

County, as well as nation, ready for census

Boyer City, as well as other residences on March 23 by the county officials, are getting ready post office to all addresses each for the 1990 census that will officially begin Sunday, April 1, 1990. The official day for the count is on April 1 and census forms will be picked up by enumerators from

households during the month. In Boyer City, the city's director for taking the census, Todd Sorenson, said that getting an accurate count is vital to the city. It is the same for all communities within the county as it becomes the basis for the allocation of federal and state funds and helps to prepare the state for redistricting plans for the state legislature and local governments.

One questionnaire will be delivered to each housing unit. A short form will contain 14 questions and will go to five out of six households. A long form with 59 questions will go to the remaining households.

The short form will take about 15 minutes to fill out and includes questions on age, race, sex, marital status and household relationship for each person within the household.

Those with the long form which will take about 45 minutes to answer contains the basic questions as well as demographic and socioeconomic characteristic of each household member, as well as some additional housing questions.

The long form questions request information on income, ancestry, occupation, education, travel to work, and housing costs.

All of the information given is confidential and will be used by the

census department to depict the entire population of the United States.

In June or July the census bureau will provide post census block maps to the cities for review and comment. The census map will show counts on housing stock vacant, occupied, and more. The city will then establish a method of checking the accuracy of the count. In Boyer City, for example, they will be using water department billings to locate most of the year-around housing and also physically canvass the remainder of the city.

Sorenson said the bureau is still looking for census enumerators and applications are being accep-

ted at the Charlevoix City Hall in Charlevoix. The training for the county workers will be held in Boyer City at the Library. Census workers will be earning \$5.00 per hour and will be given 24 cents per mile for driving.

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to return
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form

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Boyer City Ramblers win Regional title

It had been 13 years since the Ramblers, then under the strength of 6'8" Greg Upton, had won a Regional title. Now the Boyer City Basketball squad has repeated in that task, and coincidentally, Upton is now a coach for the Ramblers.

It wasn't coach Upton's savvy that got the Ramblers their championship, however. That was head coach Rob Neu's feat. Neu, besides having his surname used as a basis for numerous puns, and besides probably being the most popular man in Boyer City, was the one

responsible for bringing the current Ramblers around 360 degrees, making them championship material, which, some might say, was nothing short of a miracle.

A miracle may be a bit exaggerated. After all, this was the team that went 19-1 in their freshman year, and shared a conference title with Charlevoix their JV year. But then they became juniors (at least most of them), and joined last year's seniors, and went for a dismal 10-13 season. So where did the turn around come from?

A change in coaching was the key. Some new life was interjected into the Boyer program, and suddenly the team knew they wanted to win. Neu brought desire with

him, as well as a lot of coaching skill. Only so much can be taught to a group of players in such a limited amount of time, but right from the get go Boyer displayed a new pride and desire desperately missing for so long.

Desire was what the Ramblers have shown in their drive for the Regional title and beyond. Despite games marred with incessant turnovers and ungodly foul problems, the Ramblers always persevered. That was the case against the Farwell Eagles and the Roscommon Bucks last week as Boyer made a bid for the Regional crown.

Wednesday night Boyer was scheduled to meet Farwell. The fans had already begun chanting 'farewell to Farwell' before the game was underway, looking ahead perhaps to the Roscommon

team, who had knocked off previously unbeaten and number 2 ranked Elk Rapids on Tuesday night. The players may have had a glimmer of the final game in their eyes too, as Farwell leapt out to a

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Recall petitions approved in Bay Township

Wording on recall petitions was approved for two of the three Bay Township officials last week. The third official's petition was denied and a new wording was submitted by recall drive members.

The petitions are calling for the recall of Trustee James Chellis and Supervisor Allie "Bud" Chipman. This is the second recall drive Chipman will have to face as he barely survived a recall election last month.

The petitions, filed by Lyle Barkley, allege that Chellis and Chipman have caused "controversy and conflict" with Bay Township. The petitioners will have to gather 51 signatures to force another election.

The issue behind the recall

drives appears to be the concerns with the Anti-Noise Ordinance the township has voted into law and the way it was done. Many members of the township community have expressed anger over not having been able to provide input on the ordinance at township meetings. Another factor in the recall drives is the amount of money that was spent on improvements to roads within the township and the money spent on the township cemetery.

The issues are about the same as when the recall group tried to disenfranchise Chipman from the Supervisor's position. He survived the vote by a slim two vote margin to retain his seat. The new petition for Chipman asks for the recall

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As school superintendent Bob Nakoneczny said as he introduced the idea to the Boyer City school board at a special meeting Monday night, "When, not if, the Boyer City Basketball team wins their Wednesday night quarter-final game against Ishpeming, school would be dismissed at 11 a.m. on Friday so that the students and fans can make the trip down to Ann Arbor for the semi-final game safely." The motion was heartily agreed to by the board members, including the newest board member, Dr. Richard Mansfield, who was sworn in earlier that evening.

Regional Champions!



Boyer City Rambler Coach Rob Neu holds up the Regional Championship trophy for the crowds to see moments after it was presented to the team. The win against Roscommon was the first Regional Championship the Ramblers have won since 1977.

News Briefs

Souvenir tickets from the Regional Championships in which the Boyer City Ramblers won last Friday are available at no cost at the office of the Charlevoix County Press for those who may want them for their scrapbooks. The tickets will be given out until the limited supply is gone, one to a person. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily except Saturday and Sunday.

Charlevoix County will have another monthly Commodity Food Distribution next Wednesday, March 28th between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or earlier if the food is gone. The sites for pick-up of foods are the East Jordan Civic Center, the Boyer City Community Services Building and the V.F.W. Hall in Charlevoix. Foods this month include butter, green beans, honey and flour.

Due to the need to make up some "snow" days, the East Jordan schools will be scheduling a half day of school for next Wednesday, March 28th. The day was originally planned as a parent-teacher conference day. School will be dismissed as follows, K-8 will dismiss at 10:50 a.m., the high school at 11 a.m. Afternoon kindergarten classes will attend in the morning while the middle and high schools will run afternoon schedules. The parent-teacher conferences will be held from noon to 4 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Another half day session is planned for April 13 and June 8.

Boyer City Schools spring break will be starting Monday, April 2 and will continue through April 6. School students will return to classes Tuesday, April 10. Good Friday will be a half day of school on April 13th with classes starting to be dismissed at 10:05 a.m.

Zoning request denied by BC

A second request which would allow the construction of three two-family dwellings on the property formerly operated as the McIntyre Marina was denied Monday at the monthly meeting of the Boyer City Planning Board.

The request, from Elizabeth McIntyre asked for a change in the zoning from a non-conforming use to a conditional use on the three lots the business occupies.

Using just the three lots was the difference between the present request and what was turned down last year for the potential developer. That request asked for eight units on four lots. The Planning Board had agreed to allow six units on the four lots and used as their reasoning the fact that the lots were only 50 feet and the density limit would have been exceeded for the size of the combined parcel.

The present request is also near the top of the density rules for

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Pothole challenge issued by BC

City Manager Randy Frykberg issued a challenge to city residents at the Tuesday noon meeting, asking them to call the city offices and tell them where a pothole is located so that city crews can fill it.

The challenge was that he predicted it would take the city only 48 working hours before the hole would be patched.

The challenge is based on the continuing saga of the pothole war the city has started. Since the war was announced, the city has purchased a new kind of patching material and has undergone a training program on how it is to be used. With those instructions in place with city crews, the city is ready to attack the dreaded scourge of spring.

The material is about double in cost to what the city has been using although the product guarantees that the hole will remain patched for at least a year. That alone will save the city

money as they have had to replace patches several times in the same holes that have been built up in the city.

The city was asked to find two potholes near each other to show

how well the 'new' patching material works as compared to the old.

The city commission was also

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EJ Schools may hire firm to collect taxes

In their quest to start a summer tax collection program, members of the East Jordan school board last week rejected a proposal from Charlevoix County that would have collected one half of the school taxes in the summer in Evelline, South Arm and Wilson Townships at a cost of \$4.75 per parcel.

The board instead agreed to the use of a private firm who would provide the collection service at the rate of \$4.30 per parcel. The board will offer that price per par-

cel to the townships if they want to become the collecting agent for the school system.

Superintendent Chip Hansen said that if the board were to use the private contractor, the school system would be saving about \$1,200 in collection costs over the rejected county proposal.

The board then started a discussion on some of the proposed summer maintenance and repair projects, which include the

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The Humble Farmer

Remembrances

BY ROBERT SKOGLUND
The Identity Crisis

"It says here that Keith Blackwell is grinding up poplar trees and feeding the mash to cows," I said without looking up.

Gramp Wiley and I usually read our morning papers together. One of our unwritten rules is that we can comment on what we're reading without expecting or hearing an answer.

That's why I was surprised and somewhat annoyed when Gramp dropped his paper on the floor and asked to see the column I had just started to read.

He studied the story for 10 minutes or so before he nodded in agreement with himself and said, "I wondered how long it would be before that caught on."

"I've never heard of feeding cows wood mash, Gramp. I thought it was something new."

"Daow," said Gramp. "My Uncle Ern fed Maggie The Cow poplar before the First World War."

"He discovered it by accident. Made Maggie a tieup in the barn out of small green poplar poles. Within two days she'd chewed the tieup down to her knees. When he realized he'd never seen so much thick rich milk before, he started feeding her poplar poles as a steady diet."

"But, like so many other men who have a good thing, Uncle Ern wanted to make it better. He could see that all the time Maggie was wasting in chewing up the stick could have been used in producing more milk."

"That's probably why they grind it up into mash," I said.

"Well, there's other good reasons why cows shouldn't gnaw on the raw log."

"Uncle Ern, who could do most anything, made Maggie a first class set of case hardened steel teeth. They worked so well she was soon eating half her weight in

wood every day.

"The only drawback was that the younger children were afraid to help out with barn chores — she looked and sounded terrible when she was eating. Even Uncle Ern took to wearing safety goggles when she was around her for fear of getting a flying splinter in his eye."

"That's why they grind it into mash today?" I persisted.

"No. When you fit a cow with steel teeth they undergo a serious personality change — an identity crisis."

"It didn't take Maggie long to discover she could bite right through a barbed wire fence like it was candy. Uncle Ern said he could have lived with that, but one afternoon they found her out in the woods, gnawing down poplar trees, and trying to dam up the brook."

While I was still thinking about that, Gramp continued.

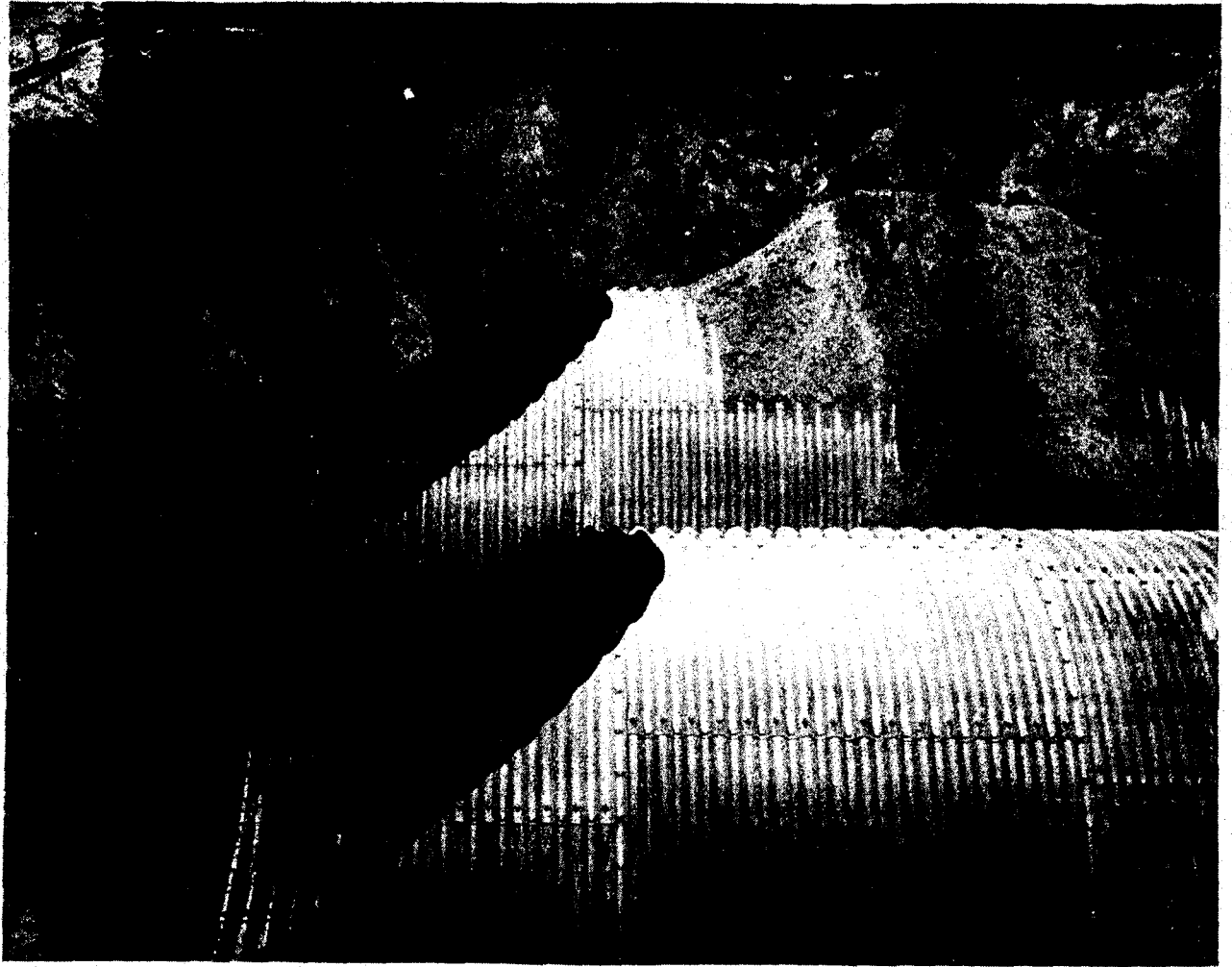
"When fall came Maggie started to drive deer. That's when Uncle Ern knew he'd have to take some kind of action."

"He hated to lose her, for he'd discovered that if he poured her cream out in a large flat pan, when it set up he could sell it for partiele board."

"But the neighbors were telling their kids that if they were bad, Maggie The Cow would get them. And Uncle Ern was afraid that even if they were good, perhaps Maggie The Cow would get them. So he finally butchered her."

"I'll bet a cow that lived on poplar tasted like one of those fast-food hamburgers," I said.

"Well, I don't know," confessed Gramp. "I wasn't there. But I heard tell instead of the 600 pounds of meat they'd expected, they ended up sawing her into enough two by fours to frame up a new summer kitchen."



Before the river was directed to the location we see it today, the river pathway had to be dug out and these tubes were placed where the new route was to go. This picture shows the tubes before they

were filled in so that a roadway could be added to the top. The tubes are now a part of the bridge on North Lake Street. The river was rerouted in the late fifties.

Letters

Fans say thanks for party

Editor,
We would like to express our "thanks" for the following businesses for their contributions after Friday night's district basketball victory:
-Dilworth Hotel for the use of their

banquet room, plus refreshments
-Boyer River Inn for donating pizzas for the hungry players and fans
-B.C. Pizza and Billy D's for their fast SOS for pizzas
Boyer City Basketball Fans

Abortion hysteria?

Editor,
During a lifetime spanning 80 years minus one I have witnessed many a cause celebre take over the scene in this country. Some had merit, others were downright frivolous. This raging controversy over abortion has reached the hysteria stage. Let's see what I think about it.

First, I, along with everybody else in this world have no absolute, irrefutable or positive proof as to the exact moment a developing fertilized ovum becomes a viable human being. This question has been pondered since the beginning of mankind with still no rebuttable answer. Lots of people THINK one way or another but nobody KNOWS. My personal thoughts about it are just that. Thoughts, and should not enter into it. I have

no right to try to interject them in to the decision making process of those who must make that decision and are held accountable for the results arising from it.

Second- Some time ago I watched a television program with a segment showing several hundred Catholic Bishops, Cardinals and other dignitaries of the church as they discussed—among other things—the problem of abortion. They were 100% against it. The thing that really bothered me was the fact that among these hundreds of Catholic decision makers I not a single, solitary woman could I see. If there was any I sure couldn't spot them. Now just who in hell does this group of men think they are? At least supposedly they have never enjoyed a sexual

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BY JIM SILBAR

I don't want to say I did a foolish thing, but what I did was kinda interesting.

I stayed up Sunday night to watch what the linemen were doing when they shut down one-half of the town from electricity so they could change over some of the sub-station and change some wires to new poles.

The event, if I could call it that, started the second the Consumers people shut the power off to the television I was watching after driving home from a relative's birthday party.

It only took me about fifteen seconds to finally remember why the power went off. That was after I swore at the television for turning itself off.

Then I remembered that without electrical power, the fan in the furnace wouldn't work, so I built a fire in the wood burner, and opened up the doors to the rooms so those would get some heat during the night.

Along with that, I looked around the house for a few minutes more to try to find some candles so I could see what I was bumping into during the night. After finally locating a candle and lighting it, I watched as the draft blew the darned thing out twice. Then I got smarter and moved the candle away from the door where the draft was coming from.

After sitting and staring at the blank television, I decided there were a couple of things that I could do...one was to go to bed, while the other sounded more exciting and going out into the cold to watch what the linemen were doing.

After driving down behind Consumers office, I watched in awe for several minutes at the workers. I watched as they disconnected lines, moved them to another pole and then reconnected them. Doesn't sound like much, but it was more interesting than staying at home and sleeping.

After getting cold standing in the snow, I wondered what the rest of the town was like so I jumped back into the car and started to drive around the north side of town.

It sure is different looking at the town with the help of lights. You have to look at it from a different perspective.

Then I stopped in to the City Hall to see how they were doing running on what had been a cantankerous old generator to keep the city police, fire and ambulance services from being shut down.

I found out the generator was working just fine, and some members of the city crews, who shall remain nameless from this point

on, were busy waiting out the shutdown and making sure everything kept running.

Now the city office had enough power to run all of the phones, and the radio equipment, and even a

light or two, but in the garage the workmen had set up a few Rube Goldberg devices themselves so they could stay up during the outage.

With a little generator

operating outside the door, they had enough power to light a light, and most importantly, keep a coffee pot warm.

That was the main thing, to

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based on the dissatisfaction of the assessments of property, along with his support of the anti-noise ordinance and the spending for the cemetery.

In Chellis's petition, the group is asking that he be recalled based on his support for the anti-noise ordinance and not allowing the residents the right to a public hearing on the ordinance.

The third person petitions have been applied for is Township Clerk Charles Breithaupt. The original petition request was turned down after some of the wording wasn't acceptable to the county elections committee.

A new petition with corrected

wording was submitted last week by Barkley for the committee to review within 20 days from last Wednesday.

Barkley said his group, the Committee for Democracy, will be circulating the petitions as soon as possible. About seven of the 20 within the group will have the petitions available.

There is one petition for each person named and the signatures must be from township residents. If enough signatures are gained, then they will be turned into the county for verification, which will take about two weeks, and then the elections committee will set a date for the vote.

In the case of Chipman's petition, the recall group will have to submit money to cover the cost of the election with the County Clerk at the time of filing the petition.

The township officials are facing another action with a suit filed in 33rd Circuit Court which alleges that the township board violated the state Open Meetings Act.

Barkley, Clayton Boone Jr. and William Barkley are listed as plaintiffs in the suit which names board members Chipman, Chellis, Breithaupt, Treasurer Larry Bergmann and Trustee Lee Ekstrom as defendants against 34 counts.

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replacement of the school roof at the high school. The school roof would be replaced and repaired on the gymnasium and the vocational education wing, the two most needed areas. The board will be looking at costs in the next month.

They then agreed to order a new school bus, a 72 passenger Bluebird unit at a cost of \$45,820. The money used to purchase the bus will be coming from the voter approved millage that was passed in June of 1988.

They also set the annual school election date for June 11, 1990 with ballot issues of electing one mem-

ber to the board of education, the renewal of one-half mill for textbooks and the continuation of the Headlee waiver.

Board members heard a report on the new Great Northern Umbrella League and after reviewing the constitution, adopted it for the students at the high school.

In other action, the board granted tenure to Kathy Stangis, Karen Starkey, Heather Pater, Merri Sue Cardwell, Todd McNitt and Nancy Trumble. They gave second year probationary status to Meg Fowler and Brenda Sulak.

They then appointed coaches for

the spring sports, naming Teresa Noiro for girls' softball, Steve Kehrer for baseball, Brad Jones for boys' track, and Dennis Snarey for girls' track.

The board presented Eleanor Chanda, Mary Gothro and Arlene Hammond with certificates and pins signifying their completion of Level One of the Michigan School Food Service Association's Training Program and gave retired East Jordan Chief of Police Joe Hammond a Number One Apple Award for his years of service to the city and interest in the students of East Jordan.

Challenge

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asked by some concerned residents to install a stop sign at the intersection of Lincoln and Grant Streets, making it a four-way stop. The question was brought up by Commissioner Vic Ruggles who said some residents called him at home on the matter. The idea was turned over to the police department and the city road department for investigation as to whether or not a stop sign is needed.

The commission then reviewed four sections of the proposed budget to fine tune it so that it will become approved in May. The sections covered this week included the General Fund Revenues, General Services, Public Buildings and the Police Department.

It was learned that the police are planning to purchase automatic weapons as the standard arms carried by officers, if the budget is approved. The officers would have to be trained on

the automatic weapons by certified trainers and would be spending about \$3,000 on the arms.

Ruggles asked when the last time an officer fired a weapon and was told it was several years ago but they were confronted recently with a situation where an automatic weapon was aimed at an officer. Since that situation, the officers have asked that they become as well armed as possible criminals so they could better defend themselves if necessary.

Planners

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zoning within the residential district.

Density was the biggest concern of the planners, who spent several minutes trying to figure out a way the proposed project could be approved. In the end, the density question was the main reason for the turndown.

Part of the problem of the area is that the lots are all 50 feet in width and do not comply with present zoning configurations which are based on 66 ft. lot sizes. The planners were told by the attorney representing McIntyre that the city has to follow the same guidelines as a 50 foot lot basis since these lots were platted long before the city had zoning.

The attorney, James Olson, said that the proposed project was a very reasonable request for the property and could provide a substantial plus to the neighborhood because it would have less traffic than a marina operation, had no negative effect on land use, would impact less on watercraft usage and would provide sewer and water to the project at no cost to the city. Olson also suggested the project could be harmonious with the area. He also said that the approval could be based on meeting certain criteria the planners would establish.

That was one of the points of contention in the city's review of the project. City Manager Randy Frykberg said that the architectural drawings for the site plans of proposed project were unclear as to size of building not being listed correctly, setbacks not being labeled, conflicting plans showing the actual typical housing units and other conflicts with what was supposed to be presented to the planners. He said the plans in one area called for 18 boat slips in the past, but now call for 12 but were not drawn onto the plans. He also said the calculations for the project units were different than the blueprint said and that the sewer plan was acceptable to the city but has not yet been accepted by the city.

Other concerns from the fire department included little access to the front of the structures and did not call for a fire hydrant to help if there were a fire. The City Engineer expressed some concerns over the storm drain plans

as they were not explained on the print.

After the city staff made their report, the chairman of the planning body asked if there were any persons who wanted to speak in support of the proposed project. No one asked to speak.

Not supporting the project were Evangeline Township officials who expressed some concerns as the project does have a visual impact on township residents, is inconsistent with the neighborhood in that the project shows 2 1/2 story buildings in an area that is one story. Bruce Janssen spoke of those concerns of the township while township planning commission member Rod Courtright expressed a concern about the proposed sewer and whether it could handle township residents in the future. He was told the capacity of the force sewer main was large enough to handle the area.

One other concern about the project was that the dock usage plan would not meet present regulations as far as parking of cars was concerned as shown by the blueprints. Jeannette Avery, a township resident said the proposed plan is similar to the one turned down last year and no surveys of the property were presented. She also said the site plan looks like the developer wants to use some roadway right-of-way that is not owned by the developer.

Dale Owen, Ryan Hoeksema in national contest

One hundred fourth-through eighth grade students will compete in Michigan's second annual National Geography Bee March 30 at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant. Boyne City's 8th grader Dale Owen and East Jordan's Ryan Hoeksema will be among them.

The state bee is the second level of a national competition sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Students are orally tested on geographic knowledge.

More than 200 Michigan schools participated in preliminary bees in January. Winners of the preliminary round took a written qualifying test,

Another asked that the developer be satisfied with the present conditional zoning ruling of last year which called for six housing units on four lots, not the present proposed request.

Others expressed concerns with the density of the project as proposed.

Of the many questions that were brought up by members of the planning board, the biggest one was the density of the project and that was the basis they used in the findings of fact that eventually caused the project to be turned down. Other factors were that the project would not be in harmony with the neighborhood, the concerns about vehicular traffic were not clear, not enough information on the site plan and that the density was closer to a residential three area than the present area which is residential two.

In other action, the planners had to turn down a request for an AFC Small Group Home that was proposed for a site on Court Street. The ruling was that the home was not within the ruling of the state which says that a home cannot be located within 1500 feet of another similar type home. A home for minors was within that distance.

The board named Jim Knurick to fill the seat open because of the resignation of Lee Woodbury. The board also elected Bill Casper to serve as chairman of the board.

Challenge Mountain skiers enjoy family day

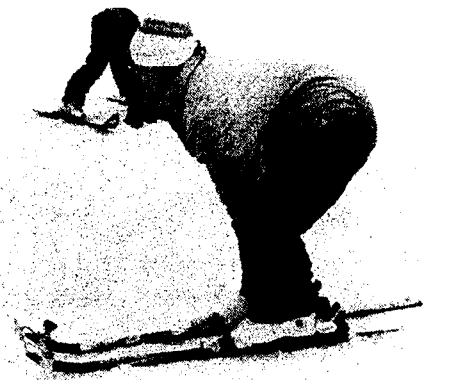


Mike Hurchek adjusted the "ski bra" for this skier who was enjoying the annual family day at the Challenge

Mountain Ski Area.



Some skiers were using the special sleds so they could enjoy the day.



One way to learn is to use your knees as this skier was trying on this run downhill. All of the skiers enjoyed a picnic of hotdogs and potato chips as they and their families were treated.



Many methods are used to get handicapped skiers up the hill so they can enjoy the thrill of coming down. Here a snowmobile is used to pull a skier uphill.



Two skiers enjoyed their day outdoors as they continued to learn how to use some of the specialized

equipment available for Challenge Mountain skiers.

Boyne City Ramblers

Go Team, Go! All the way!!



The Boyne City Basketball team: from left, front row, Gunther Fineout-51, Eric Fisher-23, Scott Hammtree-25, Shawn Vondra-21, Dusty Patton-31. Second row, Asst. Coach Greg Upton, Bo Williamson-35, Eric Smith-41, Scott Knipe-55, Wayne Avery-33, and Head Coach Rob Neu. Missing from the picture are Joe Jankowski-43, and Kevin Smith-53.

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