital track around the sun, like a swarm of miniature planets.

"Their orbit intersects our earth's orbital path. When the earth reaches the intersection point, some of the debris plunges into the upper atmosphere at speeds of many miles a second. The result is a shower of meteors."

During the last two weeks of January, all nine planets will be on view for early risers.

"Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto will be too faint to be seen without a telescope," Teske points out, "but the other five will sparkle brightly along a great arc from high in the southwest to the eastern

horizon at dawn.

"Mars is highest, located in the south-southwest. Eastward from it is fainter Saturn. A greater distance eastward from Saturn is brilliant Venus, drawing closer to the sun on its way to pass behind it and emerge later this year as our evening star.

"Venus moves downwards from day to day towards Jupiter, still still close to the southeast horizon at dawn. The two will pass quite close to one another on Jan. 26.


"Mercury will become visible around the 13th of the month when it will be seen very near to Jupiter," Teske says. "The two planets will keep company for a week. Then Mercury will begin to sink back down towards the rising sun as it too swings behind the sun along its orbit."

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To develop more skidding in your turns, head for a relatively flat slope where you will feel confident. Start in a high stance with skis in a very narrow wedge (B). The result of this stance is to decrease the edging of your skis on the snow. Remain very much in the fall line and flex your legs up and down.


Now, make a rhythmical series of turns, transferring weight from one ski to another. Rotate both knees slightly in the direction of each new turn. Feel your skis skid through the finish of every turn.

Remember, keep your stance high and narrow to encourage flatter skis and more skid.


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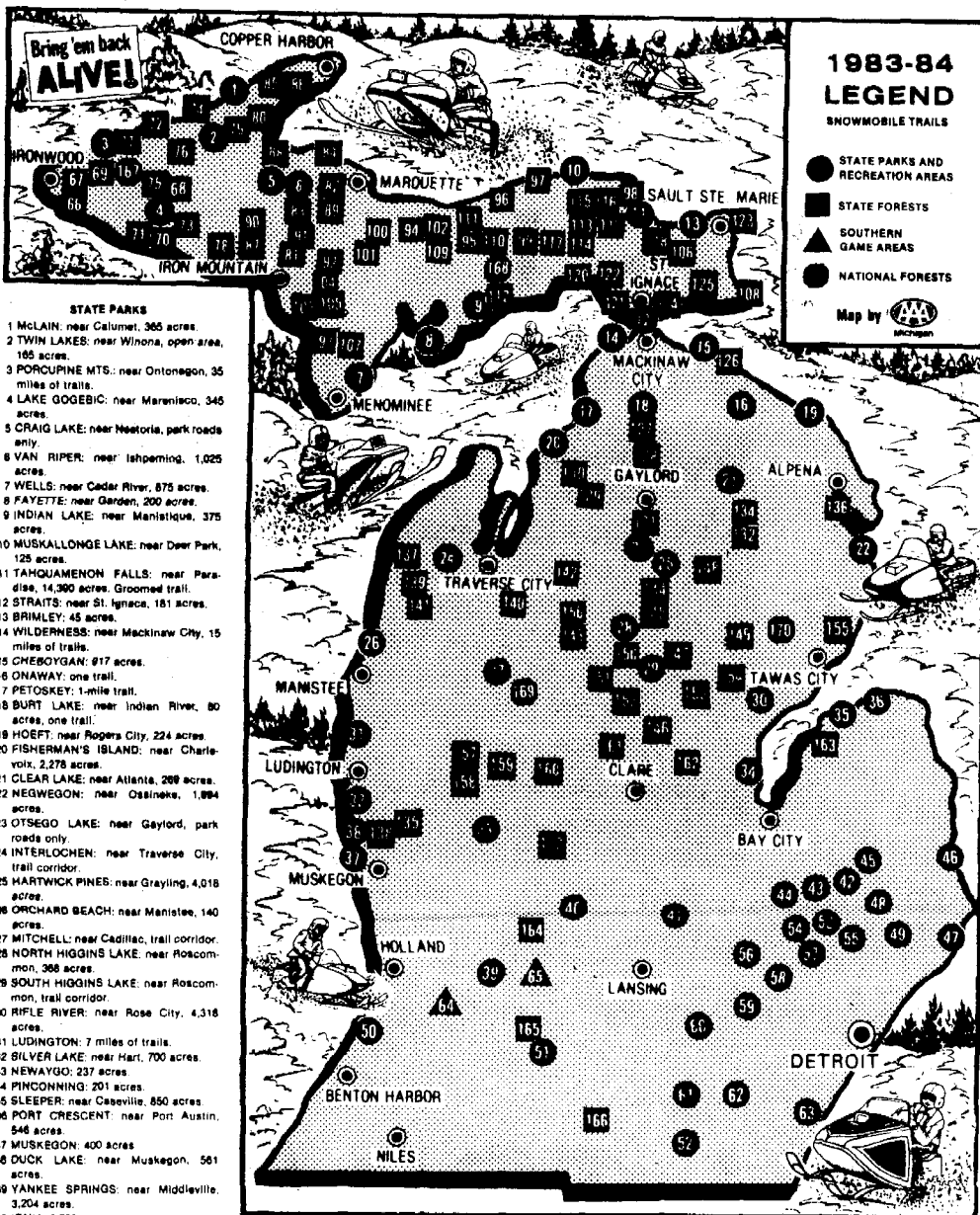




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 - 27 MITCHELL: near Cadillac, trail corridor.
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 - 32 SILVER LAKE: near Hart, 700 acres.
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 - 43 HOLLY: near Pontiac, 1,870 acres.
 - 44 SEVEN LAKES: near Holly, 1,375 acres.
 - 45 METAMORA HADLEY: near Metamora, 630 acres.
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- 63 STERLING: near Monroe, 525 acres.
- 64 ALLEGAN: 5 mi. NW of Allegan off 118th Ave. Trail 20 mi. connecting with West Michigan Trail.
- 65 BARRY: 9 mi. W of Hastings off Yankee Springs Rd. Trail 6 mi.
- 66 IRONWOOD: at Ironwood. Trail: 42 mi.
- 67 BESSEMER: at Bessemer. Trail: 53 mi.
- 68 BERGLAND BRUCE CROSSING: at Bergland and Bruce Crossing. Trail: 85 mi.
- 69 CAMP 9 TRAIL: 2 mi. W of Connoville. Trail: 2 mi.
- 70 MARENISCO-PRESQUE ISLE, WIS. Iron Range State Forest in Marenisco. Trail: 12 mi.
- 71 RAMSEY MARENISCO: at Marenisco. Trail: 33 mi.
- 72 ONTONAGON-MASS.: at Ontonagon. Trail: 35 mi.
- 73 MARENISCO-BERGLAND: at Marenisco. Trail: 24 mi.
- 74 ATLANTIC-REDRIDGE: 1/2 mi. W of Atlantic. Trail: 8 mi.
- 75 BERGLAND-PORCUPINE MT.: 1 mi. N of Bergland. Trail: 18 mi.
- 76 BILL NICHOLS: Miahwabic State Forest at Mass. Trail: 40 mi.
- 77 PORCUPINE MT.: Porcupine Mtns. St. Pk. Trail: 29 mi.
- 78 STATE LINE-WATERMEET BRUCE CROSSING: at Bruce Crossing. Trail: 80 mi.
- 79 MISERY BAY: Miahwabic State Forest 2 1/2 mi. N of Winona along M-26. Trail: 14 mi.
- 80 ALSTON-WINONA: Miahwabic State Forest at Donkan. Trail: 30 mi.
- 81 SILVER LAKE-WEST BRANCH CAMP: 5 mi. N of Channing on M-95. Trail: 19 mi.
- 82 NEGAUNEE: 2 mi. S of Marquette on M-28 and at Negaunee. Trail: 40 mi.
- 83 NEGAUNEE-MICHIGAMME-REPUBLIC: at Negaunee, Michiganme or Republic. Trail: 46 mi.
- 84 MARQUETTE-BIG BAY: 4 mi. NW of Marquette at Forestville, also at Big Bay. Trail: 37 mi.
- 85 KEVEENAW: Miahwabic State Forest 1/2 mi. SE of Laurium, also in Copper Harbor. Trail: 50 mi.
- 86 LAURIUM-LAKE LINDEN: Miahwabic State Forest in Laurium and Lake Linden.

- 87 CRYSTAL FALLS-BATES JCT.: Iron Range State Forest: 2 mi. NW of Crystal Falls off U.S. 141. Trail: 18 mi.
 - 88 L'ANSE-ALSTON-SIDNAY: Ottawa National Forest: at L'Anse, Alston or Sidnay. Trail: 51 mi.
 - 89 PALMER: Michiganme State Forest: 4 mi. NE of Palmer on M-35. Trail: 7 mi.
 - 90 KELSO-CRYSTAL FALLS: Iron Range State Forest: at Kelso Jct. Trail: 6 mi.
 - 91 SILVER LAKE-FLOODWOOD: Ford River State Forest: 5 mi. N of Channing on M-95. Trail: 40 mi.
 - 92 CHARLEY LAKES: Ford River State Forest: 5 mi. NE of Ralph. Trail: 6 mi.
 - 93 LORETTO-FELCH: Ford River State Forest: 1 1/2 mi. E of Waucedah off US-2 or 2 1/2 mi. S of Foster City. Trail: 25 mi.
 - 94 ONOTA-CHATHAM: 2 mi. E. of Chatham off M-94. Trail: 10 mi.
 - 95 CHATHAM-SHINGLETON: at Shingleton. Trail: 26 mi.
 - 96 SHINGLETON-GRAND MARAIS: at Shingleton and Grand Marais. Trail: 54 mi.
 - 97 GRAND MARAIS-PINE STUMP JCT.: at Grand Marais or Pine Stump Jct. Trail: 25 mi.
 - 98 PINE STUMP JCT.-PARADISE: at Pine Stump Jct. or Paradise. Trail: 36 mi.
 - 99 SENEY: at Seney. Trail: 48 mi.
 - 100 LITTLE LAKE: Escanaba River State Forest: in Gwinn and Little Lake. Trail: 5 mi.
 - 101 SAND PLAINS: Michiganme State Forest: off M-35 at New Swanzey. Trail: 21 mi.
 - 102 CHATHAM BRANCH: Bay de Noc State Forest: 2 mi. E. of Chatham off M-94. Trail: 8 mi.
 - 103 FELCH GRADE: Bay de Noc, Menominee and Ford River State forests: at Felch. Trail: 44 mi.
 - 104 PIPELINE: Sturgeon River State Forest: 1 mi. S of Ralph on Co. Rd. 561. Trail: 17 mi.
 - 105 SKUNK CREEK: Sturgeon River State Forest: 2 1/2 mi. N. of Felch on Co. Rd. 561. Trail: 23 mi.
 - 106 KINROSS-PICKFORD: at Kinross or Pickford. Trail: 13 mi.
 - 107 LAKE ANTOINE: Sturgeon River State Forest: 2 mi. E of Waucedah at Beaver. Trail: 10 mi.
 - 108 DRUMMOND ISLAND: on Drummond Island. Trail: 52 mi.
 - 109 HOWE: Grand Sable State Forest: 15 mi. S of Munising on Hwy. 13. Trail: 6 mi.
 - 110 N. HIAWATHA: Grand Sable State Forest: at Shingleton. Trail: 48 mi.
 - 111 SUNRISE: Grand Sable State Forest: 1 mi. N. of Shingleton on Co. Rd. H15. Trail: 40 mi.
 - 112 HAYWIRE: Manistiquie River State Forest: 5 mi. N. of Manistiquie on M-94. Trail: 21 mi.
 - 113 GRAND MARAIS: Lake Superior State Forest: 24 mi. N. of Newberry on Co. Rd. 407. Trail: 17 mi.
 - 114 PINE STUMP-TAHQUAMENON FALLS: Lake Superior State Forest: 20 mi. N. of Newberry on Co. Rd. 407. Trail: 32 mi.
 - 115 DOLLARVILLE DAM: Tahquamenon River State Forest: links Newberry with trails to Grand Marais and Tahquamenon Falls. Trail: 18 mi.
 - 116 NEWBERRY-UPPER TAHQUAMENON FALLS: Lake Superior and Tahquamenon State forests: Charcoal Grade, 1 mi. N. of Newberry, or Tahquamenon Falls State park. Trail: 25 mi.
 - 117 McMILLAN: Tahquamenon River State Forest: 3 mi. S of McMILLAN on Co. Rd. 429. Trail: 13 mi.
 - 118 PARADISE-RACO: Lake Superior and Munuscong State forests at Paradise or Raco. Trail: 35 mi.
 - 119 PARADISE-UPPER TAHQUAMENON FALLS: Lake Superior State Forest: 1 mi. W of Paradise on M-123. Trail: 14 mi.
 - 120 PULLUP LAKE: Mackinac and Tahquamenon State forests: 2 mi. E of Naubinway on US-10-M-28, 4 mi. S of Newberry. Trail: 20 mi.
 - 121 CARP RIVER: Mackinac State Forest: 3 mi. NE of Brevort on Worth Rd. to 2 mi. SW of Trout Lake. Trail: 16 mi.
 - 122 REXTON: Mackinac State Forest: at Rexton. Trail: 26 mi.
 - 123 SOO-RACO: Munuscong State Forest Sherman Park, 1 mi. E of Sault Ste. Marie. Trail: 21 mi.
 - 124 CASTLE ROCK: Mackinac State Forest: 4 mi. N of St. Ignace off I-75. Trail: 18 mi.
 - 125 CEDARVILLE: Munuscong State Forest: 1 1/2 mi. N of Cedarville on M-129. Trail: 26 mi.
 - 126 CHEBOYGAN-BLACK MOUNTAIN: Black Lake State Forest: 3 1/2 mi. E of Cheboygan. Trail: 45 mi.
 - 127 INDIAN RIVER: Hardwood State Forest: 2 1/2 mi. W of Indian River on M-68. Trail: 21 mi.
 - 128 WOLVERINE: Hardwood State Forest: 2 mi. W, 1/2 mi. S of Wolverine to Pheel Rd. Trail: 17 mi.
 - 129 JORDAN VALLEY: 8 mi. S of Boyne Falls on US 131. Trail: 13 mi.
 - 130 CHANDLER HILL: Jordan River State Forest: 5 mi. W of Boyne Falls on Co. Rd. 826, 2 mi. N on Slashing Rd., 1/2 mi. W on Chandler Rd. Trail: 34 mi.
 - 131 NORTH BRANCH: Osage State Forest: 7 1/2 mi. S of Gaylord on Old US-27. 8 mi. E on State Rd. Trail: 23 mi.
 - 132 AVERY HILLS: Thunder Bay River State Forest: 4 1/2 mi. S of Atlanta on Co. Rd. 487, 3 mi. W on Avery Lake Rd. Trail: 14 mi.
 - 133 LAKEVIEW-CHIPPEWA LAKE: at Lakeview. Trail: 40 mi.
 - 134 BRUSH CREEK: Thunder Bay River State Forest: 2 mi. N of Atlanta on M-33, 1/2 mi. E on Voyer Rd. Trail: 30 mi.
 - 135 OCEANA COUNTY: 1 1/2 mi. E of Rothbury on McKinley Rd. Trail: 42 mi.
 - 136 DEVIL'S LAKE: Alpena State Forest: 4 mi. S. of Alpena on Piper Rd. Trail: 27 mi.
 - 137 PLATTE RIVER: Betsie River State Forest: 6 1/2 mi. SE of Honor on Cedar Rd. 1 1/2 mi. E of Co. Rd. 669. Trail: 36 mi.
 - 138 MUSKEGON COUNTY: at Muskegon County Wastewater Plant and N. of Montague on RR-31 near U.S. 31. Trail: 90 mi.
 - 139 BETSIE RIVER: Betsie River State Forest: start at Betsie, Honor, Thompsonville or Turtle Lake. Trail: 38 mi.
 - 140 BOARDMAN VALLEY: Fife Lake & Kalkaska State forests: start at Mayfield, Kalkaska, Walton Jct., Traverse City 260 or Fife Lake. Trail: 81 mi.
 - 141 BEAR LAKE SPUR: Betsie River State Forest: at Thompsonville. Trail: 16 mi.
 - 142 BLUE BEAR: Kalkaska State Forest: 11 mi.
 - 143 MISS-KAL LINE: Missaukee State Forest: 1 1/2 mi. E of Moorestown, 1 mi. NE. Trail: 26 mi.
 - 144 GRAYLING-LOVELLS: Au Sable State Forest: 2 mi. N. of Grayling on Old US-27. Trail: 63 mi.
 - 145 SKYLINE: Au Sable State Forest: 6 1/2 mi. S of Grayling, 1 mi. E. Trail: 25 mi.
 - 146 GLADWIN REFUGE: Tittabawassee River State Forest: 1 1/2 mi. N. of Meredith. Trail: 13 mi.
 - 147 ROSCOMMON-ST. HELEN: Houghton Lake State Forest: 1 mi. SE of Roscommon on M-76, or in St. Helen 1/2 mi. E. of M-76 on Beaver Lake Rd. Trail: 25 mi.
 - 148 ROLL TRI: Oscoda State Forest: 1/2 mi. E. of Lovell on Lovell Rd. Trail: 25 mi.
 - 149 MUSKRAT LAKE: Oscoda State Forest: 5 mi. N of Mio on M-83 to Co. Rd. 808, 4 1/2 mi. W, 1 mi. N. Trail: 28 mi.
 - 150 NORTH HIGGINS LAKE: Au Sable State Forest: 1 mi. E of N. Higgins Lake 175 east. Trail: 8 mi.
 - 151 WEST HIGGINS LAKE: Houghton Lake and Au Sable State forests: 1/2 mi. W of Interchange U.S.-27 and Co. Rd. 104. Trail: 18 mi.
 - 152 PRUDENVILLE: Houghton Lake State Forest: 2 mi. W of Prudenville on M-55, 1/2 mi. S. Trail: 26 mi.
 - 153 OGEMAW HILLS: Ogemaw State Forest: 3 mi. E of St. Helen on Beaver Lake Rd. Trail: 13 mi.
 - 154 ROSE CITY-CLEAR LAKE: Ogemaw State Forest: 3 1/2 mi. W of Rose City. Trail: 50 mi.
 - 155 SEVEN MILE-HILL: Oscoda State Forest: 5 1/2 mi. W of Oscoda on River Rd., 2 mi. W to Bissonetown Rd., 1 mi. W. Trail: 20 mi.
 - 156 STRATFORD-GRASS LAKE: Missaukee and Kalkaska State forests: 1 1/2 mi. E of Moorestown, 1 mi. NE. Trail: 13 mi.
 - 157 LINCOLN HILLS: Pere Marquette State and Manistee National forests: 15 1/2 mi. N of Baldwin on M-37, E. of Kaderzabek's gas station. Trail: 24 mi.
 - 158 LITTLE MANISTEE: Pere Marquette State Forest: 4 1/2 mi. N. of Baldwin on M-37, 1/2 mi. E. Trail: 45 mi.
 - 159 TIN OUP: Pere Marquette State Forest: 5 mi. NW of Minnans. Trail: 19 mi.
 - 160 OLD SHEEP RANCH: Chippewa River State Forest: 1 mi. N, 3 mi. W of Ewart on Twin Creek Rd. Trail: 25 mi.
 - 161 FUR FARM: Chippewa River and Misaouke State forests: at Harrison Airport. Trail: 50 mi.
 - 162 MOLASSES RIVER: Tittabawassee River State Forest: 7 mi. E of Gladwin on M-61. Trail: 35 mi.
 - 163 CASEVILLE: at Caseville. Trail: 18 mi.
 - 164 WEST MICHIGAN: at Dear Run Golf Course on Cascade Rd. S. of Lowell, Yankee Springs Rec. Area, Alto or Aitken. Trail: 142 mi.
 - 165 GULL LAKE: at Augusta. Trail: 15 mi.
 - 166 CHAIN-O-LAKES: at Quincy. Trail: 26 mi.
- NATIONAL FORESTS**
- 169 HIAWATHA: Rapid River District (near Rapid River), 2 trails, 18 miles; Manistiquie District (at Manistiquie), 3 trails, 19 miles; Munising District (at Munising), 3 trails, 48 miles; St. Ignace District (near St. Ignace), 1 trail, 20 miles; and Soo District (at Sault Ste. Marie), 3 trails, 23 miles. Obtain detailed maps at supervisor's office in Escanaba or District offices in above cities.
 - 170 HURON: Harrisville, two trails from 10 to 20 miles long; Oscoda, 26-mile long trail; Huron, 100 miles linking Oscoda, Hale, South Branch, Sand Lake and East Tawas (maps at Oscoda-Au Sable).

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