

Voting steady at polls almost all day

Voters lined up almost all day long to vote in the special election to decide whether the school system needs to expand. The turnout was pleasing to Superintendent Rich Kelly who thought the snowstorm might keep voters away from the polling place. At mid-afternoon over 400 voters had placed their ballot.



Snowscope, a guide to winter fun included in this issue

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News Briefs

Students from Boyne City and East Jordan will be going over to North Central Michigan College to participate in the annual Student Forum. About 200 students from the Intermediate School District will be attending so they can get a better insight on subjects or situations they face everyday. The forum will be held January 19th.

If you have a yen to try for the position of Director of the Department of Natural Resources, you will be pleased to know a special post office box has been obtained for those wishing to file an application. Local summer resident Gordon Guyer, the present Director, has served notice that he is leaving the position early this year. The P.O. Box number is 27474, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

Charlevoix County will be getting a total of \$15,363 that can be spent on emergency food and shelter funds, according to Senator Don Reigle's office. This county's portion was part of the \$5,357,516 released to the state under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act.

Farmers in the area may want to take part in a special weed control and pesticide program being offered by Extension Service. The program will end up licensing those passing with the ability to use pesticides and herbicides effectively on their farms. The four day classes will be held at the 4-H Center in Petoskey January 12, 19, 26, 27.

BC proposals soundly defeated

Voters in Boyne City soundly defeated both bonding proposals, at the special election held Tuesday, by two to one and three to one margins.

The actual vote tally was not available due to the failure of the

county's portable computer punch card reader that would only read 902 of the 944 ballots cast.

The ballots were sealed and the count was to be made Wednesday morning on the computer located in Charlevoix.

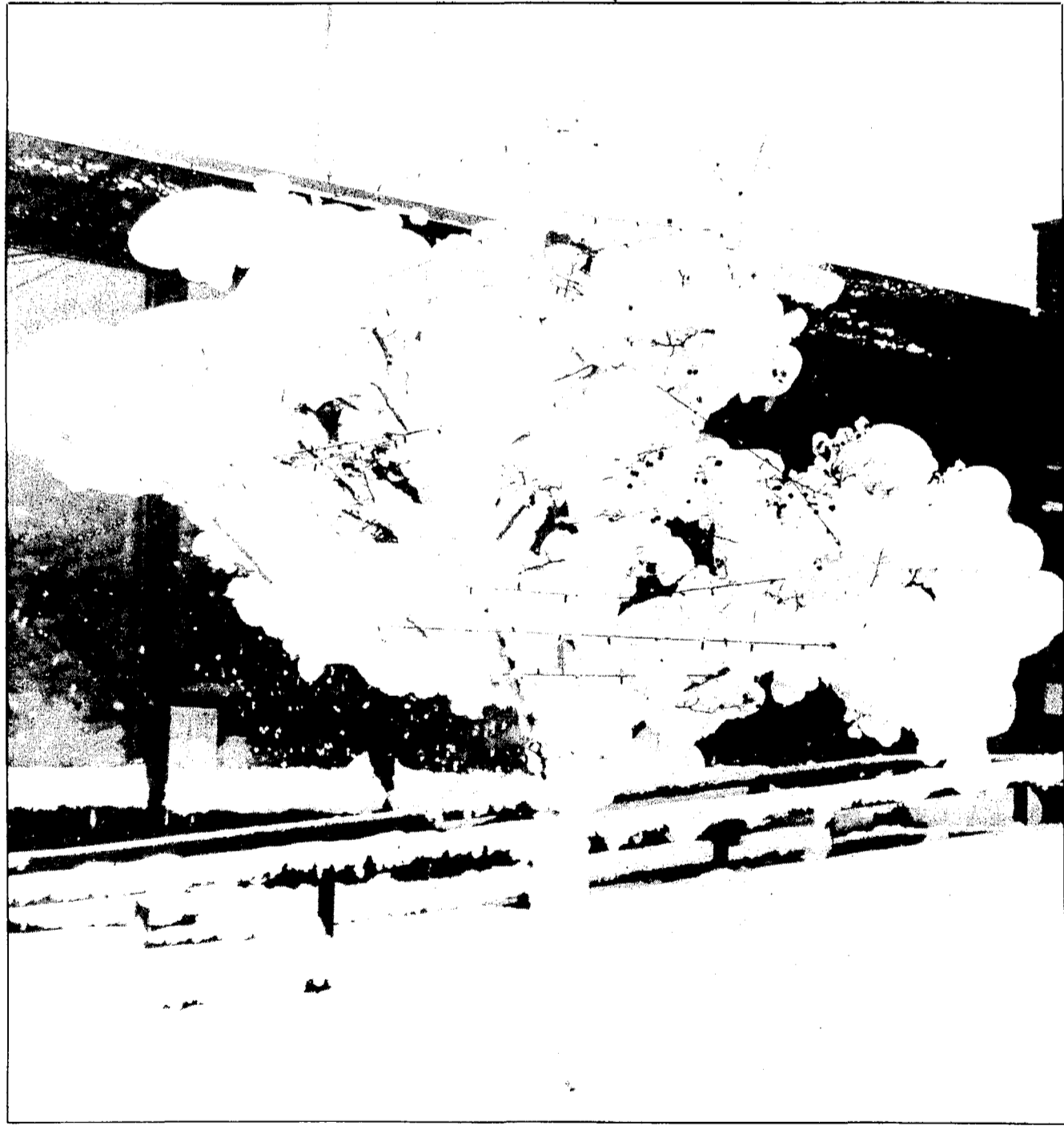
Of the 944 ballots, two were not counted because of damage leaving 40 ballots that the machine would not accept and tally after Boyne City Clerk Tom Garlock, working as an assistant to County Clerk Jane Brannon,

put the ballots through the machine countless times to try to get the machine to read the ballots. The poll workers even made duplicate ballots to see if those would be counted but the machine would not even count

those ballots.

In any case, the 40 votes won't change the outcome of the election as proposal one, which would have allowed the school system to build additional classrooms at the elementary and middle schools and purchase furniture and other capital equipment for the schools, was defeated 589 to

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While Boyne is famous for many things — like Smeltania, the National Mushroom Hunting Championships, the Fourth of July celebrations, — none can carry the fame of this special tree that grows every now and then around Boyne City. Snow trees, that is. And they are a special variety that take up many years of genetic development to appear with snow leaves for only a very short period of the year. Most trees have their leaves in the summer, but a snow tree can only bear leaves in the wintertime. The trees are very fragile, and a slight bump can cause all

of the leaves to fall to the ground. This special tree pictured above is growing right in front of the City Hall and is a special project of the grounds crews who work around the city. City workers thought this tree was beautiful, they even left their jobs to take some pictures of it themselves. The tree may still have its bloom unless someone decides natural beauty can't be found in nature and sends the bloom to the ground.

Emergency M-75 repairs take resolution

Boyne City Commissioners held their first meeting of the year passing a resolution that will allow the city to be able to make emergency repairs on M-75 as it passes through the city.

The city had to make such a repair last Wednesday, when water from a watermain leak started to freeze on the road surface. The repair involved the tunneling under the state highway to find and fix the leak.

Because of the work, they needed to get special authorization from the highway department. The resolution passed by the commissioners will allow the city to make repairs in the future without having to get special authorization.

The road, Boyne Avenue within the city, is going to be rebuilt next spring, according to the highway department. At that time, the city is expected to make improvements to the water and sewer lines along the roadway.

The Commissioners also heard that the list sent out to homeowners asking them to turn on their water to help keep pipes from freezing is slowly being reduced due to the watermain work that is ongoing. About 100 letters have been sent out from the City Office to those on the list this week.

Just a few years ago, the city was asking about 200 people to turn on water to try to eliminate some freezing watermains.

Commissioners also heard that the winter weather and new development has created a new snow drifting zone at the corner of Main and Front Streets. The building of the Water Street Inn along with the tearing down of a building has changed the wind flow in the area and is causing the drifting to take place.

The city said they are working to keep the road clear although it is taking several extra passes of the snowplows.

After the meeting, City Manager Randy Frykberg said the city was having less problems this year with snowplowing. He said that the training the crews have had over the years is paying off and the city has not had as many problems as in the past.

Frykberg also said that use of Avalanche Park is up as children are using the new ice rink, sliding down the hill and using the cross country trails within the park.

TFA home heating assistance available

Home heating assistance is available to income eligible households who are experiencing extremely high home heating costs in relation to their income. Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency is currently operating the Targeted Fuel Assistance (TFA) program, one component of Michigan's 1988 home energy assistance program

administered at the state level by the Department of Social Services and Department of Labor Services and Department of Labor/Bureau of Community Services. TFA will provide a one-time only fuel assistance benefit up to \$200 per eligible household. NMHSA has been allocated a total of \$105,000 to be spread across the ten county service

region which includes Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Roscommon, Leelanau and Wexford Counties.

Eligibility for this assistance is determined by: 1) the total annual gross income, before taxes and other deductions, and the number of people residing in that household. For a household of

one, the gross total income must be less than \$6,875 per year. For each additional household member, add \$2,375 per year. The maximum gross income for a household of four, for example, would be \$14,000; 2) the annual cost of all fuels used for heating the home (minus the Department of Treasury's home heating

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Obituaries

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Neighbors

NORMAN BIRLEY

Norman Birley, 99, of Walloon Lake, died Jan. 4, 1988, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility, East Jordan.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Petoskey.

Mr. Birley was born Oct. 26, 1888, in Brooklyn, N.Y., the son of William H. and Alice Eliza Birley.

On July 11, 1928, he married the former Georgena Scorggie at Walloon Lake. She preceded him in death on Feb. 20, 1986.

Mr. Birley was a World War I veteran and had been a chicken farmer in New Jersey.

He is survived by several nephews and nieces.

Arrangements are being handled by the Stackus Funeral Home, Boyne City.

Verlin and Dorothy Thompson and daughters, Lisa and Suzanne, have returned after having spent the Christmas week in

Florida, where they visited their son Darryl, wife Marci, her parents, Charles and Arlene In-

man, and other relatives.

Bob Thayer, his son Rob and wife Susan of Caro and Audrey Scott of Portland were here over the holidays visiting their mother and grandmother Leona Thayer at Grandvue.

Sally Day has returned from a week's trip to Florida with her daughter Joyce Maurer of Ovid.

The Rev. and Mrs. Lane Eddy and children Elizabeth and Ian have returned after having spent the Christmas week with relatives in Canada. While there, they attended a family wedding.

Gary and Sally Ashley and children of Ortonville spent this past weekend with her parents Bob and Mary Rumpf, and did some skiing while here.

Adell Hibbard left the Tuesday before Christmas to spend the holiday with her son Paul and Joyce, and their daughters and son-in-laws in Millington. Paul and Joyce were here this past week and left for home on Friday.

Don and Linda Hanson, their son Eric and wife Denise, all of Fremont, left on Sunday, after having spent part of the holidays here with her mother Joy Brooks and family and to get in some skiing at Boyne Highlands.

Scores of this past week's senior bowlers were: Jean Marcham-384, John Tjapkes-383, Sally Asley-369, Goldie-346, Pearl Frieden-344, Mary Tjapkes-332, Jack Krussell-316, Jan Krussell-300; 2 games...Pros Blanckaert-291 (Pros is feeling much better!), Norm Kruger-273, and Mary Rumpf-154.

Winner's of the bingo games at the Boyne mealsite were: 1st regular-Jenny Jodway, 2nd-split-Dane Earl/Barbara Ross, 3rd-Albert Towne. The 1st special-split-Jenny Jodway/Evelyn Dodds/Bernice Stachirski; 2nd-Barbara Ross, with the cover all going to Eleanor Adams. Caller was our ever faithful Lyle Ross.

The Kise Mackowiak's enjoyed having their children, the Tom Mackowiaks, their children Jennifer and Ryan, the Steve DeLanays, their children Heather, Heidi, and Stephanie, the Rocky Puskas, and their

children Catie and Cari of Newaygo, and the Robert Mackowiaks and son Chad of Charlevoix all home over the holidays.

All five of Dorothy Crandell's children and all fourteen of her grandchildren were home for Christmas this year. Her son, USMC Kevin Crandell has been home on a 20 day leave, visiting his wife, Shiela, their son, Kyle, his wife's parents, the Arnie Smiths, as well as his mother, Dorothy and family, after being overseas for the past 6 months. On December 27th, 6 month old Kyle was baptized at the St. Francis Catholic Church in Petoskey. Following the baptismal service, the family enjoyed a prime rib dinner at the Lamplight Inn in Ellsworth.

A group of twenty-seven enjoyed the Christmas holiday at the Lloyd and Ruby VanAlstine home. These included all their children, grandchildren, her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Segraves, their children and grandchildren, her mother, Mrs. Grace Haist, and his father, Wm. VanAlstine of Grandvue, who also celebrated his 97th birthday on December 16th! The VanAlstine's daughter, Lynnann Reid and fiance Jim White of Grand Haven, were here for the whole Christmas weekend.

Congratulations to newlyweds Kurt Kleinschrodt and Leah Shepherd, who were married on New Year's Eve at the Free Methodist Church. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. David Behling of Walloon Lake. Kurt is the son of Wayne and Sally Kleinschrodt of Boyne City and Leah is the daughter of Jim Shepherd, also of Boyne City, and Nancy Shepherd of Boyne Falls.

George and Debra Shiotelis of Grand Rapids were home with his parents, George and Judy, for the New Year's weekend. The Shiotelis' son Kevin has returned to his studies, after his midterm break, at Michigan State University. Kevin will be returning to California on Jan. 10 for 30 days and will be joined, after that, by his wife and son, in Virginia.

Ware-withal

by Gail Ware

I don't usually contemplate mortality, especially my own, nor that the body tends to wear out here and there as time goes on - not because I don't believe it but because I do. And I don't care to dwell on it. But one can't avoid this kind of thing forever, I guess. One must get hit on the head, or elsewhere, with it eventually and deal with it. In my case, the hit came from inside the head, the deliverer of the blow being a tooth.

What happened started happening Christmas Eve. I was brushing my teeth when a large hung of filling that hitherto had plugged a hole in a molar, unplugged itself and plopped down on my tongue.

This surprised me since this sort of thing usually occurs during or immediately after chewing something hard, like an apple or cracker Jack. And I hadn't been.

I didn't get excited about it, though; in fact, I forgot all about it until shortly before 2 a.m. when I was brushing again in preparation for going to bed. Then about half of the crown of the tooth from which earlier the filling hunk had removed itself simply let loose and floated free.

This time I didn't get excited either; I got indignant. This sort of thing isn't supposed to happen. Baby teeth fall out but permanent teeth only come out when they're pulled. That's the rule. And another rule is that when they come out, they come out in one piece, not in sections like an orange or a tangerine. Furthermore, it should hurt when they do and it didn't.

During Christmas Day, pieces of filling disengaged themselves

from the tooth, or what was left of the tooth, whenever I brushed.

First thing the next day, I called the dentist's office. But since no self-respecting dentist opens his office the day after Christmas, especially if it's Saturday, the office was closed. This meant that I had two full days to tongue the spot where the deserters once held fast, which led me to consider what it means to be mortal.

So this is what happens when one grows older, I thought. Parts of one's self expire and crumble away - and have to be repaired or, as the actor, Jimmy Stewart said: "After seventy, it's patch, patch, patch."

But I'm not that far along. Still, our druggist, who should know about these things, said, "After fifty, we all fall apart."

Over the weekend, the hum around the falling-apart tooth felt a little sore, which kept my mind on the matter. But it also comforted me some. It meant that the area around the tooth wasn't dead too, although the vague ache might well constitute its death throes.

My visit to the dentist on Monday didn't comfort me, though. He said that the tooth was indeed dead, spoke of the need for an artificial crown and treated the whole thing matter-of-factly. He clearly didn't care that I'm disintegrating and couldn't see why I should care either.

Maybe, maybe not. Certainly thoughts on my mortality weren't improving my disposition. Besides, given a choice between letting nature take its course and repairing the ravages of time, I'll take the latter, rebuilt parts and all.

I can live with that - I guess - but just barely.

ELIZABETH GRAY

Elizabeth (Bette Comloquoy) Gray, of Boone, N.C., and a native of Charlevoix County, died Dec. 30, 1987, after a brief illness.

Funeral was at the Reims-Sturdivant Chapel, Boone, N.C. Pastor Michael B. Brown officiated and burial was in Maple Lawn Cemetery, Boyne City.

Mrs. Gray was born Dec. 2, 1919, the daughter of the late John and Josephine Mater Comloquoy. She was a member of the Boone United Methodist Church and was a motel desk

clerk. She is survived by: one daughter, Mrs. Barbara Nystrom of Pforzheim, West Germany; one son, Richard Croy of Jackson; one aunt, Mrs. Beatrice Simmons of Boyne City; a cousin, Charles Mater of Dover, De.; four grandsons.

The family suggest memorials to the Watauga County Heart Fund, the Boone United Methodist Church or Watauga County Hospital, all in Boone, N.C.

RANSOM H. BRAMAN

Ransom H. Braman, 80, a resident of Spring Lake and a summer resident of Walloon Lake, died Dec. 31, 1987, at Mercy Hospital, Muskegon.

Funeral and committal services were held Jan. 3, 1988, at the Brown-Teman Funeral Home, Greenville. The Rev. Gerald Pohly officiated and burial was in the Ashley Cemetery, near Greenville.

Mr. Braman was born Oct. 29, 1908, in Grand Rapids, the son of Oscar and Orpha Braman. He married the former Minnie Koopman on April 27, 1927, in Grand Rapids.

He was a retired fruitgrower

in the Greenville area and had been a summer resident at Walloon Lake.

Mr. Braman was a member of the Church of the Dunes Methodist Church at Grand Haven, past president of Michigan Horticulture Society, a former member of Greenville Lions Club and a former director of the First State Bank of Greenville.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Charles H. (Bonnie) Roth of Spring Lake and Mrs. Ken (Betsy) Leppink of Lakeview; one son, Thomas Braman of Grand Rapids; one sister, Mrs. Wendell (Mildred) Emery of Cadillac; one brother, Bill Braman of Greenville; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to: Alzheimer's Disease Association, American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Assoc.

SHIRLEY L. STROBEL

Shirley L. Strobel, 49, of Melrose Township, died Dec. 28, 1987, at Little Traverse Division, Northern Michigan Hospitals.

A memorial service was held Dec. 30 at the First Christian Church, Petoskey with the Rev. N. Stanley McDougal, Jr. officiating.

The former Shirley L. Wheeler was born April 2, 1938, in Grosse Pointe, Mich., the daughter of Ralph R. and Mildred R. (Shirley) Wheeler. She attended and graduated from Denby High School in Detroit in 1956. She also attended Central Michigan University.

Mrs. Strobel had been employed as a clerk at Wind in the Willows store in Petoskey for several years.

On Oct. 11, 1979, she married Edward Strobel in Indian River. The couple made their home at Walloon Lake since that time.

Mrs. Strobel was a deaconess at the First Christian Church and was a Melrose Township trustee and planning commission member. She was active in the Emmet County Extension and was a 4-H leader. She was also a member of the Irish Setter Club of Michigan and was on the planning committee for the Traverse City Cherry Festival for many years.

Survivors include: her husband; two daughters, Wendy Lyn Burch of Houston, Texas, and Amy Jo Burch of Kalamazoo; a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Elaine Burch of Petoskey; a son Ted J. Burch of Petoskey; a stepdaughter, Patricia Ann Sipe of Petoskey; a sister, Cindy Mahan of Petoskey; several nieces and nephews.

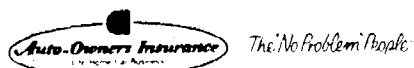
The family suggests memorials to the Leukemia Foundation. Envelopes for that purpose are available at the First Christian Church or the Stone Funeral Home where arrangements are being handled.

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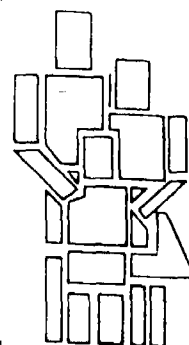
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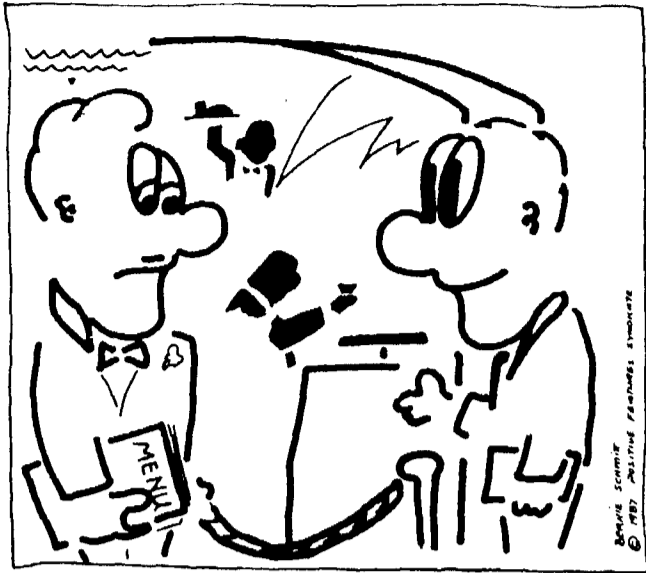
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The Positive Side



"We value men not for what they are, but for what they seem to be."

Jottings

BY JIM SILBAR

I was talking to one of those people who come up north from "down below", when out of the clear blue skies we were having he asked a question.

"Who was the person who painted all those trees along the side of the road about 10 foot up? Whoever did it, did a lousy job, they only painted the side we can see as we drive down the road."

"What is it, some sort of safety program? Do they paint those trees so we can see where the side of the road is during night-times?"

When I stopped to think about what this guy was talking about, I looked out at some of the trees he said were painted and it suddenly dawned on me.

He was seeing the results of the snowplows traveling about 35 miles an hour. He was seeing the snow stuck to the trunk of the trees.

But I wasn't going to tell him all that at that moment, I decided I would try to make him see the light in a different way.

I told him that the white he was seeing would look different if he would travel down the roads at the speed limit, instead of the 70 he normally travels to get up here. He also thinks that is the normal speed, even if he isn't on one of the specially marked and designated expressways.

And I told him it was a special temporary thing due to the special grant our county, along with several others in the north, got from the state to try out a special temporary marking system.

I told him back in the early days of marking highways, the telephone poles were all painted to show drivers the right way. If you wanted to go to a certain place, you followed the certain colored painted rings on the telephone poles.

The only difference between then and now, was the fact that the poles have become utility poles, not telephone poles. And in

a lot of situations here in northern Michigan, the poles are set back from the roadways so this special temporary grant allowed the use of trees along the side of the road.

He fell for it hook, line and sinker.

I was gloating in my coffee cup, thinking I was almost ready for the national liars club championships when he suddenly saw the light.

"If you guys up north are painting the sides of trees, doesn't that harm them? And if it does, what are you going to do when all those trees are cut down? I saw a highway crew out a couple of weeks ago, cutting and trimming the trees, did they know about this special grant?"

"Nope," I told him, "They were just out doing their job. The only thing is that when they widen the road, they will have to come back to chop down more of the trees than what they are getting to now."

Thinking I had set him up for another thought, I settled back in the chair, ready to field his next question.

"That sounds like a typical way the government is spending our tax money, almost as dumb as this grant you northern people got for painting trees."

Then I laughed and brought him to reality by telling him the snowplows were the reason the trees were "painted." Painted with snow. And the temporary part is because the snow loses its grip on the bark and falls down as soon as the sun hits it. The temporary thing is that it can last a day, or a few days, depending on how cold it stays.

Finally he saw the white light, and told me to jump in the lake.

I told him I would but it wasn't frozen yet so I couldn't walk out far enough to get over my head. I also told him to come back in a few weeks when we celebrate Frostival.

We need him to purchase those smelt we all hope to catch.

Letters

Got under skin

Editor

Let's shift gears one more time as I have a chat with the man about town. He: How come you look so smug today?

Me: I did it, I really, truly honest to Abe did it.

He: Did what?

Me: I got under the skin of an enthusiastic Reaganite.

He: So!

Me: Know what I found?

He: What?

Me: Under that thick skin I found a sorely troubled conscience and it hurts - hurts real bad. Why this lover of Reagan was even too ashamed to sign their nasty letter to me.

He: Why all this pain?

Me: Listen stupid. For years they have been screaming to finally let Reagan be Reagan.

He: So!

Me: Well Reagan finally heard them too and decided to have a go at it and guess what happened?

He: What?

Me: He fouled things up royally, got us deep in debt and scandal and then of all things, he

started playing footsie with the Russians. Its enough to shatter

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Remembrances



This is a picture of the 1st Ward North Boyne School in existence around 1910, and is from Lillian Hartnell who thinks the building may have been torn down in the early 1920's. If you have any old pictures of the area our readers would enjoy, please bring them to the office so we may make copies for this Remembrance feature.

Marshall Sayles

I had a conversation with John Q Public the other day. He's the man who represents the nice people of this country as well as the riffraff and those pigs in clover, a combination of we the people.

I ran into John Q on Water Street. He looked as weary as a widow who had been overly wooed.

"Hi, John," I greeted him. "How come you are looking as weary as a widow who has been overly wooed?"

"Everything is going wrong," he said. "Our life is being handled by vandals. Hostage taking has become a sport. The pants have fallen off Wall Street. Upteen wizzards have their hats in the ring. Money is so tight I no longer feel fat and foolish like a bishop. And a man can no longer become a decent womanizer unless he's running for office."

"Oh, come now, John," I said, poking him in the ribs. "You are a card-carrying adult with no pimples on your face. You've been down this road before."

"I've been alive most of my life," he said, "and I've never seen the likes..."

"Relax, John," I said. "Everything will come out in the wash if you use the right detergent." (I always say that when I'm trying to lift a spirit.)

"Look," he said. "I've got a lot of grapes to squeeze, so quit trying to perk me up."

"Sure the public is upset," I agreed. "But your head should be high, no dangling. You're destroying the illusion of an America with the mind and stomach of a king."

"When I listen to those white shirts and neckties on television I fear we have fallen among fools," he growled.

"Wrong, wrong, wrong," I said, hoping that three wrongs would make a right. "They have fallen among us. We are the fools."

Old John Q looked at me as though I had forgotten to put my socks on. "Then who among us is fit to be president," he asked.

"Maybe we could encourage Richard Nixon to come back and save us from ourselves," I said, tongue in cheek.

John Q excused himself, stepping into an alley where he spent several minutes wrestling with a temper tantrum. Upon his return he used a sharp voice. "Nixon is out," he said. "That's definite all over this country."

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the faith of any real right winger.
 He: Its that bad huh?
 Me: Worse. We might have to slow down the bomb making and such. Just think what that will do to the pocketbooks of Reagans bosses?
 He: What happens now?
 Me: Well, the bosses are happy he will be gone in a year or so and they can get a decent replacement.
 He: Who will that be?
 Me: There you go again stupid. The replacement will be Bush and Kemp.

He: Wow!
 Me: Wow is right. You know what else I found under the skin of that dedicated Reaganite?
 He: What?
 Me: A vote for the Democratic nominee thats what. They have to ease all that shame and pain, you know.
 He: Well maybe you have a right to look smug, but is that all you have to say?
 Me: Nope - Happy New Year - I think it will be one hard to forget.

Everett K. Sayles
 Boyne City

Says thanks to bank

Editor
 Thank you to the Charlevoix County Bank for granting Gladys Krulik a Christmas wish which benefited the Charlevoix Senior Citizens Center. The \$150.00 check is most appreciated and

comes at a time when funds are low.
 Thanks again, we will put it to good use.

Yours truly,
 Sherry Black-Director
 Charlevoix Sr. Citizens Center

Letters

Letters to the editor, hand written 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.
 The Publisher

Marshall Sayles

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"Oh my, how definite is it?"
 "It's as definite as a wedding or a hanging," he said.
 "Hey! Suppose a Democrat got in and caught us off guard by straightening everything out?"
 "Boyne City thinking," he said.
 "You can do better than that."
 Sour grapes, doom sayer,

groan, complain. John Q Public sounds like an old woman. Let her mumble.
 What did he say? No man can become a womanizer unless he's straightening office? Humbung and phooey! I know several Boyne City men who aren't running for office.

NOTICE OF SALE

The East Jordan Public Schools will accept sealed bids for the following used buses:

- 1 1972 International 60 passenger school bus Superior Body 5 speed, 392 engine
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For any additional information or to see buses prior to bidding, contact: Sam Bricker, East Jordan Bus Garage, 616/536-2921.

Sealed bids are due no later than 2:00 p.m., January 8, 1988. Please mark the envelope in the lower left hand corner "USED BUS BID".

The school district reserves the right to reject or waive defects in any and all bids.

Please send bids to:
 East Jordan Public Schools
 Ruby Dipzinski, Director of Business
 P.O. Box 638
 East Jordan, Michigan 49727

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273, or about a two to one margin.

The second proposal, which would have allowed the school system to rebuild most of the athletic facilities was defeated by a greater margin, 631 to 251, or almost a three to one margin.

The vote, with 944 ballots cast, was one of the largest the school system has had in recent years. The last large vote turnout brought about 800 voters out to cast ballots in a recall election. The only election with a higher vote count since 1980 was held in that year.

What the defeat will mean to the school board will be discussed at the next monthly board meeting. The board had discussed other options and will now have to start making decisions as to what will be done

Assistance

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credit or Department of Social Services special heating allowance.) must exceed ten (10) percent of the total gross annual income. Electric costs can be included only if electric heat is used. There are a few instances where if the household income is sufficiently low enough that they may automatically qualify.

Because the eligibility calculations are difficult and somewhat confusing, it is recommended that those who want to apply for the program contact NMHSA by phone to help determine whether or not they qualify. For those areas where a local office is a long distance call (Cadillac/775-9781; Traverse City/947-3780; Petoskey/347-9070) the NMHSA Targeted Fuel Assistance toll free number is 1-800-632-7334. Those who do qualify for Targeted Fuel Assistance must be able to provide proof of income and documentation of fuel costs.

to help eliminate the overcrowding in the elementary and middle schools.

Some of the options will mostly affect the elementary school as that school is feeling the biggest growth problems.

The board will have to decide to keep the computers the school is using in the halls, have larger class sizes, keep the gifted and talented program in the Media Center or buy portable classrooms to house those programs.

The school may have to hire an additional Special Education teacher if the growth of the school system takes the system out of compliance with state laws.

The middle school would not be affected next year, according to Superintendent Rich Kelly, as the school will be able to house the students coming from the fourth grade. The growth the school is expecting will come from classes starting at the middle school in 1989-1990.

Class sizes in the elementary school are about 28 pupils per classroom in the third and fourth grades. When they will get to the middle school they will probably see class sizes of about 33 students if nothing is done. Class sizes in the elementary school will also

probably be increased if the board decides that nothing can be done.

Kelly said he was pleased with the voter turnout, despite the weather.

Vandy school to be in national citizen bee

Vanderbilt Area Schools' students will have the opportunity to participate in a unique social studies academic competition which could lead to a scholarship and a study trip to Washington, D.C. later this year. The school has registered to participate in the Close Up Foundation Citizen Bee.

The Citizen Bee is an academic competition that focuses on social studies and progresses through school, regional, and state events. Finalists compete for the

national title in Washington in June 1988. Three Vanderbilt Area students will advance to regional competitions with top students there going to the state finals.

Each of the school's registering for the event is permitted an unlimited number of participants and each school will receive a number of copies of "Close Up USA" a source book from which most of the questions will be derived.

State winners earn a trip to Washington

where they will participate in the Foundation's government studies program as well as the competition. Winners of the national event receive college scholarships. The Milken Family Foundation is the national sponsor of the Citizen Bee with additional support provided by RJR Nabisco, Inc. and Peat Marwick Main & Co.

Gerald Flynn, an educator at Vanderbilt Area, will be coordinating the Citizen Bee at the school.

No county roads snowmobile designated

At the present time, no roads in Charlevoix County are designated for use by snowmobiles.

A person shall not operate a snowmobile upon a public highway, land used as an airport or street, or on a public or private parking lot - not specifically designated for the use of snowmobiles - except under the following conditions and circumstances:

A) May operate snowmobile at extreme right of right of way (except limited

access highway) if operated single file.

B) When necessary to cross a bridge or culvert, snowmobile must be brought to a complete stop before entering roadway or right of way, and yields right of way to approaching vehicle on the highway.

C) In a collision with a snowmobile on a roadway, the driver of the snowmobile involved in the collision shall be considered prima facie negligent.

D) A snowmobile may be operated

across a public highway, other than a limited access highway, at right angles to the highway for the purpose of getting from one area to another when the operation can be done in safety and another vehicle is not crossing the highway at the same time in the same general area. An operator shall bring his snowmobile to a complete stop before proceeding across the highway and shall yield the right of way to all oncoming traffic.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year! 1988 is the year of the dragon, according to an ancient Chinese calendar. The new year actually begins February 17, reports International Wildlife magazine.

Bowling Scores

Geminis	
Coffee Cup League	
12-29-87	
Rainbow Bar	3 1
N.W. St. Bank	3 1
Jernys Bdy Shp	2 2
Rnd Td Cafe	2 2
Petrie Const	1 3
LaVarway Trkg	1 3
High Series	
Debbie Warner	503
Ariane Russell	502
Nancy Shippe	497
High Games	
Jean Stowe	197
Ariane Russell	193
Debbie Warner	185
Nancy Shippe	had 83 pins over average for her series.
Spits Converted	
Betty Boswell	2-10, Ethel Wilson 5-6, Kate Miller 2-7-10, Loren Slate 3-10 twice and 3-7, Shirley J. Peine 3-10.
Geminis	
Jordan Valley Ladies	
12-29-87	
Daves Mobil	298 192
Chucks Place	275 204 1/2
Folsoms Exc	269 210 1/2
Bingham's W/D	268 212
Blacks Upholstry	262 218
UAW 1503	251 229
Jernys Bar	231 249
True Value	228 252
Thomas W/D	221 259
Jordan Val Phar	204 276
Our Place	201 279
Vibrant Carp'tg	182 298
Individual High Game	
Margie Murray	234
Debbie Olson	230
Pauline Graham	199
Individual High Series	
Margie Murray	533
Debbie Olson	520
Pauline Graham	517
Spits Converted	
S. Clark 4-5-7, R. Olson 3-10, K. Clark 5-8-10, E. Prouse 2-7.	
Boyne City Lanes	
Fraternal Bowling League	
12-30-87	
Team Standings Won Lost	
Town & Country	27 3
B.C. Lanes	26 4
Lenas	20 10
Sam Kosc Auct	19 10 1/2
Bobs Pharmacy	19 10 1/2
Don Puroli Lgg	19 11
Sportsmans	11 19
Raveaus Bdy Sh	10 19 1/2
Bay Shore Steel	10 19 1/2
Boyne Val Lions	10 20
United Tech	4 26
Cambel/Lundsey	3 4
Weekly Hgths	
A. VanDusen	200-204-246
J. Dunlop	230
Wm. Lindsay Jr	225
R. Bowman	221
J. Helsley	212-217
Randy Peck	217
A. Castles	214
S. Erber	213
R. Gular	212
H. Stone	210-204
D. Christensen	209
D. Dougherty	203
D. Clark	203
P. Kubesh	203
T. Schinkath	201

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PUBLIC HEARING

EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Evangeline Township Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing Thursday, January 7, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. at the Evangeline Township Hall. The purpose of which is to obtain comment on a proposed new zoning ordinance. Copies of the ordinance may be picked up at the business office of the Township Clerk, located at 221 Water Street, Boyne City, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except on holidays.

Rod Cortright, Secretary
 Evangeline Township planning Commission
 dec.16, jan 4

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CITY OF BOYNE CITY

Pursuant to Rules and Regulations as outlined in the Boyne City Zoning Ordinance A-28, please take notice that Public Hearing will be held by the Boyne City Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, January 20, 1988 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 319 N. Lake Street, to consider the following three variance requests:

1. Arthur Kujawski, 306 N. Lake St. - 15-051-453-027-50 - A variance to waive the off-street parking requirement as required by the Zoning Ordinance for his construction of a 4 unit condominium unit, which has been tentatively approved by the Planning Advisory Board, pending this hearing.

2. One Water Street Restaurant, located at the west foot of Water Street. A variance to allow for a free standing sign to be erected on its premises is being requested.

3. Ronald J. Makino, 216 S. Lake St. - 15-051-450-006-00 - A height variance to allow for the rebuilding of the Boyne Cinema into a condo unit, theater unit, convention center complex.

Further information or any input for or against any of these variance requests is available or may be reviewed at the City Clerk's Office, 319 N. Lake Street, through 5:00 p.m. of the Public Hearing Day, either via public appearance or mail.

Any and all objections for or against these variance requests will be heard at the Public Hearings to be held on Wednesday, January 20, 1988.

Thomas Garlock
 City Clerk
 jan 6

Glen's Save-Share

"Helping to Build a Better Community Together"

Jamie Amesbury has received a check from Glen's Save/Share for \$64.76 to benefit Brownie Troop 284.

This is one example of a non-profit group making use of the Save-Share Program to help raise funds. There are many more groups using it, too. Glen's wants everyone in Boyne City to know about Save-Share and hopes more groups will use it to raise funds.

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Those hospitals will be part of 19 VA medical facilities to receive a van from the nonprofit Disabled American Veterans (DAV) on Tuesday, November 17. The donation was made possible through a cooperative effort of the DAV's national organization and its Department of

DAV donated vans across the country will increase to 24 by the end of the year. The one-million-member organization hopes to fully meet the transportation needs of veterans at all of the VA's 172 medical centers before the end of 1988, donating vans wherever necessary.

using VA facilities for medical treatment," said DAV National Director of Voluntary Services Bruce Nitsche. These benefits were paid to veterans to help them cover the costs of getting to and from the VA hospital or clinic. "Among those affected by the benefit cut were most veterans seeking treatment for service-connected disabilities, as well as indigent veterans who have virtually no other source of health care," Nitsche said. "The DAV simply

could not stand aside and watch hundreds of thousands of veterans being left without health care simply because they live some distance from a VA hospital and had no means of transportation.

Thanks to contributions from grateful Americans, many of them right there in Boyne City, we were able to respond to this great need."

NOTICE OF AIR POLLUTION COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Michigan Air Pollution Control Commission is holding a public comment period until February 5, 1988 and a public hearing on February 16, 1988 to afford all interested citizens the opportunity to comment on the Commission staff's proposed conditional approval of GREAT LAKES GAS TRANSMISSION'S Permit to Install for the simultaneous operation of three existing gas compressor turbines proposed at Compressor Station No. 11, near the cities of Clarion and Walloon Lake, Charlevoix County, Michigan. It has been preliminarily determined that the modification will not violate any of the Commission's rules nor the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and will not consume any of the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration Air Quality Increments for particulate and sulfur dioxide, respectively.

Copies of the Commission staff's analysis and proposed permit conditions are available for inspection at the following locations:

BOYNE CITY: Department of Natural Resources, Field Office, 303 North Street (Phone: 616-582-6681)

ROSCOMMON: Air Quality Division, Department of Natural Resources, 8717 North Roscommon Road, P.O. Box 128 (Phone: 517-275-5151).

LANSING: Air Quality Division, Department of Natural Resources, Stevens T. Mason Building, 4th floor, 530 West Allegan (Phone: 517-373-7023).

All persons are encouraged to present their written views on the proposed permit action. Written comments should be sent to the Department of Natural Resources, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30028, Lansing, Michigan, 48909, to the attention of the Permit Section Supervisor. All statements received by February 5, 1988 will be considered by the Commission.

The public hearing will be held during the regular monthly meeting of the Michigan Air Pollution Control Commission on Tuesday, February 16, 1988, starting at 9:00 a.m., in the Roy Manty Conference Room, Baker-Olin Building, Michigan Department of Public Health, located at 3500 North Logan Street, Lansing, Michigan.

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Friday: pizza or burritos, corn, applesauce, cookies

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Friday: doubleburger, ground meat sandwich, chicken noodle soup, nachos & cheese, oranges

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What's Happening

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DAVIS' REP

Congressman Davis' District Representative Betty Mankowski will be visiting your area in the near future. Anyone wishing to meet with her is invited to do so without

an appointment. She will be available to discuss any problems you may be having with federal or state government. She will be in Charlevoix County on Tuesday, January 12 at the following locations: Boyne Falls Township Hall 10:11; East Jordan Senior Site, Main Street 11:30-1:00; Charlevoix County Building 1:30-2:30; Boyne City Hall 3-4.

For further information call 517-732-3151 on Mondays or toll free anytime in Michigan 1-800-682-8982.

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File No. 87-1065-GC

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RUSSELL T. YARDLEY, Defendant.

John F. Robe (P27954)
Attorney for Plaintiff
438 East Lake Street
Petoskey, MI 49770
616-6347-7327

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
This litigation arises out of an alleged failure by Defendant to pay Plaintiff's Installment Loan Agreement. Plaintiff has been unable to locate Defendant.

IT IS ORDERED that Defendant may be served by publishing a copy of this Order for three consecutive weeks in the Charlevoix County Press. Unless Defendant responds to the Complaint in the 90th District Court, City-County Building, Petoskey, Michigan, within 35 days of the date of first publication, a default will be entered against Defendant and the relief sought by Plaintiff will be granted.

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Harvey C. Varroun,
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Toxic trash Donations for North Point over \$100,000

Once in a great while spurred by comments from family members, the urge to clean up the garage overcomes me. There are dangers out there. My eleven year old son recently tried to pry his bicycle out of the garage but instead unleashed a cascade of tomato cages from which he could not escape due to entanglement in drip irrigation tubing.

Clean up progressed well until I encountered four bottles of insecticides which I no longer use. My substitutes for these commonly used chemicals don't eliminate every last pest, but we've learned to accept a few blemishes and our yard is full of life.

What kept me from completing my task was serious concern about following insecticide label directions for disposal of these now unwanted substances. No matter how toxic the chemical was, with warnings such as "never spray near open water" or "toxic to fish and wildlife", I was directed to simply, "Wrap and place in trash collection."

Trash collection in our county proceeds as follows: your trash is placed on the curb in the morning and by the end of the day, it's gone. It never really disappears however. By the time it is buried at the landfill, the pesticide container has probably broken.

When a landfill leaks, and some do, or when such chemicals are disposed of in an improper manner, leakage into the environment occurs, polluting both ground and surface water. And one way or another, we get our throwaways back...toxics in our drinking water...fish with contaminant levels making them unfit for consumption.. or perhaps the elimination of all life from a local pond or stream.

I live in an area that does not provide me with a disposal alternative. Some counties and even a progressive state or two give their citizens the opportunity to dispose of these chemical leftovers in a responsible manner. Annually, Fairfax County, Virginia sponsors two household toxics round-ups. Home owners bring their chemicals to specified locations and can feel confident that proper disposal will occur.

Maine, a state that has taken the bull by the horns, has established a statewide container return program for agricultural users of pesticides. It also has conducted a limited number of household toxics pickups for concerned home owners.

The resiliency of wildlife species that survive in our neighborhoods is incredible. We need to remain vigilant however about the quality of the environment we live in, and that concern can begin on your street.

Fundraising to preserve North Point, a unique natural area near Charlevoix, reached a major milestone during the closing week of 1987 as the total cash donations and pledges to the project surpassed the \$100,000 mark. According to Tom Bailey, Executive Director of the Little Traverse Conservancy and North Point Project Coordinator, passing the six-figure mark was made possible because of the support the project has among people in the Charlevoix area.

"The preservation of North Point is going to happen because the people want it to happen," Bailey said. Citing support from business, industry, environmental groups, professionals, resorters and local year-round

residents, Bailey indicated that support for the project is "virtually universal. The fact that the \$100,000 mark has been passed after only two months of systematic fundraising is evidence of that support," he said.

The \$100,000 figure represents one-third of the \$300,000 the Conservancy hopes to raise from the local community. When a \$400,000 grant requested from the State Natural Resources Trust Fund is added, the total project cost of \$700,000 is reached. A decision from the Natural Resources Trust Fund Board on the \$400,000 request is expected on January 6, 1988. Bailey indicates he is confident that the Board will decide to make the grant because of the

outstanding natural characteristics of the property and the projected local participation. "Local support means a lot to the Board," Bailey said, "and especially when an area as special as North Point is involved." Other significant plant species and the fragile nature of great lakes sand dunes, Bailey added.

When asked about the future of the North Point project, Bailey said that the Trust Fund vote is obviously the next hurdle. After that, he says, the emphasis will be once again on local fundraising. "We're delighted to be past the \$100,000 mark," he said, "but we still have \$200,000 to go. That's a lot of money, and it will take a lot of work to raise it."

Fundraising is scheduled over the three years 1987-1989. With 1987 nearly over and a third of the local money raised, Bailey said efforts will focus on the remaining two-thirds. Asked if he thinks the additional \$200,000 will be forthcoming, he responded, "Absolutely. In addition to the fact that we've received over \$100,000 so far, we've heard from a number of people who have an ongoing commitment. One gentleman who only lives here in the summer pledged to send us \$100 each month until the project is completed. With that kind of support, we can't lose."

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"Farmers who do not certify will be ineligible for program benefits for the 1988-crop year on all land in which they have an interest," Elaine said. Program benefits include price and income supports, disaster payments, crop insurance, Farmers Home Administration loans, and other USDA program benefits.

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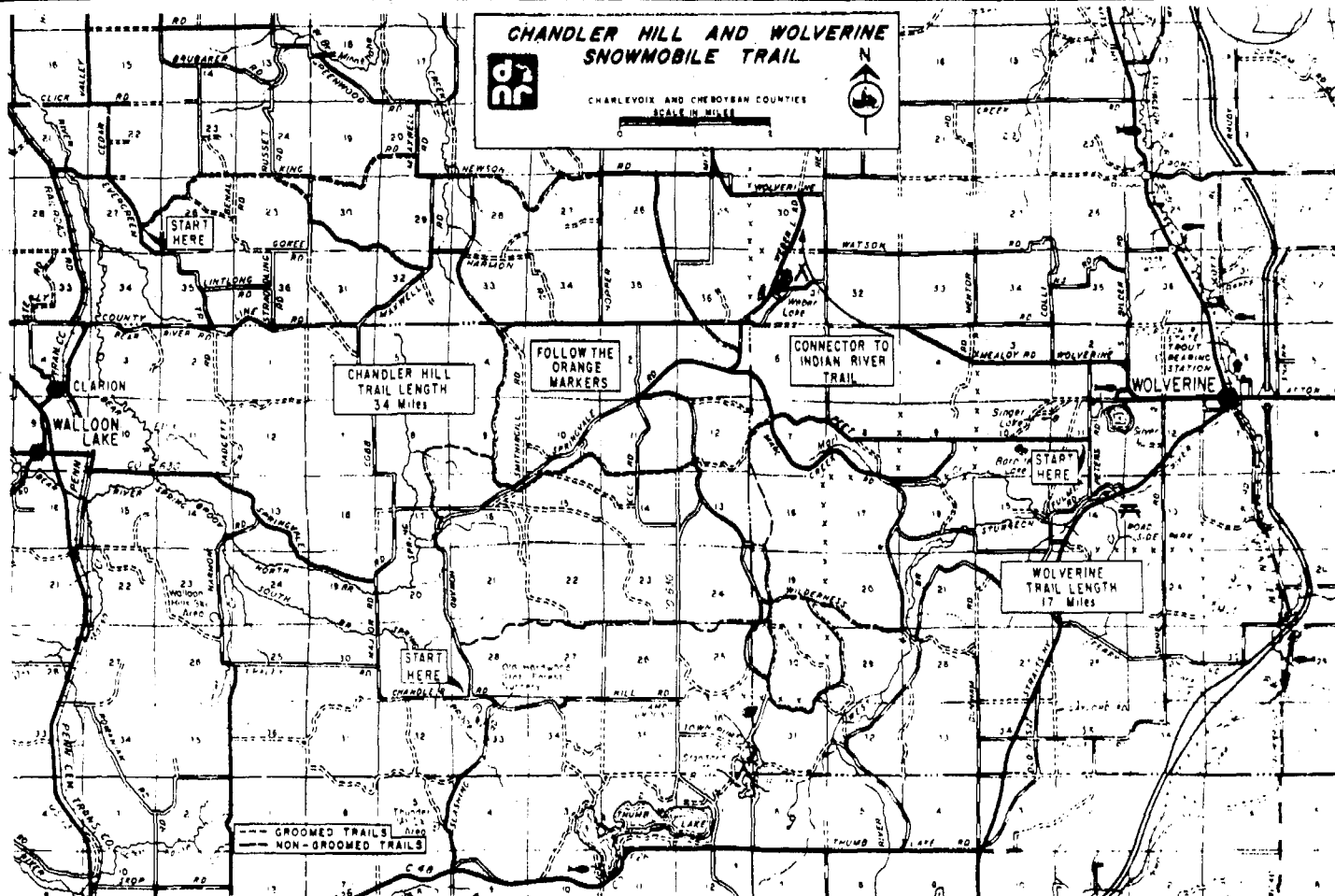
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Over 200 cross country skiers started the first race of the new Michigan Cup Series held this weekend at the Boyne Mountain Cross Country Center. These racers, shown just after the start, are part of the Bill Koch League. That league is designed for young racers and it is a growing sport for this area.





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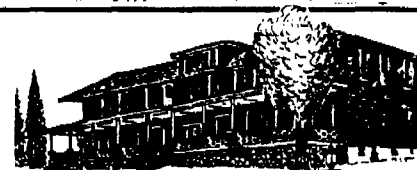
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Snowmaking tops \$7.5 million in improvements

The bulk of the more than \$7.5 million spent this year on upgrading facilities at Michigan ski areas was used to improve slope conditions and provide more challenging runs for skiers, according to AAA Michigan.

Unlike last year when ski areas spent most of the \$20 million in improvements on remodeling lodge facilities and building new condominiums, this year's improvements center on adding snowmaking and grooming equipment. Nineteen of Michigan's 50 ski lodges purchased new snowmaking and grooming equipment. A 4 percent decline in ski lift ticket sales last year over the 1985-86 season may have prompted ski area owners to pump extra money into adding the equipment.

According to the Department of Commerce, the drop in ticket sales was due to skiers in Southern Michigan ending

their season early because they believed that a lack of snow at home also was the case up north.

Skiers also will find a number of new slopes and changes at familiar ones as some ski areas combined longer and more difficult challenges.

At least \$11 million was spent on lodge and condominium construction last season—including a combined \$9 million at Boyne Mt. and Boyne Highlands in Northwest Lower Michigan. About \$2.8 million was spent statewide this season on similar construction.

Among the major lodging improvements is the \$675,000 first phase of a \$6 million project at Crystal Mountain near Thompsonville in West Michigan. Eight luxury condominiums will be finished in January as part of a three-to-five year project that will eventually add 72 condos to the complex.

In addition, increased snowmaking and grooming capabilities were added to Crystal Mountain and seven other West Michigan areas. Other areas are Bittersweet near Otsego, Caberfae near Cadillac, Cannonburg near Belmont, Hickory Hills near Traverse City, Nub's Nob near Harbor Springs, Swiss Valley near Jones and Timber Lodge near Gobles.

New or expanded runs will be open this year at Bittersweet, Boyne Mt. near Boyne Falls, Cannonburg, the Homestead Resort near Glen Arbor, Nub's Nob and Shanty Creek Resort near Bellaire.

Other improvements include a new cafe at The Homestead and the addition of an indoor pool at Sugar Loaf Resort near Cedar.

The largest addition to lodging facilities in East Michigan is a \$2 million project at the Sylvan Resort near Gaylord. That project created an additional

52 rooms, nearly doubling the resort's size to 128 rooms. A new lounge, outdoor pool and outdoor whirlpool spa also were added.

Other East Michigan facilities with improvements include Bintz Apple Mountain near Freeland, which enlarged on hill and increased its snowmaking capability. Michaywe Slopes near Gaylord added new snowmaking equipment. Cross-country skiers at Hanson Hills near Grayling will find widened trails. Three new runs for downhill skiers have been added at Mio Mt. near Farwell.

In Southeast Michigan, five ski areas have increased snowmaking capabilities, including Alpine Valley near Milford, Mt. Brighton near Brighton, Pine Knob near Clarkston, Riverview Highlands near Riverview and Mt. Gramplan near Oxford.

Two new slopes have been added to Alpine Valley and three new slopes will

open this season at Riverview Highlands. In the Upper Peninsula, Big Powderhorn Resort and Blackjack, both near Bessemer, have added snowmaking equipment. A new lift has been installed at Big Powderhorn and Blackjack widened its slopes as much as 40 percent. Ski Brule near Iron River widened some slopes and the unloading areas and increased

its snowmaking capacity 30 percent. Two new runs and a new chairlift have been added to Indianhead Mountain Resort near Wakefield and Mt. Zion near Ironwood has a new snowmaking machine.

Big Powderhorn Resort also has upgraded its rooms, added hot tubs and improved its saunas.

A list of lift prices and amenities at all of

Michigan's downhill ski areas can be found in AAA Michigan's 1987-88 ski guide. The guide shows lift ticket prices for weekend skiing range from \$3 to \$25 daily with the high \$5 more than last season.



Two racers just passed the start of the race started in with the new skating technique. This technique has proven to be a faster way of skiing than the old diagonal steps used by racers for years. It almost looks like the two are speed skating as they made their way around the 10 kilometer course set up for the men. The race was the first race in a series to decide who is the best in Michigan and was held at Boyne Mountain last Sunday.

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The majority of new skiers are introduced to the sport by a skiing friend, but even an expert skier does not automatically possess the knowledge and teaching skills of a professional ski instructor. A wise beginner will opt for an area's learn-to-ski package, often priced so attractively that beginners can't afford not to sign up. Oftentimes a lesson, lift ticket and the rental equipment combined are priced at or below the cost of a regular lift ticket.

Many is the time that a well-intentioned friend has

taken a hesitant beginner to the top of the mountain, thus creating a lasting, terrifying impression of the skiing sport. Learning to ski the right way, with help from the ski school, avoids such poor ski experiences, and can lead to a lifetime of skiing enjoyment. Professional ski instruction is experiencing a transition in teaching philosophy, balancing the traditional focus on technique with a more humanistic approach to teaching. A good instructor understands how people learn and how best to teach them the sport's basics. They can explain things in several different ways until the student understands. The instructor also familiarizes skiers with rules of courtesy on the hill; offers important ski safety tips; explains how to ride ski lifts; and is a model of patience. They are trained ski professionals and teachers who know the needs of the beginning skier.

The most important lesson any skier can learn is that no one is ever too good for ski lessons. Even the best ski racers in the world employ coaches to pinpoint and strengthen their flaws. Intermediate and advanced skiers should take periodic ski school lessons for tips on improving their technique or mastering a troublesome spot, thus accelerating them to a new skiing level. The more accomplished a skier becomes, the greater the satisfaction he or she will derive from the sport.

Ski areas are developing some



Members of the Salomon Cross Country Ski Team took time out from their warmups before the races held this past weekend at the Boyne Mountain Cross Country Center to pose for this picture. The team is made up of some of the elite racers within the state.

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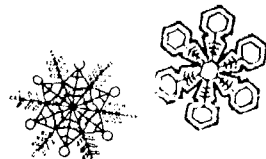
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Michigan's 4,200 miles of snowmobile trails were groomed round-the-clock by State and local officials and snowmobile clubs throughout the holidays as 197,231 registered Michigan snowmobiles, the nation's greatest number of snowmobiles registered in one state, were expected to converge on Michigan's trails.

Some 3,100 miles of snowmobile trails were groomed by local townships and snowmobile clubs with funds provided through DNR grants, said Tyler. An additional 1,100 miles of State-operated trails were groomed by the DNR's Forest Management Divi-

sion. More than \$136 million is spent by snowmobilers in Michigan each year - \$73.5 million on clothing, equipment and repairs, \$55.3 million on gas, oil, food, lodging and insurance and \$8.1 million is generated in State sales and gas

taxes and registration fees (\$15 every 3 years), according to the International Snowmobile Industry Association (ISIA), the trade association for the snowmobile industry.

Nearly 60 individual snowmobile trails, ranging from eight to 200 miles in

length, are situated throughout the State, with 2,100 miles of trails located in the Upper Peninsula, 1,700 miles in the northern Lower Peninsula and 400 miles in the southern Lower Peninsula.

Individual snowmobile trail maps are available free to the

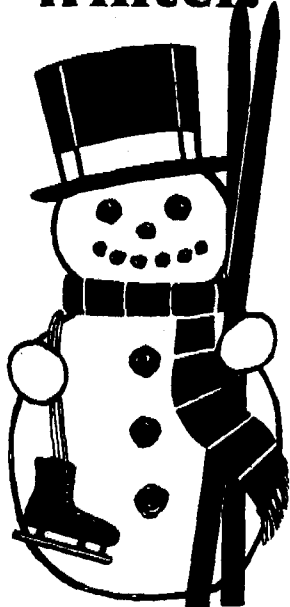
public from the DNR's Information Services Center, Box 30028, Lansing, MI 48909 (517-373-1220), or from most DNR offices.

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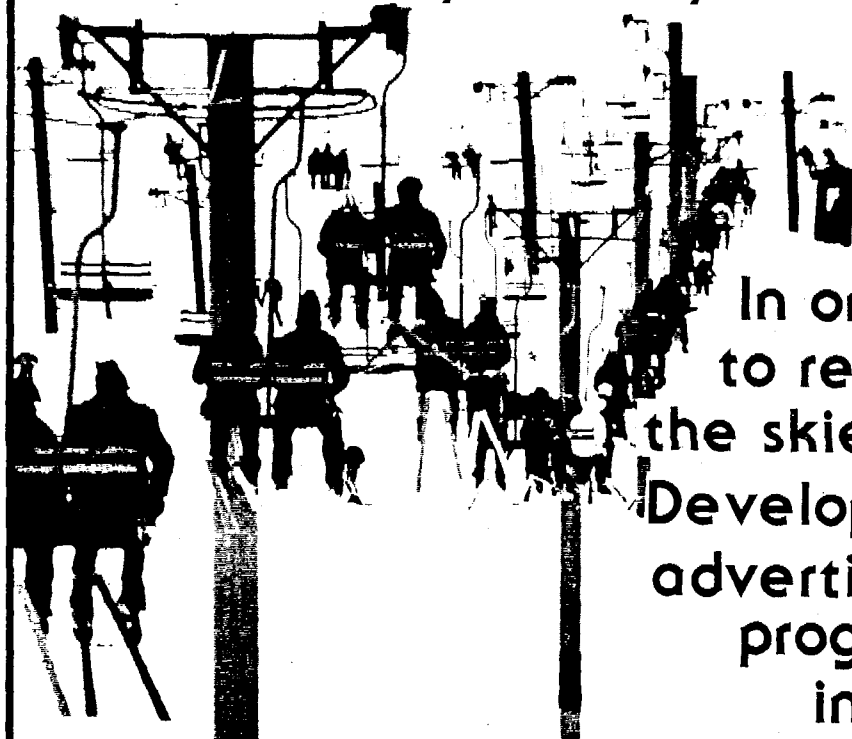
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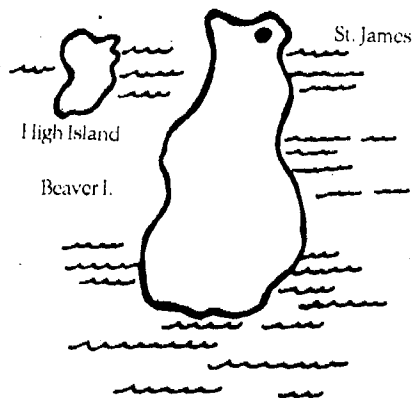
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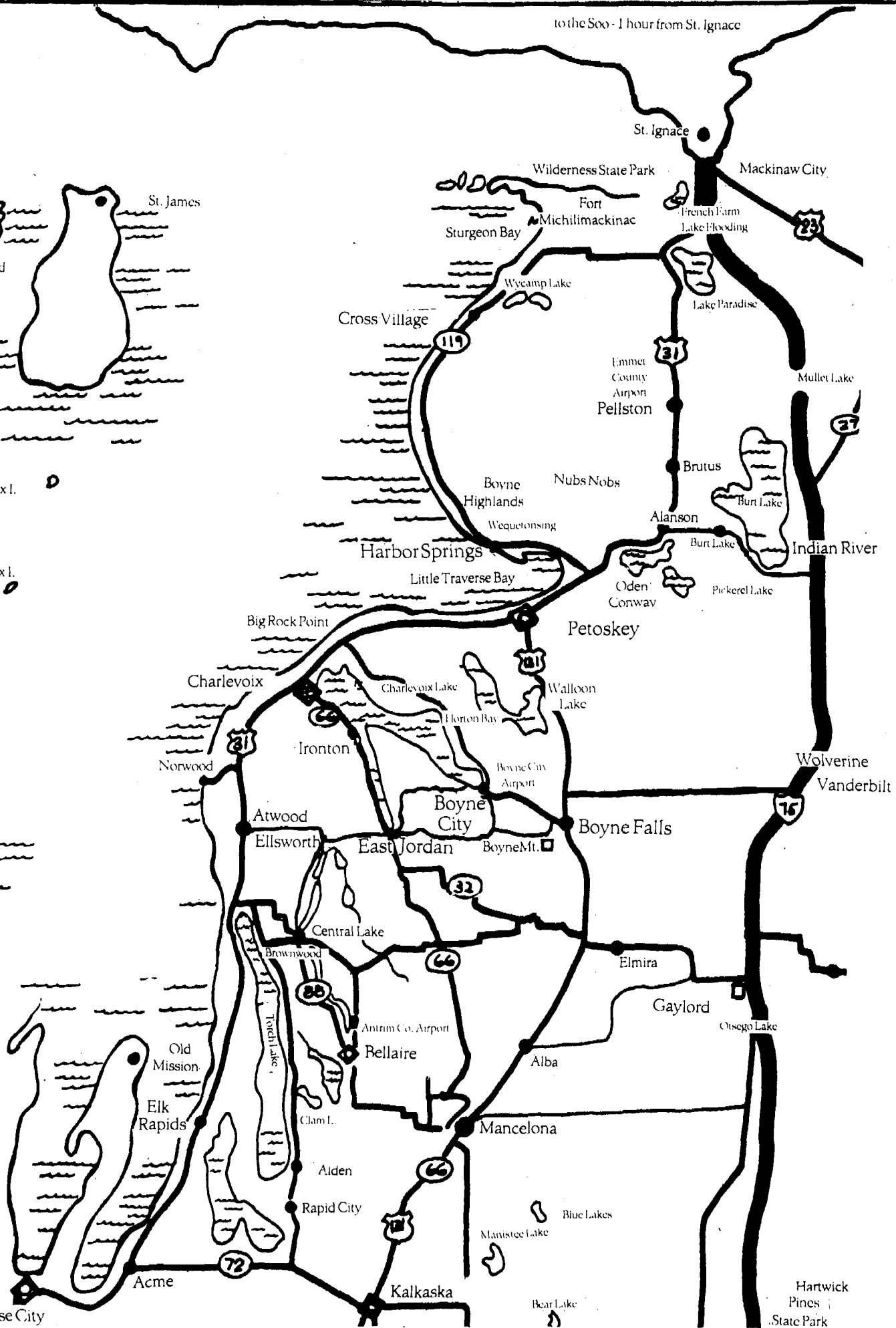
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New snowmobile trail spans lower Michigan

Completion of the first snowmobile trail across Lower Michigan and a host of statewide festivals aimed at snowmobilers should help make this one of the most successful winter tourism seasons ever, reports AAA Michigan.

The 200-mile trail links Traverse City and Tawas City and gives snowmobilers the second unbroken course across the state.

Snowmobilers should plan on spending a minimum of eight hours to travel it with sufficient food, lodging and other facilities along the way to meet all needs. The trail, which was partially open last year, can

include stops at tourism areas, such as Lake City, Houghton Lake and West Branch.

The first trans-Michigan trail is in the Upper Peninsula and links St. Ignace with Sault St. Marie before heading west to Wisconsin.

The popularity of the two trails is prompting snowmobile groups to plan a system of trails in West Michigan from the Indiana state line to the Mackinac Bridge. Another trail corridor is being considered in East Michigan, north of Flint to the bridge.

There are more than 5,000 miles of groomed trails in the state, including the two trans-Michigan

routes. The upkeep of those trails is funded by registration fees of the more than 195,000 licensed snowmobilers -- the highest of any state.

Snowmobilers will find 160 trails and areas listed on AAA Michigan's 1987-88 guide to public snowmobile trails. They range from two miles near Connoville to the new 200-mile link from Traverse City to Tawas City. The guide includes 62 state parks, one southern game area, 93 state forests and four national forests.

Among the many winter festivals of special interest to snowmobilers is the Gun Lake festival, Jan. 23-24, at Gun

Lake, south of Grand Rapids. More than 10,000 snowmobilers are expected for the weekend event.

Other events include: Jan. 16-18 Mardi Gras de Snow, Paradise; Jan. 16-17 and 23-24 Tip-Up Town, Houghton Lake; Jan. 22-23 Winneboozho, Marquette; Jan. 23 Portage Winter Carnival, Portage; Feb. 3-8 Winter Carnival, Michigan Tech, Houghton; Feb. 4-5 North American Snowmobile Festival, Cadillac; Feb. 4-6 Winter Sports Carnival, Grayling; Feb. 4-7 I-500, Sault St. Marie; Feb. 5-7 White Lake Snowfari, Montague; Feb. 5-7 East Jordan Winter Snow

Blast, East Jordan; Feb. 6 Gobles Snow Festival, Gobles; and Feb. 6-7 Devil's Lake Tip-Up Town, Manitou Beach.

Snowmobilers are advised to confirm event dates before they travel, since warm weather can cause cancellations.

Before snowmobilers head for trails, there must be at least four inches of snow on the ground.

AAA Michigan also suggests snowmobilers follow these safety rules:

- Dress warmly and avoid clothing which may become tangled in the equipment.

- Carry first aid and survival kits which include a compass, maps, matches in a waterproof container, food and extra clothing.

- Do not stray from marked trails. Look for fences and wires hidden in the snow. Respect private property.

- Make sure ice is at least six inches thick before

snowmobiling across lakes and rivers. Beware of fishing holes, stumps and pilings concealed by snow. Avoid ice at river mouths.

- Avoid alcohol consumption.
- Avoid excessive speed.

Of the 407 accidents in Michigan that involved snowmobiles during the 1985-86 season -- the last year for which statistics are available -- 13 persons were killed and 371 injured.

U.S. Pro Tour at Highlands Feb. 4-7

Harbor Springs, Mich. - The U.S. Men's Pro Ski Tour will return to Boyne Highlands Feb. 4-7 for the Audi/Post Grape-Nuts Midwest Pro Series.

Up to 70 of the world's best professional ski racers will compete for \$50,000 in prize money and the oppor-

tunity to pick up points in the overall standings. The pro who accumulates the most points at the end of the season wins the grand prize Audi Quattro automobile.

Boyne Highlands is a long-time favorite of the touring racers for its top quality race conditions. The event will be held on the

South Challenger slope, which provides spectators with a view of the course from top to bottom.

There is no charge to watch the race.

The pros will compete in dual pro format racing -- an event which is exciting to watch and easy to understand. Pros are assigned to a starting position on the ladder by seed and draw, and race in pairs on identical courses side by side.

Boyne Highlands crowds go unmatched when it comes to cheering on Michigan natives like Cary Adgate of Boyne Falls, Terry Ahola of Gladstone and Nick Nixon of Traverse City. Another Midwest favorite is Cory Carlson from Minnetonka, Minn.

Ahola, Adgate and Carlson were all former members of the U.S. Ski Team and all got their starts in Michigan. Adgate's career includes being a member of two Olympic teams and winning the U.S. Nationals six times. He turned pro in 1987

claiming the Rookie of the Year Award, was the Eastern Pro Champion in 1983-84 and is always a top finishing pro.

Ahola spent three years on the U.S. Ski Team before an automobile accident forced him off. He turned pro in '84 and won Rookie of the Year honors. Ahola's professional attitude makes him a favored spokesperson for the tour. He often does segments as television commentator.

The Highlands is the only Midwestern stop for the pro tour.



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9	Great Buchanan Ski Race, Buchanan	30- Feb. 7	Manistee County Winterfest, Manistee
14-17	Grand Rapids Camper and RV Show, Grand Rapids	3-6	FEBRUARY Winter Carnival, Michigan
14-17	International Silver Stick Finals, McMorran Arena, Port Huron	4-7	Technological University, Houghton
15-17	World Sno' Challenge Snowmobile Races, Midland	5-7	Boat and Marine Show, Battle Creek
15- Feb. 14	Winter Festival, (weekends), Jackson	5-7	Peachville USA, East Tawas
16	Lumpallo Ski Race and Winter Carnival, Hastings	5-7	North American Snowmobile Festival, Cadillac
16	Gran Travers, Traverse City	5-7	Sno'art, Montague
16	Moose Jaw Safari, Harbor Springs	Feb. 5-7; 12-14	Winter Carnival, Lewiston
16-17	Snowshoe Race, Munising	6	"Snowblast '88," East Jordan
16-17	Spirit Of Winter Carnival, Bay City	6-7	Camper & RV Show, State Fairgrounds, Detroit
18-17	Tip-Up-Town USA, Houghton Lake	6-7	I-500 Snowmobile Race, Sault Ste. Marie
23-24	Detroit Auto Show, Cobo Hall, Detroit	6-14	Winter Sports Carnival, Grayling
20-24	Boat, Sport and RV Show, Silverdome, Pontiac	6-14	Pine Mountain Ski Jumping Classic, Iron Mountain
22-23	Dogsled Races, Gun Lake	6-15	Boat & Fishing Show, Cobo Hall, Detroit
22- March 6	Winneboozho Winter Festival, Marquette	9-12	Winterfest, Grand Haven
23- Feb. 7	Snow Sculpturing Contest, Cadillac	10-14	Special Olympics Winter Games, Sugar Loaf Mt., Cedar
23	Winter Festival, Portage	10-14	Camper and RV Show, Flint
23-24	Polar Ice Cap Golf Tournament, Spring Lake	11-14	RV and Camper Show, Battle Creek
23-24	Dog Show, State Fairgrounds, Coliseum, Detroit	12-14	Winterfest, Gaylord
25- Feb. 6	Winter Carnival, Sault Ste. Marie	13	Winter Carnival, Alpena
27-28	U.P. Winter Special Olympics, Marquette County	13-21	North American VASA Race, Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City
29-31	International Open Figure Skating Championships, Marquette	19-21	Ice Fishing Contest, Pentwater
29-31	Winter Carnival, Petoskey	19-28	Frozen Cherry Festival, Traverse City
30	Silver Creek Challenge, Huron National Forest, Tawas City	23-28	Traverse City Outdoorama, State Fairgrounds, Detroit
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