

Many low-income families with children can get tax credits

Millions of low-income working families with children are now eligible for up to \$910 through the federal government's Earned Income Credit program. Unfortunately, many of these families may not know about the credit and may fail to apply. To apply, all that a family has to do is to file a federal income tax return.

Many working families do not file a tax return if they do not owe additional taxes and normally would not be eligible for a tax refund. They do not realize that the federal government may ac-

tually owe them money.

Because this provision has been in place since 1986, working families who have not filed during that time may wish to file now to learn if they have money coming for past years.

Richard Tillen, director of the Charlevoix County Department of Social Services is attempting to alert all potential recipients in this area. The department is sending notices to all current recipients to inform them of the credit.

However, that effort will not reach everyone who may be

eligible. As Tillen says, "There are many families who do not receive public assistance who may be eligible for the EIC. Many families have had their cases closed in the past three years after they found a job, and they may not be aware of the Earned Income Credit."

Informing low-income families about the credit - and the need to file a federal tax return to receive it - is more important now than ever before for several reasons.

First, the federal Tax Reform Act of 1986 eliminated the need to pay income tax for millions of low-

income working families. As a result, many families will owe no federal taxes this year. A substantial number of these families may think there is no need to file a tax return. However, if they fail to file a return, they lose the Earned Income Credit to which they are entitled.

The second reason is that the credit has been greatly enlarged. Most working families earning between \$5,000 and \$11,000 in 1989 now qualify for a credit of at least \$700. Families that work and have children living with them are

probably eligible for the credit if their income last year was less than \$19,340.

Families do not even have to claim the Earned Income Credit on their tax return. As long as they file Form 1040 or 1040-A, and are eligible, the Internal Revenue Service will compute the credit for them - and send them a check if their credit exceeds their tax liability.

The Earned Income Credit was greatly expanded by the President and the Congress to reward and encourage work and also to help

offset the growing burden that payroll taxes (i.e., Social Security taxes) place on low-income working families. More than 11 million families now qualify for the credit. In fact, the credit has now become a program providing more than \$6 billion a year in benefits to low-income working families.

Families can also ask their employers to provide the credit in the future as part of their regular paycheck throughout the year. Federal law requires that the credit be provided to eligible workers in their paychecks, if the workers request this.

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Boyer administrators present want list for 90-91

Boyer City administration handed out a list of priorities for the City Commissioners to consider, 26 items culled out of a list presented by department heads of over 160, as the city started to work on the upcoming fiscal year budget.

According to City Manager Randy Frykberg, the list was given out for the commissioners to study and decide if they wanted to include other ideas into the goal setting list or want to move some of the priorities around within the list.

Frykberg also said the public is invited to look at the list and to present their thoughts as to what the city should be doing for the residents.

Heading the list is the goal of improving the city image with the staff and appearance of the community. If approved, that would mean more education of the city

workers, teaching them professionalism, team concepts, and treating the residents as if they were paying customers.

Also on that portion of the goal list is the creating of a comprehensive substance abuse policy.

In the area of appearance, the city wants to start a program of more and frequent mowing and weeding, more street sweeping downtown, painting the city garage, tree removal and replanting, improved leaf pick-up, improved dust control and additional street paving.

Some of the items on the list probably would not cost the city too much, like asking homeowners to number their residences, but others, like increasing the size of the city reservoir to one million gallon capacity, would.

Because the expense of a large improvement for the city, it was

felt by the administration to start the planning phases so the city could have an idea of costs for some of the projects.

One item that was left off the list and was suggested to be added by Commissioner Bill Grimm, was to include the starting of the design for the new Park Street Bridge that the city has a grant approved for construction with the state providing 95 percent of the construction funds. Grimm wanted the work to start so the city could be placed high on the list of projects that would get funded in the next year.

Residents wanting to look at the list to see what is being proposed should stop in at the City Hall, Frykberg said.

In other action, the commissioners approved the collecting of a summer tax for the Boyer City School system, providing they

add a clause to the contract with the city which waives the allocated interest the city would make from the collected funds.

They also approved the naming

of Walt Coyle to the Planning Board. Coyle's name was submitted last month but the commissioners asked the planners to reconsider his name after some

commissioners found areas of possible conflict. The planners reapproved Coyle at a meeting last week.

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News Briefs

Boyer Falls will be dedicating their recently completed school addition of classrooms and expanded gymnasium Thursday evening at 8 p.m., November 30. The school will also be holding an Open House to show off the facilities. Prior to the open house, the school will honor varsity and junior varsity athletes at a fall sports award ceremony at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The Child Study Club will again be holding their annual ski, skate and used toy sale this Saturday, Dec. 2, in the home economics room of the Boyer City High School between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to sell winter sports equipment, winter outerwear or used toys should mark the price on the item and bring it, along with a list of items, to the high school between 8:30 and 10 a.m. The club requires a 50 cent registration fee and places a 10 percent fee on all items sold. Unsold items should be picked up prior to 4 p.m. and those items not picked up will be considered a donation.

East Jordan Snomobile Club is starting off the snowmobile season with their weekly all-you-can-eat breakfasts at the Alba Road club house. The breakfasts will be served from 7 a.m. to noon every Sunday during the season.

Boyer City High School's Drama Club is preparing to present its annual talent show this coming Friday at the Boyer City Elementary School stage. They are also setting up a children's theater that will be presenting Charlotte's Web to all children of the community December 15-16th. Tickets are available from drama department members or by calling the high school.

East Jordan High School is sponsoring a financial aid night, Monday, December 4th, in the high school auditorium at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to all seniors and their parents or interested persons. Items to be discussed include local scholarships, Cliff Denay, Financial Aid Director of NCMC will be discussing ways of paying for college education with the state and federal programs available. For more information, call the East Jordan High School, 536-2471.

Accident claims life of Walloon Fire Dept. member.

A two pickup truck accident claimed the life of a Walloon Lake man early last Wednesday, when the two trucks collided head-on in an accident on M-75 between Boyer City and Walloon Lake.

Killed was Jim Urman, 32, of Jensen Road, Walloon Lake. Injured in the accident was the driver of the other vehicle, Daniel Pater, 28, of East Jordan. He was taken to Charlevoix Area Hospital where he was treated and released.

Urman was driving towards Boyer City when, according to witnesses who told the Sheriff's Department Deputies, Pater was attempting to pass a slower car and was not able to make it back into his lane. It appeared Urman headed for the right ditch while Pater also headed toward the same side of the road. The two met head-on.

The accident occurred at 7:46 a.m.

Members of Melrose Township Fire Department and rescue team used the Jaws of Life device to gain entry to the truck so they could extricate Urman. Urman was also a member of the squad and had used the Jaws of Life device many times in assisting others at accidents. He had been a member of the fire department for the past ten years and was with the rescue squad since its inception four years ago.

He was one of two captains on the fire department as well as serving as the water supply officer.

Urman worked for Ed's Electric as an electrician and was building a home in the Walloon area. He was a life long resident of Walloon Lake and attended Boyer City High School.



Santa arrived in Boyer City, much to the delight of many children and their parents who lined the streets of downtown. His arrival on the fire truck was courtesy of the Boyer City Firemen who met the jolly old elf at some secret spot so he could come into town without being surrounded by children. That happened a little later when he greeted children at One Water Street Restaurant.

Petitions filed in Bay recall drive

Petitions with 78 names were turned into the Charlevoix County Clerk for verification last week asking for the recall of Bay Township Supervisor Allie (Bud) Chipman.

The recall drive was started several weeks ago by Lyle Barkley who headed a group that is against the anti-noise legislation the township approved recently.

The 78 names will have to be verified by the county clerk before being sent to Township Clerk Charles Briethaupt for his verification. If it is found that the signatures on the petitions are all valid, then the County Elections Board will have to schedule a recall election within the township.

It will take only 51 valid signatures to force the recall election of Chipman.

The petition stated that Chip-

man has operated the township in a manner to cause controversy and conflict for the residents of the township, with increased assessments on property, the passage of the anti-noise ordinance, the over-spending of township monies of the cemetery and the approval of what the group calls unsatisfactory road construction.

The recall election will cost the township about \$2,000 according to Briethaupt.

Chipman expressed surprise at the number of signatures the group had, saying that just getting the signatures really means nothing. He suggested that he still has a lot of support within the township and that would be determined when the election is held.

He said the real reason behind the recall drive was his support of the anti-noise ordinance which was

passed at a time when the township was having a problem with dogs barking on a farm being rented by Boyer City football coach Jack Gebauer. Gebauer is raising the dogs and training them to pull his sled with the hopes of someday entering the famous Iditarod sled-dog race that is held in Alaska.

Gebauer has since been served with an arrest warrant and is planning his defense in court.

Chipman also expressed that the courts would be the place where the ordinance issue would be resolved. He said that the courts may end up throwing out the ordinance saying that it is not legal. He agreed that the ordinance was broad and vague and said that it was written that way on purpose.

The election will be held in 90 days from today maximum if all of the signatures are verified.

Obituaries

JAMES D. URMAN

Memorial service for James D. Urman, 32, was held Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Walloon Lake Community Church. The Rev. Russell A Seltine and the Rev. Rodney Ward officiated. Mr. Urman died Nov. 22, 1989.

He was born Sept. 17, 1957 in Petoskey, the son of Jack and Bonnie (Jensen) Urman. He lived nearly his entire life in Northern Michigan. He attended Boyne City schools and graduated from Boyne City High School in 1975. From 1975 to September 1979, he served in the U.S. Navy. Mr. Urman was an electrician by profession and

was employed by Ed's Electric Service in Boyne City. He was a member of the Melrose Township Fire and Rescue Squad.

Survivors include his parents, Jack and Bonnie Urman of Walloon Lake; two brothers, Dennis of Petoskey and Leslie of Boyne City; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Geroge (Helen) Urman Sr. of Boyne City.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Rescue Township Fire and Rescue Squad. The arrangements were handled by the Stackus Funeral Home, Boyne City.

CARL C. SEVENSKI

Former Elmira resident Carl C. Sevenski, 74, died November 23, 1989 at his home in Lansing, Michigan.

A funeral mass was held at St. Casmier Catholic Church, Lansing, followed by burial service at St. Joseph Cemetery, Lansing.

Mr. Sevenski was born in Elmira on September 3, 1915. He married Sally Mathers of Boyne City. She preceeded him in death in June of 1988.

Mr. Sevenski was employed by

Federal Drop Forge of Lansing for 42 years. He retired in 1977 and moved back to the Elmira area for several years.

He is survived by: his children; Richard Sevenski and Carl Sevenski of Lansing, Carlyne Montgomery and Sandra Eldred of Eaton Rapids, Joyce Cords and Michael Sevenski of Charlotte, Terry Elzinga of Boyne City and Becky Brimley of Mason; 23 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Kessler awarded Legion of Merit honor

Army Colonel Kenneth C. Kessler, in Fairfax, Va., has been awarded the Legion of Merit by Major General Robert F. Durkin, director of the Defense Mapping Agency. Colonel Kessler is the chief of the Plans and Exercises Division at Headquarters DMA. He is the son of Virginia Kessler, Boyne City.

Col. Kessler received the award for his previous assignment as deputy assistant chief of staff, Engineer, Headquarters, Eighth U.S. Army and chief, Plans Division, Assistant Chief of Staff, Engineer, Republic of Korea/United States Combined Forces Command.

The citation accompanying the award underscored Colonel Kessler's "professional devotion to duty and pride in mission accomplishments."

After graduating from high school in Pentwater, Mich., in 1958, Col. Kessler earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Michigan Technological University and a master's degree in geodesy from Iowa State University. He furthered his education by also graduating from the British School Military Survey, the Armed Forces Staff College and the Naval War College.

Prior to his assignment in Korea, Colonel Kessler served in a variety of engineer assignments, including overseas assignments in Germany, Vietnam and Thailand.

Included among his many awards and decorations are the Silver Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Joint Staff Commendation Medal. He holds the Ranger, Senior Parachutist and Army Staff badges.

Colonel Kessler and his wife, Patricia, have two daughters: Colby, a graduate student at Iowa State University, and Crystal, a freshman at Strayer College, Washington, D.C. He and his wife and their daughter Crystal reside in Springfield, Va.

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DR. AND MRS. MICHAEL J. NEUMANN

Double ring ceremony unites pair at St. Augustine

In a double ring ceremony on October 7, 1989, officiated by the Rev. Joseph Malewitz at St. Augustine Church in Boyne Falls, Diane D. Dobrzelewski of Flint became the bride of Dr. Michael J. Neumann of Swartz Creek (formerly of Boyne City).

Diane is the daughter of Jerome and Janeny Dobrzelewski of Elmira, and Michael's parents are Joan T. Neumann and the late Dr. Thomas I. Neumann of Swartz Creek, formerly of Boyne City.

Given in marriage by her father, Diane wore a gown of organza, lace and pearls, with a Queen Anne neckline and cathedral length train. A floral white wreath with lace and pearls held her veil. She carried burgundy and white roses.

Patricia Franckowiak of

Berkley, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Karen and Sharon Franckowiak of Berkley, both cousins of the bride; Jolene Dobrzelewski of Midland, sister of the bride; Marsha Neumann of Belleville, sister of the groom; and Jacquelyn Chick of East Lansing, friend of the bride.

The girls wore tea length gowns of burgundy velvet and taffeta, and carried flowers of burgundy and white carnations.

Martin Neumann of Pontiac served his brother as best man. Ushers and groomsmen were Robert Murner of Dayton, Ohio; Thomas Bajko of Boyne City; Mark Dobrzelewski of Midland, brother of the bride; Jeffery Rode of St. Clair Shores, and Kenneth Krugel of Boyne City.

Mrs. Dobrzelewski wore a tea length dress of sky blue georgette with satin accents. Mrs. Neumann chose sea green crepe in a tea length dress, trimmed with matching lace.

Diane is a graduate of Northern Michigan University, BSN, and is employed by a consulting firm. Michael is a graduate of the Michigan State University Medical School and is a member of the Michigan State University Consortium in Internal Medicine.

Music for their wedding was furnished by organist Wayne Wyrembelski, violinist Judy Wagsig, and soloist Colette Dobrzelewski, cousin of the bride.

A buffet dinner for 400 guests was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Gaylord. After a wedding trip to Kauai, Hawaii, the couple is making their home in Flint.

EJ Garden Club market set

East Jordan's annual Green's Market, sponsored by members of the Garden Club, will be held December 8 in the Northwestern State Bank lobby beginning at 9 a.m., according to general chairman, Martha Annear. She will be assisted by Betty Boswell, chairman of the baked goods sale and Christmas crafts held in conjunction with the market.

Eleanor VanDyke, Green's Workshop chairman announced that Monday, December 4 wreaths and swags will be made in the Presbyterian Church Fellowship Room. Workshop committee members are Margaret Kaufman, Carolyn Downton and Virginia Bouska, and pre-orders will be taken by Kaufman by calling 536-7868. Members are asked to bring gloves and wirecutters to the workshop.

At the regular monthly meeting held November 20 in the library, a last minute program was substituted, due to weather conditions. Mickey Hamerski, local librarian, showed a film on "Flowers of Colonial Williamsburg". Following the film, a short business session was conducted by Thelma McKinnon, club president. It was announced that April 10 the District V spring meeting will be hosted by the Boyne Valley Garden Club.

Ann Dingman, director of Community Education, gave a report on the progress of Brown's Creek. She stated that the local resource is being used regularly by classrooms as a learning lab. A photo contest on the creek is being held and a large order for seedlings has been placed. It is hoped that all the new signs, posting the areas as "off limits" to ATVs and snowmobiles will be effective.

Guests introduced at the meeting were Emily LaRoux, Alice Fazlollah, Ann Clever and Phoebe Watson.

Hostesses at the meeting were Peggy Midener and Hope Tyrell. The tea table featured a fall theme and was centered by a pair of Pilgrim dolls, made by Annear.

with Nancy Northup 582-9174

Neighbors

Gordon and Mary Lou Yahr of Battle Creek were here visiting their mother, Ruth Yahr, and to share the Thanksgiving holiday with their sister and daughter, Sandy Newville.

Welcome to the new tenants of Litzenburger Place, Mr. and Mrs. Don May, who moved in this past weekend.

Dan and Julie Schmittiel of Chicago were here over Thanksgiving to be with their parents, Marie Schmittiel and the Bill and Mary Dunlaps. Andy Schmittiel was also here from Detroit to be with his family.

Mrs. Martin Ward and son Dominic of Chicago were here to spend Thanksgiving with her in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Walt (Ann) Ward.

Mrs. Maurice (Alta) Fluckey underwent foot surgery at Munson Hospital this past week and remains a patient there in room 4025, Traverse City 49684.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Ward spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Winchester, Indiana with her family.

Art Halloran Jr. and family and sister Mary and her husband Dave and family, all of Midland, were here for the Thanksgiving holiday with their parents, the Art Halloran Srs. It was an extra special Thanksgiving this year as the Hollorans just moved into their newly renovated old Halloran family home on 702 S. Park Street.

Elizabeth Eddy was home for Thanksgiving break from Spring Arbor College with her parents, the Rev. Lane Eddy and brother Ian.

Home for the Thanksgiving holiday with Bill and Jean Kor-thase were their daughters, Heidi from Grand Rapids and Nancy Anthony and children of Rochester. Sharing the Thanksgiving day meal with the family were Bill and Deb and family, Dr. Polleys and wife and family and Roger Kor-thase.

Kevin Shiotelis was home on the Thanksgiving break from MSU to be with his parents, George and Judy Shiotelis.

The 5th annual Christmas Craft show held at the Wolverine-Dilworth Hotel on Saturday was reported to be a great success.

The Monday Study Club met on November 20th at the home of Jewel Bryan. Due to the stormy weather, 10 hale and hearty members were present. The guest speaker for the evening was Doug Fuller from Tip of the Mitt of Petoskey, who gave an interesting and informative talk on our groundwater protection and recycling as sources of environmental protection. Refreshments were served by co-hostesses Florence Fox and Dorothy Grant. The Club's next meeting, their Christmas party, will be held on December 11, at the home of Leah Waggoner.

Mr. and Mrs. Dusty Rhodes and sons Michael, Jason, and Matthew were Thanksgiving guests of her parents, Bill and Thornita Rowe and grandmother, Vi Manglos. The Rhodes also celebrated their first wedding anniversary here. Other guests over the weekend Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Smith and sons Kevin and Mark of Redford.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGeorge of Williamston were here over the Thanksgiving holiday visiting Ramona McGeorge, Pauline Laisure, and the Marion Masseys. Also here to be with the family for Thanksgiving at the home of Gene and Ruth (Laisure) Hayden were Mr. and Mrs. Doug Kult of S. Bend, Indiana.

Nathan Matts of Salem was here over the holiday with his dad, Jerry Matts, and his Aunt, Goldie

Harrelson. Jerry hosted a Thanksgiving day dinner at the Holiday Inn in Petoskey for his son, Goldie, and Jean Marcham.

Home for the holiday with Shirley Sassin of East Jordan was her son Dale Majerczyk and family of Traverse City.

Dale Hoyt of Reading recently spent several days here visiting his sisters, Jean Kor-thase and Shirley Sassin.

Thinking of others...being among the many others in the community to do so this Thanksgiving holiday, were the wonderful efforts made by Mr. Hoover's class, who made a beautiful poster for the tenants of Litzenburger Place, joining other classes and the Boy Scouts, all collected 400 cans of food to assure the least fortunate families of an abundant holiday meal.

On Saturday night, Lee Sherwood celebrated his daughter Valerie and Jeff Bundy's marriage with an open house at the Seventh Day Adventist Community Center with an overflowing group of friends and relatives attending. The newlyweds were married in Texas two weeks ago and are attending school there.

On Saturday night, a neighborhood gathering was held at the home of Clive and Ruby Vollick, in honor of Ruby's 82nd birthday on November 28th. Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Martin, the Geroge Shiotelises and son Kevin, and Beverly Howard.

Pastor Ralph and Ardie Precartin of the Lansing area were here for the Thanksgiving weekend to be with their son, Pastor Homer Precartin and wife Barbara and their children Homer, Terry and Becky. Pastor Ralph led the Saturday service of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and was reportedly enjoyed by all.

Bowling scores for this past week's Boyne senior bowlers were: Pros Blanckaert-490, Cleo Davis-488, Jean Marcham-404, Ardyth Dorgan-395, Bob Rumpf-356, Goldie-320.

There was no bingo on Thursday, it was Turkey Day!

Thought of the week: A heart at peace gives life to the body

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EJ Arts hosts Madrigal Dinner

Two musical events to launch a festive holiday season are being offered the first weekend in December by Jordan River Arts Council.

The council's second annual madrigal dinner will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, December 2 at the Wolverine-Dilworth Inn, 300 Water Street, Boyne City.

Featuring the music and merriment of the Petoskey High School Madrigal Singers, the evening will start with a wassail bowl followed by menu of pumpkin soup, garden salad, Cornish hen, baked hams and spinach in cream sauce and English plum pudding with a brandy sauce.

The event is a fundraiser both for the arts council and the madrigal singing group, and the \$27.50 tickets include taxes and gratuities. Tickets may be purchased at Busy Bridge Antiques and Gift in East Jordan or by calling Cindy Dalian at 536-7857.

The first annual Christmas concert of the newly formed Jordan River Arts Council Community Chorus will be at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, December 3, at the First Presbyterian Church, 207 Williams Road, In East Jordan. There is no admission charge, but a free will offering will be taken.

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Opinions

Again taxpayers get crunched by state

A letter from State Budget Director Shelby Solomon to a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and to the House Appropriations Committee has created another road-block in the path between the Blanchard administration and the Legislature. It has also created a larger problem with those on Medicaid.

The letter told how the state was going to reduce the budget of the Social Services by about \$45 million under a state law never used before.

It seems that the state only has to give a 15 day notice to the legislature before doing something.

That something is cutting the quick out of prescription drug reimbursements to pharmacists across the state. They have made new rules, some were effective the first of the month while others the first of the year, that are causing some pharmacists to think about stopping the dispensing of drugs to Medicaid users.

In this area, that includes almost everybody, the senior citizens and those who are low income families.

What the state intends is to create large companies to dispense prescriptions by mail, by preferred provider plans, and by reducing the amount given to the pharmacists for providing the drugs.

The pharmacists have already been hit with reducing reimbursement costs from companies like Blue Cross and others. They are already biting the bullet on trying to reduce medical costs for everyone.

But the state has said that is not enough and has commanded that even more be done.

Small pharmacists are saying that it isn't cost effective to have them fill a prescription at a cost that is below their overhead, and this is what the state wants. So the pharmacists may just stop dispensing drugs to those who are on some Medicaid plan. They are saying it isn't worth the paperwork and the effort to fill the prescription.

That can affect many of us, and it shouldn't be that way.

We think that when the state creates a program, they should also fund it. And that includes the cost of keeping up with inflation.

It seems that this is just another way the Blanchard administration is going about moving money from one part of the budget to another. They seem to think that the school children don't need an education, the senior citizens don't need life-saving drugs, and those on social service roles don't need anything.

We think it is almost time to try something different. We think those who want to make all of the cuts should look only to themselves and their own departments. Let's reduce the cost of government by reducing the government, not the programs.

And if they don't want to comply, then we should vote the rascals out of office next fall.

Jottings

BY JIM SILBAR

Our second season is upon us. The second tourist season, that is. And this year it could be even bigger and better thanks to the County Road Commission who agreed to let snowmobiles use the county roads to get to and from the many trails scattered throughout the county.

The advent of bringing back the snowmobiles to the county is considered great news by many people who expect to see lots and lots of new tourist money coming into the area this year.

Well, maybe not this year, but as soon as the word leaks out that snowmobiles are okay within the county, like a few years from now, we may see some tourists expending their vacation money around these parts.

Those who are close to some of the trails already have seen and

are saying that the snowmobilers spend more money than the skiers. Now I don't know about that, but when you consider that the snowmobiler needs to buy gas for the machines as well as for the cars to haul them up and down the roads, then you can get a gist of the money spent being more.

From a retailers standpoint, I don't think we will see many of the winter tourists buying things like dresses and blouses, they can get those, and probably the same brand names, closer to their homes at the malls.

But we could see repairs of machines, more lodging, more restaurant eating and more time spent up north during the week than before.

I happen to think it is a good thing to bring the snowmobilers into the area, and I think it could

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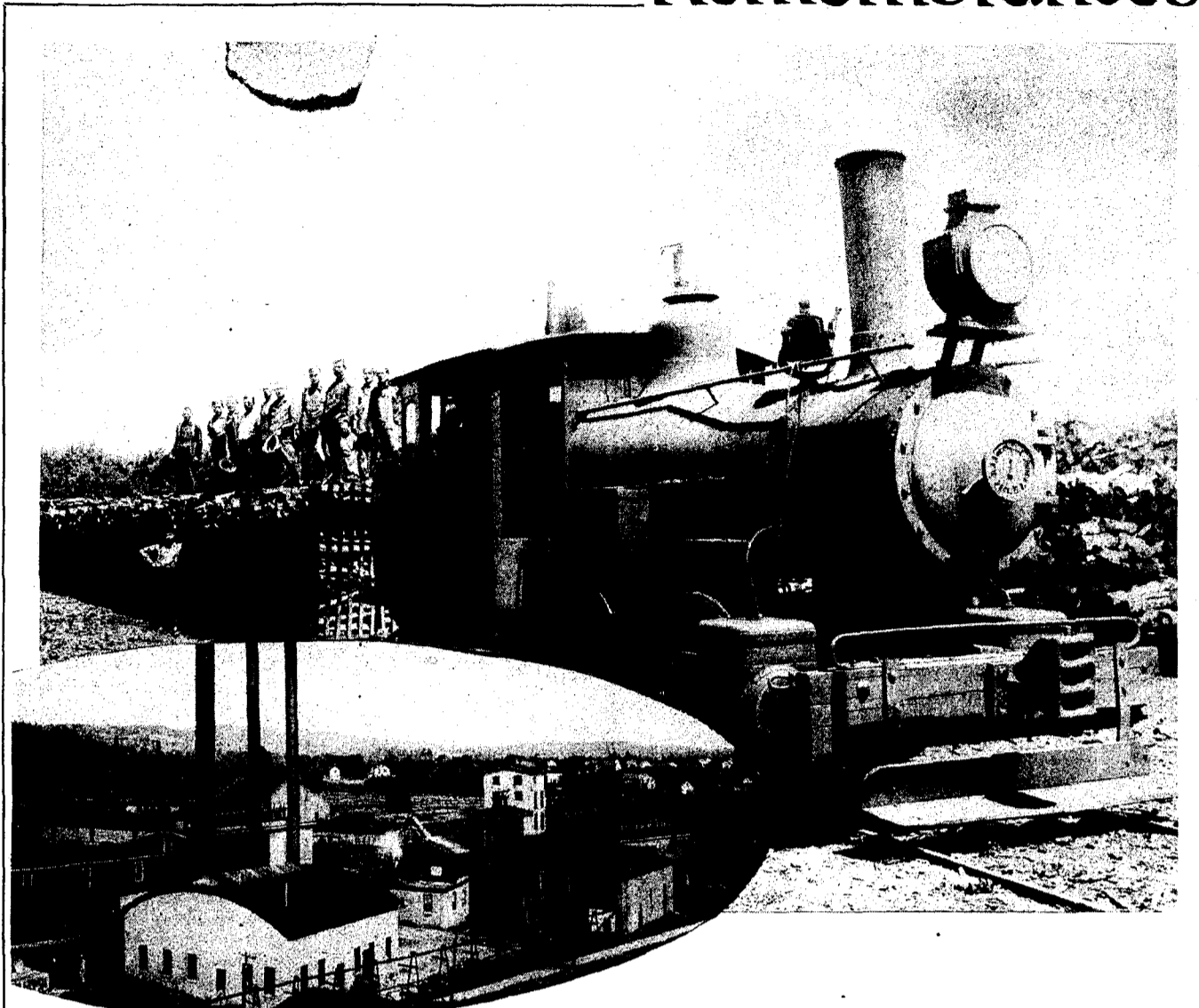
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Remembrances



This small steam engine brought the wood that was to be made into charcoal to the Boyne City Chemical plant. Through the process of making the charcoal, two other industries were formed to use the materials. The pig iron plant used the charcoal to help melt down the ore, while the alcohol made by the chemical plant was used at Howe Tanning Company and many other places. The plant grounds where the wood was stored is presently the location for the Lakeview Village Mobile Home Park.

Marshall Sayles

I do not know who is going to read what I have to say here, but I do know that like most weeks it will be too low for a high brow and too high for a low brow. I can only hope there is a mister inbetween.

Wherein a pennyworth is too much....

On the day Boyne City merchants discovered that bread is the staff of life they raised the price to well over one dollar per loaf. If pickled pigs feet were the staff of life they wouldn't dare jump the freight. That's because few women throw pigs feet into their baskets. A higher price would have the merchant standing around picking at the warts on his hand, wondering if the public would object to a hike in kumquats or perhaps sliced bologna with extra salt.

Today's merchant must raise the price on some things. It is the rage all over the country and Boyne City is hooked up to this country whether we like it or not. When the cost of beans is raised in Boston, the cost of beans is raised in Boyne City. We must be thankful, however, that Boston doesn't send its snobbishness along with the bean hike.

My father ran a grocery store back in the days when Mutt & Jeff were the talk of the funny papers. I fear that if he had foreseen how prices were going to skyrocket, he would have shuffled off sooner than he did. He never would have believed that one day it would cost you a nickle to get change for a quarter, or that the staff of life would be priced right out of your mouth.

Still at the store....

The woman ahead slammed a pound of meat onto the counter saying, "The prices in this store are just too darn high."

The cashier looked at her and then at me, blushed and stammered and showed signs of anger. I was going to say the same thing before she did, but I saw the manager coming and a foolish grin saved me.

Four Sundays until Christmas. Then you will have Saturday, Sunday and Monday off. I hate it when people say that I am already off and don't have to depend upon a holiday to prove it.

One reader thought last week's offering wobbled as though the back wheel of the column was riding on the rim. I have often wished that those who dislike

some of the things I say would come up and let me plea bargain myself out of the offending parts.

Let me say this then I will draw to a close: I discovered over the

years that success doesn't depend upon what you know, but rather upon who you know who doesn't know what you don't know.

Darn, I don't know what to say

in ending this column. But I do know that every time I get my foot caught in the bucket I look to Heaven for relief and the Lord is getting mighty tired of it.

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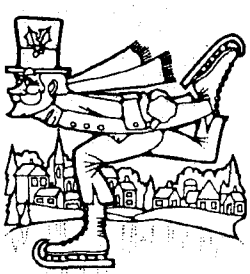
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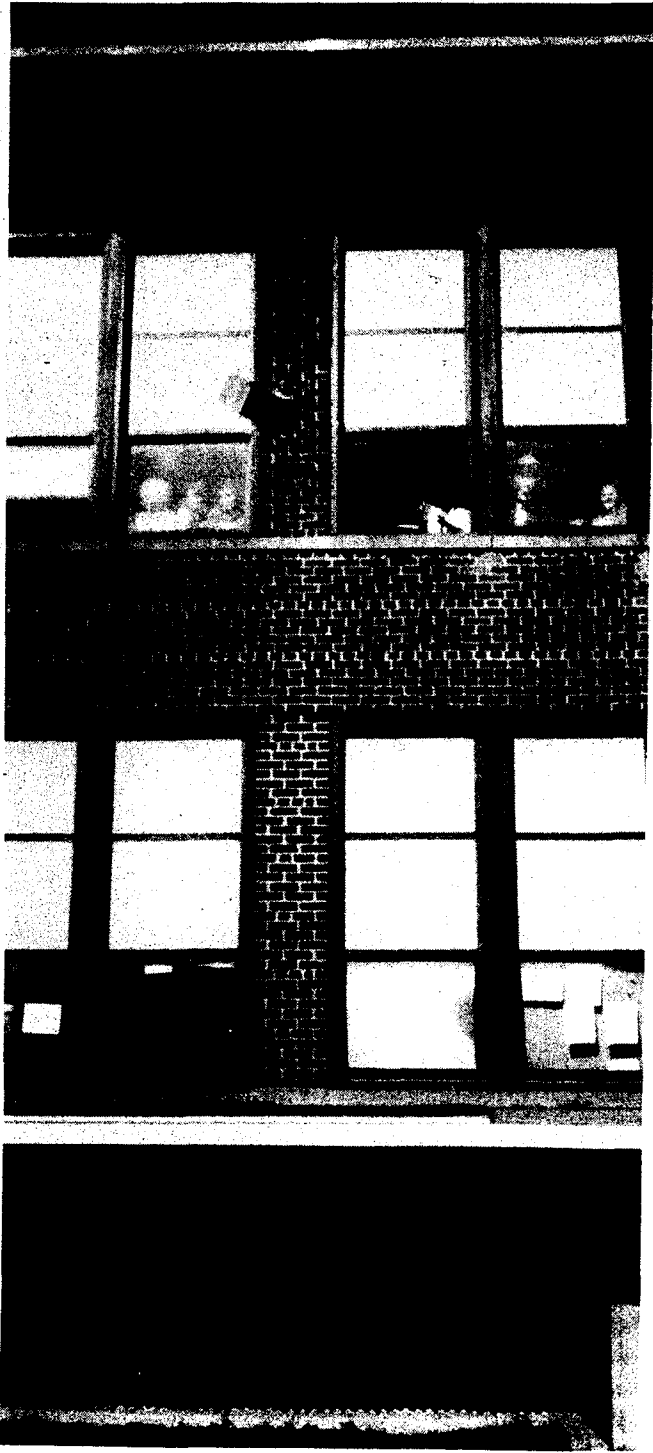
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EJ Middle School challenges



Egg drop contest shows student ingenuity

Mrs. Pat Tinney, K-8 Art Director for East Jordan, issued the following challenge to her eighth grade art classes: Create a container which will protect a raw egg if dropped from a two-story building. Her class designed a variety of containers and different protective designs. The designs included a full-size suitcase with inner padding, shoe boxes, milk cartons, and a nerf football.

Successful in dropping their eggs uncracked. These students were Jeremy Loveless, who carved a hole in a large piece of foam rubber; Eric Hart who combined two plastic pop bottles and padding to protect his egg; and Nate Clark, who used a padded, styrofoam beverage cooler and a parachute.

Mrs. Tinney is preparing to pit her three winners against local competitions. She has invited the winning teams from Charlevoix Middle School and Boyne City Junior High to an egg drop competition at East Jordan Middle School on December 5. The rules of the contest are simple — the winning design protects the uncooked egg so that it is protected from cracking.

'Blips' and 'dips' shut down digital clocks ...but help is on the way

You arrive home from work or an evening out to find your digital clock and the timer on your VCR blinking and think, "Another power outage! Why can't they keep the power on?"

It may not have been an outage that affected your appliances, says James Gray, Senior Engineer for Consumers Power Company. It could have been caused by a problem which Consumers Power engineers call a "momentary" and which others in the utility industry call "blips and dips."

"We've always had these momentary stoppages which generally last for only a fraction of a second, but they weren't apparent to customers until the proliferation of digital clocks and computers," says Gray. "Momentaries occur whenever there is a temporary disturbance on the line. These could be caused by a lightning storm, a branch falling on an overhead wire or a car hitting a pole causing wires to slap together," he says.

An electric system is intentionally designed to turn the power off and back on quickly when there is line trouble. Automatic switches turn the power off and on to prevent the temporary problem from causing a power outage.

Before this equipment was used, temporary problems would shut down the system, resulting in long outages. But now you get only a "blip or dip."

An estimated 80 to 90 percent of all electric line problems are temporary and last a fraction of a second to a few seconds. If a problem is more complex, such as a fallen tree bringing a wire to the ground, the system is designed to isolate the damaged section of the line from the rest of the system. That way, fewer customers are inconvenienced by loss of power.

Gray points out that, even with the momentary interruptions, Consumers Power customers have power over 99 percent of the time. The company regularly monitors its electric system for areas where upgrading or improvements are needed.

As for the blips and dips, there is some relief in sight. Some manufacturers of devices with digital clocks are building in small batteries that will "hold" the time. As more of these appliances reach the market, there will be fewer occasions when you arrive home to find the frustrating blinking clocks.



East Jordan Middle School's 8th grade basketball team include, front row, left to right: Jennifer Burr, Amy Mickey, Kari Snyder, Sarah Irish, Jaimie Woodard. Back row, left to right, are Tina Richards, Kim Goebel, Julie Mickey, Andrea Cortez, Shelly Parker, Katie Malpass, and coach Teresa Noiro.

EJ 8th graders end up tempo

The East Jordan eighth grade girls' basketball team finished its season with a low number of wins, but a high attitude.

Teresa Noiro, coach and Middle School science teacher, was more interested in sharing the game of basketball with her girls than in winning every game. She stated that each team member was able

to play for a significant amount of time each half of the game and that everyone was able to start in at least one game of the season. The girls played each game with a winning attitude. The girls played home games on Wednesday nights against eighth grade teams from Boyne City, Mancelona, Central Lake, Gaylord St. Mary's and Bellaire.

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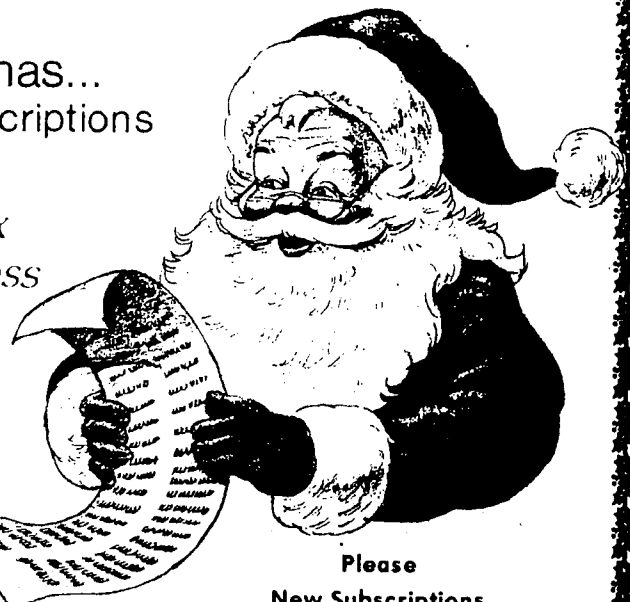
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Reg Sharkey's Northern Journal

Largest buck? Here's the real facts

BY REG SHARKEY

Now that the gun deer season is about over some of you buck baggers probably think you've shot a big one, not gauged, however, by points, but by body weight.

I read and hear about a lot of 165 pound, and up, field-dressed bucks based on eyeball appraisals.

I'd be willing to bet that most of those guesstimates are over weight.

For the years I have been gunning whitetails—over a half century—I've bagged spikes, fork horns, and larger-racked bucks. Weighed after field dressing most of them went around the 120 pound mark. And it didn't take too long before my field estimates came pretty close to actual weights.

These days any time that you get a buck that field dresses 160 pounds or more, you've got a big buck.

Some years ago I shot a 10-pointer in the Pleasant View-Lark's Lake area that I estimated at 180 pounds, field dressed. But the actual weight on a certified scale went 195 pounds. Around these parts that's a big buck.

We know that southern, downstate, corn fed, farmland bucks get heavier than those up here in the northern tier of counties.

However, the real record bucks still come from the UP of Michigan and other northern states like Wisconsin and Minnesota.

There's a law that covers the reason why the weight record

bucks come from states having the severest weather conditions. It is called Bergman's law, which states the farther such a species is from the equator the larger its body weight will be. Most mammals follow that law. The larger body has a relatively smaller surface area which conserves the heat. This means that deer living in the northern part of their range will be the largest of all subspecies, having the potential of growing the largest antlers.

So regardless of those big downstate corn fed, semi-domesticated bucks, the real

record holders come from Michigan's UP, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Maine could be added to the list.

So, what are the weight records for those mentioned areas?

Michigan's largest whitetail buck was taken by Albert Tippett of Trout Creek in the UP in 1919. It weighed 364 pounds field dressed, and was estimated to have weighed 425 pounds live weight.

But that big buck could not hold a candle to a monster that was shot on Nov. 22, 1926 by Carl J. Lenander, Jr., of Minneapolis,

Minnesota. It weighed 402 pounds field dressed. The live weight would have been about 511 pounds.

This deer was, and is, the largest whitetail buck ever taken in the North American Continent by weight.

So, deer slayers, be realistic about those bragging bucks.

Take time to have your buck weighed on a certified scale like I have on a goodly number of times. Then you'll be able to come closer on guesstimating your future field-dressed bucks.

Christmas tree stealing ups patrols of woods

Director David Hales of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced that law enforcement efforts will be intensified to combat thefts of Christmas trees and evergreen boughs on state, federal and private lands in Michigan.

The DNR, Michigan State Police, U.S. Forest Service and the Michigan Sheriffs' Association will work together in this effort during the months of November and December.

"Theft of our natural resources is inexcusable," Hales said. "We are asking everyone to cooperate by reporting any suspicious tree-cutting activity to conservation officers, sheriffs or state troopers."

About one-percent of Michigan's

trees are illegally taken every year. With this year's holiday crop estimated at 6.5 million, a loss of 65,000 trees will cost the state and its 1,500 commercial Christmas tree growers nearly \$1 million.

Conservation officers, state troopers, county sheriffs and state and federal forestry personnel will be stopping people transporting several Christmas trees or evergreen boughs to check for required bills of sale.

Patrols will be particularly heavy along secondary and back roads in northern Michigan, where most of the forest land and private Christmas tree plantations are located and where much of the illegal activity occurs.

Wood product theft from state,

federal and private lands is a criminal offense and prosecutable as a misdemeanor, or as a felony if the value stolen exceeds \$100.

Anyone caught cutting, removing or transporting three or more Christmas trees or evergreen boughs without a bill of sale or other proof of ownership from the grower may be prosecuted.

Our SERVICE DIRECTORY will help you choose help for your projects.



Perhaps the biggest deer ever taken in Michigan belonged to this happy hunter as he posed with the deer hanging from the buck pole.

"Tie One On" campaign kicked off in Boyne City

Millions of red ribbons will be distributed in Michigan this holiday season during the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Red Ribbon "Tie One On... For Safety" campaign. The campaign opened with a kickoff ceremony in Lansing.

The opening event featured guest speakers, the Red Ribbon Memorial Tree, a Red Ribbon "Tie One On" demonstration and a motorcade.

The (Michigan) Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) is again co-sponsoring the alcohol-free driving public awareness program which runs through January 1, 1990.

The Red Ribbon campaign encourages people to tie red ribbons to motor vehicle antennas, rear view mirrors or door handles as symbolic and visual reminders to drive 'sober and safe' throughout the holidays—and into the new year!

Lansing Mayor Terry McKane delivered a holiday welcome and was joined by other speakers carrying the Red Ribbon message.

MADD, Michigan Executive Director, Bethany Goodman, presented the Red Ribbon Memorial Tree, which bears 793 red ribbons, commemorating the victims killed last year in Michigan by drunk drivers.

"As Michigan enters its fourth Red Ribbon campaign, more symbolic red ribbons will be distributed than ever before. But this year, there will be 793 red ribbons, tied to the branches of an evergreen, as a silent memorial and reminder. The holiday Red Ribbon campaign is being conducted for somber reasons—793 to be exact." The impact of a similar memorial introduced last year by the MADD, Lapeer County Chapter led the state to establish the Red Ribbon Memorial Tree. It will stand in the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing throughout the holidays.

Michigan law enforcement agencies have joined forces to support the Red Ribbon campaign in local communities.

"The Red Ribbon campaign has increased public awareness," states Colonel R.T. Davis, Director, Michigan Department of State Police. "One only has to look at the office, family and other holiday get-togethers to see that drinking, then driving, is no longer accepted as part of the holiday tradition."

OHSP is providing red ribbon to law enforcement agencies throughout the state. OHSP Director Karen Tarrant commented, "The message is clear. The public supports projects and leaders that work for alcohol-and-drug-free highways. Will we all listen? Will legislators and community leaders—will we all—support law enforcement with tougher sanctions against drinking drivers?"

Vice President of the Michigan

Sheriffs' Association, Barry County Sheriff David Wood (Hastings) said, "Sheriffs' departments from all over the state will be decorating their cruisers with red ribbon as a reminder to all, that a safe and joyous holiday season is everyone's gift to each other, by not drinking and driving." He added, "May the efforts by the Sheriffs of Michigan, to keep our streets and highways free from drunk drivers, be seen as our special holiday gift to each of you."

The President of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Chief Allan Nalepa, Sterling Heights, said, "The MACP is 100 percent behind the MADD program, 'Tie One On.' Don't be a person to spoil your holiday or someone else's holiday by tying anything on other than a red ribbon."

Keynote speaker Ellen Deverman, widowed by a drunk driver December 10, 1985, emphasized the personal impact of drunken driving. "There was no way our family should have had to deal with something like this. His death was so senseless," said the mother of two daughters. The 35-year-old Eaton County Deputy Sheriff, Donald Rice, was killed instantly when he was struck by a speeding drunk driver. Deputy Rice had stopped to assist three stranded holiday motorists in changing a flat tire on a roadside near Charlotte. Mrs. Deverman remarked, "If I could do or say anything to keep other families from having to deal with this... if you drink, don't get behind the wheel of a car and put others in jeopardy."

Following the brief addresses, MADD representatives, honorary ribbon tiers and other dignitaries demonstrated how to "Tie One On...For Safety" as they ceremoniously attached red ribbons to motorcade vehicles.

The caravan of law enforcement, safety and sponsor vehicles then motorcaded down Michigan Ave., driving home the Red Ribbon message.

An appreciation luncheon for the kickoff participants concluded the event.

Big Rock helps United Way campaigns

Four United Way campaigns in Northern Michigan are closer to their fund-raising goals now because of the generous pledges made by employees at the Big Rock Point nuclear plant.

The Plant's just-completed pledge drive has generated commitments totaling \$11,778 for the Charlevoix, Emmet, Boyne City and Grand Traverse United Way agencies. Charlevoix, home of the majority of Big Rock Point's employees, will receive \$6,428; the Emmet County campaign will receive \$4,378; \$502 is pledged to the Grand Traverse campaign; and Boyne City will receive \$470.

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