

Boyne City taking action at intersection

Boyne City Commissioners heard three suggestions from the city staff concerning the intersection at Lake Street, Groveland and Michigan Avenue at their noon Tuesday meeting, all designed to

help identify the intersection and reduce future accidents.

The intersection was the scene of a two-car accident last month that injured four people.

Included in the recommen-

dations were a larger, more modern blinker light, 12 inches in diameter that will be aimed to alert drivers coming into the intersection from Groveland. It would replace the present flasher that does not meet current identification guidelines.

Also included would be a "curve ahead" sign that would also have a speed indicator attached to it. Another recommendation was to install a larger turn arrow indicator sign with a lattice background which would replace the present arrow.

All of the recommendations would be installed as soon as they can be purchased, City Manager Randy Frykberg told the commissioners.

The commissioners also heard a report concerning the results of the Business and Industry Survey that was recently completed by the city's Economic Development Council.

Seventeen questions were asked of community retailers and businesses and most of the respon-

ses were positive towards the city and what was being done.

Twenty-seven percent of the businesses said they were expecting to expand in the near future. The only area of the survey which did not draw percentages in the eighties and nineties was the question concerning the city streets. That only drew a favorable 51 percent. Richard May, a member of the EDC said that question could have shown the concerns while the roads around town were under construction with infrastructure repairs.

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Nakoneczny gets new contract, raise in Boyne

Boyne City school board members approved a new contract for Superintendent Robert Nakoneczny that will ensure his being the head of the school system for the next three years.

The new contract is retroactive to the first of July, 1989, and will go through June 30, 1992. It includes step increases and a 4.5 percent raise for each of the three years.

This means that Nakoneczny

will be making \$54,562 for this school year, \$59,517 in 1990, \$64,695 in 1991.

Also included in the contract are fringe benefits which include the payments of \$300 per month for the personal use of his automobile when on school business for the first year and a 4.5 percent increase in the car allowance each succeeding year. He will also be reimbursed for all reasonable general and personal business ex-

penses in the carrying out of his duties.

The school system will also be paying four percent of his annual salary towards an annuity, give him 30 days vacation each year with the privilege of saving vacation time for up to eight weeks. He will also have two personal business days, three consultant days and 12 paid sick days each year of the contract. Along with that he will have nine

holidays such as Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and others.

The district will also expect the superintendent to attend all local and regional meetings, workshops and conference of several professional organizations such as the Michigan Association of School Boards, Michigan Association of School Administrators, and other professional organizations as the board wants the superintendent to continue with his professional development. The board wants Nakoneczny to be active in the state and local political processes which affect the school district and education in Northern Michigan.

The contract will be reviewed annually and the school board or Nakoneczny will have to notify the other before February of each year as to extension of the contract. The contract will be automatically extended for an additional year unless the school board notifies him by April 1 of each year that they do not wish to

retain his services the following year.

The board will also provide Nakoneczny with health, long term disability and term life insurance.

The board and Nakoneczny have been working out the details of the agreement for the past several months. As the issue was brought up from the agenda, board member Judy Follette asked that Robert's Rules be followed so the matter would be properly covered. A motion was made to accept the new contract before the board started discussion about the many areas the contract covers.

Board member Dave Guzniczak asked other board members several questions wanting their input into the costs of the contract. He and Follette pondered about the raises in the contract and were told that the amounts would take Nakoneczny off the bottom of the scale as compared to what other school districts of the same size are paying for their superintendents. Board members cited a list from

Charlevoix, Harbor Springs, Petoskey, and other close school districts showing that Nakoneczny would not necessarily be on the bottom, but would still be one of the lower paid superintendents in a similar sized school district.

With that knowledge, the board members took a vote to approve the contract with only Follette voting no. She later said that the reason for her vote was only because of the school's financial position as she thinks it is still not in good enough shape to offer increases to employees.

In other action, the school board accepted the annual school audit from Robertson and Carpenter, CPAs, and learned the school is getting in better financial shape. Over the past few years, the school system has had to spend some of the fund equity it had built up over the years in order to maintain a balanced budget.

Nakoneczny had told the board last year when they approved the

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Road Commission delays snowmobile/road okay

Charlevoix County Road Commissioners may be leaning towards allowing snowmobiles on county roads, but the decision was delayed after the commissioners discussed some of the possible problems that may be involved.

The biggest problem, according to some commissioners, is the liability. Commissioners do not want to have the county liable for some accident caused when a snowmobiler hits a tree along a county right-of-way.

So while the decision was delayed, the commissioners did agree to set up a meeting before the October 23 road commission meeting to try to work out some of

the possible solutions.

Currently, one of the options they are looking at would be to get together with the Department of Natural Resources, State Police, the Charlevoix County Snowmobile Council, the County Sheriff's Department, and the cities to try to work out designated roads where snowmobiles would be allowed.

Another option would be to accept the state law covering the use of snowmobiles. One problem the commissioners have with that law is that all roads within the county would be open and that may not be

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Pipeline work to start in Hudson Twp

Great Lakes Gas Transmission Company announced plans for the construction of 177 miles of 36 inch diameter pipeline, 5.8 miles of which will be through Charlevoix County in Chandler and Hudson Townships.

The line, called a loop, will let the company supply additional Canadian natural gas into lower Michigan and eastern Canada and will increase the capacity by 157.5 million cubic feet per day, company officials said.

The line will be constructed parallel and adjacent to the present pipeline which goes through the townships. The gas transmission company said the construction will be started in this area sometime in late October or early November.

The line acutally begins in British Columbia, Canada, traversing through Canada before crossing into the United States in Minnesota, then crosses Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan before heading due south to end up near Port Huron where it crosses into southern Canada.

Of the upgrade of the line, 116 miles are slated for construction in Michigan.

The company started the planning of the upgrade after receiving requests from three gas companies asking them to provide additional capacity for their customers. The gas line filed applications with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission which has authorized the construction.

The pipe will be buried alongside of the existing pipeline about four feet deep, company officials said, by the firm winning the bid, Welded Construction Company from Ohio. They project hiring some local workers to help with the construction.

Additional taxes the company expects to pay will figure out to \$44,000 per year for the work being done in Charlevoix County. Taxes the company expects to pay for the new construction involved in the project amount to about \$8.1 million.

The looping of the gas line makes the pipeline more secure in the event of an outage and allows the compressor engines, one which is located in Chandler Township, to run on less fuel.

News Briefs

Although Spirit Week is almost over, there is still time for plenty of activities as the Boyne City High School students look forward to their annual Homecoming game to be held Friday night. Tonight, Wednesday, Oct. 11, the school will be holding a snake dance at 7:30 p.m. and bonfire starting from the middle school and ending at Veteran's Park. Friday, they will be voting for queen and king at school and holding the parade at 3 p.m. The parade route this year starts at Veteran's Park, Lake Street to Water Street and out Boyne Ave. to the high school. Then the game starts at 7:30 p.m. with the queen crowning to be at halftime. The king crowning will be held at the Homecoming Dance that is to be held after the game.

Due to a large number of false burglar alarms responded to by the county sheriff's department, county commissioners approved an ordinance establishing a fee schedule for residence and business alarm systems when they are activated and found to be false. The fee will be \$50.00 for every false alarm generated by the user's system. Those tripping the alarm but calling in to the sheriff's office within five minutes will not be assessed. Any fine not paid within 90 days will terminate the service agreement between the county and the user. In 1988, the department responded to 60 alarms and only one was found to be needed.

Property owners can obtain courtesy forms to give people permission to hunt on their property by contacting the sheriff's department in Charlevoix at 547-9062 or in Boyne Falls at the sub-station, 582-6212.



King and Queen of East Jordan's Homecoming last Friday were crowned at halftime ceremonies of the football game between East Jordan and Harbor Springs. This year, the King is Mike Rebec and the Queen is Theresa Brennan.

Opinions

All right Charlevoix County residents. Are you ready to see your car insurance rates go up about 57 percent? That is what the probable rise in insurance costs would be if a proposed bill that was introduced to the State Legislature would do if it were approved.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Nelson Saunders of Detroit, would, among many other provisions, eliminate the use of territorial base rates, which help define costs in areas where accidents and other insurance losses are greater or lesser.

Charlevoix County happens to be in one of those areas which fall into the lesser category. We don't have as many cars stolen around here as they do in a territory like Detroit. We don't have as many accidents mainly because we have fewer automobiles traveling the roads as compared to the urban areas of the state.

But this proposed bill would try to equalize out the costs from one end of the state to the other. A place of high risk today, like Detroit, would end up getting their insurance costs reduced by as much as 45 percent.

Rep. Saunders has said "Michigan residents have been victimized for too long by a system that allows them to be systematically gouged. Year after year insurance rates have escalated and so have company profits."

What the man doesn't say is that the costs of insurance have risen along with the cost of cars.

Just a few years ago, a typical automobile might cost \$12,000. Today, that same vehicle would cost \$17,000. The raise in insurance that you and I have to pay is based on that vehicle's cost as well as the owner's driving record.

While we dread the thought of having to pay more for a new automobile, we dread even more the additional cost of legislative mandated rules and regulations. Especially car insurance.

We already are paying extra for such mandates as air bags, new rules for gasoline stations that are being passed on to us. We don't feel we can afford much more.

Especially for the benefit of someone who lives in an urban area.

Jottings

BY JIM SILBAR

There will be some dark and dreary days in Horton Bay and Bay Township if I am understanding some of the new laws the township has created. No more can the rooster call to awaken the citizens. . . no more can the dog bark to let you know when a stranger is approaching. . . and no longer can the wailful call of the Sasquatch be heard throughout the land.

If any of those things do occur, then those animals would be breaking the law.

No more can a cow moo, a chicken cackle, a wild turkey with his scratchy call sound off.

Now that the township has passed that law, I fully expect the Sheriff's department to enforce it. And they better, now that the Sheriff asked for the rule. In fact, I would like to see the deputies stationed right there in the middle of the township so they could have

instant response to some of the noises that go on in the township at all hours of the day.

With a noise ordinance, I expect all of the citizens to not start up their automobiles or trucks or bulldozers and tractors before 9 a.m.

Wait a minute, make that never, as the ordinance doesn't say much about time periods of quietness.

I guess I will get to see magistrate lists of all Bay Township citizens who start up their cars every morning, getting fined \$500 a day for making the noise.

I also would guess we will see a lot of human voices be stilled at the annual Fourth of July Parade because I think there would be too much noise and commotion.

After all, if the ordinance was placed for the benefit of one, it was placed for the benefit of all.

Carl Skornia, the deceased former government teacher and

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Letters

Headlee's letter 'left something out'

Editor,

In a recent letter to the editor in newspapers throughout the state, a Mr. Dick Headlee, Farmington Hills, personified the negative attitude toward school finance reform some people have in the State of Michigan. The only thing he left out was that the school district in which Farmington Hills belongs to, ranks in the TOP TWELVE statewide as far as

dollars spent by a school district per child per year.

Mr. Headlee in his campaign to protect the taxpayer from the evils of those constitution changing Do Gooders, failed to mention that the kids where he lives are on the top of the school finance barrel looking down on the rest. He failed to mention the many educational ad-

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Remembrances



Workers from one of the area lumber mills posed for this picture taken about the turn of the century. A bird's eye view of the lumber mill is inset showing the many buildings the mill had from which logs were turned into lumber.

Marshall Sayles

I shall now pass among you with my weekly offering; it isn't a plate of money, but rather a gunnysack full of common sense, the subjects of which are wonderful, even to me.

Now, let us commence with signs of the whine:

Gift shoppe, Alden, Mich:
Children left unattended will be sold.

B.C. bumper sticker:
So many pedestrians and so little time.

Petoskey bumper sticker:
A little tongue can do big damage in a small town.

Do you rule the roost in your house, or does your wife throw things out of joint by ruling the rooster? When I was asked that question I was told that a correct answer would earn me ten points.

Not wanting to create a forked tongue circus, I grabbed those ten points and went out to wash the car. Some thought I had thrown my resentment into the stove, but I hadn't.

A man never knows how angry he can get until a husband and wife question is put to him and he has to answer with a straight faced, flat-out falsehood.

Actually, I was so mad I didn't know whether to go down and jump off the city dock or start up an all night pizza parlor in Clarion. Jumbled thoughts can bully the mind in times like these.

If I had had a ten quart pail of horse sense I would have blatted out the truth and let the circus begin. (Blatted out truths are the most convincing.)

But I answered "correctly" to keep the peace and let the disappointed neighbors go back into their houses.

Now, how about you? Do you rule the roost in your house, or does your wife rule the rooster? When you answer I shall be watching very carefully with my ears.

Heavens, how my wife likes it when I am writing this column; that's because when I am not thinking I whistle.

A large department store was about to open for a big "Pre-winter" sale. Just before the doors opened the frantic store manager used the intercom to address employees. "Now hear this," he said. "I want all you heels to be on your toes."

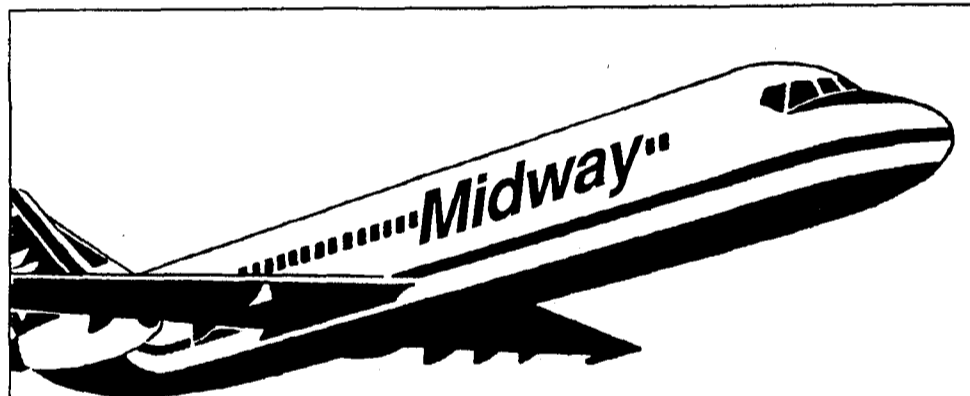
I have no idea how I got so deep into this column without mentioning the weather. It is only thirty-eight degrees outside my window. Leaves are turning and falling and the birds of winter are

holding a mass meeting around our sunflower feeder.

I like the fall, but dislike the cold weather. It always seems to attack my most usable parts. They don't

function so well below fifty degrees. (What they do above fifty degrees ain't none of your business.)

Readers will now find it to their benefit to lay the paper aside and go back to worrying about the brooms and shovels they will have to fuss with next month.



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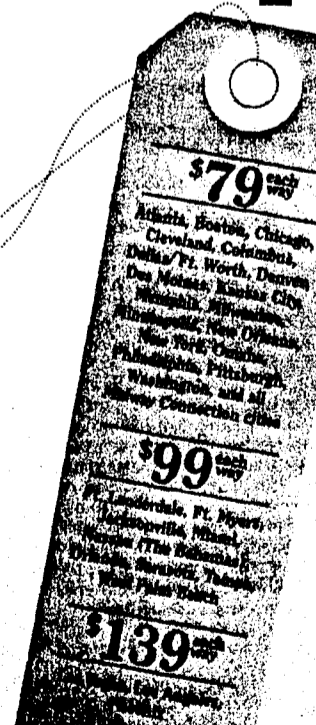
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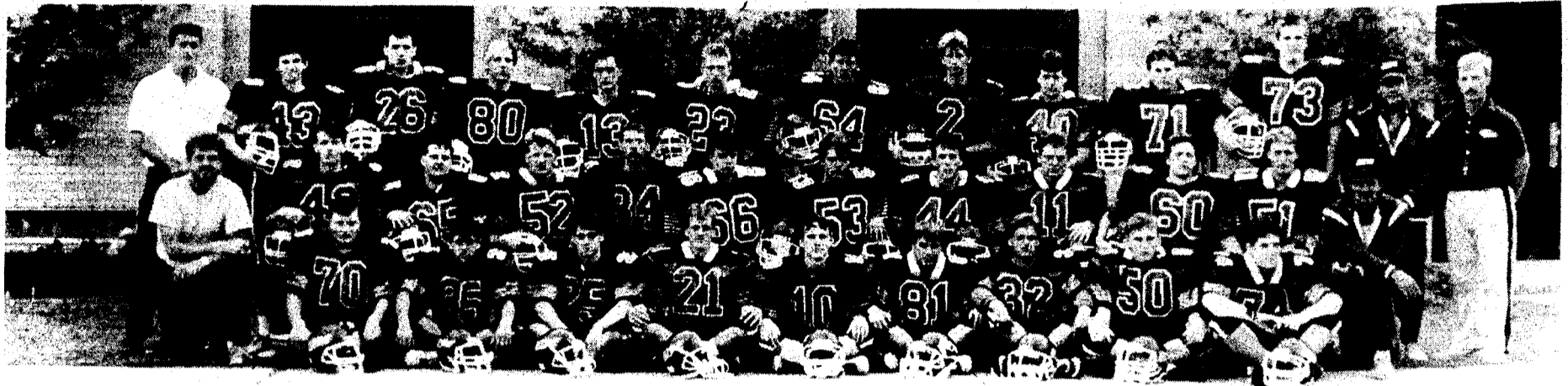
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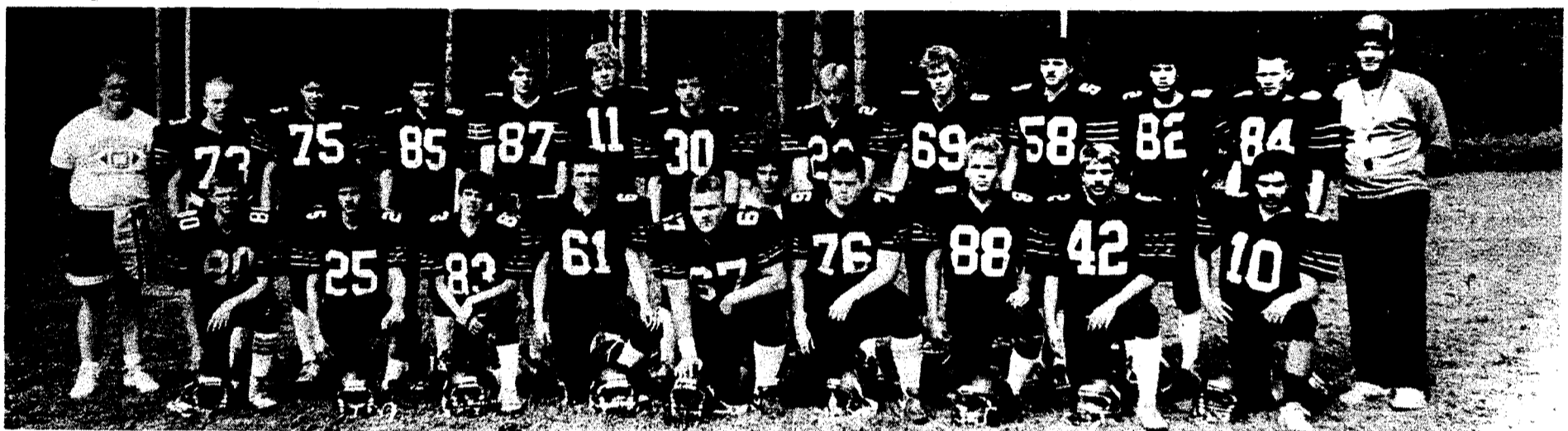


Head Coach: Mr. Jack Gebauer

BOYNE CITY VARSITY FOOTBALL

Friday gametime 7:30

Sept. 1	Fri.	Harbor Springs	Lost 20-14	Sept. 23	Sat.	Battle C. Pennfield	Lost 26-0	Oct. 13	Fri.	Onaway Homecoming	Home
Sept. 8	Fri.	Rudyard	Lost 22-0	Sept. 29	Fri.	Whittemore-Prescott	Lost 28-0	Oct. 20	Fri.	Newberry	Away
Sept. 15	Fri.	Lincoln-Alcona	Lost 26-7	Oct. 7	Sat.	Hopkins	Home 3:00	Oct. 27	Fri.	Johannesburg	Home



Head Coach: Mr. Bob Rebec

EAST JORDAN VARSITY FOOTBALL

Sept. 1	Fri.	Elk Rapids	Lost 23-8	Sept. 22	Fri.	Bellaire	Lost 24-8	Oct. 14	Sat.	Central Lake	Away	1:00
Sept. 8	Fri.	Charlevoix	Lost 34-0	Sept. 29	Fri.	Deckerville	Lost 28-0	Oct. 20	Fri.	St. Marys	Home	7:30
Sept. 15	Fri.	Inland Lakes	Lost 21-20	Oct. 6	Fri.	Harbor Springs	Home 7:30	Oct. 27	Fri.	Mancelona	Away	7:30

BOYNE CITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Sept. 5	Tues.	Gaylord	Home	
Sept. 7	Thurs.	East Jordan	Away	6:00
Sept. 12	Tues.	Harbor Springs	Away	
Sept. 14	Thurs.	Rogers City	Home	
Sept. 21	Thurs.	Grayling	Away	
Sept. 26	Tues.	Charlevoix	Away	
Sept. 28	Thurs.	Boyer Falls	Home	
Oct. 3	Tues.	Petoskey	Home	
Oct. 5	Thurs.	Rudyard	Away	
Oct. 10	Tues.	Harbor Springs	Home	
Oct. 12	Thurs.	Johannesburg	Home	
Oct. 17	Tues.	East Jordan	Home	
Oct. 19	Thurs.	Charlevoix	Home	
Oct. 24	Tues.	Grayling	Home	
Oct. 26	Thurs.	Petoskey	Away	6:00
Oct. 31	Tues.	Cheboygan	Away	
Nov. 7	Tues.	Johannesburg	Away	6:30
Nov. 9	Thurs.	Gaylord	Away	

BOYNE FALLS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Aug. 31 & Sept. 1	Alba Tip Off Tourney-Away-6:00
Sept. 5	Buckley-Away-6:00
Sept. 7	Lake Leelanau-Away-6:30 (var.)
Sept. 12	Pickford-Away-6:00
Sept. 19	Wolverine-Away-6:00
Sept. 21	Mackinaw City-Away-6:00
Sept. 26	Alba-Away-6:00
Sept. 28	Boyer Falls-Away-6:15
Oct. 3	Ellsworth-Away-6:00
Oct. 5	Alanson-Away-6:00
Oct. 10	Vanderbilt-Away-6:00
Oct. 12	Wolverine-Away-6:00
Oct. 17	Harbor Lts. Christian-Home-6:00
Oct. 19	Mackinaw City-Home-6:00
Oct. 24	Alba-Home-6:00
Oct. 31	Buckley-Home-6:00
Nov. 2	Ellsworth-Home-6:00
Nov. 7	Alanson-Home-6:00
Nov. 9	Vanderbilt-Home-6:00

EAST JORDAN GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Sept. 5	Charlevoix - away - 6:00
Sept. 7	Boyer Falls - Home - 6:00
Sept. 12	Ellsworth - away - 6:00
Sept. 14	Pellston - away - 6:00
Sept. 19	Gaylord St. Marys-away-6:00
Sept. 21	Inland Lakes - home - 6:00
Sept. 26	Bellaire - away - 6:00
Sept. 28	Mancelona - home - 6:00
Oct. 5	Harbor Springs-away-6:00
Oct. 10	Ellsworth - home - 6:00
Oct. 12	Central Lake - home - 6:00
Oct. 17	Boyer Falls - away - 6:15
Oct. 19	Pellston - home - 6:00
Oct. 24	Gaylord St. Marys-home-6:00
Oct. 26	Inland Lakes - away - 6:00
Oct. 31	Central Lake - away - 6:00
Nov. 2	Bellaire - home - 6:00
Nov. 9	Harbor Springs - home - 6:00
Nov. 11	Mancelona - away - 6:00

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Strategies for winning grants

Grantsmanship—the art of drafting winning state and federal grants for manufacturing and technology based companies in Michigan, will be the second program in a series of fall breakfast meetings hosted by the Northern Chapter of the Michigan Technology Council here. It will be held Wednesday, October 11th, at the Holiday Inn.

Dr. Thomas Borton, executive business consultant for MERRA, a small business center which focuses on science and technology for Michigan, will be the guest speaker. He'll describe the strategies and histories of Michigan companies which have won state Research Fund and federal SBIR grants.

"MERRA has been so successful with their programs to help small businesses prepare these state and federal grant applications, that the Michigan Technology Council refers all potential research grant applicants to them for help," explained MTC President Elsie White of Michigan Technological University in Houghton.

Registration for the mid-week meeting starts at 7:15 a.m. Breakfasts at 7:30 a.m., introductions 8 a.m., speakers 8:15 a.m. and networking at 9 a.m.

Meeting cost for MTC members is \$15 with a table to ten costing \$100. Non-members will pay \$20 apiece and \$150 for a table of ten.

For further information or reservations, phone Traverse City (616) 947-0110 during weekly business hours.

BF JV's win over Ellsworth

BY BECKY HAUSLER
The Boyne Falls jayvees won their game at Ellsworth last Tuesday night.

High scorer for Boyne Falls was Christina Barnadyn with 12, followed by Jeanie Lewis with 8, Wendi LaCroix had 4, and Shani Hawes, 3. Jennifer Seelye scored two and Shawn McNew had one point.

The Boyne Falls varsity lost at Alanson. Top Scorer for Boyne Falls was JoAnn Bearnss with 7, followed by Cheryl Wasylewski with 4, and Tracy Danbert with 3. Yvonne Giem, Missy Massey, Ellen Reynolds, and Karen Bearnss each scored two.

What's Happening

GIANT RUMMAGE SALE The Presbyterian Church at 207 Williams Street, East Jordan, will be the site of a fantastic rummage sale on Friday, October 20, 8:30-5:00, and Saturday, October 21, 9:00-12:00. Come and enjoy.	CARD & GAME PARTY Grandvue Medical Care Facility Auxiliary will have a card and games party Thursday, October 12 at 1 p.m. at the facility in East Jordan. The public is welcome to join in, the cost is \$1.00 per person. A bake sale is also held at this time.	HARVEST DINNER The Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park, Boyne City, will be sponsoring a chicken dinner on Thursday, Oct. 19. Seatings are at 5:00, 5:45, and 6:30. Tickets are available at the door. Children under six years of age are free and those under 12 pay a reduced price. Carry outs are available. Call 582-7983 by 3:00 on Thursday to order. Your order may be picked up between 4:15-4:30, or we'll deliver at 4:30. Diners may order 1-2 take out dinners to take with them as they finish.
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Public Notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made January 27, 1984, by CARL J. BAYSTER and DOREEN K. BAYSTER, Husband and Wife, as mortgagor(s), to the United States of America, as mortgagee, and recorded on January 27, 1984, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, in Liber 172 of mortgages on pages 100-103; and re-recorded in Liber 172, pages 380-383.

On which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice Forty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Seven and 34/100 Dollars (\$47,837.34) principal and Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Five and 24/100 Dollars (\$18,585.24) interest; no writ or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale contained in said mortgage having become operative by reason of such default; NOW, THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that on November 15, 1989 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the East Door of Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with the legal costs and charges of sale provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described, as follows, to wit: Land located in City of Boyne City, County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan. Lot No. 294, Block No. 17 NICHOLLS AND MORGAN'S THIRD ADDITION TO SOUTH BOYNE, now part of Boyne City, Michigan.

The redemption period will be six months from the foreclosure sale. Property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the foreclosure sale plus interest and any unpaid encumbrances on the property from date of sale. For additional information, contact UNITED STATES OF AMERICA acting through Farmers Home Administration, 2206 Mitchell Park Dr., Petoskey, MI 49770, mortgagee.

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MORTGAGE SALE
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by HAROLD I. HAMLIN AND MARCELYN M. HAMLIN, husband and wife to First National Bank and Trust Company, Petoskey, Michigan (now known as NBD PETOSKEY BANK, N.A.) Mortgagee, dated January 7, 1986, and recorded on January 23, 1986, in Liber 183, on page 28, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FOURTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWELVE and 75/100 Dollars (\$14,512.75), including interest at 11.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main Lobby of the Charlevoix County Court House, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11:00 o'clock, A.M. on December 1, 1989.

Said premises are situated in the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:
A part of Lot 35, Block F, of South Boyne as recorded in Liber 1, Page 9, Charlevoix County Records; Commencing at the Northeast corner of the above Lot 35; thence South 103 feet; thence West 33 feet; thence North 103 feet to Main Street; thence East to place of beginning. AND ALSO, a parcel of same above Lot 35; Commencing at the Southeast corner of said lot; thence West 33 feet; thence North 53 feet; thence East 33 feet; thence South 53 feet to place of beginning. AND ALSO, 4 feet off the West side of Lot 35 of said plat of South Boyne.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.




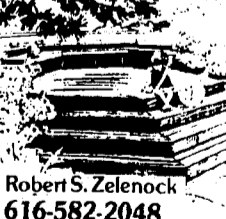

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Boyerne losses at 6 for season as Hopkins wins 28-0

BY JERRY FROATS

Independent from the umbrella of a sanctioned league, the Boyne City Rambler football squad went down to defeat at the hands of the Hopkins Vikings 28-0 Saturday afternoon and are looking for their first victory after six starts.

Very few passes were attempted by either team in the bitter weather Saturday as ground play action dominated the calls from the sideline coaches. The Viking backfield proved to be a deceptive crew as they ran the majority of their plays out of counter motion, with the Hopkins quarterback frequently bootlegging the ball around the ends for good yardage, including two touchdowns.

Hopkins passed just twice in the entire game, both completions ending up with points on the board. The first Viking pass came late in the first period from forty yards

out and was run into the endzone. Pass number two went forty six yards to the Rambler one yard line where the Hopkins quarterback bootlegged the conversion.

The Vikings put up a 22-0 score late in the third period on a forty nine yard quarterback run off the counter and followed up on their next possession early in the fourth quarter with an identical run from thirty five yards out.

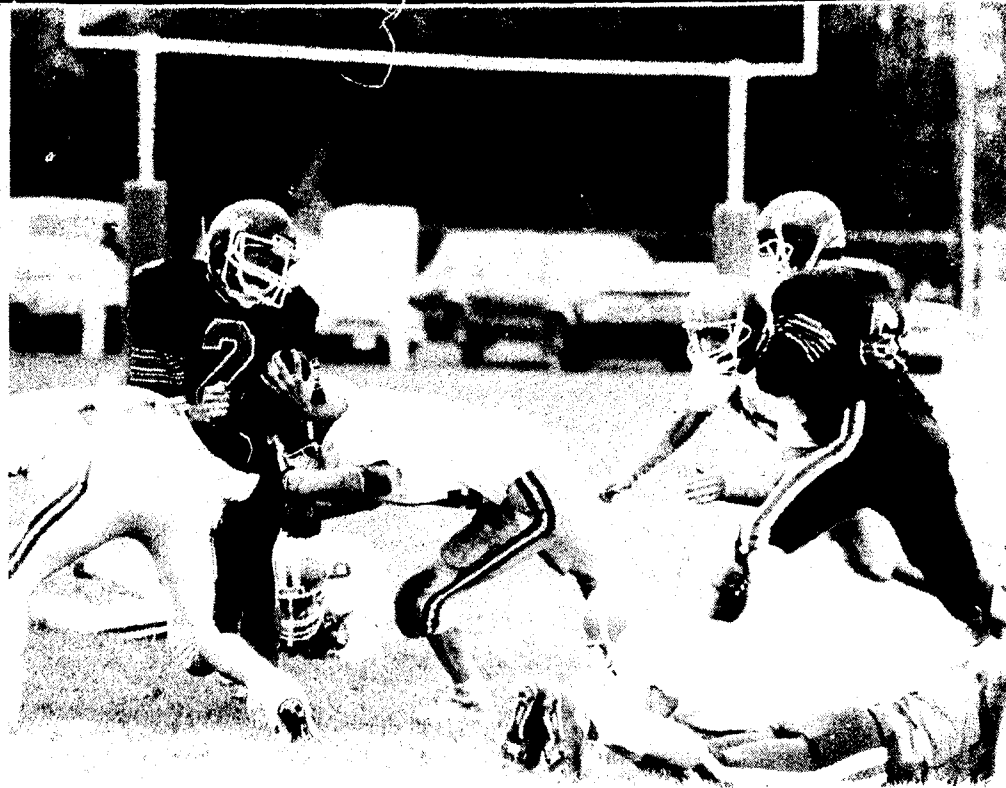
The Ramblers were hard pressed to convert to first downs through most of the game, starting out well, but fizzling out after entering enemy territory.

In the first period Boyne City started from their own thirty and gained yardage on the ground to the Hopkins twenty four, but turned the ball over on downs after having their first pass attempt knocked to the ground by a defending lineman. The Ramblers

sustained another good drive later in the second quarter, running the ball on eleven plays from their own forty to the Hopkins thirty four, but again on fourth and long (set up by two successive penalties) were incomplete on the pass attempt during a fake punt.

The Ramblers enjoyed several good kick-off returns that set up favorable field position, with sophomore Roy Angel doing the running. Many other sophomores, brought up from the jayvee squad, saw action against Hopkins. Hopkins was unable to send a jayvee team to Boyne, so the Ramblers were unable to field some young players in varsity action.

The Ramblers will host the Onaway Cardinals this Friday night to rekindle an old fire that has resulted from past skirmishes in years gone by.



Boyerne City's Bo Williamson is about to get tackled in the game last Saturday between Hopkins and the Ramblers. The Boyne team is trying almost anything to produce a win, but the cards were not playing well for Boyne as they lost 28-0.

BC girls lose two to P-town, Rudyard

BY SCOTT KNIPE

After notching up one great week, Boyne City's girls' basketball team ran into some stiff opposition. Tuesday evening Petoskey was in town, and proved to be too tough for the Ramblers as Boyne lost 38-53. Thursday had the Ramblers north of the bridge in Rudyard, where they lost a heartbreaker, 42-45.

The Ramblers had their bright spots against the Northmen Tuesday night. After trailing 8-12 in the first quarter, Boyne took a

half-time lead of 20-17. Petoskey was not to be outdone, however, as their third quarter defense clamped down on the Ramblers, allowing only five points. The Northmen then went on to a 38-53 victory, despite Boyne's valiant effort.

Kristin Harvey led Boyne against the Northmen as she scored 15 points. Crissy Gervasi added 8, Nancy McCullough had 6, Kris Crozier 4, Dawn Archambault 3, and Kim Stadt 2. Archambault was a major defensive factor, as

she collected 15 rebounds in the game.

Against Rudyard, Boyne got the teamwork going. They played tough against the home team, and fell just short. Emotions ran high between the opposing team, and when all was said and done, it was Rudyard's two additional free throws that spelled the end for the Ramblers, 42-45.

The Rambler statistics were fairly evenly distributed against Rudyard. Harvey and Crozier each scored 10 points each, followed by Gervasi with 8. Archambault, May, and Stadt each contributed 4, and McCullough scored 3 points. Archambault and McCullough provided the defensive force, as each collected 8 rebounds.

BF girls dropped by Alanson

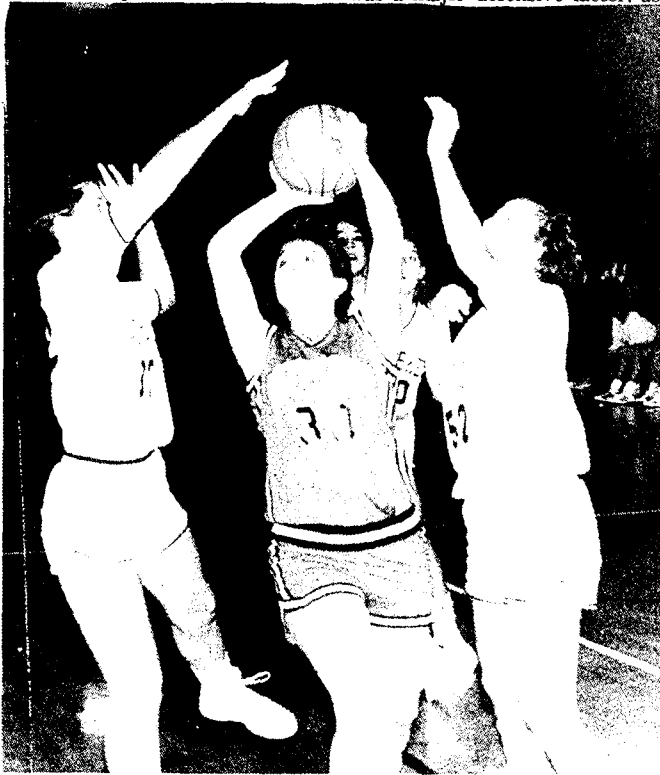
BY BECKY HAUSLER

The Boyne Falls girls' varsity basketball team lost to Alanson 38-72 last Thursday night in Alanson.

Top scorer for Boyne Falls was Ellen Reynolds with 16 points. She also had 9 rebounds. Karen Bearss scored 8 points and led the team in rebounds with 12. She had 5 steals. Joan Bearss scored 7 points. The Boyne Falls team had a total of 38 rebounds.

Alanson's high scorer was Kendra Blank with 24, followed by Heather Wurst and Kim Arnoek with 17 points each. Alanson had made 45 rebounds.

Boyne Falls coach Ken Doty said, "As a team we played better basketball than we have in two weeks. The girls are looking forward to the completion of the gym so they won't have to practice outside."



Crissy Gervasi goes between two defenders in an attempt at two points in the game against Petoskey last Tuesday. After coming off two wins the previous week, this week the team lost to both Petoskey and Rudyard.

Photo by April Silbar

Reg Sharkey's Northern Journal

Slippery slithery slimy slugs

BY REG SHARKEY

Nope these aren't the slugs some people try to cram through the one-armed bandits at Reno or Atlantic City.

This slug is a damp, slimy gray critter that's up to five inches in length when it's stretched out as it inches its way across the terrain.

Ye ol' editor of this paper, Jim Silbar, captured one of the critters after a tight race across his backyard.

Jim says it was a grueling duel before he popped the streaker into a container.

Of course Jim didn't know what he had. Thought at first it was something from outer space. Figuring I was a sort of "know it all" he depended on me to unravel the identity of the ugly looking horned blob.

Well, Jim, that critter that almost bested you in a foot race was none other than *Limax maximus*. In plain English: the Great Slug, a Kissin' cousin of snails.

Again a word description of the European import: Length 3-5 inches. The body is fleshy, gray with black spots, and it has two fleshy, flexible horns.

Actually it looks like a snail without a shell, although it does have a small remnant shell em-



This creature was feeding on left-over cat food on the Silbar's deck before Reg had a chance to take its picture. Slugs are common to the area, coming out a night to feed.

bedded in the body.

Slugs were once believed to have medicinal powers. Ugh!!

In this country it is a garden pest liking rather damp places. It can raise hob in a garden relishing lettuce and the likes.

But there is a novel way to get rid of them. A shallow pan of beer will do the trick. It is claimed that they go for the beer, probably getting stoned and drown in the sudsy brew.

Some people eat snails, and the French call 'em Escargot that they have to pop out of the shell.

Just think how much easier it would be to gulp a slug.

Addendum: And robins have been rendezvousing in nearby woodlots for a couple of weeks now. So batten the hatches, lay in a supply of firewood and enjoy autumn without wall-to-wall tourists. Fall is made for us natives.

Homecoming Disasterous to Devils as Harbor wins 44-7

For a few moments in the first half, East Jordan fans had high hopes they would win their homecoming game, but by the time it was over, most wished they had stayed home out of the rain as the Red Devils were totally dominated in the second half and lost to the Harbor Springs Rams 7-44.

The first quarter was convincing as the Devils were looking like they came to play. Bill Barnett in-

BF JV's lose

BY BECKY HAUSLER

The Boyne Falls JV team was defeated by Alanson last Thursday night at Alanson.

The score was tied 4-4 in the first quarter but Boyne trailed 11-10 at the half. Boyne lost by only four points as the final score was 31-35. It was only their second loss of the season.

The top scorer for Boyne Falls was Jeanie Lewis with 14, followed by Christina Barnadyn with 10. Jennifer Seelye and Wendi LaCroix each scored 3 points.

Bowling scores

FRATERNAL LEAGUE STANDINGS FOR 10-4	
Sportsman	109 1/2 40 1/2
Lindsay Ins.	94 56
Raveaus	82 68
T & C Cedar Homes	78 72
Boyne City Lanes	63 1/2 86 1/2
Lena's	62 88
Kosc Auctioneer	48 72
Purroll's Logging	52 98

Merle Carson	247-224-212
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Marty Moody	226
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Charlevoix Press	84 1/2 65 1/2
I M I No. 2	83 1/2 66 1/2
Dipzinski Dec.	76 1/2 73 1/2
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Sears	63 87
Behling Const.	60 90
Boyne City Lanes	56 94
Allied	54 96
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Roy Cool	198-204-222
Wayne Kleinschrodt	213-198-207
Mike Hurchick	203-224
Ron Grunch	228-207
Bob Davis	220-223
Todd Sorenson	212-226
Howard Polom	220
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Bluebird box campaign pays off

BY GLENN R. DUDDERAR

I you've been involved in projects bring the eastern bluebird back to Michigan. September was pay-back time. It's the time when you may have seen large numbers of bluebirds sitting on utility wires or fences along rural roads as they gathered in flocks for the fall migration.

In areas where the bluebird population has increased in response to bluebird

housing projects carried out under the aegis of the Cooperative Extension Service and the DNR's non-game program, the sight of dozens to hundreds of bluebirds alongside rural roads is new and welcome. The DNR non-game wildlife fund staff reports that observers have tallied more than 5,000 young bluebirds fledged from bluebird nest boxes.

Bluebirds are just one of species you're likely to see, of course, and not the most com-

mon in many areas. More common are swallows, mourning doves and starlings.

Swallows — barn, tree, bank, rough-winged and, in some areas, cliff swallows — may be seen by the thousands as they sit shoulder to shoulder on hundreds of yards of phone lines alongside the road or in smaller groups — 20 or 30, perhaps — around a barn popular as a barn swallow nesting site. More than 5,000 tree swallows

fledged from nest boxes, according to observers reporting their results to the DNR.

Mourning doves are easy to distinguish because they're bigger than the other migratory birds and lighter colored with long, pointed tails. Also, their flocks number dozens rather than thousands, and they tend to scatter out along the roadside utility wires rather than sit wing to wing.

Starlings, with their short tails and black coloration, are equally easy to recognize, especially when they form huge flocks of thousands of birds and swirl in and out of cornfields and stands of trees to line utility wires and fences.

Other birds you may see perched alongside the roadway that will be interesting to watch are the hawks. The large red-tail hawk is the most common, but you might also see the much smaller kestrels (also called sparrow hawks). In the fall you may see the adults that have been around all summer and their offspring, plus the migratory hawks just passing through. With luck, you might see a broad-winged hawk.

You're most likely to see the larger hawks perched on solitary dead or dying trees, tall trees at the other edge of a woodlot or even fenceposts where they can keep a sharp eye on the grassy shoulders and median strips for mice and other small animals. Kestrels often sit on utility wires and wire

fences. These "high-way hawks" were unusually common last spring and may be very visible again this fall.

October is the time for the fall foliage color tour, and it's a great time to take in the

migratory waterfowl displays in major wetlands around the state, as well as to enjoy the smaller perching birds along the rural roadways. Though you may have to travel a bit to see them — though

perhaps no farther than the route you drive to work — these vast flocks are simply an extension of the wildlife you've watched all summer as you've studied and enjoyed nature from your backdoor.

Michigan studying ozone around Lake Michigan

Michigan is taking the lead in a study aimed at analyzing ozone formation and transport in and around Lake Michigan.

Under a memorandum of agreement signed by Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana, the project calls for intensive gathering and assembly of data, including detailed emission inventories, ambient air quality and meteorological information including wind direction and temperature. Additionally, the project will result in developing a model to be used to develop solutions to this serious air pollution problem.

The study is particularly important in Michigan because the

state has experienced exceedences of acceptable levels of ozone in the western part of the state, specifically in the Muskegon and Grand Rapids areas. These exceedences are generally agreed to be caused by emissions in Indiana and Illinois.

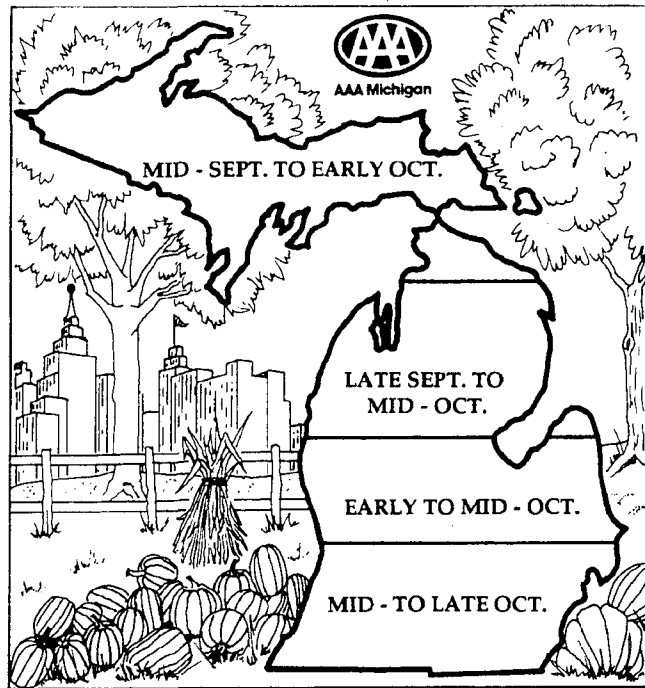
Ozone limits are of concern when they are monitored in excess of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard of .12 parts per million.

"Michigan played an integral role in pushing for the study which will provide much needed information about the sources of the ozone problems we are experiencing in the western part of our state," said Director David Hales of the Department of Natural

Resources. "It is a necessary step toward a return to acceptable air quality in our state. It also indicates the importance of a strong federal Clean Air Act which addresses regional air quality issues," Hales said.

The study will cost \$12 million and will cover more than 60 counties in an area starting from Green Bay, Wisconsin around the southern end of Lake Michigan and up to Traverse City, Michigan including Madison; Milwaukee; Chicago; Lake County, Indiana; Benton Harbor; St. Joseph; Grand Rapids and Muskegon. It will be the largest study of its kind ever conducted in the mid-west.

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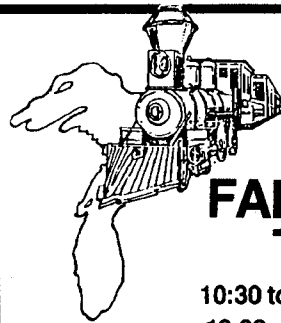
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Local artisan creates a feast for the eyes

BY GERI DIETZE

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder." These words have never had a more literal meaning than in the case of the kaleidoscope. Indeed, the very word is derived from three Greek words meaning "beautiful-form-to see".

A basic kaleidoscope consists of an eyepiece, an object case containing objects to be viewed, and a tube containing angled mirrors which reflect against each other and multiply objects into symmetrical patterns.

Most of us remember the kaleidoscope as the cheap cardboard toy holding bits of colored plastic that created changing patterns with each turn. But this lowly childhood diversion actually had its start as a 19th century scientific discovery.

Sir David Brewster, a Scottish child prodigy who entered the University of Edinburgh at the age of twelve, spent years experimenting with the science of optics. In 1811, Brewster constructed a prism lens built upon several circular segments which

was perfected and became the lighthouse as we know it today. He followed this invention with distinguished work in the field of light polarization.

In 1816, to cap an already illustrious career as philosopher, scientist, and inventor, Brewster invented the kaleidoscope. He was 35. Popular response was overwhelming and aggressive entrepreneurs sold hundreds of thousands of the objects as parlor diversions. Brewster however, saw little financial reward due to faulty patent registration.

While the kaleidoscope's popularity was immediate in Europe, it did not find its way into American homes until the 1870s. Over the next hundred years, the kaleidoscope lost out to advancing technology and became the uninspiring cardboard tube found in novelty and toy stores. Not until the 1970s did a combination of nostalgia and curiosity rekindle interest in the kaleidoscope and provide artisans across the country with a new means of expression.

Interest on the local level is maintained by Boyne City artist Ron Kuhns. A 1970 graduate of Grand Rapids Kendall School of Design, Kuhns began his career by fashioning useful and decorative objects from antler and exotic woods. His pens, cribbage boards, cane handles and desk accessories are just some of the items found in upscale stores and galleries across the country. "To make a living as an artist, you have to make things people use, and to make them like your product, you put an artistic flair on it," he says.

Kuhns watched the growing market for kaleidoscopes and saw an opportunity. He has been working five days a week for the last three years to keep up with the demand.

Working in a converted barn on his property, Kuhns and three full-time helpers fashion up to 10 kaleidoscopes per day from domestic and exotic woods ranging from ash and maple to rosewood and ebony. The object case holds



feathers, stained glass, or gemstones such as rubies, amethyst, or quartz. Kuhns call the

choice of materials "infinite". The kaleidoscopes of today have science in

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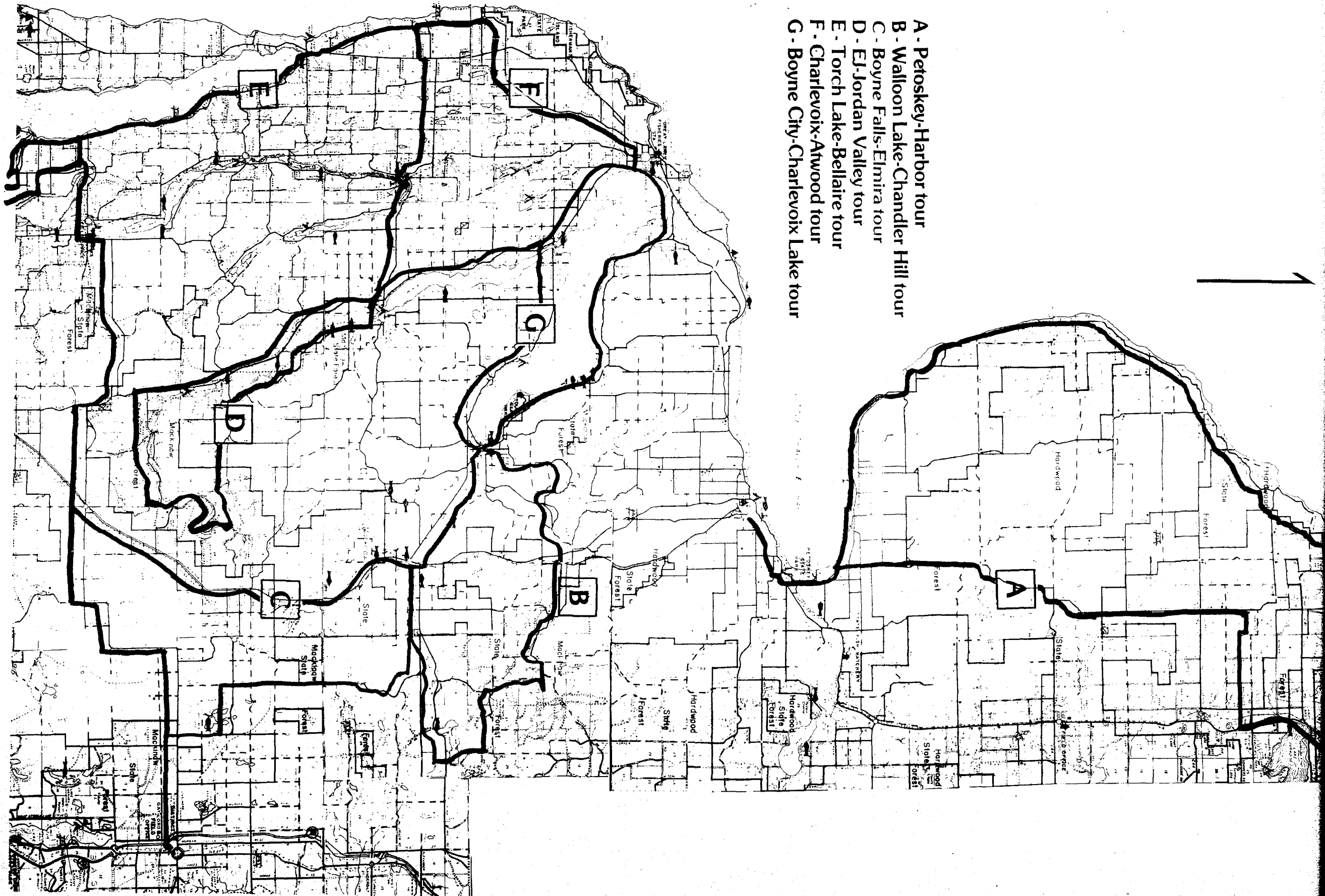
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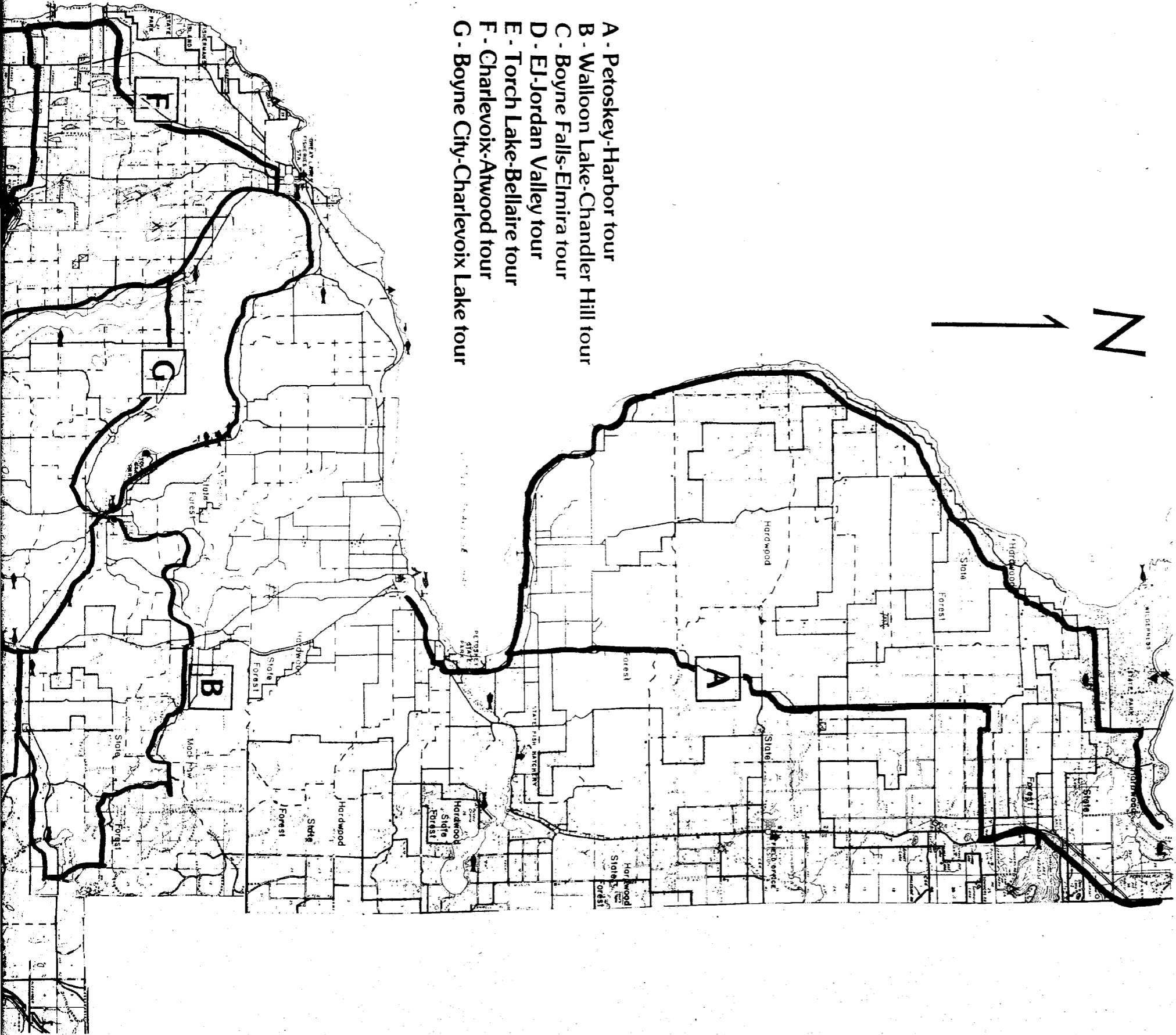
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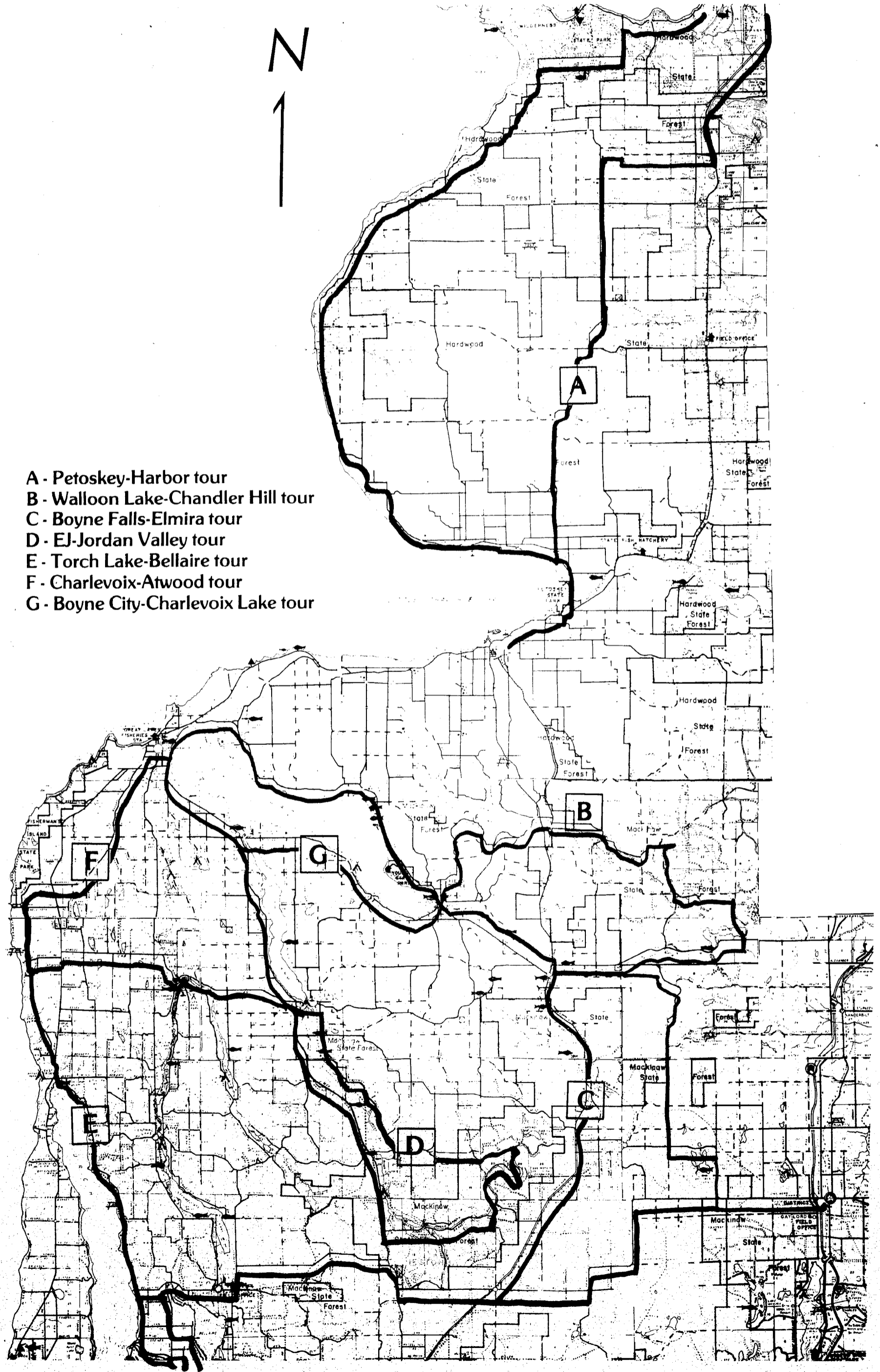
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They look like cherubs, sing like angels,
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Vienna Choir Boys to perform at Interlochen

How does traveling around the world with two dozen boys ages 9 to 14 sound?

Actually, it sounds rather "heavenly", according to Wally Adams, company manager for the Vienna Choir Boys who come to Interlochen Wednesday, Oct. 17, for one performance at 8 p.m. in Corson Auditorium.

The show is part of Interlochen's International Concert Series. Reserved seat admission is \$12. Tickets are available by calling Kurtz Music and Sound at 947-3730 or the Interlochen Concert Office at 278-9221.

Included in the program are choir favorites by Schubert, Haydn, Mendelssohn, and Verdi; Hansel and Gretel, a one-act comic opera with music by Engelbert Humperdinck; and an array of folk songs, polkas, and waltzes.

Adams has been traveling with the Vienna Choir Boys for 26 years and he's the first to admit the famed youngsters look like cherubs, sing like angels, and act like little rascals.

He says the boys have "broken just about everything" and apparently have done just about everything imaginable during the course of their long trips.

His anecdotes about tours are unmatched.

One of the most amusing stories is an incident that occurred at Niagara Falls when one of the boys found out how to bypass the control for the machine that makes beds vibrate. By the end of the night, he had every room in hotel vibrating.

Other escapades involve toilet paper thrown out of high-rise windows, checkers

wedged into vents, and strange children found on touring buses.

The Vienna Choir Boys was founded by imperial decree in 1498 by Emperor Maximilian I to provide a choir for the Imperial Chapel. The state provided for the choir until the government fell out of power during World War I.

A priest named Joseph Schnitt reorganized the group in 1924 with a board of directors and the boarding school concept. Since then, proceeds from the choir's tours have been used to support the choir and its school.

Boys audition for the choir when they are seven and do not need vocal training. After being selected, they join the school at age eight and attend classes and practice singing for two years. When they are 10, they are placed in one of four choirs.

About half of the boys admitted to the school do not finish their first two years because they do not have strong grades, the proper voice, or can not adapt to private school.

They are a part of the choir until their voice begins to lose its pre-pubescent soprano tone which occurs between 12 and 14. After their voices change, they can not sing in the choir, but can continue at the choir's school until they are 15.

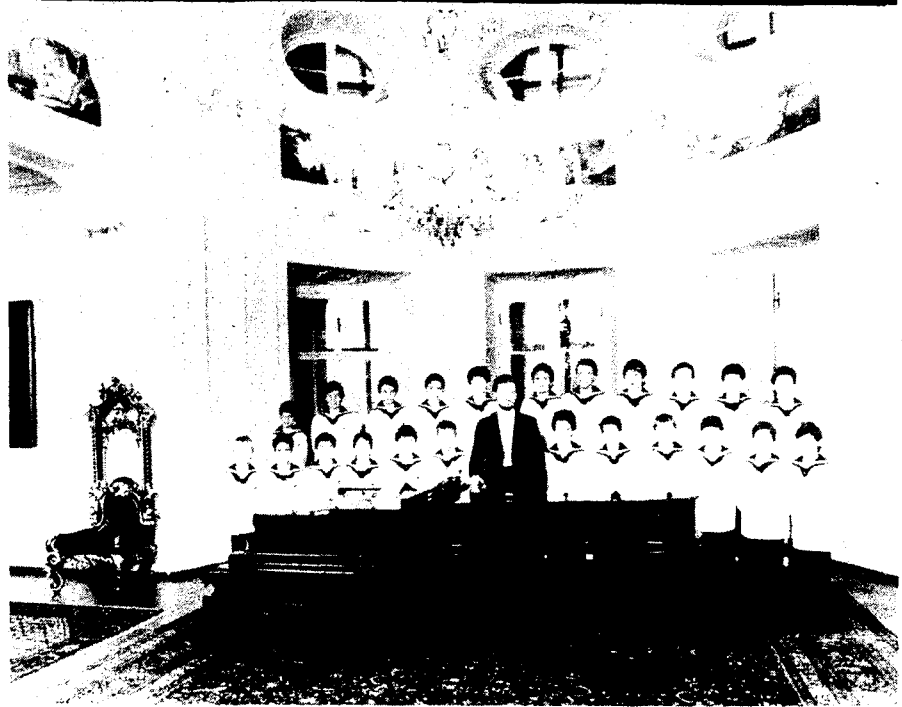
Adams is one of two Americans who travel with the boys. The other is a bus driver. They also bring with them a music director, nurse, and a house-father from Austria. The latter is a tutor, but more often than not, a disciplinarian.

The Vienna Choir Boys have visited America no fewer than 42 times, have com-

pleted numerous tours of Asia, Australia, South Africa, and South America. They have been received by innumerable heads of state, including audiences with Popes Pius XI, Pius XII, and Paul VI.

Through their films, recordings, television appearances and tours, the choir has delighted millions in every corner of the world.

The Vienna Choir Boys concert leads off the International Concert Series at Interlochen. Other guest artists scheduled to appear from now



through May include the Ballet of Los Angeles, Duke's Men, Ed Shaughnessy and The Tonight Show

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Fisheries chiefs meet, plan strategy

Director David Hales of the Department of Natural Resources announced that fisheries chiefs from the four states bordering Lake Michigan, along with tribal official and Federal representatives, have joined together to coordinate fisheries management for that Great Lake.

"This is the first time since fisheries management began on Lake Michigan that a real effort will be made to concentrate the efforts of all those involved in enhancing fishing opportunities on the lake," explained Hales. "This is a great opportunity to make some real headway in sharing and pooling resources."

The chiefs, from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin along with the Chippewa/Ottawa Treaty Fishery Management Authority, representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Great Lakes Fishery Commission met Tuesday and Wednesday (Sept. 26 and 27) in Michigan City, Indiana, and

outlined future activities.

"We talked about the status of the Lake Michigan fishery and made several determinations," said Chief John Robertson of the Michigan Fisheries Division, "and we also talked about our expectations for the future."

Robertson said the group noted perch fishing and perch abundance are excellent; Coho salmon populations are way up

and indications are good for continued abundance in 1990; Lake trout populations remain strong and numbers in refuges are very high; steelhead numbers are continuing to increase; whitefish and chub populations are continuing at or near record levels and good numbers of young Chinook salmon are now being recorded; potential good news for 1990-91.

Robertson said the

group will jointly undertake the following projects:

★ Develop and pursue common goals and objectives for the Lake Michigan fishery.

★ Finalize a cooperative agreement between the states to closely monitor the numbers of forage fish in the lake.


★ Continue to assess Spring Chinook mortalities and take measures during the fall egg take to reduce bacterial kidney

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★ Continue to conduct and expand important cooperative research projects including studies of the diet, movement, and growth of young Chinook salmon.

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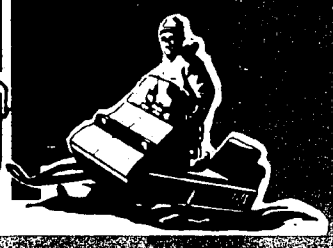
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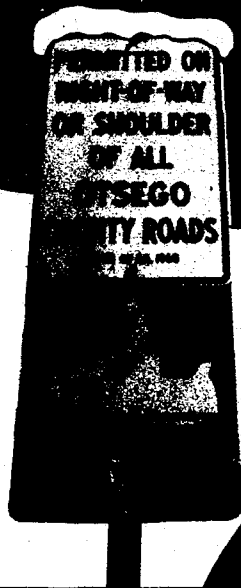


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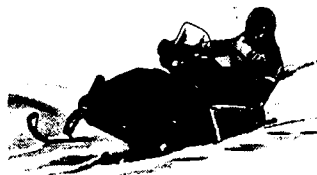


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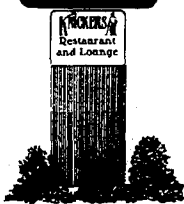
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MSA President's Message

WHEN DO WE START TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR OWN ACTIONS
Rockford, Mich. - Why start my column with this question? Because of all of the lawyers who called last year, and especially this past month, wanting to know if snowmobilers have a "code of ethics". They specifically wanted to know: if we have our own set of hand signals - if we endorse speed on the trails - if we would testify to the design of a snowmobile - and, get this, if we could make the trails a little bumpier so people wouldn't go so fast and crash!

GIVE ME A BREAK! Don't you think it is about time that WE - THE SNOWMOBILERS OF MICHIGAN - stopped looking for someone to blame for OUR mistakes and took responsibility for our actions?!

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Happy trails,
 Bill Manson, Jr.

The DNR feels that both of these will be put in this fall and will compliment both the Grayling area west to Kalkaska, and the eastern Kalkaska area trails.

The dates have been set for the fall Grant Holders' meetings to review the final approved grants. These are:
 Region I - Friday, October 6
 Region II - Saturday, October 14
 Region III - Monday, October 18

Finally, we were asked by the DNR to put together some criteria for future grant holder applications - renewing and new grant locations.

Bill Manson, Jr.
 MSA President

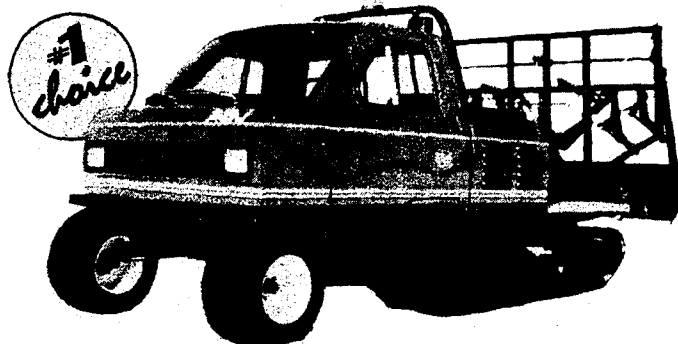
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Grand Rapids, Mich - At the last meeting, all of the grants were reviewed, and the revised reimbursement requests were talked about and ok'd. Discussion was also held on the status of some of the trail connectors approved for FY '88-'89. Mainly, the Kalkaska to Blue Bear connector, and the Grayling to Blue Bear connector.

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Easter Seal and Polaris team up for "For Women Only II" raising \$11,000



These women participated in this years ride in Traverse City.

BY: KAREN HOLCOMB
 - Traverse City, MI - Twenty-eight dedicated and very determined women participated in the Second Annual "For Women Only" held February 10, 11, 12. The beautiful Waterfront Inn, located on the shores of East Grand Traverse Bay in Traverse City, Michigan, served as home base once again for the group. This unique and challenging fund raising event originated by the Easter Seal Society of Michigan and sponsored by Polaris Industries, Inc. Roseau, Minnesota, raised over \$11,000 during this exclusively "For Women Only" snowmobile weekend.

Ann Hultman, Easter Seal Development coordinator and official fund raising chairman for the 1989 "For Women Only II" stated she was very pleased with the number of women participating in the adventurous one hundred mile snowmobile ride. Further stating the number of participants had increased from 16 women in 1988 to 28 in 1989 which she felt was excellent progress for a relatively new concept.

Drawing riders from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, this exciting fund raiser generated warmth and enthusiasm from each and every participant involved. Most of the gals raised well over their \$500 minimum which qualified them to be eligible for the fun

weekend at the Waterfront Inn, as well as the array of prizes that was awarded by the Polaris Industries and local Traverse City merchants.

The highlight of the weekend, of course, was the opportunity afforded each of these women. A chance to actually take part in a real trail blazing, snowmobiling adventure. Encompassing hundreds of miles of pristine beauty throughout the Grand Traverse region, this ride was truly unforgettable, as were the wonderful friendships that were formed over this special weekend, the kind that will last a lifetime.

The camaraderie of the group was linked together by a special sharing and laughter that can only be felt when you are part of something so worthwhile. The commitment these gals made to Easter Seals was extremely rewarding.

The women representatives from the Michigan contingent are as follows: Niki Israels, Galesburg, MI. Deb Manson, Rockford, MI. Kay Lamson, Gaylord, MI. Connie Duke, Oxford, MI. Pat Lemson, Grant, MI. Irene Zahnaw, Lapeer, MI. Joyce MacLean, Kentwood, MI. Dawn Powers, Bitely, MI. Sherry Woodruff, Bloomfield Hills, MI. Ginger Veen, Harbor Springs, MI. Marlyn Ulach, Traverse City, MI. Pennie Egeler.

Traverse City, MI. Maxine Harrison, Ann Arbor, MI. Marcia Allison, Sylvania Lake, MI. Jane Wickham, Pellston, MI. Judy Brennan, Pontiac, MI. Janice Holstine, Rapid City, MI. J. McClain, St. Helens, MI. Denise Bammel, St. Clair Shores, MI. Pat



Easter Seal Society Child Ambassador from Northwestern Region Patrick McKay and his father ride a Polaris Snowmobile for the first time.

Olszowy, Allen Park, MI. Missy Johnson, Port Huron, MI. The Indiana contingent were as follows: Valerie Steele, Plainfield, IN. Ernestine Mays, Elwood, IN. Flora Walker, Frankton, IN. Millie Borgman, Greenfield, IN. The only representative from Ohio was Dixie Lee Stineman, Bucyrus.

Polaris Industries Inc. provided the grand prize, a 1990 Polaris Indy Sport Snowmobile to Ernestine Mays of Elwood, Indiana for raising the most money for Easter Seals. Ernestine participated in the first annual ride, and enjoyed herself so much that she was more than ready to participate again. Last year a challenge was issued to the Indiana contingent by the Michigan gals to see who could raise the

most money, well Ernestine certainly did her share to make a good showing for the Indiana gals.

Three women were awarded Polaris Snowmobile helmets for raising over \$1,000 each. These women were, Sherry Woodruff of Bloomfield, Michigan; Marcia Allison of Sylvania Lake, Michigan; and Kay Lamson of Gaylord, Michigan.

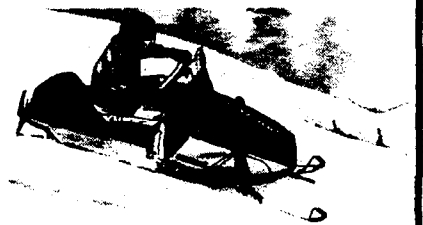
Upon arriving, the gals were treated to a fun get-together on Friday evening, with pizza and fellowship as the following day's itinerary was explained in detail by Ann Hultman and Marlys Knutson. This was a fun evening, full of reminiscing about last year's ride by members of the first annual

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group. The room seemed to generate a spirited hearty enthusiasm, as the newcomers, and all those seasoned veterans looked forward with anticipation to the ride ahead.

Saturday morning Hultman and Knudson greeted the women at breakfast with a special "For Women Only" Polaris hat and bandana which was designed to be kept as a special keepsake of their incredible weekend adventure. Many of the gals quickly put the bandanas around their necks as they began their one hundred mile ride.

During the breakfast meeting the group was introduced to a very special young person, Travis Patrick McKay, four year old child ambassador fro the Easter Seal Society, from the North-western region. Travis, who suffers from Spina Bifida was the guest of honor. Travis's father spoke to the group about the importance of Easter Seal, and how much help and support they personally received throughout Travis's illness.

The women were reminded once again with this heart rending talk of all the reasons why they had raised the special funds for Easter Seal. With a special determination, and a renewed sense of dedication, the gals prepared to head across the street to the parking area where their sleds awaited them. Confident and ready to ride the gals began to line up single file behind their fearless leader, Marlys Knutson.

Although Travis was confined to a wheel chair, he was on hand to give the gals a send off all the same, in fact he got so excited about seeing the snowmobiles, Polaris Representatives Gary Beaudoin gave him a ride on his sled, for his first ever snowmobile ride around the parking area. When he was asked how he liked it, he stated "It was fun."

Marlys Knutson, director of corporate advertising for Polaris Industries and Gary Beaudoin and Mark Fritz, district sales representatives for Polaris, were present to make the award presentations

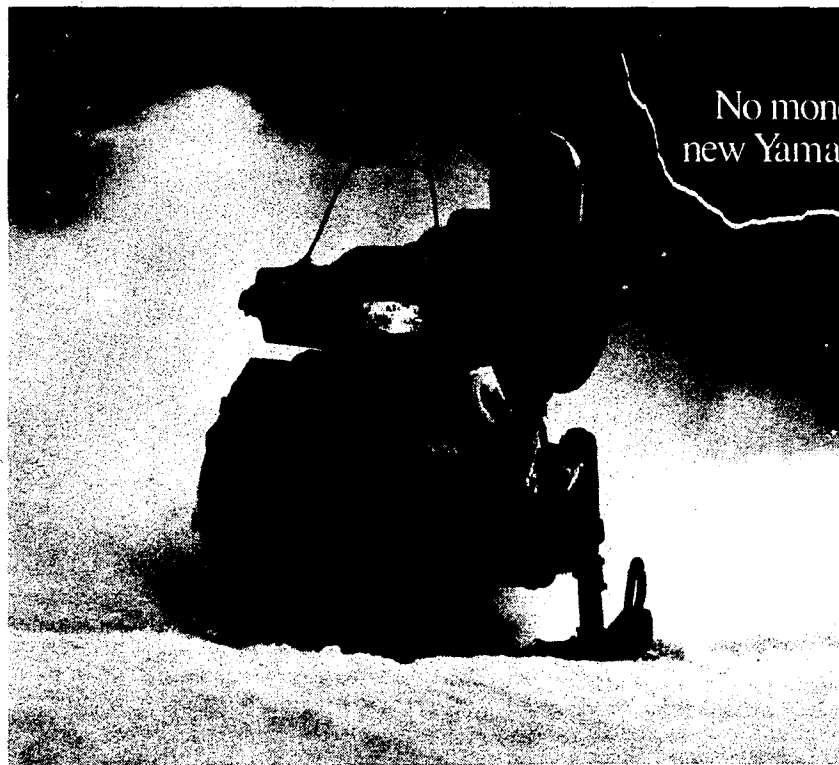
on behalf of Polaris. Marlys, an avid snowmobiler, acted as trail boss and guide for the day long snowmobile ride Saturday.

Marlys stated this was definitely a weekend for women only, beginning with unloading the sleds, checking them over and maintaining

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The weather was beautiful and cold with lots of snow when the first women started out.



Joyce MacLean from Kentwood, Dawn Powers from Bitely, Kay Lamson from Gaylord and Bonnie Kamminga from Grand Rapids went out to collect pledges and they did well.

all the ladies who take part in this extraordinary event, learning to do things they might never had had to do for themselves before, such as changing a belt, spark plugs, etc.

Jackie Welcome, writer for Snow Week Magazine, from Minneapolis, Minnesota, accompanied Marlys, taking part in the weekend festivities, including the ever challenging one hundred mile snowmobile trek.

Riding the groomed trails which started across the street from the Waterfront Inn, the participants headed towards Kalkaska and then on to Fife Lake, where they stopped for a delicious pre-planned lunch at Perk's Place. After lunch the group rode to Ranch Rudolph where they enjoyed a snack break and some hot toddies. After leisurely riding the trails, playing in the field and climbing the hills, they arrived back in Traverse City.

Once the sleds were put away, it was straight to the hot tub or pool where the gals totally relaxed before joining their friends for a 7:00 p.m. cocktail party in the Polaris Hospitality suite. The highlight of the evening was the awards presentation of the 1990 Polaris Indy Sport Snowmobile.

A delicious gourmet dinner served in the Waterfront Inn

Banquet room was enjoyed by everyone. As the group began to relax and unwind after a hard day of riding, the stories of the trail began to unfold.

Ann Hultman expressed sincere thanks to John Archambeau, Sales Director with the Convention Services at the Waterfront Inn, for making sure that everything was perfect for this Second Annual gathering For Women Only snowmobile weekend.

Ann also expressed sincere



Mark Fritz, Marlys Knutson and Gary Beandoin from Polaris were on hand to lead the Safari.



Don & Dixie Stineman from Bucyrus Ohio, who is President of the Ohio State Snowmobile Assoc. with John Archanbean Director of Sales at the Waterfront Inn.

gratitude to the Polaris Representatives for being such an active part of the weekend festivities, and for the generosity shown by Polaris Industries for the special prizes that were provided throughout the weekend.

Special thanks were also given for the generous donations made by Traverse City merchants, including An-nies, Greenhaus Flowers,

Tom's Mom's Cookies and Oleson's Food Stores.

Hultman reminded everyone that Easter Seal in Michigan served over 140,000 persons last year, providing programs and services for children and adults alike with disabilities, regardless of race,

age and creed, whether the disability is caused by disease, accident or birth. Ninety-four percent of all the dollars raised in the state stay right here in Michigan to serve our neighbors.

Following breakfast Sunday morning everyone said their goodbyes until next year. From the sound of things, these dedicated riders are all planning to return once again to hit the trails for the 1990 "For Women Only" snowmobile ride for the Easter Seal Society of Michigan.

More information will be available at the MSA Fall Convention and Snow Show being held at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing, Michigan, October 20, 1989, regarding the 1990 Third Annual "For Women Only" snowmobile ride. The annual Friday evening Kick-Off Cocktail Party, "For Women Only" has become quite a tradition among the gals attending the convention.

According to Janet Carboneau, Easter Seal Special Events Coordinator for 1990, "Sherry Woodruff of Bloomfield Hills, MI has donated a rabbit fur snowmobile jacket to be awarded to the woman who can recruit the most new riders to join us in the 1990 For Women Only III ride."

Janet states the dates for the 1990 ride will take place February 9, 10, 11, with the location to be announced at the MSA convention, so mark your calendars now. For more information please contact Janet Carboneau at 616-942-2081 or toll free 1-800-292-2729.

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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

The weather is just beautiful and warm. You don't think much about snowmobiling, but some people are anxious to get their machines ready while it is still nice, so they will be ready for the first snow. Its just around the corner.

Last month the Club elected the officers to guide us through another successful year. In the short time we have been in existence we have done real well. We own one groomer and with any luck this year we will own the second groomer. At present we are in the process of buying some land on Airport Rd. to build a place of our own. This is all due to the people in the Club who work and support the Club activities. The officers who will guide us are as follows:

- President Bob Kinsey
- 1st Vice Pres Karen Anderson
- 2nd Vice Pres Bonnie Highley
- Secretary Jerry Willabee
- Treasurer Jean McClain
- 2 Yr. Trustee Ceil Boncher
- Russ Blossom
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- Shirley McKillip
- Trails Joe Lumetta
- Activities Karen Anderson

Newsletter Roger McClain
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Lets get out and work to make this another banner year for the Snowpackers and your officers.

August 19, 1989, was the softball game with Ogemaw Hills Snowmobile Club. The Snowpackers came charging out on top. There was lots of suds and food. The girls really came through, not only our girls but the dishes the Ogemaw girls brought were delicious. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Dave Hustetter of West Branch announced he was running for the office of Vice President of the M.S.A. Election at Annual meeting in October.

Pres. Bob says thanks to all who showed up at the ballgame, to Frank and Tonna Boyle for their donation of a barrel of beer, and to everyone who donated toward the second barrel, to Bob and Linda Huger for the ball shirts from Kirtland Restaurant, to Dave & Gails Country Kitchen for the donation of all those pizzas and last but not least a big thanks to Karen Anderson for making the ballgame a big success.

A question that has been bothering some of us: We understand for the camping trip to Leland Bob L. bought some new tennis shoes. We would like to hear just what happened to the tennis shoes?????

Things to come:
Oct. 20, 21, 22 - M.S.A. Annual Meeting in Lansing
Oct. 28 - Hay Ride - leave park at 6:30 p.m. Return about ??

Things are planned.
Nov. 4 - Snowpackers Annual Meeting - Township Park Building at 6:00 p.m. This is always a good time to meet your fellow members. Bring your own suds and more on food next Newsletter.
Jan. 6, 7, 1990 - Dog Sled Races: More later
Feb. 3, 1990 - Poker Run - More later

Keep all these dates handy so you can make these events.
Joe Lumetta says they have been working on the trails already, widening and taking out some of the sharp turns. This is work that was authorized by the D.N.R. to do.

If you are wondering where to get shirts, \$6.00, Hats \$5.00, Patches \$4.00, Buttons \$1.00 or License Plates \$2.00, call or write Bob Sonnenberg, 1826 Lakewood Beach, St. Helen, MI 48656 or phone 517-189-3581. We will let you know when the new maps become available.

We as a Club are still growing. WELCOME to all the new members. Come to our events, meet the old members and have a good time. If you haven't paid your dues yet would you be so kind as to drop a check in the mail. Hope to see you at a meeting or some of the coming events. We still meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 8:00 p.m., Richfield Twp. Park Building. The Executive Board meets at 7:00 p.m. the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
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Alas and woe is me, we have been dethroned as the baseball champs. I guess they can call us baseball chumps. But we do have to congratulate the St. Helen Snowpackers as the new champs. We'll just have to try again next year.

A few of us will be at Bill Oliver's Caberfae Motor Inn for a relaxing week-end of companionship and a round or two of golf this week-end.

Don't forget our annual Hay Ride September 30th. We will meet at Connie Meir's, 823 N.

Campbell Rd., West Branch at 11:30, and departing at 12:00 noon. Followed by a weinie roast. Cost \$2.00 per person. B.Y.O.B.

Have you sent in your reservation for the M.S.A. Convention yet? October 20-21-22. If not you should do so now. Let's have another good showing of our club, since we're up for "Club of the Year" again.

Those of you going to Las Vegas, October 12-15th. Have you got your bags packed? Are you getting excited and anxious? Answers to these questions—YOU BET!

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Wayland Snowmobile Club

Greetings once again!!

In my last letter I mentioned that 1989 is a very special year for the Wayland Snowmobile Club. This fall marks 20 years of unified effort and pleasure in the sport of snowmobiling for the club. The club has had some highs and some lows, some members join, some member goes but Allen Belka's been around from the start. (His love of snowmobiling comes from the heart). As individuals we are just like everyone else, no snow-no go. As a club we can enjoy the competition and the companionship, snow or no. It's all in the planning and we plan to enjoy snow and go.

Plan A: An open meeting of all interested persons to discuss the plans for the season. October 5, 7:30 at Jim's Place on Green Lake.

I-A hay-ride and fireside gathering on Oct. 21, beginning at 7:30 in the pines at Arden Thede's. Bring your own food, bottle and friends.

II-Dec. 2, Trail Day. (more on that later)

III-Possible club house in Middeville unless someone has a better suggestion.

IV-Club rides

V-Couples week-end

Plan B: That we all enjoy a happy and safe snowmobile

season.

There is so much member participation in a couple of the non-club sponsored events that I feel that I should include a bit about those other outings also. No. 1 on my list of favorite snowmobile jaunts is the week between Christmas and New Years going up to Hulbert, in the U.P. Mostly couples, a lot of club members, good riding, good food, good fun. Many of this group are associated with that Wayland Snowmobile Club sub-group who call themselves the Green Lake Indians. A bunch of rowdies who take an annual excursion to that same area in early February so they can be closer to the Soo I-500 race. (Do they ever have stories to tell!!)

M.S.A. members, don't forget the October convention in Lansing. All the manufacturers of sleds and accessories will be represented. And for your information as well as riding pleasure, there will be workshops, speakers and entertainment.

Now folks, we are down to what you know would be in here somewhere, MEMBERSHIPS. We would like every one that reads this to join in the fun and companionship of our snowmobile club. Dues are \$12.50 for a family membership and \$8.00 for a single membership. Membership

gives you free admission to the annual pig roast in May and a subscription to MICHIGAN SNOWMOBILER as well as a discount in your membership fee for the Michigan Snowmobile Association (\$8.00 instead of \$10.00). This year we have also been promised a copy of the video, TILL THE SUN SETS IN WINTER, for each of our memberships. This is 30 minutes of beautiful scenery, Eagle River racing, deep snow sledding and some accidents to avoid. The videos are distributed by Ski-Doo. This is the year to join the club!

This year's board members are as follows: Pres.-Arden Thede, 891-8072; Vice Pres.-Mike Vanharn, 891-1285; Treas.-Dawn Flannery, 792-9241; Sec'y.-Carol Hoeve, 694-5343. At Large Members: Bert Hoeve 891-8907, Denny Flannery 792-1285, Even Seifert 795-9533, Allen Belka 792-2743, Bruce Wiers 455-1836.

Contact any of these if you have any questions about the trails or membership or events.

If you have any interesting trivia or rattles concerning snowmobiling that you would like to have included in the newsletter call Carol or send it to Carol S. Hoeve, 1195 107th Ave., Otsego, MI 49078.

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board. Price \$50.00 includes dinner for two and refreshments. Cash prizes, with a \$2,000 GRANDPRIZE, and Free Wheelin' Fred will D.J. for dancing and FUN. Date, November 11th.

January 4-5-6-7th. SpringBrook Resort. Cost \$75.00 per person. This will include lodging - 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners at our chalets. SpringBrook is located 9 miles south of Petoskey with connecting trails to Mackinaw-Cheboygan-Wolverine and surrounding areas. There will also be a 2nd annual Snowmobile Rally in the area. Sandy is taking reservations now along with a 50% deposit, or the full cost. SpringBrook has requested the 50% deposit in 2 weeks.

Looks like we will be hosting the M.S.A. ride-in at Forwards again this year. Bud

Longroy will be chairman of this event. February 16-17-18-19.

Ben Davis will be chairman of our Poker Run this year, February 24th. Didn't we have a ball at this last year?

October 5, 7:30 H.S.A. meeting at the Windjammer.

October 28 & 29th. Meet at Alley Park 9:00 both days. Dave needs much help, brushing trails and relocating signs.

Our next meeting will be October 7th, at the Clear Lake Bar. 9:00 board meeting, 10:00 general membership. Immediately following, Dave will have a trail work bee. Please stay and help, Dave needs you. Hope to see you all there.

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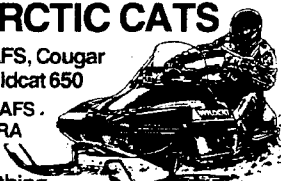
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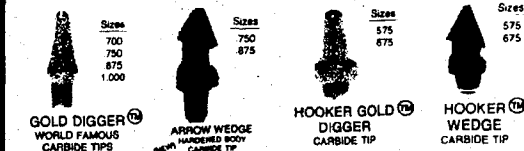
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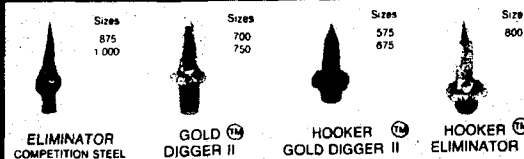
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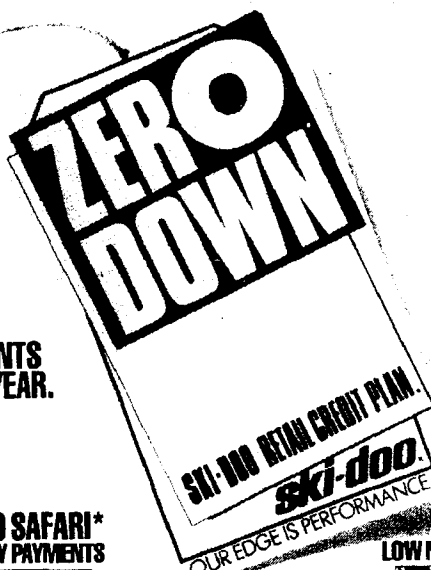
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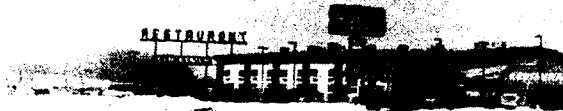
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The Opening Cocktail Party and Saturday night Banquet for MSA Snowmobilers was held at the Quality Inn in West Branch.



Don & Leta Neilsen and daughter Lisa from "Snowless" Indiana, ready to ride the Ogemaw Hills.



Margaret Hale, Sandy Hufstedler and Joyce Jenkins man the information Booth at Quality Inn.



Lunch spot at Alley Park in West Branch.

BY MARYLOU BUGH

Effort and cooperation were evident in the Michigan Snowmobile Association's ride-in at West Branch February 17th through 19th, hosted by the Ogemaw Snowmobile Club.

The weekend began Friday evening with a cocktail party at Quality Inn's Damon Room for the 250 people expected for the weekend. Trail riding began in earnest Saturday morning at 8:30. Sixteen volunteers from the Ogemaw Club acted as trail guides to small groups of 15-20 sleds. Rides were in three categories: the fast riders, regular riders, and the sight-seers. Groups fanned out in several directions, but they all ended up sometime around

the noon hour at Alley Park for free soup and hot dogs. The lunch wagon was manned by Ogemaw Club volunteers until 4:00 in the afternoon. Local businesses donated the food.

There was a scavenger hunt on the trail and prizes were awarded to the first ten places at the banquet Saturday evening, again at Quality Inn.

After breakfast on Sunday, guides were available for Sunday riders, and since the weekend was before President's Day, some of the lucky ones could stay through Monday.

West Branch is a natural for snowmobiles. Miles of forested rolling hills lie in an area that is usually blessed

with snow if snow falls at all in northern Michigan. The Ogemaw Snowmobile Club reorganized ten years ago and dedicated itself to building and improving trails until now they have 78 miles and two groomers. Twice a year, they clean every inch of those trails, ten feet on either side.

They, together with the DNR, are also responsible for Alley Park which is named for Frank Alley, "Mr. Snowmobile" of West Branch.

The Ogemaw club was voted snowmobile club of the year last year by the Michigan Snowmobile Association, and the MSA wanted to come back for a second snowmobile weekend after the club hosted their first big weekend the year before. The Ogemaw club is about 130 strong, with paying members from as far away as the U.P. and Ohio.

I asked Sandy Hufstedler, secretary of the Ogemaw Snowmobile Club what the worst part about a weekend like this is. She said the asking for help is the hardest. Three or four weeks of intensive planning and canvassing go into getting ready.

Last year Dave's (Sandy's husband) last group on the trail were mostly youngsters and there were quite a few breakdowns. But Dave kept cool and got all his riders back safely. A little girl came up and hugged him mightily. "Thank you, Mr. Hufstedler. We had a wonderful time." Dave said moments like that make it worth it all.

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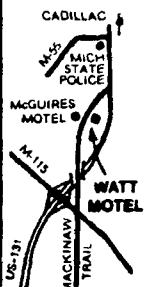
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Improvements of the snowmobile trails in the Cadillac area will provide for better enjoyment by snowmobilers this winter, according to reports by Cadillac Area Chamber of Commerce and Cadillac Winter Promotions officials.

Four different areas of improvement are being worked on to make it more convenient for snowmobilers to ride the trails to and from their motels.

1. The major new improvement this year is a special snowmobile access trail to the resorts on M-115 and M-55 in the "Cadillac West Area".

This new trail has been developed by clearing private property south of the strip of businesses along M-55. This trail, nicknamed "The Cadillac Access TRail" enables snowmobilers to travel to the Manistee National Forest without using the M-55 road shoulder as has been done for many years.

Previously snowmobilers

had to wind their way along M-55 in front of motels, across driveways, and around parking lots. Now they can leave their motel and travel the access route straight through to the snowmobile trail without hitting any traffic or roadways.

The trail begins just off M-115, near the new 30 unit Waterfront Motel just west of the Cadillac Sands. It proceeds west behind the lodgings of Cadillac West, Fine Chata, Vacation Lane, and Bill Olivers Caberfae Motor Lodge as well as the Pines Nightclub and Chico's Restaurant.

A fenced off area on the Cadillac Country Club allows snowmobilers to cross the golf course area and travel down to the Cadillac West Trail which leads west to the Manistee National Forest, the area where the new trail has been cleared of all obstacles and has been signed for convenience.

"We have been wanting to develop this area for a long time but have had some problems getting rights-of-

way", reports Jack Donahue, Cadillac Winter Promotions Trail Boss. "We have been trying to provide access to motels so that snowmobilers do not have to use the busy M-115 and M-55 roadways for travel along the lakes."

2. Another trail area that is being refurbished this summer is near the Poplar Creek Bridge where the ground is being reworked and leveled so that the trail is smooth leading to and from the bridge.

3. Along the south side of the Caberfae Way Trail, near Jacobson Creek there is an area near the culvert that is being reworked. "Just as the Michigan Department of Transportation uses the summer to-work on roads and bridges for the ease of highway transportation, Cadillac Winter Promotions continues to work unseen in the middle of the woods so that snowmobilers can have the same comfort on their roads and bridges during the winter," said Chamber Director Bob Jones.

4. A new building to house grooming equipment on the trail is nearing completion.

The 100 miles of groomed trails as well as the unplowed roads are maintained entirely by volunteer efforts and with the assistance of the Manistee National Forest and its Forest Ranger Tom Lea. Cadillac Winter Promotions has a use permit supervised by Lea for the overseeing of the trail system. "The cooperation between the U.S. Forest Service and Cadillac Winter Promotions has been a model for the entire country," said Lea. "Winter Promotions officials constantly observe the regulations of the U.S. Forest Service, and environmental considerations continue to be one of their top priorities," he said.

Comfort and safety of snowmobile riders are two of the other top priorities of the group, according to Donahue. "Each year we assess resort and business owners an amount of money consistent with their size and use these funds for maintaining the trails and grooming equipment". This year Cadillac Winter Promotions will observe its 10th Anniversary.

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Yamaha's Merle Karst Honored



Receiving a special ISIA recognition plaque—in appreciation for 14 years' service to the International Snowmobile Industry Association—is Yamaha's retiring Senior Vice President Merle Karst (right). Presenting the plaque is new Yamaha Vice President Jim Gentz. Karst served ISIA as Executive Committee member, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and member of the Board of Directors.

CYPRESS, California (September 11, 1989) - Yamaha's recently retired Senior Vice President Merle Karst has been awarded a special recognition plaque from the International Snowmobile Industry Association (ISIA) in appreciation of his more than 14 years' service to the snowmobile industry organization as Executive Committee member, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and member of the Board of Directors.

"I think Merle was a true industrial statesman," commented Roy Muth, President and Chief Executive Officer of ISIA. "He always looked ahead, eager to find ways to strengthen the industry and the sport of snowmobiling. His commitment to building a bright future for snowmobiling and snowmobilers was impressive. His support for ISIA and its programs was

unwavering. His leadership in the recent formation of the National Snowmobile Foundation serves as an apt example of his many important contributions to snowmobiling."

The ISIA recognition plaque was presented to Karst in August at a special ceremony at Yamaha's corporate headquarters in Cypress, California. The presentation was made by Jim Gentz, Yamaha's new Vice President.

The plaque reads as follows: "In grateful appreciation for his leadership as an Officer and Member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, and as Chairman of the Finance Committee, Merle J. Karst is recognized by his associates in the snowmobile industry and sport."

Karst retired in April of this year after 17 years' service to Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.



A brand-new 1990 Jeep Cherokee Sport Grand Prize, part of a race purse expected to top \$50,000 in cash and prizes, headlines plans for the 4th annual Jeep 500 International Snowmobile Race to be held February 3-4-5, 1990. The "World's Toughest Snowmobile Competition" from Thunder Bay, Ontario, to White Bear Lake, Minnesota, is expected to attract more than 200 competitors and thousands of spectators from all across the U.S. and Canada.

"The 1989 race drew the largest number of drivers of any race in the U.S. or Canada last year," said Race Coordinator C.J. Ramstad, "and increased interest on the part of the snowmobile manufacturers this year is fueling even more enthusiasm for the 1990 event." Ramstad said the Grand Prize Jeep plus cash and other prizes the winner will receive represents the biggest single prize in all of snowmobile racing.

The race begins in Thunder Bay on Saturday morning, February 3rd, as drivers are flagged off southward on a route paralleling the Lake Superior shoreline. After 170 miles of frozen river and lake, ditchline and snowmobile trail running, the drivers will reach the first day finish line in Grand Marais, Minnesota.

The second leg on Sunday takes the drivers about 150 miles from Grand Marais to Duluth mostly along the famous 153-mile North Shore State Trail. By noon, the first drivers will reach the finish line on Martin Road outside of Duluth and the end of the fast and demanding second leg.

For the final 165 miles to the ice of White Bear Lake, the drivers are started in the order of their elapsed time to that point. This "real time" start makes for an exciting race for competitors and spectators alike as drivers race in their actual positions on the trails and ditchlines that make up this final dash for the gold and glory, each trying to be the first to cross the finish line and win "Winter's Toughest Race."

The 4th annual Jeep 500 is sponsored by Jeep/Eagle Division of Chrysler Motors Corporation, Justice Brothers Quality Snowmobile Oil, Meyer Snow Plows, Forester Boats and snowmobile manufacturers Arcteo, Inc., makers of Arctic Cat snowmobiles, Bombardier Ltd, makers of Ski-Doo snowmobiles, Polaris Industries, L.P. and Yamaha Motor Corporation USA.

This year's race will feature a special fund-raising program to benefit the race's official charity, the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Machines qualified for the 1990 race are essentially the same as those permitted in 1989—The Polaris Indy 500, Ski-Doo Formula Plus, the Yamaha Exciter and the Arctic Cat EXT. These and all models of lower-rated performance built in the 1981-1990 model years are eligible to compete. Drivers must be at least 18 to qualify, but there is no upper age limit.

Last year, drivers from 17 states and provinces aged 18 to 68 competed in the challenging race and results were reported in newspapers, magazines and broadcast media all over North America.

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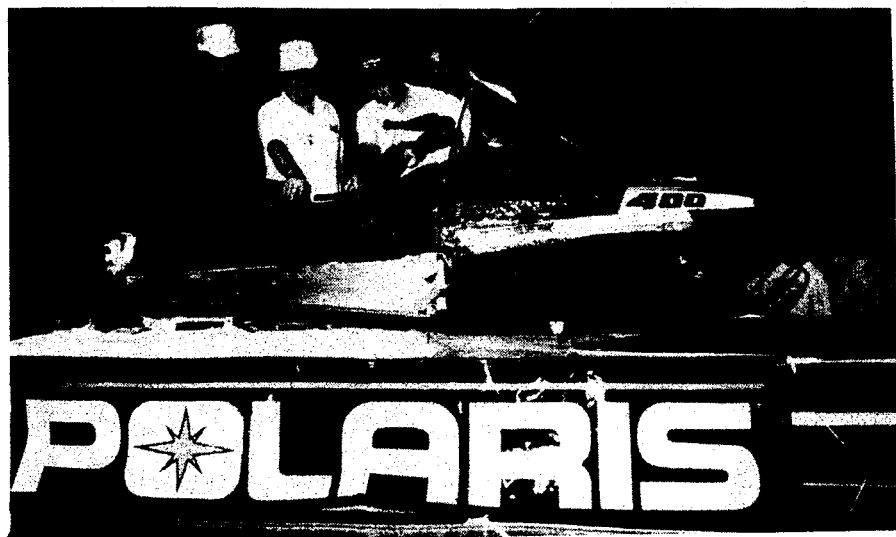
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July 15, 1989 was a day of celebration for Polaris Industries and Roseau, Minnesota. The date marked the company's 35th anniversary and three and a half decades of producing the world's most innovative and exciting snowmobiles and All Terrain Vehicles in this northern Minnesota community.

On hand to help Polaris celebrate its milestone as the world's oldest snowmobile company were more than 8,000 people, including attendees from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Japan, all provinces of Canada and all states in the U.S.A. Journalists from Scandinavia, the United State and Canada were in attendance to record the celebration. The day's activities were chronicled for television viewers by production members of the "McNeil-Lehrer New Hour" staff. (A televised essay about Polaris is to be broadcast in early August.)

Both Minnesota Senators David Durenberger and Rudy Boschwitz sent messages of congratulations, as did Minnesota Governor Rudy Perpich.

Activities for the day kicked off with a self-guided tour of the Polaris plant and a pancake breakfast for 4,500 people. Serving as hosts were the Roseau Lions.

The Roseau-Warroad, Minnesota, Sno-Nobles entertained the crowd with a display of precision snowmobile driving. The Sno-Nobles, who use specially equipped Polaris-Indy Sport snowmobiles, have performed at Shriner and other events from northern Minnesota to

Las Vegas.

Ceremonies were officially underway with the singing of both American and Canadian national anthems by Mitchell Johnson, son of Polaris co-founder David Johnson. Then Polaris Chairman of the Board Hall Wendel, Jr. and Roseau Mayor Bernie Burggraf officially welcomed the crowd to the festivities.

Action got underway almost immediately at the Roseau County fairgrounds with an ATV pull which was sponsored by the Quad Connection. After a lunch break, the Red River Valley Truck and Tractor Pulling Association sponsored a raucous "monster" truck and

tractor pull.

In the late afternoon, after the "monster" pull, an official cake cutting ceremony was held at the Roseau ice arena. The cake was no ordinary cake. Baked by "Wally's" bakers in Roseau, the cake was set on an Indy chassis and designed like an Indy 400. It took nine gallons of eggs, 190 pounds of sugar, 250 pounds of white cake flour, and 100 pounds of frosting to make this special Indy 400-shaped birthday cake!

The day's activities ended with a street dance featuring the Back Behind The Barn Boys, a nationally known country-western band from nearby Gatzke, Minnesota.



For those unable to attend the 35th anniversary celebration, Polaris commissioned a special 35th anniversary commemorative edition history book entitled, **Polaris Pioneers: A Star is Born**. Written by former **Snow Goer** editor and current editor/publisher of **American Snowmobiler**, Jerry Bassett, "Pioneers" is available for \$16.95 (plus \$2.50 for shipping and handling) by sending a

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With the increase in popularity of snowmobiling, Boyne City finds itself near

some of Michigan's most popular snowmobile destinations. East Jordan and the Jordan Valley trails to the south, and Boyne Falls and Walloon Lake to the east with access to the popular Chandler Hill-Wolverine—Indian River trail network, put Boyne City in an excellent location to add snowmobilers to its list of winter guests. Efforts are underway to connect many of the existing trails in the area and provide safe access to more shopping, dining and entertainment for snowmobilers. Interest is growing for a Snowmobile Club so these ef-

forts can be organized and coordinated with other area clubs and communities. Gloria Anderson, director of the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce stated, "It's a two-way street. Snowmobilers have a lot to offer an area, and we're tourist oriented. We feel we have a lot to offer snowmobilers, and hopefully we'll soon be among the more popular spots for recreational snowmobiling." So, if you are in the area for the Boyne Country Rally on Jan. 4-8, or any other time this season, remember the invitation is out from Boyne City.

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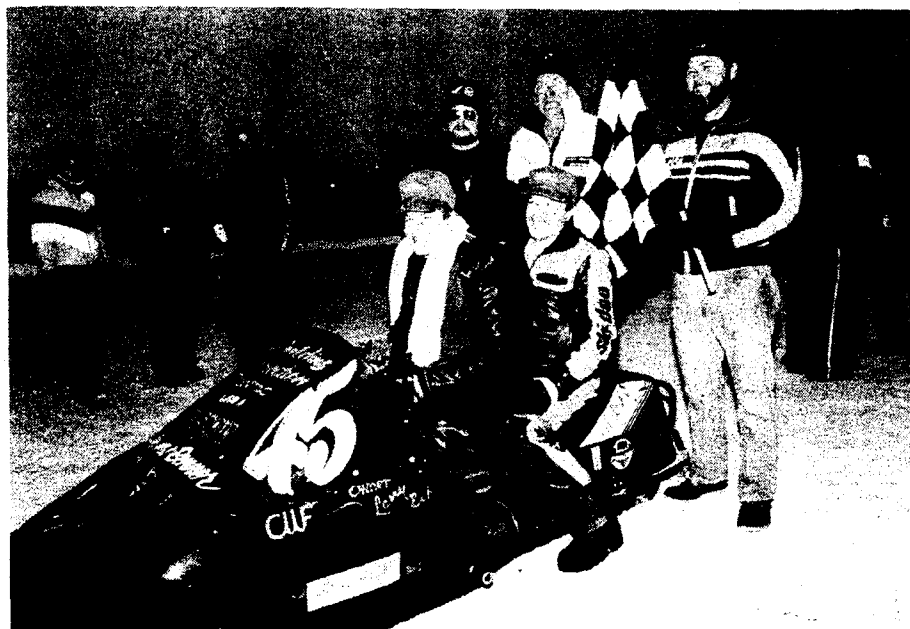
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Happy tired drivers Jeff Kipfmiller and Rick Zudell with Team owners Larry Williams, Bob Benner and Pit Crew.

BY KAREN HOLCOMB
Muskegon, Michigan
When flagman Tom Pollard dropped the green flag officially starting the 2nd Annual Muskegon Pro Enduro 400 Snowmobile West Michigan Championship Race, Saturday, February 18, 1989, there was no doubt in the minds of either Williams-Benner Team drivers Jeff Kipfmiller or Rick Zudell that they would be winners. And, of course, when Miss America, sits on your sled and tells you she has a good feeling about it, you're bound to be a winner, right? Call it racers' intuition, or just a gut feeling, somehow they knew the winner's circle would belong to team No. 45. It sure seemed like the Williams-Benner Team had been touched by the magic of former Miss America, Kaye Lani Rae Rafko.

Miss Rafko was present at a special ceremony held prior to the start of Saturday afternoon's 400 Pro Enduro Main Event, to officially dedicate the Michael Knight Memorial Race Track.

Michael Knight, a gifted innovator, and community leader, touched many lives in his short 45 years. One of those lives he touched so deeply was Kaye Lani Rae

Rafko, Miss America 1988.

Miss Rafko came back to Muskegon in remembrance of her good friend, Michael, paying him special tribute and celebrating in his honor the second successful year of racing at the Winter Sports Facility, a dream he helped make a reality.

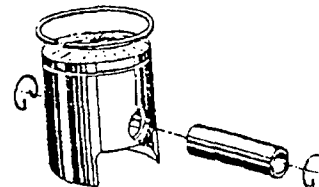
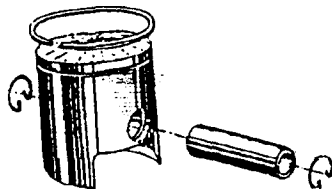
At the conclusion of the track dedication, Miss America, Kaye Lani, talked with some of the race teams as they prepared to line up for the start of the Pro Enduro 400. According to Jeff Kipfmiller, when Miss America actually sat on sled No. 45 and made the comment that she had a good feeling about the sled looking like a winner, that really got his adrenaline flowing.

Whatever the reason, there was no doubt about it, the Kipfmiller-Zudell combination was hard at work once again, thrilling the crowds, making this racing spectacular full of breathtaking excitement right down to the final lap.

It was a battle to the finish, but Kipfmiller kept pouring on the power, charging hard and relentless, around the 3/4 mile iced oval track until victory belonged to the Williams-Benner Race Team. Riding a

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Ski-Doo Formula plus. Kipfmiller stated, "In the beginning of the race the weather was warm and our fuel was a little too fat, but as it turned colder midway through the race, we started to build more horsepower."

Although Kipfmiller and Todd Krikke both finished on lap 400, sled No. 45 was nearly a lap ahead when the checkered flag was dropped in victory. The Krikke brothers, Todd and Randy, were defending champions of last year's Muskegon Pro 400.

Commending team owners and ace mechanics, Larry Williams and Bob Benner,

Kipfmiller stated, "Bob and Larry put a hell of a sled together." Kipfmiller explained further, "We didn't cut any slack today as the people can see. We just charged hard and ran right to the nuts straight to the end."

From a field of 29 sleds, 18 finished. As if the final challenge between Kipfmiller and Krikke wasn't thrilling enough, spectators also witnessed the tenacious duel between third and fourth place finishers, Team Dogpatch and Eichenberg Racing.

Troy Pierce of Greenbush, Minnesota, lead driver for No. 57 Team Dogpatch from Munising, Michigan, was desperately trying to hold on

to his third place lead in order to wrap up the overall Highpoints Championship for the Midwest International Racing Association, but Roy Eichenberg of Eichenberg Racing, was relentlessly pounding the track on his 540 Yamaha in hot pursuit of the third place slot himself.

Pierce's intense need to place third set up some very exciting racing between himself and Eichenberg. Advancing 28 positions, from start to finish, 22 year old Pierce and back-up driver Alan Haynes of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan finished in third place, ten laps out of first. The Eichenberg Race team, with drivers Rob and Roy, finished fourth one

lap behind.

It probably seemed to Troy Pierce and crew that the entire race weekend was one of playing catch up. According to Dogpatch team members, disaster struck when a rear wheel rim fell off the team bus as they were traveling to Muskegon, but thanks to fellow Upper, Pro-Am driver Paul Gaberdiel of Curtis, Michigan, who picked them up near St. Ignace and transported their sled and equipment along with his own to Muskegon, they were able to finish out the facing season and stay in contention for the MIRA Highpoints Championship.

Arriving too late Friday to

make the qualifying rounds for the 400 Pro Enduro, Pierce had to start at the back of the pack in 29th position and work his way up through the ranks which was not an easy task considering the excellent competition on the track.

It certainly seemed as if Team Dogpatch was destined for doom, as Pierce continued to run into problems throughout the race. A minor accident early on in the race sent Pierce to the pits, but he was soon back on the track with little damage to his sled. Believe it or not, this was not the end.

Pierce's problems were far from over, as he experienced

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Jeff Kipfmiller and Rick Zudell receive an extra bonus when they get to meet Miss America "1988" Kay Lani Rafko.

more difficulty when his carburetor fell off his sled. To make matters worse, the track turned to dirt in the corners as the race progressed, and Pierce's carbide tips began to wear down, making handling of his machine nearly impossible.

Pierce continued to press on, never giving up, striving to stay within the top three positions in order to lock up the Highpoints Championship. Pit stop after pit stop, Pierce continued to maintain his goal, and slowly sled No. 57 made its way to the top.

Pierce might have come away short for winning the Muskegon 400, but he definitely proved he could go the distance for winning the MIRA Highpoints Champion-

ship. Expressing grateful appreciation to those teams who helped him throughout this past racing season and especially to Paul Gaberdiel who made the race at Muskegon possible.

Roy Eichenberg and brother Rob are no strangers to Enduro Racing. According to Roy, they live in a little community called Hawkins, located between Reed City and Big Rapids. Stating, "If it wasn't for the kind folks of Hawkins raising money to get us started racing this season, we would not be here today." According to Roy, the town holds a blessing of the sleds and money is raised to send them off to their first race. From that point on, it's just race a little, win a little, race a

little more.

Riding a 1987 Yamaha 540 V-Max, considered by Eichenberg to be the last of a dying breed, but Roy stated they have always had good luck with the sled since they started racing.

A record setting pole position was established by Jimmy Kirts. Riding his Polaris 650, Kirts grabbed an early lead but lost it soon after when his machine began experiencing mechanical problems.

According to Dan Kirts, Jimmy was off to a good start until he blew a piston. Kirts sponsored by the Fleske Farm Team No. 42 of DeWitt, Michigan was a real contender in the MIRA Circuit this past racing season.

The Kipfmiller/Zudell duo was hot on the track, coming off a protested win at Albright Shores, making them a real contender in the Highpoints Championship standings. The two young race drivers, Kipfmiller and Zudell were determined to take home the glory one last time, putting the finishing touch on the 1989 Enduro Racing season.

The Williams-Benner, Red Hot, Formula Plus Ski-Doo started the race in second place, but fell behind during

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Kay Lani Rafko, Miss America 1988, proudly shows off her new Muskegon Enduro 400 Snowmobile Championship Jacket along with a Plaque from Race Promoter Gary Smith.

the first half of the race. Completely dropping out of the top ten slot at one point, they were determined to be winners, as they ferociously battled their way against the odds back into the lead.

It was an uphill battle for team No. 45, as they faced a number of obstacles, but the most dramatic happened approximately 280 laps into the race, when Rick Zudell was black-flagged for passing under a yellow caution flag. At this point the Williams-Benner team lost the lead to sled No. 60, Team Confusion and the Krikke brothers.

The Williams-Benner Team was forced to make an immediate pit stop where a warning was issued to Zudell and a lap was lost. Zudell, who had been driving very aggressively throughout the race, explained what happened when he was black-flagged. "I might have jumped it a little bit, but that's just racing. I thought it was green, it was green but they know I couldn't see it, but I knew it was green, I was just a little too early on the trigger. It didn't cost laps or anything, they just brought me in, gave a scolding and sent me back out."

When I asked Kipfmiller how difficult it was for him to have to make up the unscheduled pit stop and the lost lap that his team was penalized when Zudell was black-flagged he replied, "I didn't have a choice, once I got on the sled and found we lost a lap, I decided at that point I wasn't going to settle for anything but first, you know how I am, so I just charged and went for it."

Kipfmiller also squelched any rumors floating around that this might possibly be his last racing season. When the question of early retirement was asked of Kipfmiller, he

responded by saying, "Kirts is still racing isn't he? Well, I've got a long way to go to catch him. I don't know what's going to happen, but as long as I stay healthy and I feel good and I can still run strong and everything, I'll probably stay around another year, another two, another three."

At the end of the first 100 laps Duane Baur No. 14 riding a Ski-Doo for Lockwood Performance Special was in the lead, with Todd Krikke, No. 60 Team Confusion in close second. Mike Staszak, No. 16 riding for Team Dobson, following in hot pursuit trailed third, while Jimmy Kirts, Felske Farms sled No. 42 was fourth with Jeff Kipfmiller riding the Williams-Benner sled No. 45 was fifth.

With 153 laps completed the lead changed to Tom Bozek, No. 77 of the Wuppet Wace Team, a newcomer to Enduro racing this past season. Tom's Wuppets were really pushing to stay ahead of Duane Baur and Bob Kosinski duel who were trying zealously to reclaim their lead. Sled No. 60, Team Confusion had dropped to third place, but by lap 176 it was a different story. Boser was trying to stay alive in first with No. 60, Todd Kirkke pushing him hard, both riding Polaris 650s, the chase was on.

Team Confusion No. 60, the Krikke brothers were hoping to wrap up the season with a win as they had done last year at the First Annual Muskegon Pro 400 Enduro. They were now in the lead with 233 laps of 400 complete. However, Williams-Benner Team 45 had a different view, trying to close the gap Zudell and Kipfmiller weren't about to settle for second place. Mike Staszak No. 16 consistently powered his Polaris 650 around the ice oval, just awaiting his chance to advance out of third.



Grant Vermeersch riding for #10 Team Rampage from Bad Axe Michigan, edges John Boser from Minnesota who is in close pursuit.

By the end of 240 laps, Staszak had disappeared from the top ten field, with mechanical problems, but Troy Pierce No. 57 of Team Dogpatch was emerging into the top standings, taking over fifth place. Rising from 29th position to 5th in 240 laps, with a few set-backs in between is what happens when you have a goal in mind and the determination to reach it, as this aggressive 22 year old Minnesota native has proven throughout this entire racing season.

What a difference 20 laps can make in an Enduro Race, by the end of 250 laps Williams-Benner sled No. 45 and No. 60 Krikke's Team Confusion, were on the same lap, but by lap 312 Todd Kirkke on his Polaris 650 Indy had regained sole possession of the lead again, with No. 45 riding their tail.

The battle raged between sled No. 45 and No. 60 and by lap 339 only eighteen sleds remained, but the lead had changed again. This time the Williams-Benner Ski-Doo was number one, with Todd Krikke pressing his Polaris hard trying to close the gap on Kipfmiller's six and one-half second lead.

A break in the action came for the Williams-Benner Team when a caution flag came out on lap 339 and Team Confusion and the Krikke boys made a pit stop. When Krikke pitted, Kipfmiller seized the opportunity to widen his lead. Although half the race had been a constant see-saw battle for the lead between Kipfmiller and Krikke, Kipfmiller was determined not to give it back this time.

Excited fans huddled themselves against the weather beaten snow fence barriers that surrounded the race track, trying to get a closer view of these powerful ice mobiles traveling around the iced oval track at speeds of

over 100-miles per hour.

With 365 of 400 laps completed, Kipfmiller widened his lead, as Todd Krikke tried desperately to make up the gap, pushing his 650 Polaris faster and faster, but it appeared he was continually losing ground. Kipfmiller, on the other hand, was trying to go faster and hang on to his six and one-half second lead over Team Confusion. Hoping he had put enough distance between himself and Troy Pierce for the points championship, Kipfmiller concentrated wholeheartedly on his primary objective, winning the Muskegon Pro 400.

Krikke rode his Polaris flawlessly in close pursuit right down to the bitter end. With approximately 10 laps to go, Krikke stated a clutch spring broke taking away the top end speed of his sled on the straightaways. Further stating, "We ran out of and our steering went away at the end, but other than that the sled ran good all day. No problems."

The Krikke brothers hope for a second win at the Muskegon 400 diminished towards the final laps of the race when it became apparent that their all-powerful 650 Polaris Indy was running out of steam, and the little Red Ski-Doo Formula Plus of the Williams-Benner Race Team, being piloted by veteran driver Jeff Kipfmiller was still super charged to the max. According to Kipfmiller, "I could have ridden another 200 miles."

Banquet Honors Race teams. Following the Saturday 400 Pro Enduro an awards banquet was held at the Hilt Building across from the Muskegon Harbor Hilton. A delicious roast beef buffet dinner was served followed by the awards presentations.

Gary Smith, promoter of the Muskegon Winter Spectacular, with the help of Miss

America 1988, Kaye Lani Rae Rafko, presented the top ten race teams plaques of participation and prize money. This was definitely the highlight of the banquet for all the teams, a memory that will last forever.

Miss Rafko is a 24 year old registered nurse at St. Vincent Medical Center, Monroe, Michigan. It was easy to see how she won the hearts of America, because she certainly became a favorite of all the MIRA race teams. Joking, Kaye Lani warned the race teams that she might be back next year as a race driver. This idea brought a round of applause from all the race teams, but when she asked if anyone needed an extra team member, it was an absolute sea of wild waving hands signifying yes, yes...

The former Miss America was truly a sport and very much appreciated for her warmth and generosity. She came to pay tribute to a sadly missed friend, Michael Knight, and she stayed to win the hearts of all those who had the opportunity to meet her.

WINNERS REIGN... Williams-Benner Race Team No. 45 was presented a beautiful first place trophy, compliments of the Muskegon Lumberjacks Professional Hockey Organization. This unique trophy will remain in the showcase at the L.C. Walker Arena with the first place winners name inscribed on it. A replica trophy was presented to team drivers, Jeff Kipfmiller and Rick Zudell, who accepted the Williams-Benner team winning for their first place win at the 2nd Annual 400 Muskegon 400 Pro Enduro.

The Muskegon Winter Spectacular, a three day event held February 17-19th, concluded their racing weekend with a series of Pro-Am events. The Pro-Am drivers have continuously provided top quality racing throughout the 1989 MIRA racing season. Some of these drivers will be returning next year to race the Pro circuit, making way for new drivers just experiencing the sport.

These racing events give the amateur snowmobile driver a chance to test his skills, and gain experience before entering the professional level.

PRO-AM RACE RESULTS
 Stock II Ed Krompetz
 Stock I Doug Ritchie
 Open Modified Jim Gross
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 56 H.P. Williams-Benner
 (Jeff Kipfmiller)

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Bill Deller #35 and Bob Kosinski on back strightaway at Muskegon Pro Enduro 400.

A highly competitive shoot out featuring some of the best race drivers on the MIRA Circuit took place Sunday afternoon, as these unique 56 H.P. sleds roared around the 3/4 iced oval track.

Duane Baur, lead driver for the Lockwood Performance Team, driving a Lockwood Special, jumped out to an early lead, but with this type of 15 lap shoot out anything can happen, as Jeff Kipmiller proved when he skillfully maneuvered himself into first place.

Scott McMillan, from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada had a lot riding on this particular race, as he held the "Highpoints" lead in the 56 H.P. class prior to this final race of the season at Muskegon. However, with the race being shortened to 10 laps from its usual 25, because of the deteriorating ice conditions, McMillan had his work cut out for him.

The race turned out to be quite a raging battle of machinery, as the duel between Kipmiller and McMillan wore on. Although both drivers rode Ski-Doo's, McMillan seemed to be seriously struggling with mechanical problems during the final laps of the race, unable to generate the amount of horsepower needed to overtake Kipmiller's first place lead, McMillan finished second with Tom St. John finishing third.

X-Class Tom St. John

Tom St. John's Arctic Cat roared down the front straight away with Jeff Kipmiller piloting his bright red Ski-Doo Twin Tracker close behind. A thrilling shoot out between some of the best drivers on the MIRA circuit.

Kipmiller was fast, but not fast enough to catch the St. John "Wildcat", who remained unyielding throughout the entire 15 laps. Rick Zudell, also riding for the Williams-Benner

Team finished third on a Ski-Doo.

**SPECIALTY RACES
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A special Australian pursuit race was held Saturday morning prior to the main event among the top ten qualifiers of the Muskegon 400 Pro Enduro, with Jimmy Kirts riding No. 42 for the Felske Farms team starting in the back of the pack in reverse order of how they qualified. Kirts being the fastest qualifier of the 29 starting field, started in 10th spot in a scheduled 10 lap event. Once the race starts any racer who gets passed is automatically eliminated. In less than four laps, Jim Kirts had the only sled left on the track and took home the \$1,000 cash award for his win. A real crowd pleaser, and an incentive for the Pro Racers to become the pole setters. This race was sponsored by FMB Lumberman's Bank of Muskegon.

MECHANICS' RACE

A special Mechanics' race was scheduled for Sunday morning's racing activities. This fun 15 lap Enduro Mechanics' Race was the highlight of the day, especially for the team drivers, who have to answer to these same mechanics race after race. This was a chance for the drivers to see just how well the head wrenches could hold up under the pressure of the race track themselves.

For the most part it looked like a slow motion video, except for a few, like winner Louis Hunt, a former I-500 record holder who took the lead at the start of the race and did not relinquish it until the checkered flag of victory his. There was no question whatsoever as to who was going to win.

Hunt retired from Pro racing two years ago stating this is the first time he has raced since. Hunt now works

as Head Wrench for Felske Farms Team No. 42. Being almost a full lap ahead of his nearest competitor might have seemed a little strange, but jokingly Hunt remarked, "everyone racing out there today was just having a good time." Just getting around the track was a major accomplishment for most of the drivers.

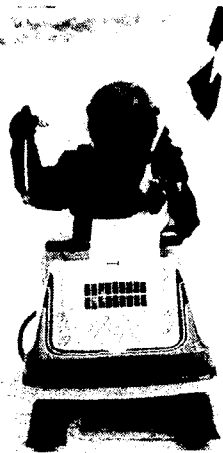
A yellow caution flag, slowed down the pace as Terry Spencer of Team Spencer was forced to drop out of the race due to mechanical problems with his sled. When racing under the green resumed it was Lockwood Performance in second place, with Tim Lockwood, owner and head wrench of the Lockwood Performance Team at the helm.

However, Larry Williams, ace mechanic with the Williams-Benner race team was another story. All I can say is my camera batteries froze up waiting for him to come around the track. Kidding, Williams stated, he had drawn the sixth position in the starting line up. Williams explained if he went too fast he might run over the sleds in front of him, and if he went too slow the sleds behind would run over him. He felt he was a doomed man no matter what. Each racer who participated received a ribboned medallion.

KITTY KAT RACES

The Kitty Kat races seem to be growing by leaps and bounds and the competitors are getting younger and younger, too. During the Muskegon competition the youngest child participating was 18 month old Tiffany Medler from the Morley, Michigan area. She rode her sled under the watchful eye of her dad, who ran along behind watching for any problems.

Each young racer who participated received a ribboned medallion signifying his valiant efforts. Two heats or



Matt Lockwood wins Kitty Kat Race on a Lockwood Special at Muskegon.

racers vied for the checkered flag, and everyone was a winner, but only the two youngsters riding a Lockwood Performance Special crossed the finish line first. Matt Lockwood won the first heat and then shared his winning sled with a child named Landon, whose sled was having problems, giving her a chance to run and run she did, winning the second heat in record time.

Matt Lockwood accompanies his father Tim Lockwood and race team throughout the MIRA circuit and has won every Kiddy Kat this season. The future looks very promising for this enthusiastic young racer who hails from Indiana.

Promoters Minute... Talking with Gary Smith, Michigan Winter Spectacular 1989 Promoter, as race weekend concluded Sunday afternoon, he commented, "We are very, very pleased, I think this was a very successful weekend of snowmobile racing in Muskegon. The guys were great. MIRA put on a fantastic show, the Professional Drag Racers Circuit again did a

very fine job. Everybody seems to be excited about racing here and we are looking forward to next year, I'm just thrilled.

Smith estimated that the three day racing weekend drew a crowd of nearly 9,000 fans.

According to Smith, it had been rumored in the pits throughout the weekend that the Muskegon Race resembled a mini 500, although he did not have all the facts he was very honored by the comments just the same. Who knows, maybe someday this too could become a reality, especially if the support from race teams and community continues to be as successful as it has in the past two years.

Special Sponsors... Smith offered special words of thanks and praise to all the sponsors who helped make this 2nd Annual Muskegon Winter Spectacular so successful. Especially thanking Paul Miller of the Chevrolet Truck Division and Dick Mehlhorn, Manager O.E.M. Sales for Meyer Snow Plows, for all their support with the "Snow Patrol."

The Snow Patrol dedicated themselves to providing the vital track maintenance necessary to ensure driver safety throughout the '89 racing season. This special combination of Chevy and Meyer working together kept the race tracks safe on the MIRA circuit and added a great deal of color to the race weekend festivities as well. The crisp colorful flags of the U.S.A. and Canada proudly flew along with Chevy and Meyer banners.

Smith praised Dick Mehlhorn for all the time and effort his group spent keeping both the oval and drag tracks groomed and in prime condition throughout the weekend. He also offered his grateful ap-

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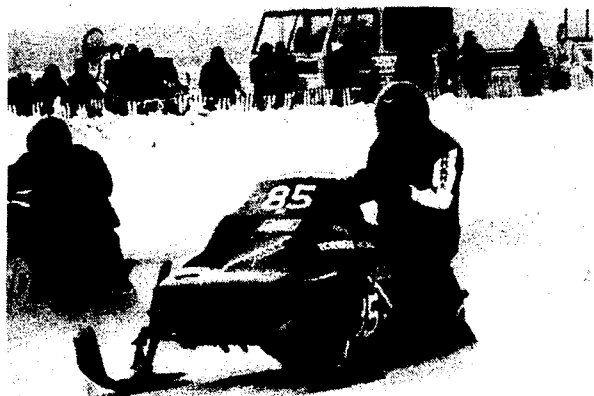
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Roy Eichenberg edged out of his 3rd place lead in final lap by Troy Pierce.

preciation to the members of the MIRA board for all their support, stating he has never worked with a finer group of people.

An extra special note of appreciation was extended to local Ravenna Chevrolet dealer Ron Verhey and his group for all their supportive help, sponsorship and participation, in helping to make the 1989 Muskegon Winter Spectacular race weekend a super successful event.

Verhey's Chevrolet Dealership hosted a special gathering on Thursday, February 16, prior to the weekend of racing action. Some of the Formula III sleds were on display as well as the PDRA Drag Racing sleds, along with

drivers from both racing circuits. The Chevy Meyer "Snow Patrol" service vehicles were on hand, as well as the '40 Chevrolet display van.

The Dunigan drag racing team trailer was set up for public viewing, and drew a lot of attention throughout the day as Dan Dunigan conducted tours and answered questions.

Local Muskegon enduro team, Bitson Racing, with team owner/driver Jerry Bitson and crew, along with the Flint based Willaims-Benner Racing Team No. 45 with owner Bob and Betty Benner, were also available to answer questions about their sleds. These powerful Formula III sleds drew quite a crowd, as did the unique Drag Racing

Sleds of the Dunigan Race Team, and Team Rush from Greenfield, Michigan.

Smith extended a sincere thank you and grateful appreciation to Bill Bauman, Ski-Doo Representative, for bringing an assortment of Ski-Doo sleds, giving demo rides to interested snowmobile race fans. Located near the food tent at the Muskegon Winter Race Facility, many people took the opportunity to talk to Bauman and get the latest facts on the Ski-Doo line, and a

chance to try these new sleds for themselves.

Looking ahead...According to Smith people are starting to see this as a community event, something that they can all get into. Next year Smith stated more organizations will be out here with displays and games, activities that people can enjoy besides just snowmobile racing. He is hoping to project more of a festival event for people to enjoy themselves.

Smith states he is looking

forward to next year's event, which promises to be better yet.

Raffle Winners... Gary Smith stated the weekend raffle winners were as follows: Winner of the \$1,000 gift certificate was Phil Smith of Muskegon. Winner of the Meyer Snowplow was Guy Houtz of Quincy, Michigan. Winner of the portable generator from Babbitts was Michael Whar and winner of the head sets was Ken DeLora, Muskegon, Michigan.

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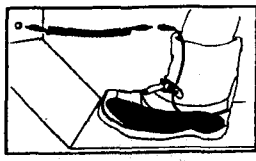
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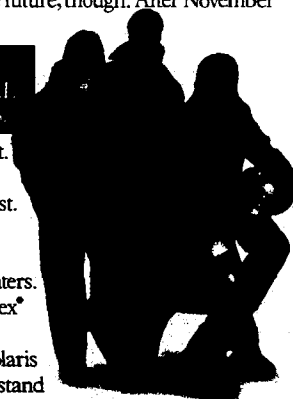
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kaleidoscopes out to each store and my hope is that with three in hand, they will order more."

Kaleidoscopes bearing the Kuhns name are in stores across the country ranging from single locations to chains of 150 outlets such as the Mole Hole. Most of his work is in

the \$40 to \$200 price range, but a kaleidoscope crafted from rare or costly materials can easily reach \$3500.

For Kuhns and other artisans like him, there is no shortage of collectors willing to pay the price. Whether it is a \$30,000 antique from the 19th century,

or a contemporary piece made with space age technology, the allure of the kaleidoscope remains.

Concert to feature oboe soloist

Featured soloist in Thursday's (October 12) concert by the Grand Rapids Symphony will be Yvonne Powers, principal oboe with the orchestra since 1985.

Ms. Powers, a former faculty member of the Bay View Music Festival, will perform the Strauss *Concerto in D Major for Oboe and Small Orchestra*.

Reserved seats for the 7:30 p.m. concert at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Gaylord are \$10; general admission tickets are available for \$7, adults, \$3 students. Tickets are available at Glen's Markets, the Framery, Apollo Schultz Bookseller and can be purchased at the door the evening of the concert.

Yvonne Powers earned a Master of



Music degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music where she studied under renown oboist John Mack. She has performed with the Cleveland and Louisville orchestras and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Under the baton of Maestra Catherine Comet, the orchestra will also perform Mozart's *Serenade No. 9 in D Major* and Schubert's *Symphony No. 5 on B-flat Major*.

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