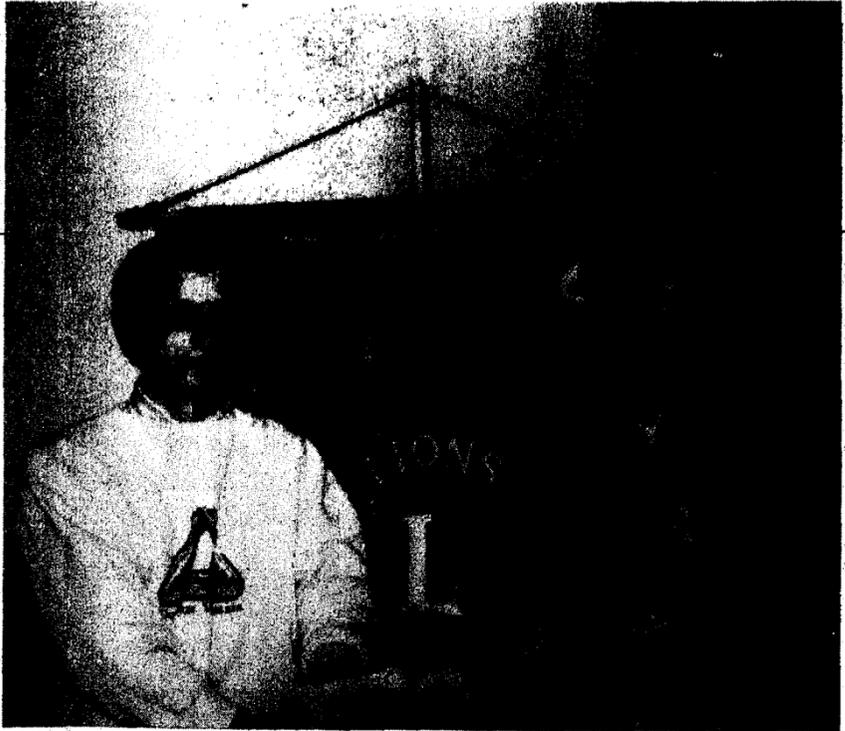


The Boyne Valley Lions presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to the Challenge Mountain of Walloon Hills, Inc. for the Rope Tow Program. Challenge Mountain is a non-profit corporation which helps the physically and mentally handicapped learn to ski and enjoy winters in Northern Michigan. The program is open to children and adult handicapped persons. The rope tow for Challenge Mountain has a price tag of \$8,500 and \$5,000 is still needed to complete the program. Plans are currently being made to start a summer program at Challenge Mountain. Persons wishing to make donations to Challenge Mountain or who want more information concerning the skiing programs may write to Challenge Mountain of Walloon Hills, PO Box 735, Boyne City, MI 49712, or call 616-535-2141 or 616-582-6966. Pictured in the photo, from left, Michael Hurchick, President of the Board for Challenge Mt., and right, Walter Stahl, President of the Boyne Valley Lions Club.



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Boyne Falls increases support staff pay

Substitute support staff members will be getting a pay raise after the Boyne Falls School Board decided being in the bottom 25 percent of the schools in Char-Em School District may not be encouraging enough to be able to hire good workers.

The action came at the monthly board meeting when after a committee discussion determined that the school was in the lower quarter of schools in paying for substitute staffing. The substitute staff includes custodians, secretaries, aides, kitchen help and bus drivers.

The raises were determined by using a formula that will give the substitutes 10 percent less than the current MESPA Contract Step One. Bus drivers would remain the same as they were given a raise some time ago based on a per run charge.

The change in the pay scale means the substitutes will now be

in the middle of scale for those schools within the Char-Em district.

Along with the raise in pay, one substitute asked the board to consider adding personnel to the custodial staff. She was helping out as best she could, but she said the work load was too much for the staff of two full time custodians to do in keeping the school clean and neat. She cited several areas that needed improvement, saying that only an extra person could do it as the staff was overwhelmed with just doing the necessary daily work.

She also made some suggestions that would help with the appearance of the school for those coming into it for the first time. She asked that the trophies in the trophy case be dusted off, have clean locker rooms for the visiting sports team when they arrive, and

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With the spirit of Christmas, members of the Horton Bay Methodist Church put on costumes and performed the miracle of Christmas at a special affair held next to the Chamberlain home in Horton Bay last Sunday. About 150 people gathered to hear the story of the birth of

Christ and to see the re-enactment of the scene at the manger. It wasn't as warm as Bethlehem probably was back then, but observers were asked to join the celebration with hot cider and hot chocolate in the Horton Bay Township Hall after the ceremony.

News Briefs

Because we will be allowing our employees to share in Christmas, we will be closed on Monday, December 25, 1989. Because of the closing, we are forced to move our deadlines back one work day to Friday, December 22 at 5 p.m. We would appreciate any articles and information be brought in before that deadline so we may include them in the newspaper. Have a happy and safe Christmas.

New officers were elected at the newly formed Boyne Valley Snowmobile Club. Elected president was Joe Briedenstein, vice president-Bob Queen, secretary-John Czarniecki, and treasurer-Derek Titus. The new club will be formulating programs and ideas they want to see for snowmobiling in the area around Boyne City.

Charlevoix Community Blood Drive will be held Thursday, January 4, from 1 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Charlevoix. Those wishing to donate blood are asked to "come on in."

Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, with offices in Boyne City, will be getting a new computer, thanks to a \$2,000 State Commission on Aging award. The awards for northern communities ranged from almost \$9,000 down to \$1,608 according to the Traverse City office of the Northwest Senior Resources, Inc.

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Boyne City's skating pond is now open, along with good sledding on the hill of Avalanche Park. Thanks to the cold weather and the continual snow, conditions should be ideal for the Christmas season. The park is located on the south side of town just off S. Lake Street.

EJ to negotiate for taxes with city, townships

East Jordan Schools will be negotiating with school district townships and the City of East Jordan in an attempt to get the local governing bodies to approve sending out tax notices twice a year.

The school board approved a resolution authorizing the collection of 50% of the school property taxes, including the debt retirement service, with the summer tax collection effective July 1, 1990 tax period.

Presently, only the City of Boyne City collects summer taxes for the Boyne City school district as the school system has never been able to negotiate a reasonable fee system with the townships. The townships do not send out summer tax notices presently.

The townships may agree to the request if the costs are borne by the taxing authority, in this case, the East Jordan school district. Setting up a summer tax collection agreement with the City of East Jordan may be easier as they are sending out notices during the summer to cover the city taxes.

The city is expected to discuss the addition of school taxes to their tax notices at a city council meeting last Tuesday night.

In other board concerns, they heard a report from Anne Dingman, the testing coordinator regarding the results of the annual MEAP testing program with the students this past fall. Dingman

discussed the improving scores as well as how the school system plans on using the results for program improvement and increased student outcomes.

The board then approved the resignations of Margaret Farmer, a kitchen aide, and of Jim Grutsch, a bus driver. They then appointed Gene Plite and Debbie Bellamy to

bus driver positions to replace Grutsch and the retired Jack Craig. With the hiring of the two, the board also agreed to give a 5.5 percent wage increase to bus supervisor Sam Bricker.

The school board then approved, contingent on the approval of the food service staff, a two year agreement with the food service

staff that also includes a 5.5 percent pay increase in each of the two years of the contract.

The board then accepted goals to work towards for the coming year. Those goals were decided at a workshop of the board last September. With the decision, the board will be looking at trying to

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Boyne opens rink for holidays, okays US-131 resolution

Boyne City has opened the ice skating rink at Avalanche Park this week, the earliest it has been opened in years, according to the city manager. They also gave an okay to try to have an ice skating rink in the area of the city boat launch and will be plowing out some space with the idea that it would be flooded by those wanting to use it.

The rink at Avalanche is open from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon until 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. During the Christmas break, the rink will be opened at noon for the children after the City Commission gave their approval. City Manager Randy Frykberg also said the city will be continuing to let children use skates on a loan basis so they can try the skating experience.

The commissioners also approved a request to try to have a rink on the site of the present boat launch providing it is maintained by someone other than the city crews. They will be plowing out an area for a rink as soon as possible and hope that a group of hockey players will attempt to do the flooding of the area and to maintain the ice.

Commissioner Vic Ruggles thought that may be a good idea as he said the city wanted to experiment with how well the ice holds when it is placed on asphalt. He suggested that an area resident with considerable hockey skating experience be informed as to what was necessary to complete the project.

If the proposed rink works out with others preparing the ice, the

city may consider the location for a permanent rink site next year.

The commissioners then approved a resolution that agrees with the County Planning Commission which endorses the extension of US-131 as a limited access highway north of Kalkaska. The proponents of expansion of the highway have asked all of the governmental bodies that would benefit from having the highway come further north take actions supporting the development of an expressway. Currently, US-131 is an expressway from Cadillac south. Proponents have worked for years trying to influence the state into bringing the highway north to help out the tourist traffic problems.

The commissioners also approved with others preparing the ice, the

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Obituaries

WARD J. SOMMERVILLE SR.

Ward J. Sommerville Sr. 63, of Boyne City, died Dec. 16, 1989, at Little Traverse Division, Northern Michigan Hospitals.

Funeral was Dec. 20, at the Stackus Funeral Home, Boyne City. Pastor Judy Shepherd of the Cornerstone Fellowship Church, Conway, officiated and burial was in Little Traverse Township Cemetery, Conway.

Mr. Sommerville was born June 9, 1926, in Petoskey, the son of Ward and Nina Sommerville Bellmer. He grew up in Central Lake and attended Central Lake schools until he was 17. He joined the U.S. Navy and served from 1944-46.

On Oct. 20, 1945, he married the former Caroline Delonardo in Earl, N.J.

Mr. Sommerville worked for the Petoskey Cab Co. for a number of years and moved to Boyne City in 1972. From 1972-86, he worked as custodian in the Petoskey school system.

He was a member of VFW Post No. 6985, Central Lake.

Survivors include: his wife; two sons, Williams, stationed at Selfridge Field, Mt. Clemens, Ward Jr. of Conway and one daughter, Mrs. Steve (Jennie) Gilliam of Cary, N.C.; his father, Ward Bellmer of Petoskey; seven grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Willard (Virginia) Page of Petoskey, Mrs. John (Frances) Citew and Mrs. Lawrence (Barbara) Standish, both of Conway; Ruth Fowler of Sacramento, Calif.

One daughter preceded him in death in 1958.

NUEL L. JOHNSON

Former Charlevoix resident Nuel LeRoy Johnson, 57, of Griffin Rd., Fountain, died Dec. 16, 1989, at West Shore Hospital, Manistee.

Memorial service was held Dec. 18 at Bachelor Evangelical Covenant Church. The Rev. Norman Letsinger officiated.

Mr. Johnson was born Sept. 17, 1932, in Charlevoix. He grew up in Charlevoix and graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1951.

On Jan. 26, 1974, he married the former Ruth Bogart in Charlevoix.

Mr. Johnson worked as a mechanic and welder, retiring from McCormick's Sawmill, Fountain, in 1989.

He attended Bachelor Evangelical Covenant Church and served with the U.S. Army from 1952-54.

Mr. Johnson is survived by: his wife, Ruth; two sons, Anthony Johnson and his wife Marcie of Twin Lake, Richard Johnson, also of Twin Lake; two daughters, Mrs. Corky (Marianne) Randle of Fountain and Mrs. Ron (Terri) Hilton of Charlevoix; three brothers, Oliver

and his wife Doris Johnson of Charlevoix, Paul and his wife Gladys Johnson of East Jordan and Martin Johnson of Royal Oak; one sister, Mrs. Les (Phyllis) Anderson of Fountain; five grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to West Shore Hospital Nuel Johnson Memorial Chapel Fund. Memorials may be directed to Stephens Funeral Chapel, Scotville.

James Lilak rites pending

James Lilak, 73, of East Jordan, died Dec. 18, 1989, at Little Traverse Division, Northern Michigan Hospitals.

Arrangements are pending at the Paulin Funeral Home, East Jordan. A complete obituary will follow next week.

EJ 6th graders care for delicate children

East Jordan Middle School students in Bonnie Brunett's reading class read an article about school children who were given eggs to care for as if they were babies. Mrs. Brunett's students were so excited about the idea, she brought eggs to class the next day and distributed raw eggs, or "children" to her students.

The students drew faces on their eggs and some brought mini baby carriages to school to transport their children.

The sixth grade students were allowed to have someone else babysit their eggs for a total of eight hours a week. Otherwise, the eggs had to travel with the students at all times—on the bus, to the school lunchroom, and even at recess.

As the end of the week approached, less than half of the dozen students protected their children from falling off desks, being crushed, or being dropped.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I would like some water paint, a fun book, portable desk, and some other prizes. I've been a very good girl this year.

Love,
Brittany Kennedy

dear Santa,
I've been great.
I would like the muppet babies stamp set, and the rainbow write Kit, and squeeze paints and books.

Thank you!
Love
Brandy
age 6

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl I want a Nintendo

Brandy
Love you

Dear Santa,
How are you and your reindeer and elves doing. I hope there doing good because I am doing good. Its hunting season so you shuod keep your reindeer in the shed and feed them kareits so on crismis they can see in the dark. Well I hope you read my leetter. By By santa

From Tim Bouters
P.S. I would like a nintendo and drums and cars and a Proton Pack That is all OK thank you by. From Tim Bouters

with
Nancy Northup
582-9174

The Monday Study Club met at the home of Leah Waggoner for its annual Christmas party and gift exchange on December 11th. It was a joyful evening for all and the house was beautifully decorated with the ornaments and other personal touches of the Christmas season that Leah had made. The group was entertained with a solo

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develop a comprehensive kindergarten to 12th grade counseling program, trying to develop a long and short term plan for the utilization, maintenance and expansion of the school facilities and property.

They will also try to develop a coordinated kidergarten through 12th grade curriculum in all subject areas, consistent with the board of education philosophy. They are going to try to develop a district-wide board of education and staff evaluation/professional development process for each of the workers within the school system.

Other goals they will be working towards include developing a policy for reviewing and updating policies, monitoring and enforcing current attendance policies, continuing to show strong support of substance abuse prevention programs and developing a process for studying current student population trends.

In the sports area, the board will be trying to develop a balanced academic/athletic recognition program, and support implementation of consistent discipline and sportsmanship rules.

For the high school area, they will try to develop an effective college preparatory program as well as develop a four year educational plan for each high school student. Also included as a goal will be to continue to offer vocational education with encouragement for student enrollments.

For all of the school grades, they want to assess current mathematics and language arts curriculum for relevance, and to review current class size levels and make recommendations where appropriate.

While all of the goals may not be achieved this school year, they will keep the board busy trying to work on what they think is best for the East Jordan students.

from Stephanie Ryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack (Sue) Phillips, the Barbershoppers, and the Rev. Walls on the organ accompanying the group sing-along. Lovely refreshments were served by co-hostesses Maryann Watkins, Vi Manglos, Angela Skrocki, Fran Bray, and Marion Harper-Davis.

On Monday night, the Xi Gamma Sorority hosted its annual Christmas party for the tenants of Litzenger Place. All enjoyed the Christmas decorations, a wonderful turkey dinner with all the trimmings, plus the holiday spirit of the sorority members joining them at the tables, topping it off with generous pieces of pumpkin pie! The group was also entertained by the Barbershoppers, following the Xi Gamma's gift of 24 place settings of stainless steel silverware to the tenants.

On Saturday night, 12 members of the Northern Slopes Farm Bureau met at the home of Terry and Glenda Reinhardt for their Christmas gathering and gift exchange.

On Sunday, Thelma Waggner and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Waggner of Charlevoix were dinner guests of Bill and Thornita Rowe.

Bergmann Center's PEP—(Polaroid Education Program) students proved themselves to be top-notch photographers once again this past week. In keeping with the tradition of sending Christmas greeting to their loved ones and under the keen, ingenious direction of their teacher, Marlynn Hughes, they each arranged, designed, and inscribed their own personal message on a photo greeting card. Using a table topped with white, fluffy soft cotton batting as snow and glimmering gold tinsel trim as a border, each selected from Santas, reindeer, bells, pinecones, tree ornaments, and other visual Christmas props, in creating their scene of the season before snapping the picture with their Polaroid 600 cameras. The results were near professional looking and will no doubt be treasured by those receiving them!

Myra Kurtz still remains a patient at Northern Michigan Hospitals this week.

On Saturday night, Lexamar hosted an employee Christmas dinner party at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Petoskey. The hall was decorated "all out" for the yuletide party and all enjoyed a great time dancing to a live band and having lots of fun.

On Thursday, the Laff A Lot

Club met at the home of Laura Eggers for a noon luncheon and spent the afternoon playing bunco.

Elizabeth Eddy, a student at Spring Arbor College, is home for the holidays with her family, the Rev. Lane Eddys.

Friday night's performance of the Trinity Pentecostal's 8th annual Trinity Choir Christmas Program "Merry Christmas With Love" was very well attended. Their "first night" performance of their three-day presentation was excellent and they are to be commended for their sensitivity towards all aspects of the spirit-filled holiday.

The monthly Senior Sunday dinner held in East Jordan was very well attended this past Sunday, in spite of Saturday's snowfall.

The TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club held their annual Christmas potluck dinner last Monday evening at the home of Janet Smith. A delicious diet dinner was served, gifts were exchanged and a good time was had by all!

Winona Dunnette was taken to the Charlevoix Area Hospital on Saturday night and is a medical patient in room 109.

The Rotarians hosted their wives and friends with a Christmas dinner gathering at the Wolverine-Dilworth Inn on Monday night.

Bob and Shirley Mathers hosted an employee Christmas party and catered dinner on Saturday night. It also happened to be Bob's birthday. Belated happy birthday, Bob!

Gordon Floodquist entertained a few friends with a Christmas gathering on Saturday night.

Micki Bennett of Hillsdale College and Tami Bennett of Michigan State University are home for the holidays with their mother, Carol Bennett, and other relatives and friends.

Scores of this past week's senior bowlers were: Jean Marcham-414, Pros Blanckaert-409, Goldie-405, Ardyth-402, Bob Ruml-395

Bingo winners on Thursday at the Boyne mealsite were: 1st regular-Barbara Ross, 2nd-Alta Skye, and 3rd-Mary Towne. The two specials went to Leona Griffin, and a split to Barbara Ross and Greer Williams, respectively. The cover all was also split between Pansy Savage and Alta Skye. All games were called by lovable, loyal Lyle Ross.

Thought of the week: Joy to the World...and to all a very Merry Christmas!



Old Fashioned Greetings

for the Christmas Season, safe journey through the coming year.

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Merry Merry

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Mike-Kim-Fred-Bob-Brett-Devin

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with all of the children of the village. For example, he knew that Wolfgang was throwing stones at his family's cow. He also knew that Franz was fond of pulling the hair of his sister, or that Fritz helped Mrs. Grueber last summer by walking behind the plowshare, picking up the potatoes the plow had turned over.

All these things the old man kept in his memory as he walked among the village, dropping off this and that package on the doorsteps.

He had figured himself to be the town character, with his red coat and fancy trim, but he knew, he knew everything about the children of the community.

And he knew that Otto was a good child, so he left a special package just for him. No, it wasn't a toy, or even a doll. He left a newly hand written book for Otto to read. It had just come from the Monastery after the monks threw it out because the ink blotched a page of work.

But the little old man knew that in the book was all of the stories that would come down through the

years, be passed on to sons and sons.

He knew that Otto would try to read the book and would even work hard to find someone who could teach him to read the fine words written.

Yes, the man would grow to be sainted for the gifts he left the children someday, but he didn't know that at the time. He just thought he was doing something to help out mankind. He inspired many with a small book that many had never seen. He knew that the book would help make Otto a great man some day. And he knew the joy of helping create a thirst for knowledge in a small boy that Christmas Eve.

Jottings

Merry Christmas

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Sharon McGeorge
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and Happy New Year.

Opinions

Bring out real meaning

Now that the Christmas season is about over for the year, there is one wish we would like to make that would be very difficult for a Santa Claus or anyone to provide.

We would like to see Christmas become more and more of the religious holiday it is and started out to be about 2,000 years ago with the birth of Christ.

It is not that we are filled up to the gills with the commercialism of Christmas by merchants around the nation, but we would like to see more of the type of things like the Horton Bay Methodist Church provided last Sunday, a tableau that presented the reason why we celebrate.

As the year closes down on Christmas, perhaps we should all take a moment to reflect just what has happened this year that is for the better of mankind, and wish the joy and happiness of the season upon all people of the earth.

Jottings

BY JIM SILBAR

It was sometime back about 946 A.D., I think, about this time of the year, that the little waif noticed something about a certain man going about the neighborhood.

The boy, about eight years old, was living in what we today would call squalor, the conditions weren't like what we have today. After all, it was getting cold during the day and nights, and the little boy did not have a nice warm house, let alone a bathtub in which to take a bath before retiring for the night.

The little boy noticed the man as he was sitting along the trail that led from house to house. He figured that he would be all right just about hidden in that pile of straw left over from the fall's wheat gathering work. He also figured that the straw would keep away the cold if he could bury himself deep enough in it so he planned on having a toasty, warm bed in which to spend the night.

He wasn't afraid, his mother had told him about the Christ Child in the manger, and he thought that if a straw pile was good enough for the baby Jesus, it would be good enough for little Otto.

Little Otto, you see, lived in what was then called the land of the Ostrogoths, now called West Germany. He was a sound lad, having come through some of the darkest periods of history with all of the deaths of an Anti-Christian purge that happened that year, along with "Black Death", a plague that hit the area earlier that spring.

But it was watching that little portly man that consumed all of Little Otto's attention. He wasn't thinking of the disease, of the fact someone might come to kill the family because they believed in the Christ Child.

He was watching a man do some good works in the area, going from house to house, dropping a little package here and there. Most of the time he dropped the little packages on the front stoop of the place they called a house, sometimes it was on a window sill. Sometimes, it might be tossed down the chimney if a fire in the fireplace wasn't trying to keep up with wind that blew away the smoke and the heat.

Little Otto wondered what was in the packages as he sat there looking out from his spot for the night. He thought that the little round man had missed his home, but maybe, just maybe, he had dropped off a package just like the other homes on the road that led to

the village.

Little Otto started thinking that he just might get out of the straw pile and take a look at the porch of his family's house, but he also knew that it was his turn to spend out in the pile so as to make room for his little sisters and brothers. After all, he was a "big" boy now, his father told him so, and he could spend the night outside in the cold. The little children needed the heat more than he did.

As he thought about the heat of the house, he also knew that if he did get up to check out the porch, he would have to come back to the pile and start over making enough heat so he could be comfortable like he was without having to go to the house.

He also started having heavy eyelids and started falling asleep. But he wanted to watch the old man make his rounds, so he fought to stay awake just so he could see if the man would come by his house.

He had heard about the man from listening to other older kids in the village, so he knew that this man was special. He also knew that sometimes, just sometimes, the next morning a piece of coal might be dropped instead of a parcel. He hated when that happened to a friend last year.

Otto had been told that if he were nice during the year, and if he did everything his parents asked, he would never find a piece of coal on his stoop.

So he was nice to everybody in the village, even helping out with the milking, the feeding of the chickens and the other things that needed doing around the house. He hardly ever complained to anyone that he wasn't helping out the family as much as he could.

But as hard as he tried, he couldn't fight off the sleep and drifted off to the land of dreams.

Meanwhile, the old man who was watching hay pile move about as he went from house to house, decided that the pile wasn't moving anymore and headed to the little thatched hut the family was sleeping in.

He carefully went up to the porch, fumbled around in that big bag he carried and dug out a package for Otto and his brothers and sisters.

The old man knew how old they were, as he kept up with all of the goings on in the village. He also knew that Otto was trying to help out the family by doing his chores.

For some reason, he kept up

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Remembrances



Back in the old days of Walloon Lake, there was an ice mound that was allowed to build up over the winter on property that was next to the Walloon Lake Railroad Depot. Sometimes the ice grew to

about 35 feet high, some old timers have said. While today that may be disputed, other ice towers are allowed to happen in neighboring communities around the north, like Gaylord.

Marshall Sayles

Faceless people have fattened up our property taxes.

Again, mind you! They now are higher than a March kite.

This was done even though no assessor has set foot inside these ancestral halls within the past twenty years.

Perhaps we have gold plated door knobs. Perhaps we have marijuana growing in our furnace room. Perhaps our bathroom fixtures are pure silver. So how does the appraiser know what our castle is worth?

No one would come out and say, "We upped your taxes because you can see the lake from your front window." Nor would anyone say, "We raised them because the atmosphere on the towering heights where you live is so pure you can see a horsefly six miles away." No one would take responsibility for boosting our taxes. How refreshing if someone would say, "Yes, I raised your taxes. What the hell are you going to do about it?"

We were told, however, that taxes are hiked by order of someone in Lansing, some faceless person nimble in the business of elevating assessments.

So it appears as though those nice people who do most work on our taxes have no responsibility other than collecting them. They send the bill without a "Sorry about that" attached; but there is a "Pay up or we'll hit you with a high interest rate, or sell your place to some guy from Detroit for half what it is worth."

How strange. Our house has been half what it is worth for several years.

There was a time when I was happy to do my civic duty and pay my property tax. But now that I am old and cranky I'm getting tired of it. Especially when they are jacked up every January.

A man wise in the ways of higher taxes advised me to visit the Board of Review in March and, with hat in hand execute a low, sweeping bow, wringing my hands and making a pauper's choking plea to shave a little something off my taxes. But board members can't do that. They agree to have their hands and mouths fixed to say "no" before they take the job.

Weary of trying to discover who really ordered my tax jump, I finally called Lansing to double blast the source of my irk. I was put on hold four times and then talked to a nice lady who seemed to be too polite to be up to any good. Raising your taxes is the way we work under the Bush administration, she said.

I asked how the decision was made and she said, "It was done by a complicated formula." I looked that word up. "Complicated" means (among other things) fouled up.

A man took the phone. If I didn't like my higher taxes I could lump it, he said.

I didn't like it, so I lumped it.

I hadn't lumped anything for a long time and it kind of made me sick. The lump gets caught in your throat and moves slowly downward into your stomach. Hospitals do not yet have a quick cure for tax lumped stomachs, leaving you

engulfed in a great gob of gloom.

Now hear this:

Build no house overlooking the lake. Develop no howling wilderness. If you do, be prepared for the state to dispatch assistants who will seek you out and slap you across the brow until you become

another helpless victim, caught in the ever increasing tax web disguised as a complicated formula.

However, if you still insist upon building make sure that it is only half what it is worth.



PEACE · ON · EARTH

May the gentle spirit of the season fill your hearts and your homes with peace and love. May you and yours prosper and grow during the holidays like the trees of the earth and be content with your place in the world. It has been our purpose and privilege to serve you. We look forward to a continued relationship in the years still to come.

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Beagle elected to head up North Force

Dick Beagle, coordinator of the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, is the new President of North Force, Inc., a coalition of economic development interests in Northern Lower Michigan.

Beagle was elected at the organization's recent annual meeting held in Houghton Lake. He succeeds Gordon Campbell of the Northeast Michigan Consortium who had served as president

since the establishment of North Force, Inc. in 1987.

Other new officers include Vice-President Mark Bergstrom of the West Central Michigan Community Growth Alliance, Secretary Craig Borr of the Wolverine Electric Power Supply Cooperative and Treasurer Kevin Hetherington of the Region 7-B Community Growth Alliance.

Chief among his goals, said

Beagle, will be to expand upon programs already initiated by North Force, Inc.

"I'd like to incorporate more private industrial partnerships in our trade show schedules," Beagle said. The organization currently sponsors a booth promoting Northern Lower Michigan at a number of trade shows throughout the U.S. and Canada each year. Beagle indicated that the North Force effort would be even more effective if it was accompanied by representation from private firms from the region.

He also said that he would like North Force, Inc. to investigate the possibility of establishing a regional revolving loan fund for industrial development in Northern Michigan.

North Force, Inc. is a non-profit organization comprised of about 40 representatives of economic development interests in Northern Lower Michigan including local development organizations, Community Growth Alliances, utility companies and the Michigan Department of Commerce.

by Gail Ware Ware-withal

Stress management, a high growth field in the 80s, is called on for peak production during this season of peace and goodwill, its professionals having to come forth with new ideas (or same old ones dressed differently) on how to relax during this busy time, and they do so.

They plug techniques ranging from playing a hot (sweaty, too) game of racquetball to taking long, soaking baths, such to be done amidst rushing around. Not to snub these ideas, but they're overlooking a simpler, quicker way to relieve stress suitable for all ages and fitness levels including frankly flabbies—a relaxing, refreshing read of poetry.

Poetry's measured beat, the same verse after verse, soothes, and the rhyme too if it's there, but it works even without rhyme. In either case, a few minutes of poetry can help set nerve jangling people back to rights again.

Research has shown that there's a sound, physical reason why poetry calms humans. Frederick Turner and Earnst Poppel wrote a learned essay laying out how and why this happens entitled "The Neural Lyre: Poetic Meter, the Brain and Time".

This essay, as dense as its title, poetry columnist for Writer's Digest magazine, Jerome Judson, interpreted recently explaining that the reason there's been a poetic line in some form throughout cultural history is because that line length is "organically connected to

the way our brains process information". So poetry fits our minds.

Some poetry hanging around today comes from centuries back, covers a variety of subjects, a something-for-everyone field.

Out of deference to his fame and because even in his numerous plays he wrote in poetic lines, William Shakespeare's late 16th, early 17th work should be mentioned. But Shakespeare's cultivated taste and not many find him right for quick relaxing with.

Jump a century and Edgar Allen Poe's work provides grand onomatopoeic (look it up) verse with death and dark images like "The Raven", although he lightens up a bit with "Annable Lee". The lady fair dies, nonetheless.

In this century, a poet who delights children, and parents, is A.A. Milne. From "Buckingham Palace", here's why:

"They're changing guard at Buckingham Palace/Christopher Robin when down with Alice/'Do you think the king knows all about me?'/Sure to, dear, but it's time for tea," says Alice."

And then there's Robert Frost, a splendid poet. This season, "Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening" feels fine.

"The woods are lovely, dark and deep./But I have promises to keep./And miles to go before I sleep./And miles to go before I sleep."

Having shared my tastes, I wish you a Christmas filled with yours. The peace and goodwill are up to you.

A Holiday Wish to One and All!

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Developmental screening clinic set for 3 year olds

There will be a three year old Developmental Screening Clinic for all children who will be entering kindergarten in the fall of 1991. This clinic is sponsored by the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District. The purpose of this clinic is to provide parents information regarding normal child development, an opportunity to interact with parents of other three year old children, and to have your child informally screened to identify any potential learning difficulties which may

arise during the school years. This a free service with appointments made on a first come, first served basis.

The clinics are scheduled as follows: In the Charlevoix school district on January 10 and February 14, 1990 at the Charlevoix-Emmet L.S.D. at 08568 Mercer Road, Charlevoix. for the Boyne City/Boyer Falls school districts on March 14, 1990 at a location to be announced.

If you are interested in attending the above clinic, or reside in a district other than the ones listed above, please contact Pat Gauthier, 547-9947, at the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District for an appointment or for further information.

Degrees awarded

Shirley Rebec of East Jordan, and Jeffrey Lemerand and Steven Kehrer of Charlevoix are among the 415 member graduating class for winter at Northern Michigan University, Marquette. The degrees will be award at NMU's Mid-Year Commencement on Saturday, Dec. 16.

Rebec majored in Corrections, Lemerand in Marketing and Kehrer in Physical Education.



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Jim and Eleanor Stackus

The Board of Directors of the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone who has assisted in making '89 a banner year for the Chamber.

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Art History comes alive in East Jordan, and what better way to have Art History taught than by a master himself! The Art students at East Jordan Elementary spent an entire day with the French artist, Vincent Van Gogh. Many of the students commented on how much substitute teacher Van Gogh looked like Mrs. Tinney, their "normal" Art teacher. Vincent came complete with stories of his life and paintings as well as a bandaged ear. Some say the famous artist, Mary Cassatt, is on the substitute schedule for Art next month.

with Bea Smith **Cooking**

BRUNCH

The idea never crossed Grandmother's mind to bunch two meals together and call it brunch. She had to put three good meals on the table no matter what day it was.

"Way back when the song "I was Born in Michigan" was popular, we sang "I miss the rooster

The one that use-ter
Wake me up at 4 a.m.
That's why I wish again
That I was in Michigan
Down on the farm."

Every farmer had one good rooster, his only alarm clock, to wake up the neighborhood every morning-as soon as there was a mere suggestion of daylight. Then he had to crawl out of a warm feather bed, dress in the cold, go down stairs to start the fire in the kitchen cookstove and the heating stove in the parlor in winter, before he went to the barn to do the chores.

Grandpa and Grandma both did what we would consider a half-day's work before breakfast. My Mother made pancakes, buckwheats in winter because they were for warmth. She fried fresh or salt pork, sometimes sausage or bacon and eggs if the hens were laying. On the pancakes we had home made sugar syrup, maple syrup was for a special treat, or we put brown sugar on them. Coffee for adults.

Then dinner at noon was the big meal of the day. Even on Sundays that's the way it was, except dinner was at 2:00 o'clock because we went to church. Now, I wonder how Mother did it.

Sunday night supper was the light meal of the week because nobody worked on Sunday afternoons, and we had a later dinner. Of course, the eggs had to be gathered and the farm chores had to be done. The cows and chickens did not get a day off.

Through the years, I have thought that someone should write a cookbook on how to prepare a good Sunday dinner and have it ready soon after the family came home from church.

Maybe I will do it some day if people will give me enough ideas. Grandmother must have done some careful planning. Of course her cakes and pies were made the day before, and you can be sure that she always had them on hand. Beans were always cooked on Saturdays also.

Brunch seems to have solved some of our problems; it is the popular meal now-a-days when we have weekend guests or when we want to invite friends over. Some people like to sleep late and others are out for a run or quiet walk, after having a cup of wake-up coffee. Our brunches are like the old English breakfasts; we serve the best of both luncheon and breakfast foods.

Here are a few suggestions which I hope will make it easier to

serve a brunch for your friends. Getting ahead start on it the night before is a good idea. You can have your fruit juices mixed and chilled, even your rolls or muffins could be made ahead of time to be re-heated in oven or microwave. Here is a suggested menu.

BRUNCH MENU

A choice of juices:

- Tomato, orange or grapefruit
- Tray of fresh fruit
- with a couple kinds of cheese
- A quick Breakfast Casserole
- Party Bean Casserole
- Muffins

(Corn meal muffins are perfect with the bean casserole)

- Your favorite jams or jellies
- A dessert type bread with cream cheese
- Lots of coffee

QUICK BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

Serves 6 to 8.

Tear 4 slices of bread, put in a greased baking dish, 13x9 in. Brown and drain 1 lb. bulk sausage or links, (I like to pour one half inch of water over the sausage and let them cook until water disappears.) Put on top of bread, sprinkle 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese over top.

Beat together 6 eggs, 2 cups milk, 1 teaspoon salt, dash of pepper, pour over mixture in baking dish. Bake in preheated oven 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes. The cheese will rise to the top during baking. This can be prepared the night before. Cover and refrigerate. Bake in the morning and serve hot.

The old timers always had a dish of beans on the table every Sunday. This next recipe is practically a meal in itself. Yields about 10 servings.

PARTY BEANS

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1/2 lb. diced bacon
- 1 (1 lb. can) pork and beans
- 1 (1 lb. can) lima beans
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup catsup
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon mustard
- 1 teaspoon vinegar

Brown meat. Drain off excess fat. Add remaining ingredients including the bean liquid. Before placing in oven sprinkle with cheese if desired.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes.

Just one more delicious casserole from Helen Coble; a good addition for any brunch.

SPANISH CASSEROLE

- 2 (10 1/2 oz.) pkgs. frozen chopped spinach
- Cook as directed and drain
- 2 beaten eggs
- 1 small carton cottage cheese
- 4 tablespoons melted butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- Mix all together and bake 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Screening set in EJ

The East Jordan Family Health Center will hold a Blood Pressure Clinic from 1-2 p.m. in the Community Room of the Health Center on Tuesday, January 2, 1990. The blood pressure check is free. Cholesterol testing will be provided at the same time; however, it is requested that appointments be made to reduce waiting time. You may call in ahead of time (536-2206) to make the cholesterol testing appointment. There is a \$5 charge for that test. This clinic is offered as a community service to assist in maintaining good health.

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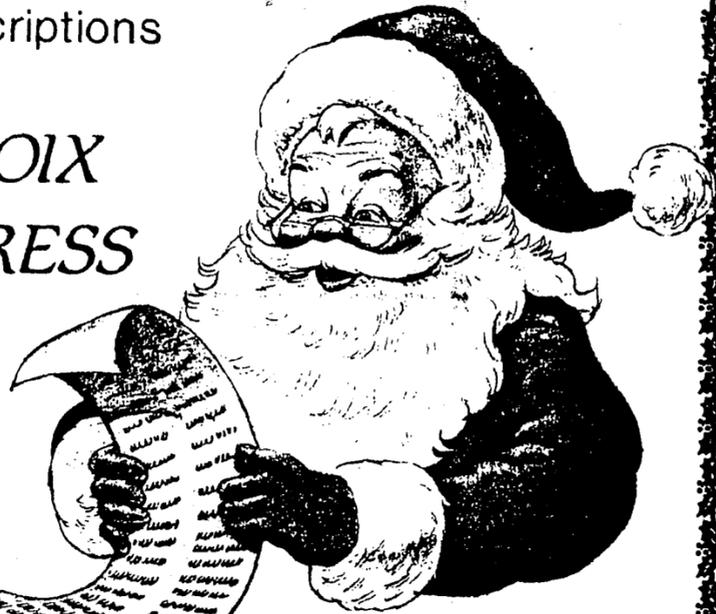
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Scabies outbreak noted in area

Recent reports of the human scabies in school age children has once again brought to mind the importance of its ability to cause a contagious skin disease in humans. Since antiquity, this mite has been reported as the causative agent of the "seven-year itch." Actually, peaks seem to occur in roughly 15-year cycles. Although other mites will cause itching, they do not spend their entire life cycle on or in the skin of humans as does the human scabies mite. However, several other varieties of scabies mites such as those found on dogs and swine can infest humans.

Lowered environmental humidity (moisture) may compel these mites to move to regions of higher humidity on the body, such as around the axilla, groin, nipples, elbows, umbilicus, interdigital areas, inner thighs, and lower legs. The most commonly affected areas on the adult host are the hands, wrists, and waist. On children, infestations may also involve the face and head; on infants, the soles, palms, and head. Those at high risk for exposure to scabies are sex partners, family members of an infested person, hospitalized or institutionalized persons, and hospital staff who handle infested patients. Hospital staff who have had contact with an infested patient may experience an infestation on the trunk and arms.

Although investigations have been limited, off-host survival time for scabies is about 24 to 36 hours under normal room conditions. Scabies mites actively seek a host

when separated from it and will begin penetration of the skin within a very short period of time. The itching that results from a scabies infestation is produced by a localized reaction to the mites and their byproducts found in the tunnel-like burrow. Many investigators now believe that scratching in response to the itching actually eliminates some of the mites. However, the incubation period between the time of exposure and the manifestation of the typical itch syndrome may be as short as several days in a previously infested person or as long as several weeks in a person not previously infested. Therefore, even people that don't show symptoms may carry and transmit the mites and should be treated along with people that show symptoms.

An individual with scabies is normally infested with an average of 10 to 12 mites. However, a condition known as Norwegian (or "crusted") scabies may develop in some individuals. This is a highly infectious form of scabies in which large numbers of mites are contained in exfoliating scales from the patient's skin. It is important to note that symptoms resulting from scabies may resemble those of eczema or psoriasis; therefore, to diagnose scabies correctly, skin scrapings of the infested area should be taken.

Any delay in making a correct diagnosis may allow for widespread physical contact with an infested patient.

Boyerne stuns Rayders, stomp on Jo-Burg

Boyerne City's basketball team entered last week with a 1-1 record, and after playing two highly regarded teams, they ended the week 3-1.

Tuesday had the Ramblers in Rayders' territory. A great rivalry had always existed between Boyerne and Charlevoix, but this meeting was special for both teams. For the Rayders it was a chance to redeem themselves after a highly emotional loss to the Ramblers in the opening game of the District tournaments. For Boyerne, the game was a chance to show everyone that they are a serious ball team this season, and that last year's victory over the Rayders was no fluke.

Both teams started the game fairly well. Boyerne displayed poise that was not common for visiting teams playing in the loud Charlevoix home court. Charlevoix, playing at home, was

compelled to make a good showing. Both teams were close the end of one quarter, Boyerne ahead 15-13.

Boyerne was just warming up, however. One of the objectives for the Ramblers is to go out and win every quarter. The psychological edge was beginning to favor the Ramblers, as the only Rayder that experienced any amount of success against the Boyerne defense was Webb Friendly. He alone could not carry the team, and Charlevoix trailed 38-23 at the half. The third quarter favored the Ramblers also as they increased their lead to 58-35. The Rayders mounted a slight comeback in the fourth quarter, but it was too little too late, as Boyerne stunned Charlevoix, winning 71-51.

Scott Hammontree was the Rambler stand-out against the Rayders. Hammontree displayed his leadership skills by keeping the

team poised in the early going, playing tough defense throughout the game, scoring 23 points, and still finding time to dish out for seven assists. Following Hammontree in the scoring column was Joe Jankowski with 14 and Scott Knipe with 13.

Friday night, however, proved to be the real test for the Ramblers. Just a week before Boyerne had come off of a big win on Tuesday to fall flat at home on Friday night. Unfortunately for Boyerne, the hardships of the week past seemed to be replaying themselves in the early going of the Johannesburg game, which was being played in Jo-burg. After a quarter of play, Boyerne trailed 11-13, and was already in serious foul trouble. Things got worse before they got better, as Boyerne trailed by nine at one point in the second quarter, until they spurred a comeback that started at the free

throw line. By the half Boyerne held a 28-26 point lead, and more importantly they had re-acquired the intensity that had been with them Tuesday night.

The Ramblers stormed out of the gates in the third, jacking their lead up 49-35 going into the fourth. Boyerne actually managed to mount a lead in excess of 20 points in the second half, but a fourth quarter scoring drive on the part of Jo-burg cut that lead to 12, which was the margin Boyerne won by, 63-51.

The Ramblers were led by Bo Williamson, who scored 15 points. Knipe followed with 13 points, but his largest contribution to the game might have been his 12 rebounds. Wayne Avery scored 11, Joe Jankowski had 9, Hammontree had 7, freshman Kevin Smith contributed 4, and Gunther Fineout added 2.

The Jo-burg game proved to be a great learning experience for the Ramblers. They achieved leadership from varying sources. Williamson stepped up and took charge when it was needed, and Fineout's outstanding effort early went mostly unnoticed because of his lack of scoring. Friday night also saw the return of the Ramblers free throw shooting, as they

shot 78% from the foul stripe, which was where they spent a lot of the night.

This week has Boyerne hosting two games before the Christmas break. Tuesday evening had the Ramblers matched up against the unbeaten Harbor Springs Rams, and Friday night matches them with a struggling East Jordan team.

Loggers play well, but lose to Comets

BY BECKY HAUSLER

"We played the best basketball we've played yet this year," Coach Frank Hamilla commented, but it was still a long ride back from Mackinaw City last Friday for the Boyerne Falls Loggers on the basketball team.

"If we keep playing good team ball," the coach continued, "like we did Friday, we'll win a lot of games."

But that is in the future. Last Friday, even after playing a good game, the Loggers came home lacking 14 points on the scoreboard that would have made them the winner of the game between the Loggers and the Comets. The Comets took the game, 76 to 63.

Although the Loggers took the lead in the first quarter, 19 to 18, the Comets jumped out ahead in the next and led for the remainder of the game.

For the Loggers, Chad Hanes led the scoring with 18 points. Sophomore Mark Reynolds added another 15 while Louis Sevanski had his best game so far this year by hitting for 11. Kurt Wilson added eight while John Burns contributed three. Steve Sparks, Ryan Gien, Jim Matelski and Tom Follette each hit two points.

The scoring for the game was pretty well balanced with the Comets hitting for 23 points in the second quarter while the Loggers had 18. The third quarter was about the same with the Loggers hitting 15 while the Comets added another 18. In the last quarter, they hit for 17 while the Boyerne

Falls quintet could only muster up 11.

The Jayvees took their game for the evening with Joe Westbrook taking top scoring honors with 18 followed by Steve Seelye at 16 and getting 12 rebounds. Doug Bearss hit for four and Bob Freck took in 11 rebounds.

Boyerne JV's take two in B-ball

The past week in boys' basketball proved to be a good one for the Boyerne City Ramblers. Between the Varsity and the JVs, Boyerne went 4-0, an accomplishment not achieved for some time.

In the JV game Tuesday evening, the Rayders and the

Ramblers seemed evenly matched. But not even the home court could save Charlevoix from a tough Boyerne squad. The game went to the very end, and it wasn't until the last minutes that Boyerne went up for good. A free throw from Kevin Smith late in the game gave the Ramblers a three point lead, and all but iced the victory for Boyerne. Charlevoix did not get the necessary three-point basket to tie, and lost 50-47. Mike Mori led the Ramblers in the affair by scoring 23 points.

Friday night put the JVs in Johannesburg. With one of their

top players, Smith, called up to varsity to fill out an injury ridden roster, the Junior Varsity team might have been considered a bit short handed. This year's team is deep with talent, however, and not once did they miss Smith. Boyerne rolled along to a blow-out victory, 77-33. James Mattson, the team's point guard usually content to dish out for assists, had an excellent night at the basket, scoring for 29 points.

The Junior Varsity next game, and the last one before Christmas break, is Friday night as they host East Jordan.

COMMISSION ORDER
(Under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended)

STURGEON SPEARING SEASON - STATEWIDE

Under the authority of Act 230, Public Acts of 1925, as amended, being sections 300.1 through 300.5 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Natural Resources Commission, at its September 11, 1987 meeting, ordered that for a period of five years it shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take sturgeon by means of spears from the inland waters of this state, except during the month of February of each year.

This order takes effect April 1, 1988, and shall remain in effect through March 31, 1993.

Marlene J. Fluharty, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission

Barbara McLeod
Commission & Legislative Liaison
Gordon E. Guyer
Director

COMMISSION ORDER
(Under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended)

GEAR RESTRICTIONS FOR STREAM FISHING DURING SALMON AND STEELHEAD RUNS

Under the authority of Section 1 of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, being Section 300.1 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Natural Resources Commission, at its August 10, 1984 meeting, approved the following gear restriction for a period of five years beginning April 1, 1985, through March 31, 1990. This order supersedes subject order of July 11, 1980, CFI-103.80.

Double or treble pointed hooks exceeding 3/8 inch between point and shank and single pointed hooks exceeding 1/2 inch between point and shank may not be used on any stream except St. Mary's, St. Clair, and Detroit Rivers before May 15 or after August 31 of each year.

Harry H. Whiteley, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission

John M. Robertson
Executive Secretary
Countersigned: Ronald O. Skoog, Director

NOTICE
South Arm Township
Charlevoix County
Ordinance No. 26

Amend the Zoning Map of South Arm Township as follows:

Rezone from Agricultural District, A 1 to Commercial District C-1 the following Tax Parcel No. 15-014-003-010-00, described as follows:

"All Govt. Lot 3, Sec. 3, T32N, R7W lying West of East 1/8 Line, except beginning 1910.5 ft. West of East 1/4 Corner Sec. 3, Thence at angle to Right 62 Detrees, 17 min. 168.18 Feet to Shore Lake Charlevoix, Thence Southwesterly along Shore to East and West 1/4 Line, Thence East on 1/4 Line to Point of Beginning."

Effective Date: This Ordinance Amendment shall become effective immediately.

Ordinance Adopted: September 13, 1989

Ayes 5: Nays None: Absent None

Supervisor: Harold F. Pietz
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Pictured Rocks site of snowshoe run

The Iverson Snowshoe Company of Shingleton, Michigan, with the cooperation of the National Park Service and the Cliffs Forest Products Company, has completed plans for the seventh Annual Pictured Rocks Classic. The Classic will be held on the week-end of January 13th and 14th, under the guidelines established by the International Snowshoe Federation, and it is expected that most of the leading racers from the Midwest and North Central states will enter the competition. Several participants are also expected from Western and Eastern states.

The format for this season's classic offers a wide variety of events to provide for all snowshoeing interests. A short race, for younger athletes through sixteen years of age, is planned, over a half-mile course. A non-competitive Touring Class, or "Fun Walk", of approximately two miles, is also included in the schedule. There will be two races for the serious competitor, scheduled over the weekend. A short race of approximately four miles on January 13th will be followed by a longer race of approximately 9.5 miles on January 14th.

All entrants will receive commemorative prizes, and the competitive classes will be divided by sex and into appropriate age groups for award purposes.

Excellent accommodations for participants and their families are available in the Munising area, and complete race information, as well as a listing of local motels, is available from Anita Hulse, Race Chairman, Box 85, Maple Street, Shingleton, Michigan 49884.

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COMMISSION ORDER
(Under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended)

CLOSURE OF STURGEON FISHING IN THE GREAT LAKES AND CONNECTING WATERS DURING SPAWNING SEASON

Under the authority of Act 230, Public Acts of 1925, as amended, being sections 300.1 through 300.5 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Natural Resources Commission, at its September 11, 1987 meeting, ordered, that for a period of five years, it shall be unlawful to take sturgeon from the Great Lakes and the connecting waters during the months of May and June.

This order supersedes the previous order entitled "Closure of Sturgeon Fishing in the Great Lakes and Connecting Waters During Spawning Season" effective April 1, 1983, and given number CFI-117.83.

This order shall take effect November 1, 1987, and shall remain valid through March 31, 1992.

Marlene J. Fluharty, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission

Barbara McLeod
Commission & Legislative Liaison
Gordon E. Guyer
Director

Commission Order - CFI 121.85
(Under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended)

Size Limit On Bass

Under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, (being 300.1 through 300.5 of the Michigan Compiled Laws) the Natural Resources Commission, at its meeting on October 11, 1985, set the size limit on smallmouth and largemouth bass at 12 inches for a period of five years beginning January 1, 1986, through March 31, 1991, on all Michigan waters including the Great Lakes and connecting waters.

This order supersedes the previous order entitled "Size Limit on Bass", dated July 11, 1980, CFI-121.81.

Thomas J. Anderson, Chairman Natural Resources Commission
John M. Robertson, Executive Assistant
Countersigned: Ronald O. Skoog, Director

Department of Natural Resources, Box 30028, Lansing, MI 48909

Commission Order - CFI 115.85
(Under the authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended)

Walleye And Sauger Size Limit

Under the authority of Section 1 of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, being Section 300.1 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Natural Resources Commission, at its meeting on August 10, 1984, ordered that the walleye and sauger size limit shall be 15 inches on all waters, including the Great Lakes and connecting waters, except Lake Gogebic, Big Manistique Lake, Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair and the Detroit and St. Clair rivers for a period of five years beginning January 1, 1985, through March 31, 1990. This order supersedes the previous order entitled "Walleye and Sauger Size Limit", CFI-115.82.

Harry H. Whiteley, Chairman
John M. Robertson, Executive Secretary
Countersigned: Ronald O. Skoog, Director

Department of Natural Resources, Box 30028, Lansing, MI 48909

Commission Order - CFI 131.87
(Under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended)

Order To Restrict Spearing Season

Under authority of Act 230, Public Acts of 1925, as amended, being sections 300.1 through 300.5 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Natural Resources Commission, at its September 11, 1987 meeting, ordered that for a period of five years in the Lower Peninsula it shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take any species of fish with a spear or bow and arrow, from any waters north of Highway M-72 during the month of April, or south of Highway M-72 and north of Highway M-45 from April 1 through April 15, all dates inclusive.

This order supersedes the previous order entitled "Order to Restrict Spearing Season" effective April 1, 1983, and given number CFI-131.82.

This order shall take effect November 1, 1987, and shall remain effective through March 31, 1992.

Marlene J. Fluharty, Chairman
Barbara McLeod, Commission & Legislative Liaison
Countersigned: Gordon E. Guyer, Director

Department of Natural Resources, Box 30028, Lansing, MI 48909

COMMISSION ORDER - CFI-112.87
(Under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended)

Open Seasons And Catch Limits On Pike, Walleye, Sauger And Muskellunge

Under the authority of Section 4, Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, being 300.4 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Natural Resources Commission, at its October 10, 1986, meeting, adopted the following order to become effective April 1, 1987, and remain valid for a period of five years until March 31, 1992. This order supersedes the order of May 17, 1985, CFI-112.85.

It shall be unlawful to take the following named species except within the open seasons and daily limits as prescribed below:

Open Season: On walleye, sauger, northern pike, and muskellunge (including tiger muskellunge)

Region I: All Upper Peninsula waters including the surrounding Great Lakes and connecting waters not otherwise closed to fishing shall be from May 15 through March 15.

Regions II and III: All Lower Peninsula waters except the Great Lakes and connecting waters not otherwise closed to fishing shall be from the last Saturday in April through March 15.

Regions II and III: The Great Lakes and connecting waters shall be open year around; except that muskellunge in Lake St. Clair, and St. Clair and Detroit rivers may be taken only from the first Saturday in June through December 15 of each year.

For the purposes of this order, all drowned river mouth lakes such as Manistee Lake, Lake Macatawa and Muskegon Lake are considered as inland waters and are subject to inland water regulations.

Daily Catch Limits: Statewide limits shall be five (5) singly or in combination for largemouth bass, walleye and sauger and northern pike; the daily catch limit on muskellunge is one (1) (including tiger muskellunge) except that the daily catch limit on Lake St. Clair and the Detroit and St. Clair rivers shall be six singly or in combination for largemouth and smallmouth bass, walleye, sauger, and northern pike when the catch includes at least one walleye or sauger. And except that the daily catch on Lake Erie shall be 10 singly or in combination for largemouth and smallmouth bass, walleye, sauger, and northern pike when the catch includes at least five walleye or sauger.

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Congressman Davis' district representative, Bill Huber, will be visiting your area in the near future. Anyone wishing to meet with him is invited to do so without an appointment. Mr. Huber will be available to discuss any problem you may be having with state or federal government. He will be in Charlevoix County on Friday, Dec. 22, at the Boyne City Hall Auditorium, 11:30-1:00. For further information call 906-635-5261 on Thursday or Friday, or call toll free 1-800-682-8982.

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Reg Sharkey's Northern Journal

Frosty, a sub-zero chipmunk gets clipped by cold

BY REG SHARKEY

Animals sometimes do the darndest things, often going against known facts.

Books by learned wildlife biologists, naturalists, and wildlife observers, usually seem to be in accord on most of their findings. But every once in a while some tritter, furred or feathered, knocks those observations into a cocked hat.

So it was that a little striped critter, probably weighing no more than a quarter of a pound scuttled the observations I have made of chipmunks.

Stubby (now dubbed Frosty), our clipped tail summer confidant, is defying the elements, scampering from his underground condo into our garage and then into the house when we allow him to do so.

Usually all chipmunk activities above ground cease by late October or early November, according to the weather, around our homestead.

But Frosty goes about his chipmunkien business unmindful of zero and below temperatures we've been having lately. Snow offers no obstacle to his arching, full throttle leaps.

Entering the garage he helps himself to the sunflower seeds from a bag meant for our feathered friends, eating some on the spot, while freighting others to his underground larder beneath the nearby terrace steps.

When tiring of working with the sunflower seeds he comes to the back entrance, wanting in to where he remembers the summer-time "help yourself" peanut can was situated.

Course the can and its goodies

were removed when all normal chippies are underground for the winter.

Finding the cupboard bare he follows us until a peanut is offered. And why he's so choosy as to which goober he selects is beyond my comprehension.

The other day he labored like a Trojan stashing peanuts, not in his underground larder, but in the sunflower sack on top a rick of fireplace wood. Why there? Your guess would be as good as mine.

Even after a night of snow his bouncing tracks are printed in the stark whiteness leading from condo to the closed garage door, at-testing to an early riser.

For some unknown reason he prefers, at times, to be hand fed, ignoring peanuts all around him.

And how he keeps his tootsies from freezing is beyond me. When he takes peanuts from hand his little front feet are as cold as clams, but it bothers him not one whit. And my wife thinks that perhaps two pairs of boots would be a nice Christmas present for Frosty. Wishful thinking.

How long will Frosty keep up challenging Ol' Dame Nature and her winter tantrums? Your guess is as good as mine.

Regardless of Frosty's vacillations from the norm of chipmunk behavior, we welcome his wintertime visits.

We only hope the little bugger isn't foolhardy enough to cash in his chips. We want him around come spring.

So from "All" of us here at the Sharkey homestead we wish you a quiet, serene Christmas, and for the New Year, nothing but the best.



This little chipmunk is still gathering up food to get through the winter, according to Sharkey. The chipmunk fills his mouth with corn kernels filling out his cheeks until no more can be stuffed inside. Then he high-tails it to a special hiding place where he will store the corn until he

needs to eat. During the course of a day, he will pick off all the kernels of this ear and more as he gets set for the real winter which starts in a few days.

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Non-game wildlife fund kicked off by DNR

Michigan's 1990 nongame wildlife tax check-off season was kicked off Thursday with the presentation of the program's annual poster to Director David Hales of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and to the Natural Resources Commission at its monthly meeting in Lansing.

This year's Nongame Wildlife Fund theme, "Michigan Coastal Dunes—A Heritage Worth Saving," is depicted in the full color poster which features the Great Lakes shoreline and the state's unique sand dune habitat.

"This year's poster is an outstanding portrayal of the beauty and magic of our coastal dunes," Hales said. "Thanks to the passage of important sand dune legislation, these precious resources will be protected for the enjoyment of future generations."

The poster, painted by DNR Wildlife Artist Gijbert van Frankenhuyzen, is produced by the Nongame Wildlife Fund, which is part of the DNR's Wildlife

Division's Natural Heritage Program, supported through citizen contributions to a check-off on the state income tax form.

These contributions provide important funding for the protection and management of non-hunted wildlife and endangered plants and animals in Michigan, including loons, eagles, spotted turtles, endangered plants such as the Calypso orchid, and many more.

The 1990 poster is designed to inform the public about the value and sensitivity of Michigan's sand dunes and about the importance of proper management of this valuable natural community. The back of the poster includes a narrative on the formation of sand dunes and their locations, and brief sketches on many dune plants and animals that are painted on the front of the poster.

Copies of the poster may be obtained by sending a letter to Poster, DNR Information Services Center, Dept. of Natural Resources, Lansing 48909.

proved the naming of Galen Rutka to fill a seat on the Boyne City Economic Development Corporation board. Rutka will be filling the seat of Marty Paul who resigned recently so he could move downstate for the winter. Rutka's office would expire on March 11,

1994. The final action the commissioners took was to cancel the last two remaining meetings of the year as they fall during the Christmas break. The next meeting of the city commissioners will be held January 9th, 1990.

County to discuss budget, gathering ordinance

Charlevoix County Commissioners are expected to discuss their 1990 county budget at a commission meeting Wednesday. The budget reflects a 7.3 percent hike over the current county budget which is set at \$3.96 million. The new budget would be \$4.25 million if approved.

Among the items that are causing the increase in the proposed budget are medical insurance costs and a \$100,000 increase in the child care fund. The board has been fighting the increase but has been mandated by the state to provide the services.

Because of the mandate, the county has joined with other coun-

ties to sue the State of Michigan to recoup some of the court fees.

In other action, the county board is expected to learn whether or not their mass gathering ordinance is enforceable. The ordinance covers large facilities like Boyne Mountain and the Castle Farms complex and requires the person hosting an event to ensure proper health care, police care and sanitary facilities.

The board recently learned that the health department will not enforce its part of the ordinance, so the commissioners think they may have to amend the ordinance in order to comply with health department desires.

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to get lockers that were broken, fixed. She also said the showers needed some repair and suggested that additional women's sanitary napkin dispensers be replaced with new dispensers.

The board took no action on the requests and suggestions but will be trying to comply with them as they thought some of the suggestions were good ideas.

Sue Goble explained the results of the Fall MEAP testing that occurred in the fourth, seventh and tenth grades saying that while the tests were changed and updated in some areas, she thought the students did well.

She noted that the math results improved considerably over the last year and that reading skills also showed improvement. Since this was the first year for testing in the science area, there was nothing that the school could compare it with, so the test results are not conclusive this year. If the same test is given next year, then they will be able to compare year to year results.

In another curriculum area, the board learned the committee is discussing some changes to improve the education of the students. They will be coming back to the board when they have finalized the ideas.

The board then decided to join with East Jordan in a teacher in-service day, January 30. They will be sending the students home at noon so the teachers can attend a seminar that is being held in East Jordan for their teachers.

In report on the building fund, the board learned that almost everything has been done or is scheduled to be completed. The board is holding back about

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\$12,000 to ensure that the items will be completed before releasing the funds to the general contractor.

The board then approved two unpaid leaves of absence for staff workers, both kitchen workers, and also named the yearbook advisor.

They learned that the high school cheerleaders will be having a cake raffle at two upcoming basketball games, January 5, and the 19th.

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