

Magician entertains snowmobilers, elementary students

Magician P.J. Weber entertained about 30 snowmobilers and guests at a special show at One Water Street Restaurant last Friday as part of the Second Annual Boyne County Snowmobile Rally. While not many snowmobilers showed up around Boyne City, East Jordan was filled to the top of the tracks with over 400 machines counted at the parking lot next to the Rainbow Bar. The event was termed a success for most of the area as plenty of machines came into the area to enjoy the abundant snow.



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Boyne schools saves money on driver education

Boyne City School Board members started off the new decade with their first meeting of the year and with only six discussion items and two action items on their agenda, or, in other words, business as usual.

One discussion item concerned a dunning call from the DeLisle and Associates who were wondering when the school was going to be making payment for the work they performed on the writing of the asbestos management plan that is required of all school districts.

Dr. Bob Nakoneczny, the school superintendent told the board the check has been written and is being held pending the approval of the state health department's acceptance of the plan.

He told board members that the first draft of the written plan was sent in to the state last year and was rejected after a many month delay caused by the state agency running out of funds to monitor the federally authorized program. After some months, the program was again funded and the rejection letter was sent out to the school.

The DeLisle company had guaranteed that their writing of the plan would gain acceptance by the state and is in the process of correcting some of the errors in the first plan that was submitted, Nakoneczny said. He asked the board if they had any problems with holding the check until the plan is approved by the state. They agreed, so the check, which was written last spring, is still waiting to be sent.

Other items under discussion

included the sending of board members to the annual Michigan Association of School Board's Mid-Winter conference that is coming up in February in Grand Rapids. After some discussion, the board determined which board members will be going.

They also answered a questionnaire covering the fall conference of the MASA which was held in Detroit and was not very well attended by school boards state wide. The answers they gave to the questions covered and showed some of the board members disagreement with the MASA conventions.

Board member Thelma Behling said that she went to every session covering school financing and felt that every expert speaking at the sessions had different ideas and that the ideas were confusing.

The board then accepted invitations to go to the East Jordan Inservice session where Dr. Daggett, a nationally noted speaker will be making a presentation on education and where it is headed.

They then were given an updated version of all of the planning processes the school system has undertaken for this year and for future years. Included in the document are the status of several committees of the board and the school administrators as they work towards completion of the many plans.

The first action item on the agenda was to approve the wording of an Intermediate School District resolution that is calling

for a special election to be held March 15 and is asking for the renewal of 1.16 mills for special education.

The other action item caused the board to go into a closed session so they could discuss negotiation strategy for the upcoming bargaining sessions with the teachers' union.

In reports by the school administrators, High School Principal

Joe Tibaldi told board members that this coming year Drivers' Education will be cut back to one session this summer. He said that by cutting back to the one session it would bring a savings of about \$5,000 to \$6,000 on the costs of providing drivers' education to the students. Tibaldi also explained some of the other changes being made in the summer program, saying that those students who

may be going to ski camps or such would be able to make up the time on an individual basis. He said that most parents were happy with the change as it helped them to schedule summer vacations with the family. The revised program will cut teacher costs, and the costs of the vehicles used in the program.

Tibaldi said that the car dealers are not as willing to provide cars as in the past, so some of the

changes were made having the students drive on a driving range in the High School parking lot instead of on the public roads.

Then both Tibaldi and Elementary Principal Ed Snyder presented an update on a new school improvement planning program they are working towards. They hope to have the plans all completed by next year so the school system can start heading in the direction the plans call for.



Members of the Boyne City Fire Department have started training and getting accustomed to their new water survival suits as they immersed themselves in the cold water at the mouth of the Boyne River last weekend. Eventually, every member of the department will have a water experience with the new suits that were recently purchased in or-

der to perform rescues off Lake Charlevoix. The suits have a rope bracket built in so that firemen on shore can help pull out suited firemen from the water, along with the victim. The firemen worked on getting into the water as well as getting out with the bulky, but warm, suits.

Boyne City wants billboard controls

Boyne City will be joining with the counties of Charlevoix and Emmet in asking the state to amend a law covering billboards along state trunklines as one of the first things the city has done in 1990.

The resolution was made at the Tuesday noon meeting of the City Commission and was prepared by City Manager Randy Frykberg because of concerns that the city does not have authority to regulate billboards.

Because the city doesn't have the authority, a business could erect a billboard along the state trunkline that does not follow the

current sign ordinance rules covering size and height regulations of the city. According to Frykberg, the advertiser could basically do what he wants with billboards along M-75.

The resolution asks that the state amend the present law which would allow counties, cities and townships to regulate those kinds of signs. The resolution also asks that all of the state representatives and senators be contacted expressing an endorsement of the amendment.

The commissioners also gave their okay to closing down the road around Veterans Memorial

Park during the time of the annual Frostival event. The closing was asked by the event coordinator, Gloria Anderson, who expressed some concern for small children and cars who may want to visit the park. The road will be open to allow emergency vehicles use only between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

At the monthly evening meeting, the commission was expected to support the City of Charlevoix's request to retain a Coast Guard vessel in Charlevoix as a safety factor for Lake Charlevoix and is expected to ask local accounting firms for bids for the city's annual financial audit.

It has been several years since the city asked for bids on the audit and the commissioners want to make sure the costs expended are in line with what other firms may offer the service for. For the past few years, the firm of Hill, Woodcock and Schroederus has been doing the audit.

Snow depth 71" plus

Although it has rained most of this past Tuesday, Boyne City officials told the City Commissioners that the city has had a total of slightly more than 71 inches of snow so far this season.

News Briefs

If you can ski well and want to donate some time to helping others learn the skill, Challenge Mountain is looking for some volunteers to help with their program this winter. If you want to participate, call Denny Ward at 582-9693.

City officials are reminding residents that it is against the law to push snow from driveways out into the road right-of-way or to the opposite side of the road. The reason for the law is that it makes it more dangerous for the plows to move the snow off the roads.

Boyne City will be the next city to get a Jaws of Life set of equipment if the Boyne City Volunteer Fire Department has their way. They are starting to set up a donation program working towards getting the equipment.

The Jimmy Huega event at Boyne Mountain was again successful as over \$38,000 was raised by the 16 teams entered in the event. The skiers skied 749,000 feet of vertical and the winning team, the Barnum Fiber Company of Petoskey, raised over \$20,000 themselves during the event. The many volunteers for the program should be happy that a portion will again go to Challenge Mountain, a ski center for those with handicaps.

Obituaries

ERMA A. NORTON

Erma A. Norton, 81, former Wolverine and Boyne City resident, died Dec. 15, 1989, in Kissimmee, Fla.

The former Erma A. Walter was born April 7, 1908, in Belknap, Mich., the daughter of Fred and Anna Walter. She grew up in the Rogers City area and in 1926 she married Leslie C. Norton. For 50 years, Mr. and Mrs. Norton had resided in Wolverine and Mr. Norton preceded her in death in

November, 1984.

For five years Mrs. Norton resided in Boyne City before moving to Florida in August, 1988.

Mrs. Norton is survived by: one daughter, Janice L. Johnson of Orlando, Fla.; two grandchildren, Danielle and Rachael, both of Florida; one brother, Oscar Walter of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.

There was no service or visitation. Interment was in Silver Lake Cemetery, Wolverine.

OLE R. ERICKSON

Ole R. Erickson, 80, of Boyne City, died Dec. 29, 1989, at Provincial House, Gaylord.

Memorial service was held Jan. 4 at the Stackus Funeral Home, Boyne City. Randy Cain officiated.

Mr. Erickson was born Nov. 7, 1909, in Charlevoix County, the son of John and Rose (McConnell) Erickson. He has always resided in Northern Michigan.

Mr. Erickson worked for Michigan Tanning and Extract Co. in Boyne City and then was a self-employed landscaper in the area for 35 years.

In April, 1931, he married the

former Nevada Coblentz. She preceded him in death on Nov. 8, 1989.

Mr. Erickson is survived by: two sons and daughters-in-law, Denny and Debbie Erickson of Boyne City and Donald and Fran Erickson of Sarasota, Fla.; three daughters, Mrs. Samuel (Carol) Stone of Sturgis, Mrs. Richard (Jeanette) Brooks of Boyne City and Mrs. Louie (Bonnie) Dixon of Boston, Mass.; 21 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; one brother, Leo Erickson of River Rouge.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Barbara, in 1975.

MAUREEN SKOP

Maureen O'Connor Skop, 40, of Horton Bay, died Dec. 31, 1989, at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, following a long illness.

Funeral was Jan. 4, at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 West 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, Mich. The Rev. Norbert Kendzierski of St. Fabian Catholic Church, Farmington Hills, was the celebrant.

The former Maureen O'Connor was born July 7, 1949, in New York City and lived in this area for 11 years. She moved here from Farmington Hills.

DARRYL S. SPENCE

Darryl S. Spence, 24, of East Jordan, died Jan. 2, 1990, at Little Traverse Division, Northern Michigan Hospitals.

Funeral was Friday, Jan. 5 at the East Jordan Missionary Church, Pastor James Duncan officiated and burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Mr. Spence was born Feb. 21, 1965, in Petoskey, the son of Wendell (Lee) and Linda (Skop) Spence. He resided in the East Jordan area all his life and attended and graduated from East Jordan High School in 1984 where he participated in football, basketball, track and baseball.

He worked for Allied Signal Aerospace Co. in Boyne City and

She had been a guidance counselor at Inland Lakes Schools in Indian River.

She graduated from Farmington Hills High School and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in guidance and vocational counseling.

She is survived by: her husband David Skop; her mother, Betty O'Connor of Farmington Hills and a sister, Karen O'Connor of Washington, D.C.

enjoyed hunting, fishing and mud bog racing.

Survivors include: his mother, Linda Spence of East Jordan and his father, Lee Spence of East Jordan; three brothers, Dan of Fort Myers, Fla., Mike of East Jordan and Aaron of East Jordan; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Esther Kratochvil of East Jordan; paternal grandparents, Ray and Leota Spence of East Jordan; his girlfriend, Michelle Russell of East Jordan.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society. Envelopes for that purpose are available at the Paulin Funeral Home, East Jordan.

WALTER 'BO' RANDALL

Walter Doane "Bo" Randall, 80, of Orlando, Fla. and Walloon Lake, died Dec. 25, 1989, in Orlando.

A memorial service was held Dec. 28 at the Garden Chapel Home for Funerals in Orlando.

Mr. Randall was born Sept. 27, 1909, in Cincinnati, Ohio, the son of Walter D. and Mary Bell Thomson Randall. He moved to Orlando from Hamilton, Ohio, in 1916.

For more than 50 years, the Randall family maintained a summer home on Walloon Lake and Mr. Randall was well known in the Walloon Lake area.

He was best known for producing Randall Made Knives, from a small factory in southeast

Orlando. Randall's knives were featured in *True*, *Argosy*, *Life*, *Smithsonian* and many other publications. The knife collector's bible, *American Knives*, made many references to Randall as the world's greatest blade maker.

Randall knives are displayed in the Smithsonian Institution and in the Museum of Special Warfare at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Mr. Randall is survived by: his wife Ruth B.; one son, Gary T. of Orlando; two daughters, Doane Webster of Longwood, Fla. and Patty Baker of Orlando; one brother, Donald T. Randall of Palm Beach, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

HOWARD W. WOODBURY

Howard W. Woodbury, 79, of Charlevoix, died Jan. 5, 1990, at Little Traverse Division, Northern Michigan Hospitals.

Funeral was Jan. 9, at Hills Funeral Home, Grand Blanc.

Mr. Woodbury was born Jan. 6, 1910, in Grand Blanc, the son of Clyde and Mina Woodbury. He married the former Thelma Orr of Linden on May 1, 1934. The couple lived in the Swartz Creek area un-

til moving to Charlevoix after retirement. Mr. Woodbury had worked for the A.C. Spark Plug Co. for 40 years.

He is survived by: his wife; sons and daughters-in-law, Howard M. and Sharon Woodbury of Charlevoix, Leigh W. and Loretta Woodbury of Boyne City and Lynn J. and Marilyn Woodbury of Montrose; grandchildren Leigh Jr., Chad David and Danielle Lynn Woodbury.

MARGE KENNY DAVIS

Margaret (Marge) Kenny Davis, 91, of Detroit, formerly of East Jordan, died Jan. 4, 1990, in Farmington Hills. Mrs. Davis is the twin sister of Agnes Hegerberg of East Jordan.

Funeral was 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, East Jordan. The Rev. Joseph Diezel officiated with interment following in Calvary Cemetery, East Jordan.

She was born July 12, 1898, in East Jordan, the daughter of Anthony and Mary (Lilak) Kenny. She grew up in East Jordan.

She married Reginald Davis in Detroit. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Davis was a bookbinder for Dunn Bindery of Detroit for many years.

She is survived by: two sons, Clair Davis of Detroit and Dr. Robert Davis of Grand Blanc; one daughter, Mrs. Joseph (Virginia) Dresen of Muskegon; 16 grandchildren; one sister, Agnes Hegerberg of East Jordan; one brother, Frederick Kenny of Muskegon; many nieces and nephews.



Bruce Janssen helped John Duley put up a new sign on Boyne City's first Bed and Breakfast Tourist Home last week. The home, located on the corner of State and East Streets opened for tourists for the first time between Christmas and New Years. John and his wife, Sandy, purchased the home last year and have been remodeling it over the summer and fall in order to open as a tourist home.

ROY R. BRUNEEL

Roy R. Bruneel, 50, of Boyne City, died Jan. 7, 1990, at University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor.

Mass of the resurrection will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at St. Matthews Catholic Church, Boyne City. The Rev. Thomas Neis will officiate and burial will be in Todd Cemetery, Wilson Township, Charlevoix County.

Mr. Bruneel was born Dec. 20, 1939, in Detroit, the son of Oscar and Loretta (Drake) Bruneel. He attended Walled Lake High School and graduated in 1958. He then lived in the Detroit area until 1971 when he moved to Cheboygan. In 1973, he moved to Boyne City.

On Feb. 29, 1980, he married the former Wendy Pascoe in Boyne City.

Mr. Bruneel worked as a car salesman in the area for several years.

He was a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne City and an usher at the church; a member of the Knights of Columbus in Walled Lake; past president, secretary and treasurer of the Boyne City Lions Club; was past district governor of District 11E2 from 1987-88; a member of the Walled Lake Volunteer Fire Department from 1961-71; a member of the Multi Lakes Conservation Association of Walled Lake.

Mr. Bruneel was a member of the board of directors at Charlevoix Area Hospital for nine years.

For 20 years, Mr. Bruneel was a working official for high school basketball and football games for the Michigan High School Athletic Association. He was also a qualified umpire for double A baseball and softball games. He

was a member of the Boyne City Wednesday Night Golf League and a member of the Boyne City Yacht Club.

Survivors include: one son, Roy R. Bruneel Jr. of Grand Rapids; three daughters, Mrs. Thomas (Christine) Parling of Ithaca, Mrs. Mark (Patricia) Turnbull of East Jordan and Mrs. David (Renee) Carpenter of Petoskey; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bruneel of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Katherine Bruneel of Union Lake, Ray and Pamela Bruneel of Davisburg and Kevin and Lisa Bruneel of Highland; a brother, Larry Klajda of East Detroit; two sisters and brothers-in-law, James and Diann Rozek of Plymouth and Thomas and Sandra Johnson of Lansing; two grandsons, Mark A. and Brad Turnbull of East Jordan; one granddaughter, Artenia Castagner of California.

A sister, Kimberly Ann preceded him in death in 1985 and a granddaughter, Amy Lynn Turnbull.

The family suggests memorials to the Charlevoix Area Hospital or the Michigan Eye Bank. Envelopes for memorials are available at the Stackus Funeral Home where friends may call 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday. A scripture service will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Voice your opinions!
Write a letter to the Editor.

PUBLIC NOTICE

MALPASS FOUNDATION

The annual report of the Malpass Foundation for the year ending October 31, 1989, is available for inspection at the principal's office, 301 Spring Street, East Jordan, Michigan 49727, phone 616/536-2261. The report is available during normal business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days of the date of this notice.

/s/ W.E. Malpass
Principal Manager
Jan 10

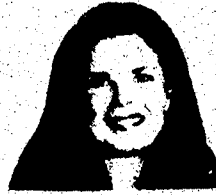
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Neighbors

Many friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry (Elvira) Supernaw Jr. in Charlevoix on Sunday afternoon.

Everett McGeorge is a patient at the Charlevoix Area Hospital after having fallen outside this past week and breaking his hip.

Barbara Ross entered the Northern Michigan Hospitals Inc. on Wednesday as a pre-surgical patient.

Bill Myers returned to his home on Saturday after having been a medical patient last week at Northern Michigan Hospitals.

On New Year's Day, Bill and Jean Korthase, their daughter, Nancy Anthony, Norval and Alma Korthase, and Ed and Arlene Korthase, all attended the funeral service for their uncle, Waldener (Johnny) Johnson at the Presbyterian Church in Traverse City.

Adell Hibbard returned this past Friday from spending the last six weeks in Yazoo City, Mississippi with her son Carl and his wife Pam and their three daughters. While there, she took in many sights of the area. Enroute home, she visited her brother, James Ollila and daughter Kathryn in Midland, and her son Paul and Joyce Hibbard in Millington.

Al and Margaret Compton

have returned from spending the holidays in Fremont and Ann Arbor with their children.

Re. and Mrs. John Spohn have returned from Zephyrhills, Florida where they visited her parents, Clifford and Louella Ayers.

Michael Reid returned on Saturday to Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo after having spent the past 3 weeks here with his grandparents, the Lloyd VanAlstines.

A group of the Boyne City Free Methodist Church went to Mancelona on Sunday night joining others there for a zone rally.

Scores of the Boyne senior bowlers this past week were: Goldie-420, Cleo Davis-420, Jack Krussell-392, Jean Marcham-388, Pros Blanckaert-378, Ardyth Dorgan-363, Bob Rumpfelt 322.

Bingo winners at the mealsite on Thursday were: 1st regular Jessie Padgett, 2nd-Rose Reinhardt, and 3rd-Evelyn Stebbins. The specials went to Evelyn Stebbins and the second was a split between Jessie Padgett and Albert Towne. The cover all went to Rose Reinhardt. All games were called by Mary Towne.

Thought of the week:
There's always a way.

Earth Day planning meeting scheduled

A meeting of the Earth Day 1990 planning committee will be held Wednesday, January 17 at 7 p.m. in Room 5 of North Central Michigan College in Petoskey. The meeting is open to any individuals or groups interested in helping with the Earth Day 1990 celebration in northwest Michigan.

Plans to mark Earth Day are being developed by a coalition of

local environmental groups. The goal of Earth Day 1990 is to focus public, media, and legislative attention on environmental concerns. Tentative plans are for a wide variety of educational programs, encouragement of tree-planting, and an Eco-Fair on Earth Day itself, April 22.

For further information contact the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council at 616-347-1181.

Loughry to speak at BC Historical meeting

On January 16th Frederica Loughry will speak at the Historical Society meeting and share her 'Memories of Boyne City'.

Mrs. Loughry moved to Boyne City as a youngster and has much information on the Boyne area to share.

Frederica (Bogg) Loughry

taught school in Boyne City and in the Detroit area. Her husband was an artist and did many paintings of the Boyne area. Mrs. Loughry will be 90 in May and resides at Grandvue.

All are welcome to attend this meeting at the Boyne City Community Room at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 16th.

Sgt Kitson graduates

Sgt. Larry C. Kitson, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force cable splicing specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

During the course, students were taught to test, seal, install and maintain communications cable systems. They also earned

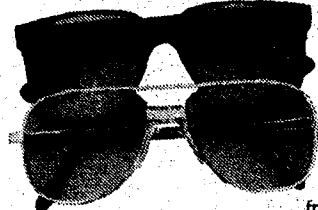
credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Lewis and Edna Kitson of Ferry Road, East Jordan.

The sergeant is a 1977 graduate of East Jordan High School.

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Opinions

Maybe a better deal

If East Jordan is considering selling their steam locomotive, we think there may be a better idea.

Sure, the city could probably find a use for the extra \$16-20,000 that could be added to the budget, but we think the city would also lose more than it gains.

It would lose a little bit of some of the history of the community going back to the logging days if it got rid of the engine. It would lose some of the fondness many oldtimers have of riding behind such an engine, and it would lose the wonderment of the children of the area as to what happened in the past and what the engine was used for.

We think a better idea may be to give the engine away to someone like the Little Traverse Railroad. They could rebuild it cosmetically and functionally so that it could be used to pull the local tourist train.

Then the engine could be put back to use in a local area where children from the community could ride behind it in one of the old Boyne City-Gaylord and Alpena railroad coaches that have recently been donated to the tourist rail line by the new owners of the Station House Restaurant in Boyne City.

We happen to think it is good to try to remember the past as we go into the future. And having part of East Jordan's history in a local historic railway may be a good idea for all.

We are sure that East Jordan could use the prestige of knowing it kept alive some of the past of the area. And kept it in the area.

Perhaps the city could contact the railway folks to see what kind of a deal could be worked out between the parties.

It would be nice to see the engine working again, and working in the local area where many people from the community and tourists could see a real live steam engine with some historical significance.

Jottings

BY JIM SILBAR

Snow machines are buzzing around these parts, all you have to do is step outside on a clear, or even cloudy night and listen. You can hear the things all over the place buzzing around.

Now I am not against snow machines, but I wonder where all those machines are wandering. Do they all have some destination? Or are they just out for a ride on someone's back forty?

It is getting so that you can tell who is out riding by listening to the sound of his or her machine. I am glad that they seem to stop making sounds when I want to go to sleep.

Of course I am a sound sleeper. Have been ever since I was a kid.

My first introduction to weird

motor sounds came when I first went to a car race outside of Flint and watched some midget racers circle the track.

I was smitten.

And then I went to school and one of my friends had this record album of some car race down in Florida. My first introduction to the world of sports cars, I guess. And the sounds on that record have stayed with me to this day.

I used to race boats a little in my youth, and the sounds of outboards is still another strange sound one can hear. You can't believe the sound that can come from one of those racing Mercury outboard engines, running on some exotic fuel mixture. Of course the boat went like scat, too.

But those sounds were mollified slightly by still other sounds from other exotic foreign engines like Koenig and Anzani. One German and one Italian and they both would not run until they had the

throttle opened up to full tilt.

And then they ran, making those exotic noises.

Then I happened to go to that car race down in Florida. It was held in March so another friend and I jumped into his small sports car and left for a week of what we thought would be fun.

After driving for 30 hours straight, and the last 18 without a muffler as it had fallen off somewhere about Tennessee, we arrived to hear those magnificent machines pass us on the roadway going to the track...they were going just under the speed of sound as they passed, scared the holy blue jebbers out of us as we did not see them coming, but wow, we heard them going. And going, all the way to the race track.

We arrived at the track much later as neither of us wanted to get a ticket and immediately bought all the press and pit credentials we could get.

I don't think I will ever forget that trip to Florida...the sounds of the race going on for twelve hours set them into the brain so much I have had a hearing loss.

Maybe that is why I can never hear the wife ask me to do things like the honeydo list she makes for the house.

Letters

The Charlevoix County Press welcomes letters to the editor on subjects of interest to our readers. Short letters are most likely to be chosen for publication, but the use of any material is at the discretion of the editor. The editor reserves the right to edit letters to meet space requirements, clarity or to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.



Buying a new snow plow was a big thing years ago. When the county purchased a new plow and truck all of the Road Commissioners posed for this picture. This was taken sometime back in the late forties or early fifties as the county put into service the

new truck complete with six foot vee plow and a side wing. This picture is from the archives of the Charlevoix County Road Commission.

Marshall Sayles

Christmas has come and gone. New Years has come and gone. My money has come and gone.

The next pot of gold for some merchants will be Valentines day. I know because I walked into a store the other day and discovered how they had pushed Christmas and New Years out the back door and decorated the place with hearts, flowers and candy. They did it thirty-five days in advance so I wouldn't forget to buy something for my wife. I don't like that. It isn't the store's business to remind me to buy something for my wife. It's my wife's business.

Occasionally I will write a sharp tidbit to make sure my weekly offering attracts attention. Never, however, have I done it through a typographical error like the one that appeared in last week's column. That mixed up word attracted more attention than if I had gone down town trotting sideways like a dog.

He: Last summer you said that scientists could produce plenty of cheap gasoline from the millions of milkweeds growing in Charlevoix county. You never told us what the oil companies had to say about that.

Me: They all got together and booted me as though I was visiting a city council meeting with a fresh idea.

Gad, how I hate to wake up at eight or eight-thirty in the morning. I can't get back to sleep and I just have to lay there until it's time to get up.

He: A bunch of us guys were drinking coffee the other day and we decided to ask you to tell us again about the time your father decided to get married.

Me: I've told it a dozen times and I am tired of it.

He: Now come on. Some of the guys here haven't heard it. Please.

Me: Okay, but this is the last time.

Back in nineteen ought something, my dad could not decide whether to buy a horse or get married. He was running a little grocery store in north Boyne where friends hung around picking at the cracker barrel.

The indecision about his personal life moved him to discuss it with his friends. Some favored the horse while other claimed

that his curious behavior was proof that he was in much need of a wife.

Well, an argument broke out, and, like the quarrelsome lumberjacks they were, they began

slugging each other. My dad said it was the worst horse and wife fight Boyne City ever saw.

The horse people cleaned up on the wife people, but my dad decided to get married anyway.

Single businessmen are a lot different today. Now they merely go out and get a wife who will work like a horse.

He: Thank you.
Me: Don't mention it.

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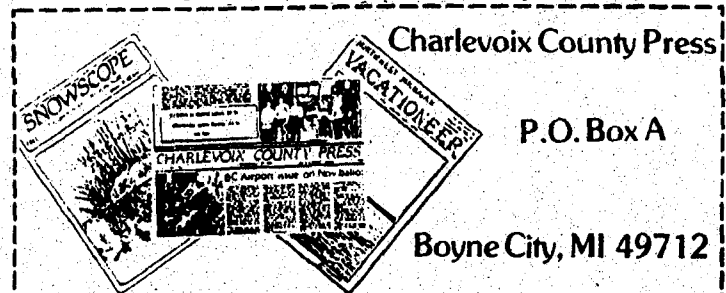
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Home heating assistance available to county low income residents

Home heating assistance is available to income eligible households who are experiencing extremely high home heating costs in relation to their income. Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency is currently operating the targeted fuel assistance (TFA) Program, one component of Michigan's 1990 Home Energy Assistance Program administered at the state level by the Department of Social Services and Department of Labor/Bureau of Community Services. TFA will provide a one-time fuel assistance benefit up to \$200 per eligible household. NMHSA has been allocated a total of \$84,000 to be spread across the ten county service region which includes Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand

Traverse, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Roscommon, Leelanau and Wexford counties.

Eligibility for this assistance is determined by: 1) The total annual gross income, before taxes and other deductions, and the number of people residing in that household. For a household of one, the gross total income must be less than \$7,475 per year. For each additional household member, add \$2,550 per year. The maximum gross income for a household of four, for example, would be \$15,125; 2) The annual cost of all fuels used for heating the home (minus the Department of Treasury's home heating credit or Department of Social Services special heating allowance) must exceed ten (10) percent of the total

gross annual income. Electric costs can be included only if electric heat is used. There are a few instances where, if the household income is sufficiently low, they may automatically qualify.

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

Jason Brooks' artwork is winner

Jason Brooks, a sixth grade student at East Jordan Middle School, was recently announced as a winner in the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) calendar competition. Jason was one of only twelve students throughout the State of Michigan whose work was selected as a winning entry.

Jason described his poster as "A D.A.R.E. bear with Bermuda shorts and a tank top. The bear was also wearing an open shirt. He had a surfboard and he was at the beach." Jason's poster will appear as the July picture on the D.A.R.E. calendar.

Jason submitted the poster at the end of the last school year. He was surprised when the Charlevoix County Sheriff, George Lasater, presented him with a certificate in front of Jason's sixth grade class at a recent awards assembly.

Ware-withal

by Gail Ware

In the 1980s, many women added a new dimension to romance. Their relationships involve not only him and her but her detective as well. Not that the sleuth shares their popcorn at the movies or their wine at dinner, but what his investigation turns up on a suitor has a lot more to do with how far he and she go together than the suitor's manners or his manly scent.

This cautious approach to courtship has come as a result of women finally recognizing that in the arms of romance, their partner-picking judgment is mighty poor. Today this matters more than ever too because more women have high paying jobs and thus sizable bank accounts and they don't want to risk partnering with a ne'er-do-well with designs on their hard-earned money both past and future.

With their wealth as well as their happiness at stake, snooping on marriage prospects makes good sense. It doesn't always lead to happy endings, however.

The practice of hiring a shero to dig into a playmate's past has become so accepted that detective agencies advertise their services amidst the singles ads in newspapers. They use attention-grabbers such as: "Do you know who you're dating? Now more than ever, it's important to know."

Single men as well as women use detectives to check on a potential mate's past but women more often do.

Sociologists say this shrewdness in romance takes the trend begun by prenuptial agreements just one step further. Sociology professor Bernard Beck puts it in more chilling terms: "Trust is viewed as naive sentimentality." In any case,

sleuthing is costly.

A basic spade job with age verification, business background, bankruptcies, mention in newspapers and number of divorces and children runs about \$500. For more extensive work, clients have paid as much as \$10,000, but likely this involved deep digging or digs on several continents.

To see how hiring a detective affects the affairs of one who's done so, take the case of Darla Greenwood. Greenwood, 32, a former nightclub manager, had four men checked out. The first three were no better than they should be certainly with one having been jailed for bank fraud and the other two having so many women in their past that she didn't feel she could trust them.

When the fourth man checked out honest and respectable, Greenwood was so delighted that she shared the good news with him, which didn't delight him one bit. Not knowing that he was being checked on, he was miffed by the news and "freaked out", as she put it.

Greenwood says that after she explained why she did it, he understood, "sort of", but added, "We're not dating anymore."

So this brainchild of the '80s for ensuring a bright future for women by checking a fellow out with a detective before checking in with him at the altar needs a little work.

In the 1990s, with so much great new technology to work with, perhaps women will find a better way to guarantee getting good men, something that's cheaper and doesn't send them away in a pique.

A nice home lie detector kit for example.

Letters

Education funding misleading

Editor,

In view of some recent inaccurate statements that have been made regarding Michigan's investment in higher education, I want to make sure that you have the facts about what has been accomplished in the area of higher education policy and funding under the Blanchard administration.

Since 1983, annual state funding for our state universities has increased by \$557 million, or 82 percent. During that same period, inflation, measured by the Detroit Consumer Price Index, increased by only 28 percent. Included in this funding has been the establishment of the Research Excellence Fund which has channeled \$129 million to projects that have put Michigan at the cutting edge of "job creating", economic development related research; the Martin Luther King/Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks programs, which are aimed at increasing the number of minorities on the faculties of our universities; the Teaching Excellence Fund, to improve the quality of instruction at our

universities by rewarding outstanding faculty members; and the Michigan Educational Opportunity Grant, Michigan Work Study and part-time independent student programs, which target additional financial aid to selected groups of students. In addition to these newly established programs, we have invested or are planning to invest over \$1 billion in the expansion and maintenance of universities facilities, which represents the largest capital investment that the state has committed in any area, including corrections.

We have also undertaken steps to keep college education accessible and affordable. Since 1983, funding for financial aid programs has been doubled, and an ongoing policy of tuition freezes and restraints has been established. Furthermore, our highly successful and innovative Michigan Education Trust (MET), the first of its kind in the nation, enables parents to make a down payment that will guarantee their child's tuition at one of Michigan's state universities. As of today, almost

50,000 children have been enrolled in the MET program.

Investments in education, from preschool through higher education, represent Governor Blanchard's highest priority, as demonstrated by the fact that 36 percent of the state budget goes to education. As we look ahead, we will continue to pursue policies and make investments that further enhance the quality, accessibility, and affordability of Michigan's excellence system of higher education.

Shelby P. Solomon
Director,
Dept. of Management & Budget

EJ students studying marketing

East Jordan sixth grade students in Bonnie Brunett's study skills class recently examined reading graphs. As part of this unit, Mrs. Brunett asked her students to design a product and market it for imaginary "foreign investors."

The middle school students designed products, then created a five year sales projection for their product. The culmination of their work was judged by the other students, Mrs. Brunett, and the Middle School principal, Jeff LaRoux. Each person had a bank account with which to "invest" in the student-designed products.

Health Department gives CO warning

Many Michigan residents die each year from accidental carbon monoxide gas poisoning. Carbon monoxide poisoning, the silent, creeping killer, causes more deaths than any other type of gas poisoning. Carbon monoxide is treacherous because it is odorless, tasteless and colorless. It is doubly treacherous because in concentration it acts so quickly that a victim often has no warning of the gases danger. Carbon monoxide (CO) is dangerous because it sickens and kills by cutting off the oxygen supply to body tissue. Oxygen is carried throughout the body by red cells. When CO is present it can combine with the red blood cells 200 times easier than oxygen. If enough oxygen is driven out of the cells, death will occur.

About 1/4 of Michigan carbon monoxide deaths were caused by improper use of motor vehicles. Whenever you drive or park a car with the engine running, CO goes with you. The following list of precautions can help prevent carbon monoxide poisoning:

1. Check exhaust systems regularly, especially in areas where salt and chemicals are used on ice and snow.
2. Only work on a running engine in a properly vented area. Winds can blow CO back into a garage.
3. Shut engine off when sitting in a parked car.
4. Never drive with all windows closed completely. A side window should be left open slightly.

5. If you become sleepy while driving or while parking, the cause could be carbon monoxide (CO). Stop at once; get out and get fresh air. With the window open, drive to the nearest service station and have the exhaust system checked.
6. If a vehicle is parked, or stuck in the snow, the tail pipe should be cleared of snow.

There are many sources of CO besides automobiles. A prime example is the portable space heater. Others include gas-fired appliances, gasoline powered lawnmowers and snowblowers, charcoal grills, wood stoves, fireplaces, gas (natural or bottled) heaters, kerosene or gas powered camp lanterns, stoves and similar equipment.

Gas-fired appliances—furnaces, refrigerators, ranges, and water heaters represent a very significant potential hazard, if proper and regular maintenance is neglected. These appliances should be checked at least annually and more frequently if they are used intermittently, as in a cottage, hunting cabin, or in a recreational vehicle. The appliances should be vented, burners cleaned and adjusted, and vent pipes checked for leaks or blockages. Also be sure to follow the manufacturers and underwriter laboratories instructions for use, service and repair.

- Symptoms of CO poisoning are:
1. Tightness across forehead.
 2. Throbbing.
 3. Headache.

4. Weariness.
 5. Weakness.
 6. Dizziness.
 7. Loss of muscular control.
 8. Nausea.
 9. Increased pulse and respiration.
- Knowing what to do can save a life. If you suspect CO poisoning:

1. Remove victim to fresh air. Begin artificial respiration.
2. Call for ambulance or rescue unit. Continue artificial respiration.
3. Keep victim warm. Continue artificial respiration until professional help is available.

Nubs Nob holds poster contest

The Nubs Nob Ski Patrol is sponsoring their fourth Ski Safety Poster Contest to help promote skier safety. Contestants are encouraged to discuss ski safety with parents, family members and friends; and then design and create their own poster.

The posters are to be on standard size (11 x 14") posterboard or tagboard and must be done in colored pencil, colored pen, markers, crayons or paint.

The following information must be printed on the back near the top edge: contestant's name, address, phone number, age, grade and school. Only one entry per contestant.

The contest has three age divisions: Grades 3 to 5, Grades 6 to 8, and Grades 9 to 12. Three prizes will be awarded in each division.

For more information contact the Ski Patrol at 526-2131.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF BOYNE CITY
PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1990

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING
AND POSSIBLE LOT SPLIT

Pursuant to Rules and Regulations as outlined in the Boyne City Zoning Ordinance A-28, please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held by the Boyne City Planning Advisory Board on Monday, January 15, 1990 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, City Hall, 319 North Lake Street, to consider a request from Peter Donlin, for a Conditional Use Permit and a Lot Split.

The Conditional Use Permit is being requested to construct two duplexes in a Residential 2 (R-2) Zoned District. The two duplexes will be built on Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Plat of the Village of Spring Harbor, fronting on Lake Charlevoix between Charlevoix Street and John Street, just south of W. Michigan Avenue.

In the event the Conditional Use Permit is approved by the Planning Advisory Board, Mr. Donlin will also ask for a recommendation from the Planning Board to split Lots 1, 2 and 3 in half running north and south. The resultant two lake front lots would be perpendicular to the lake. Should the Planning Board recommend to the City Commission that the lots be split as requested, a Public Hearing shall be held to take citizen input at a City Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 1990 at 12:00 Noon in the Office of the City Manager.

Any input for or against this Conditional Use or Lot Split will be received by the City Clerk's Office, 319 N. Lake Street, through 5:00 p.m. of the Public Hearing Day, either via mail or public appearance.

Everyone living within 300 feet of this residence shall be notified via first class mail of the date of the Public Hearing for both the Conditional Use Permit and the Lot Split. Any or all objections for or against the requested Conditional Use or Lot Split will be heard at the Public Hearing.

A detailed location area and blueprints are available for review at City Hall during regular working hours. Phone (616)682-6597.

Thomas Garlock
City Clerk
City of Boyne City
Jan 10

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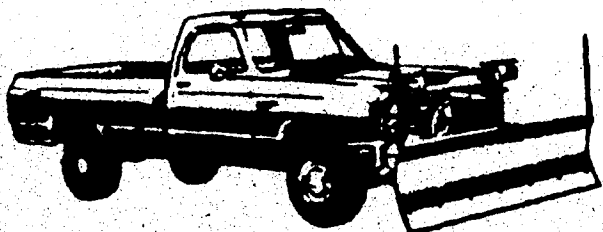


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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BOYNE CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING

Thursday, January 25, 1990

Pursuant to rules and regulations as set by the Boyne City Zoning Ordinance concerning the granting of variances, the Boyne City Board of Appeals has scheduled a Public Hearing for Thursday, January 25, 1990 at 5:05 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 319 N. Lake Street, to consider the following variance request:

The request is from Peter Donlin, 2850 Dixie Highway, Pontiac, MI 48055, to be allowed to construct two duplexes without the required 7 foot side yard set back, resulting in a zero lot line. The property is located on Lots 1, 2, and 3 of the Plat of the Village of Spring Harbor, fronting on Lake Charlevoix between Charlevoix Street and John Street, just south of W. Michigan Avenue. Tax Code No. 15-051-112-004-00.

More details and a location map and blueprints of the project to be built on the lots is available for review at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours. Every property owner situated within 300 feet of this area is being notified via the U.S. Mail.

All interested persons are invited to attend the Public Hearing and participate in the discussion for or against the granting of this variance. For more information call (616)682-6597.

Thomas Garlock, City Clerk
CITY OF BOYNE CITY
Jan 10

Classified Ads

Just call 582-6761 to place your ad!

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What's Happening

GIVE BLOOD
The Ellsworth Community Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2:30-7:30 p.m. at the Community Building. Please donate blood and help save a life!

DAVIS' REP
Cong. Davis' district representative Bill Huber will be visiting. Anyone wishing to meet with him is invited to do so without an appointment. He will be available to discuss any problem you may be having with state or federal government. He will be in Charlevoix County on Friday, Jan. 19 at the East Jordan Senior Citizen Center from 11:30 to 1:00.

JOB CLUB
The Women's Resource Center is offering a January Job Club for displaced homemakers beginning Wed., Jan. 17th. The class will meet Jan. 17, 19, 24, 26, and 31st from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in room 57 at North Central Michigan College. Topics to be covered include resume writing, goal setting, skill identification, career testing, interviewing tips, networking, how to finance college, etc. The program is funded through a grant from the Michigan Dept. of Labor, Office of Women and Work and is open to all homemakers, who must prepare for entry into the workforce because of divorce, death or disablement of a spouse. For additional information contact Mary Hyslop at the Women's Resource Center 347-0067.

DAVENPORT ALUMNI
The Davenport College Alumni office is seeking names of graduates who are not currently on alumni rosters. If you attended or graduated from Grand Rapids Business College, Davenport McLachlan Institute, Grand Rapids College of Applied Science, The University of Grand Rapids, Davenport Institute, or Davenport College of Business and would like to receive quarterly publications, please call the Alumni Office on the Grand Rapids campus at (616) 451-3511 or (800) 632-9569.

BENEFIT SALE
The Elmira Beautification Committee is having a "Garage" sale at the Elmira Township Hall on Sat., Jan. 20th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contributions are appreciated (no clothing, please). Call 616-546-3882 or 616-546-3689 for further information.

COUNTRY DANCE
Come join Bayside Travellers Country Dance Society for our Jan. 13 dance at the Traverse City Opera House. Road Kill Stew will play with Jan Fowler calling. A beginner and kids' square dancing workshop will begin at 7 p.m. Dance at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Admission charged.

Public Notices

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING
Fine No. 90-7154-E
In the matter of VIRGINIA DOROTHY PECK, Soc. Sec. 349-26-2222
TAKE NOTICE: On Wednesday, January 24, 1990 at 3:00 p.m., in the probate courtroom, Charlevoix, Michigan, before Hon. Frederick R. Mulhauser, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the Petition for Change of Name filed by Virginia Dorothy Peck, requesting that the name of Virginia Dorothy Peck be changed to Virginia Helen Peck.
January 2, 1990
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East Jordan, MI 49727
616-536-7120
TIMOTHY D. ARNER
P33744
110 Water St., P.O. Box 100
Boyne City, MI 49712
616-582-6741
jan 10

MORTGAGE SALE
Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Mid-America Development Corporation, A Michigan Corporation, to Great Lakes Bancorp, A Federal Savings Bank, organized under the Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, of the United States of America, as amended, Mortgage, dated the 25th day of January, 1988, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan, on the 8th day of February, 1988, in Liber 198 of Charlevoix County Records, at Page 0691, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Ninety Thousand Five Hundred and 56/100 (\$90,500.56) Dollars.
And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof;
Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the

State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 31st day of January, 1990 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance to the Charlevoix County Building, in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with the interest thereon at Eleven and 500/1000 (11.5000%) per cent per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Said premises are situated in the Township of Melrose, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan and described as: Lots 11, 12, 16, 17, 19, 24, 25, 39, 71, E. 115.28 ft. of Lot 72 of Springbrook Hills No. 1 as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records. Also, Lots 90, 91, 93, 94, 96, 98, 99, 101, 102, 103, 104, 108, 109, 110, 112, 113, 116, 117, 119, 120, 121, 122, 124, 126, 128, 129, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 137, 138, 139, and 140 of Springbrook Hills No. 2 as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.
During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed. If it is determined at the time of sale that the property is abandoned, the redemption period will become thirty (30) days.
Dated at Ann Arbor, Michigan December 18, 1989.
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Reg Sharkey's Northern Journal

Winter takes its toll on animals

BY REG SHARKEY
Aboriginal Indians called the full moon of December (21st) the Hunger Moon. Surely this month's full moon prophesys that ominous forecast. Below normal temperatures—hovering around the zero mark—and early deep snowfalls that are setting new records, will make life miserable for wildlife and starvation looms on the horizon. Keeping close observations on the wildlife in and around our homestead what I have found so far is disturbing. The fact that we now have two chipmunks still coming for seeds and peanuts to bolster underground larders is highly unusual. It's never happened before in our 13 years of residence near the south shore of Crooked Lake. After every new snowfall they bore up through the snow to continue their labor unabated. A couple Sundays ago a barred owl made an appearance in a nearby maple, seemingly unafraid of my near approach for pictures. A red squirrel burrowing out of the snow nearly became a casualty when the owl plummeted after the floundering rodent; and the same owl visited my neighbors bird feeder looking for mice and voles that also would be looking for food. Hunger surely makes the most cautious critter ignore normal behavior. Strapping on the snowshoes I shod my way back into the boonies where I deer hunted during the regular rifle season. In that unusual snow stormy weather deer weren't moving much and the only way to cover any was to roust them out of cover. Then after the weather stabilized somewhat deer were really traveling while searching for food. And they're still moving about. But there are signs that winter starvation will surely take place. Already there is browsing of late winter foods. I found basswood limb tips raggedly chewed, and also maples that the deer must have stood on hind legs to reach. Cottontail rabbits are having a tough going in finding their usually available food above the snow line. Unlike the big-footed snowshoe hare that can travel unhindered over the snow, able to browse in swamps, the cottontail is confined to small areas. When all available food is gone the cottontail perishes. Tracking a fox for a ways I found very few places where the wild dog dug down for voles. Too deep snow makes it impossible to scent a vole or mouse foraging for food beneath the deep cover. For some animals the snow depth may be a boon. Coyotes will be able to pick off spring lawns concentrated in yarding swamps, especially as winter progresses and weakened deer become vulnerable to the coyote—and dogs! Even the winged predators will feel the pinch of near starvation. Again deep snow will keep staples such as the voles and other rodents hidden from sight. And when spring comes I fear the wintering yards of the whitetails will tell a grisly tale of starvation. A much more merciful death is that of the hunters' gun. Although we had an any deer season, attempting to reduce the herd so that winter starvation would be lessened, I doubt there were enough whitetails taken to make any appreciable difference in this area of Michigan. In this area the rough weather during the season seemed to deter hunting, and fair weather nimrods stayed home by the fire. If there is anything good coming out of the "blinger" winter shaping up it will be the blessing of deep snow turning into moisture that will recharge a depleted aquifer and, possibly, bring lake levels up to what is considered normal. And fortunately our wild turkeys will survive, thanks to sportsmen groups who foot the bills for winter feeding programs. Summing it all up: Mother Nature isn't the benign motherly creature often portrayed in print and word of mouth. Too often she is a heartless harpy, and this winter will probably prove it.

Loggers lose, win in week's action

BY BECKY HAUSLER
The Loggers dropped a heartbreaker last Friday when they lost a close matchup to Vanderbilt after trailing the Vandy team in the first half, but coming close in the last only to lose 59 to 61. In the first quarter, the Loggers trailed 12 to 16, 25 to 30 as the half ended. Then in the second half, it was a heated matchup dominated by a series of steals by Mark Reynolds. The team trailed by five points in the third quarter and worked hard in the last quarter but could not make up the three points the Vandy team won by as the final scores were tallied. The high scorers for the Loggers were Tom Follette with 13, followed by Chad Hanes with 12, Kurt Wilson and Steve Sparks each added nine while Reynolds hit for eight. In the game last Tuesday, the Loggers seemed to have everything going their way as they dominated Wolverine, winning by a score of 84 to 68. The Loggers started off tying the Wolverine quintet in the first quarter, but pulled out a lead by the end of the half, 39-31. It was even in the third with each team hitting for 18 points and the Loggers added to their lead in the last quarter to pull out the win. Taking high scoring honors for the Loggers was Chad Hanes with 21. John Burns and Kurt Wilson each had 14 while Reynolds had 13 and Steve Sparks added 12. The Jayvee team beat Wolverine last Tuesday 57-53 with Steve Seelye leading the scoring with 14 points followed by Doug Bears with 10 and Bob Freck with nine. Against Vanderbilt, the Jayvees took the game by a landslide, leading in all quarters and ending with a score of 63-25.

Boyne gets revenge, takes Cheboygan 72-69

The Boyne City Ramblers increased their record to 6-1 as they avenged their only loss last Tuesday night in Cheboygan. Both teams seemed evenly matched, as neither led by more than a few points the entire night. The Chiefs were no match for the Ramblers dominant inside, however, as Eric Smith and Scott Knipe combined for 44 points.

Things got off to a fast start as

both teams traded baskets in the first quarter, Cheboygan taking a one point lead after the first eight minutes, 18-19. The Ramblers returned the favor by taking a three point half-time lead, 38-35. Things were far from over, however, as the Chiefs once again reclaimed the lead, 49-51, going in to the last quarter.

And Dick Vitale would have had a field day in that fourth period.

Emotions flared as Cheboygan just couldn't shake the Ramblers. The Chief's big man, Steve Wagner, reacted violently to Boyne's tenacious defense, and was promptly awarded a technical foul. A spurt following that lifted Boyne to a slight lead, but a steal and a lay-up for the Chiefs with twenty seconds left tied the game. Boyne brought the ball down with just 13 seconds to work with. As time was

slipping away, Bo Williamson drove the lane, putting up a shot just inside the free throw line and charging into a Cheboygan defender. No official called the charge, and time seemed to stand still as Williamson's shot bounced on the rim for a long second, and finally fell through. The Chief's tried to call a time-out with three seconds left, but they had already used the four time-outs allotted per game.

This resulted in a technical foul, which the Ramblers gained one point from, and brought the game to a close with Boyne ahead 72-69.

Leading the Ramblers was Eric Smith with 23 points and 13 rebounds. Scott Knipe followed with 21 points and 8 rebounds. Wayne Avery added 9, Bo Williamson had 8, Kevin Smith had 6, and Scott Hammtreee contributed 5.

Earlier in the evening Boyne's JVs took a hard loss, 50-70. Jason Joles led the Junior Varsity with 14 points, and Andrew McCready added 11.

The Ramblers are now looking forward to a stretch of home games that began with Petoskey on Tuesday. Boyne hosts Northport this Friday.

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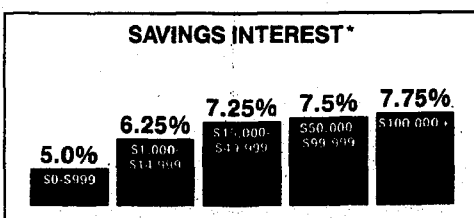
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