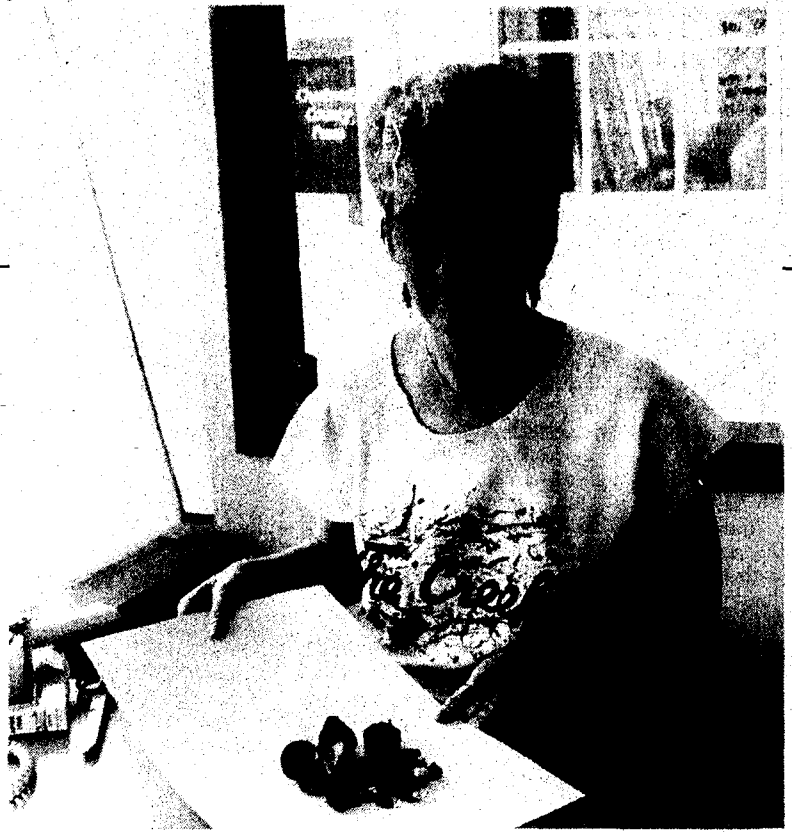


First large morels of season

Winner of this year's first morel contest is Eleanor Sutliff who went out Tuesday morning into the woods and found these fifteen "black" morels. She said she could have found more, but that she had to get back to the house and get to work so she only hunted about a half hour. She found these near poplar trees on south facing hills. Also finding morels last week was Fred Sadowaki of Bay Shore.

East Jordan National Honor Society inductees

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New marina proposal draws citizen controversy

A 65 boat slip marina proposal in front of the One Water Street Restaurant is turning out to be creating more controversy than expected after word of the proposed marina development was leaked to members of the Boyne City community and the press last week.

The proposal, by the developers and owners group of the One Water Street and Company, was submitted to the Department of

Natural Resources and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for their approval about the first week of April and then to the local Gaylord office of the DNR the following Thursday to Brad Wilkins who heads up the local water management and to Steve Swan the head of the Fisheries unit.

Since then, the project has drawn concerns from area fishermen, boaters, residents, and others who are lining up either for or

against the project.

The proposed marina calls for the area in front of the One Water Street Restaurant to be dredged to an average depth of about eight feet below the low water depth of the lake, about 450 feet wide, and out into the lake about to the end of the original city Water Street Dock pilings.

A rubble mound break wall consisting of stone and broken concrete is to be constructed on the

south and west sides of the project. Within the break wall will be two floating dock systems with finger slips varying in size from 31 feet to 41 feet.

The 65 slips are to be sold to boat owners of which 20 to 25 would probably be available for public rental, transient or seasonal use.

As the first step of the proposal was to submit an application to the DNR and the Corps, developers said it could take several years for the proposal to be approved or denied by the governmental parties.

Those lining up who are against the proposed marina include area fishermen who say the marina will be taking up a prime fish rearing habitat.

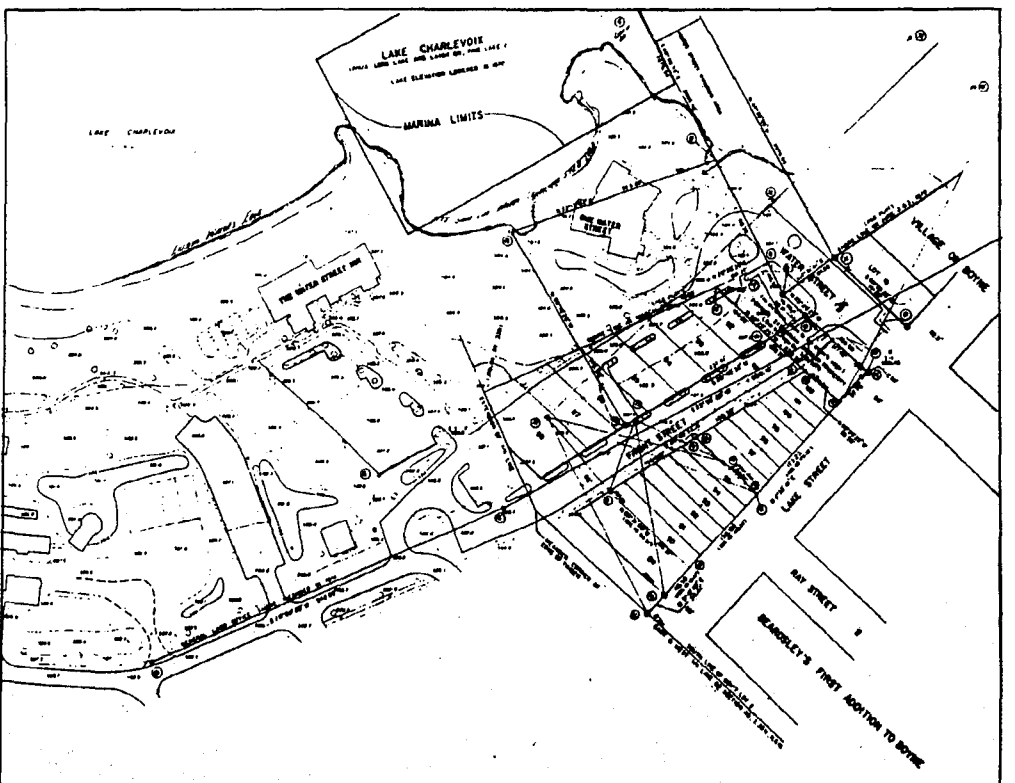
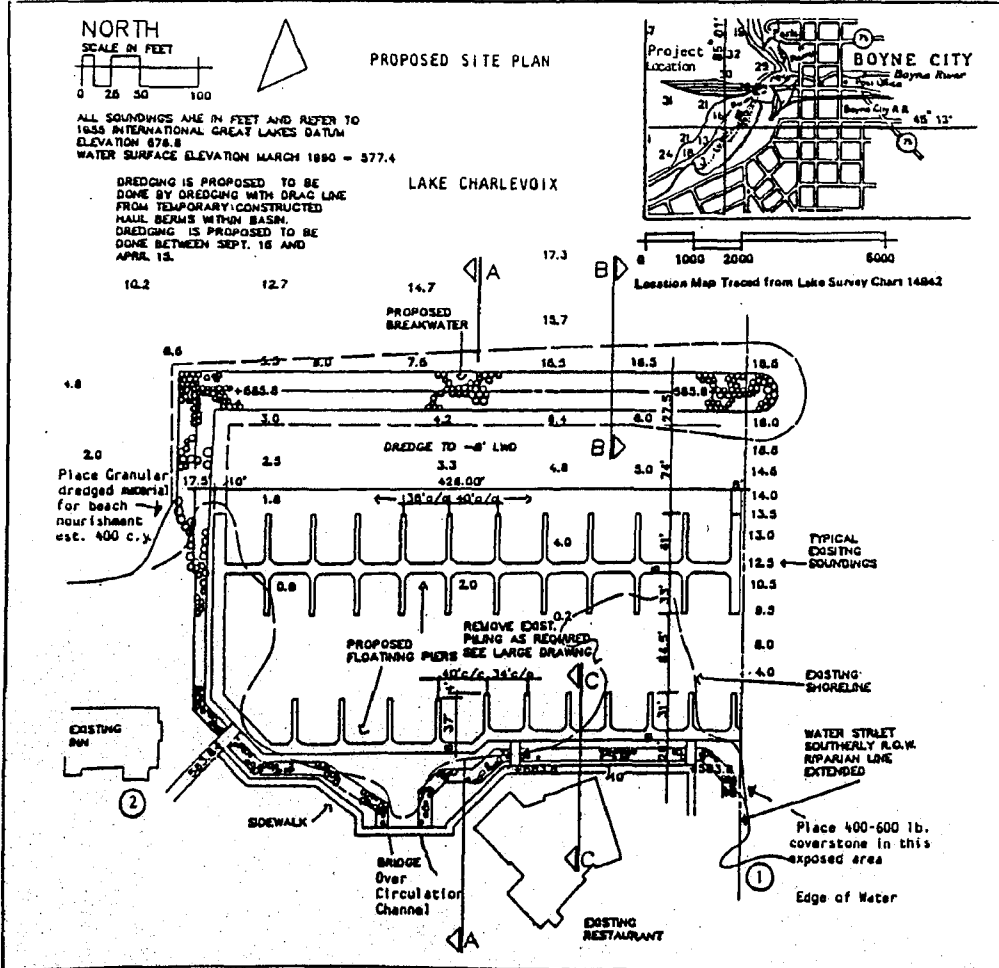
The fishermen say that the slab wood that was dumped into the lake about 100 years ago, has provided a good place for fish to breed and grow.

Some residents argue that the proposed marina takes in public water, although they do agree that the lake property owner has riparian rights to the bottom land of the lake. The water, they have said, belongs to the public as a

whole, and should not be taken from the public trust so that a private enterprise can make some money.

Others are saying that because of the littoral drift along the lake shore which is in a clockwise direction, the proposed break wall will stop the flow of waters that are needed to help clean out the new Boyne City Peninsula Beach, which, if the project is approved, would be sited between the Harborage Marina and the One Water Street Marina. They are saying that the public beach area would

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The proposed marina includes floating slips for 65 boats and would look like the drawing on the left in front of the One Water Street Restaurant. The other picture shows where the riparian shoreline rights are located. Water Street veers off to the right at the intersection of Front Street. Many think the riparian map should not be used to determine where the marina should be located.

News Briefs

The American Cancer Society needs determined and strongly dedicated volunteers for their 1990 crusade. The dates for the community crusade in Charlevoix County will be between May 1 and May 11. The major goal of crusade will be to reach every household in the community with education about prevention through nutrition. To volunteer, call 582-6831.

The Miss East Jordan Scholarship Pageant will be held this Saturday, April 28 starting at 7 p.m. in the East Jordan High School auditorium. Tickets for the event are available at the door for those who wish to attend.

BAC-PAC is seeking help from friends of Boyne City's graduating seniors in the form of gifts of money to finance the alcohol/drug-free all night graduation party. Donations may be sent to BAC-PAC, Box 45, Boyne City, 49712.

County looking at millage for new courthouse

Charlevoix County Commissioners are expected to decide whether to build a new courthouse and do some other renovations at the present county building when they meet Wednesday evening.

The construction of a new courthouse would mean that the county would need to ask the voters to approve a millage request to finance the construction. One suggestion was to ask for a one-half mill for an unspecified number of years or for at least 10 years.

A new courthouse is expected to cost in the area of \$3 million according to members of the building and grounds committee of the County Commission.

The three members of the committee, Thomas Breakey, Don Smith and Phil Johnson, have

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County values up nine percent

The old cry about rising taxes can be heard again in Charlevoix County as the preliminary equalization reports show that property values within the county rose about nine percent overall.

The report, prepared by the county equalization department under the direction of Joan Blanchard, shows that the value of the county will be \$581,620,442 for 1990, up about \$48 million dollars from 1989.

The raise in the value can be attributed to new construction and to the new assessments which were given out this year just prior to the annual Board of Reviews for the cities and townships within the county.

The report is first given to the County Commissioners where they are expected to approve the

amount of value before it is sent on to the state for their approval. If the state agrees with the figures submitted by the county, then the equalized values become official, Blanchard said.

The only township which had a decrease in value was Boyne Valley Township which includes the Village of Boyne Falls. They experienced a .06 percent decrease in 1990.

Chandler Township was also increased about 12 percent. Other

townships experienced an increase of four to about 10 percent.

In the cities, Boyne City experienced a 14.87 percent increase, about \$8,000,000. Charlevoix increased only 4.6 percent while East Jordan values were up 4.2 percent.

Many of the townships will see increases in the cut-over timber classification while some were decreased slightly.

The County Commissioners will be approving the report at their April 25 meeting.

No, says VFW to McDonald offer to purchase site

There won't be a McDonald's restaurant at the site of the V.F.W. in Boyne City after all as the

members of the veteran's group voted last Thursday not to sell the

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Opinions Commissioners hear complaints at meeting

Courthouse where?

Although it is only supposed to be a topic of discussion, an idea to build a new county courthouse in Charlevoix is perhaps the wrong idea.

Not that we are against building a new courthouse, but the location in Charlevoix perhaps is not the best to really serve the populace of the county.

An argument could be made for building the courthouse in the Boyne City area, along with another jail to house those arrested and waiting for trial.

The argument goes back many, many years when Boyne City was the county seat. The story continues that it was moved in the night to East Jordan and then moved again to Charlevoix where it has been for almost 100 years.

Several years ago, we suggested that a new jail be created in the Boyne City-East Jordan area and then the courthouse be located near the jail. We thought that was a good idea at the time, and still think it is a good idea.

Both Boyne City and East Jordan are located near the center of the population base within the county, and as such, possibly have more of a crime problem that the county has to take care of through the court system.

Of course the county commissioners will be asking the citizens' support for a special millage to allow them to build a jail, perhaps as much as one-half a mill for what is now known as an undetermined period of years.

Most taxpayers will think that is going to be on the books forever.

Most taxpayers are also looking at the amount of money raised in taxes for the county every year and wonder if they are getting their money's worth.

Those who live in the cities also have to pay for county services that they don't get—like the Sheriff's Department in Boyne City which has its own police force 24 hours a day. We are sure there are other examples of city residents being eliminated from other county services as well.

If the county commissioners think they can get a special millage approved for a new courthouse, without the city residents getting some of the county services, then we feel the millage issue will go down in defeat. Soundly.

If the commissioners really wanted to see the passage of such a millage, then they should also add a spiff that says city residents do not have to pay county taxes.

Residents within the city are getting taxed for both city and county services, but can only take advantage of one, not both.

Adding a "special" favor to Boyne, like a new building for the cooperative extension service, and agriculture stabilization conservation service offices, just isn't enough for those who have to vote to provide the income to pay for a new courthouse.

If the courthouse were located between Boyne City and East Jordan, then perhaps this side of the county could support a millage issue.

If not, then the courthouse should remain where it is and perhaps just a false ceiling to control noise and a coat of paint would suffice.

But we would rather see the new courthouse near Boyne or East Jordan.

Boyne City Commissioners spent most of the time at their noon meeting listening to citizens who wanted to make comments on the proposed marina project, the trading of boat slips and a junk car letter that was sent out to a homeowner.

Dave Seeley asked the commissioners about the proposed marina project in front of the One Water Street Restaurant, trying to get them to make a decision as to whether they are for or against the project. He was told that the commissioners have not yet formally seen the proposal and they could do nothing about asking for a public hearing until it comes across table. Seeley wanted to make sure the city plans on holding public hearings on the project and he was told that when the issue comes to the city, they will be holding hearings.

Commissioner Bill Grimm told Seeley that after the project is posted, he will ask the city to formally request a public hearing

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property to the fast food chain.

McDonald's site officials had asked the group if they were at all interested in selling the property to them for a site for the restaurant chain earlier in March.

The group met with about 40 of the 70 members to turn down the request citing problems of working with donated land and the possible clauses within the original deed, the amount of volunteer work that went into the building of the V.F.W. hall by the members from World War I and II, and the feeling that the members did not

think they had the right to sell the property.

McDonald's officials are still looking at alternative sites in the Boyne area, according to Don MacNaughton, of the Trumco Development Group in Boyne City. MacNaughton has been working with the site selection and real estate representatives of McDonald's.

Officials haven't said what the alternative sites are but did disclose that they have not purchased any property in the area, contrary to the many rumors going around the city.

VFW

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BY ROBERT SKOGLUND

The Synergy Tapes

Have you ever played the old word association game? Someone says a word and you snap out the first word that comes to mind. "Uzzi machine gun — Freedom." An answer like that would probably be heard in a jovial, partying crowd of John Birchers.

Say "Road kills" and I'd think of my psychologist friend Addler.

Isn't the Jaguar parked by his heated pool a sure tip-off that Addler was once a poor kid? He once told me that every evening his father sent him out to sprinkle salt on the white line. In the morning there were always a couple of woodchucks and perhaps a squirrel there for breakfast. Being brought up that way, he didn't know any better and at the age of fifteen bought a rusted '53 Buick to hunt with.

"Look at all this," I said one day as I caught him sipping Perrier on the couch by his pool. "All the way from South Bremen to Camden. How in the world did you ever do it?"

My friend gave a primal scream that would raise the hackles on a coyote, flopped back on his couch, and grunted, "Language skills."

"What are you talking about?" I laughed. "We could survive very well if we did away with language altogether. There isn't much in our society that can't be expressed by grunts or signs — or dangly signs in car windows or bumper stickers. Sy Stallone has done very well with just a few primal grunts."

Addler waved my protest away with a sweep of his hand. "The term today is Synergy," he said.

"Sin energy? Lots of that around."

"Laugh all you want, but I don't see a heated pool in your back yard," he said as he slid open the mahogany doors on a cabinet by the couch. "Here it is. The key to Unlimited Power, Wealth, Success, Greatness."

"They look like cassette tapes."

"Yes, my friend, and by listening to these little tapes you gain self confidence instantly, you condition yourself for wealth, you turn failure into success. I have here tapes on mastering the art of selling real estate, which include the 36 most powerful techniques known for closing a sale."

"Even if you didn't want to out-trump Trump, the fringe benefits I've seen are worth consideration," I observed wistfully.

"For only \$69.95 we have here a six cassette collection of leadership

Letters

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Hopes to provoke thought, discussion, action

Editor,
It has always been my belief that people can make a difference when they choose to take a stand and express their viewpoint on issues that concern them and their families. It is with this in mind that I am writing this letter to the area

papers in hope that I may provoke some thought, discussion, and hopefully ACTION from those concerned.

It has been proposed by One Water Street and Co., a local development company, that an estimated 120,000 square feet of

public surface water be taken for private use. The development group and general partner, Rick Smith, have applied for permits to build a 65 slip marina and break-wall for personal gain. I was surprised to the point of shock at this recent proposal. I was also astounded when I read the January, 1990 issue of *Lakeland Boating*, a national boating magazine and noted the following quote from the same Mr. Smith. "We're driven by selfishness up here. We're selfish people with no sense. People come here first, for no better reason than that they want to be here. Then they figure out how they are going to live."

Selfish?...You bet your million dollar marina I'm selfish when I look at the fact that One Water Street and Mr. Smith propose to seize public surface water and damage forever valuable fish habitat. Public water means just that....public! This area has provided valuable fishing experiences for many residents and visitors for a long time and should continue to do so. This section of the lake provides great bass, perch, pike, and walleye fishing year around. To take this area and develop it so that a few affluent people might have access to it for a short time each year seems to be to be selfishness at the other end of the spectrum. I should mention at this point that Boyne City is more than doubling the size of its existing marina. Up to forty percent of the city marina will be available for transient use. To benefit the boating public and downtown merchants an 86 foot shoppers dock will be installed.

It should be noted that on 4-29-89 Boyne City's original request for additional dockage space was turned down by the Charlevoix County Planning Commission. The reason for the rejection was given as the city's lack of lake frontage property. The proposed Lake Charlevoix Management Plan calls

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The Humble Farmer

he does nowadays is relax in his rocker with a big smile on his face as he listens to them."
Addler held up a cassette and said, "This one on how to get what you want without argument or confrontation has to be my favorite."
"How could they get all that on one tape?"
"There's only one word on the tape. It says, 'Steal!'"
"A bargain at \$4.95," I exclaimed, "and it's knowing everything on these tapes that has made you rich?"
"Actually, my bottom line was better before I ever heard of these recorded self-help programs. Although I've doubled my income by listening to them, every cent of it has gone for taxes and more tapes."

Notice of Public Hearing on Increasing Property Taxes

The Boyne City Commission of the City of Boyne City will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .9968 mills in the operating tax millage rate to the levied in 1990.

The hearing will be held on May 1, 1990 at 12:00 noon in the p.m. at 319 N. Lake St., Boyne City.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 6.64% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing.

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East Jordan High School's chapter of the National Honor Society inducted eleven new members April 17. Junior and senior members are: Front row, Denise Shea, Christie Barber, Julie Brunett, Sara Chase, Barb Lercel, Rachel Moreau. Second row, Jenny Sherman, Michelle Boseley, Nikki Burr, Bobbie Jo Metcalf, Theresa Brennan, Nicole

Weidler, Krista Sumner, Jeanie Healey, Dawn Brock, Jennifer Ford, Paul Michael, advisor Bob Panoff, Renee Ruhman. Back Row, Scott Beal, Kris Snyder, Rhonda Brennan, Ted Sherman, Jim Downey, and Ken Mickey.



Middle School map contest winners

Several students in Mr. James Bogetto's Boyne City fifth hour social studies class participated in the National Historical Pictorial Map Contest. The Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution headed by former Chief Justice of the United States Warren E. Burger sponsored the contest.

The students depicted on a prepared map graphic artistic representations of historical and geographical events that were

significant to the development of early American history from 1607 to 1803. Judging was based on historical accuracy, artistic creativity, and imagination. The Boyne City Middle School students' entry won in the 11th Congressional District. Awards were a Certificate of Recognition, a gold seal, and \$100 to be used for the purchase of instructional materials. Congressman Bob Davis wrote a congratulatory letter to the students upon hearing of their

win.

The students in the project were Theresa Babcock, Amy Barkdoll, Daphne Crozier, Katie Drury, Chad Ernst, Charity Huff, Jeff Komondy, David Moulton, Dan Nakoneczny, Matt Nakoneczny, Dale Owen, Mike Pittiglio, Brandon Stadt, Rob VanTress, and Kate Zimmer. They will receive individual awards during the annual middle school awards assembly on June 5.

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for 100 feet of frontage per boat slip. Boyne City owns approximately one mile of lakeshore land. The above mentioned plan was designed to help insure the water quality and the resulting quality of life around Lake Charlevoix. This was intended to include animal life as well as human. Preventing overuse of surface water by controlling high impact developments such as marinas and funnel type lake use was the intent of the plan. The misuse or overuse would have an adverse effect on the water quality, fish habitat, quality of life and the ultimate economic well-being of the area. The committee which developed this plan was made up of representatives from city and township government, the DNR, Coast Guard, Sheriff's Dept.,

sport users and commercial interests, one of them being Mr. Rick Smith. I wonder what changed Mr. Smith's mind on the intention of the Lake Charlevoix Mgt. plan by his proposing yet another large marina on the east shore of the lake.

Could it be selfishness or greed? Obviously Mr. Smith and I have differing opinions on the definition of the word selfishness and the best way to provide for the people...both present and future generations.

I strongly urge all parties of government, i.e., the City Planning Board, Park and Recreation Board, City Commission, County Planning Commission and concerned citizens to get involved and discuss this with family, friends and constituents. Make a decision now

before it is too late.

In closing, please people, take a stand and be heard. This is *your* lake and water in all its natural glory as set down by the laws of this state and nation. It is *your* choice. Take action NOW. When it is gone, there will be no more! Please make every effort to attend the public hearing to be announced soon. Your presence and opinion are very important.

Thank you,
David Seeley
Boyne City

If you have questions or wish to help the cause, please contact one of the Save Our Lake Committee members below: Dave Seeley 582-6143, Pat Mitchell 582-2949, Don Lockman 582-7127, Elmer Hamontree 582-7787, Gene Mont 582-7140, Genevieve Varnum 582-7138, Elwood Hardy 582-6269, Penny Hardy 582-6269, Clark Rouse 582-6455, or write: Permits Section, Surface Water Quality Division, Dept. of Natural Resources, Box 30028, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

Hospice thanks

Editor,
National Volunteer Week is April 22nd through the 28th and the Charlevoix County Hospice would like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful hospice volunteers for being such caring, dedicated volunteers. You are truly the "heart" of hospice. You
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BOAT LAUNCH RAMP ATTENDANT

CITY OF BOYNE CITY

The City of Boyne City will be taking applications until May 15, 1990 for the position of Launch Ramp Attendant. The individual selected will be responsible for keeping control at Launch Ramp and collecting Parking and Launching fees. Attendant hours will be Friday, 8:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 12:00 p.m.; 24 hours per week. Applications are available at City Hall, 319 North Lake Street, P.O. Box 68, Boyne City, MI 49712.

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Lions Clubs promote White Cane Week

Over 18,000 Michigan Lions, members of the International Association of Lions Clubs, will be in the streets between April 27 and May 6, 1990. Governor James J. Blanchard has proclaimed this 10 day period as "White Cane Week" in Michigan.

The Lions will be seeking public support of their many sight conservation projects. Major projects of the Lions of Michigan are: Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester; Michigan Eye Bank and Transplantation Center in Ann Arbor; and Welcome Home for the Blind (a home for the elderly blind) in Grand Rapids.

The Lions will be distributing miniature "White Canes" and other promotional materials to promote public awareness of the traffic laws and public accommodation laws which affect the visually impaired. All profits are used to support the Lions' charitable projects.

The "White Cane Law" states that drivers of vehicles shall take all necessary precautions when approaching a crosswalk, or any

other pedestrian crossing, to avoid accident or injury to a blind person carrying a cane or being led by a dog guide.

Public Accommodation laws require that public facilities must permit a blind person being led by a dog guide in harness to enter and use such premises.

To symbolize and create awareness of their efforts, the Lions have chosen attractive 19 year old Karla Simons of Livonia as White Cane Queen for 1990.

Christian music concert at Ellsworth Sunday

Jim Clark and Earl Goolsby, formerly of the New Life Singers, will join the Triple Praise Singers from Cadillac to present a special concert of Christian music April 29 at 6 p.m. in the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church.

Triple Praise members are Cheerie Randolph, Gerri and Chris Ripplow.

Also joining them will be Bobbie Sue Donaldson and Laura Warren of Ellsworth.

Golf tournament for DARE

There are about 100 openings left in the first annual Northern Michigan D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) tournament that is going to be held at Boyne Mountain's Monument golf course May 18.

That was the word from a special press conference held at Boyne Mountain last week when the tournament was announced. The tournament joins several Northwestern Michigan law enforcement agencies as the tournament sponsors including the Michigan State Police, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, the Boyne City Police Department, the Petoskey Police Department and Boyne USA.

The tourney will include several celebrity players from the Detroit Red Wings, the Detroit Lions and the Pistons, who will be joining a four-man scramble format at the 11 a.m. shotgun start.

For those not being celebrities, there is a chance to win many prizes including a new car from some Northern Michigan auto dealers if the person makes a hole in one.

Other prizes will be awarded in a number of categories like longest drive or most putts. Those awards will include merchandise, lodging certificates and dinners.

According to Randy Howard, a member of the Boyne City Police Department, there will be two lunch sites on the course, and the tournament sponsors hope to be able to ask golfers at the start of the hole what they would prefer for lunch and then have it ready for them when they finish out the

hole. Howard also said two golf carts will be going around the course to offer the players snacks as they complete their round.

For those interested in playing, the cost of the tournament is \$65 per player and all of the proceeds will be going to the D.A.R.E. programs in the Charlevoix and Emmet County schools.

For those not wishing to play, the tournament still needs some volunteers to assist during the event. Those volunteering will receive free tee-shirts and tickets to the awards banquet following the tourney.

For information on the tournament, call Deborah Storm at the Char-Em D.A.R.E. Association, 1000 Grant St., Charlevoix, 616-582-6212 or 547-4461.

Joe Hammond wins Easter basket of food

Joe Hammond, former police chief of East Jordan, was recently surprised when he was informed that he had won a large Easter basket full of food. The basket contained enough food to feed eight people an Easter dinner.

The Easter basket was donated by the East Jordan Public School teachers and staff. Students sold tickets for three weeks for the basket drawing to raise money for Tiffany Kohlen who has had a cochlear ear implant in Ann Arbor. Sixth grade student Jessica Stutzman sold the most tickets. The students raised a total of \$2,023.30.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF BOYNE CITY

The City of Boyne City will receive bids until 2:00 p.m. April 26, 1990, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud for installation of:

1000 LF of 8" Watermain
70 LF of 8" Insulated Watermain
350 LF of 8" Sanitary Sewer
with Manholes, valves and accessories.

Work is to be completed prior to start of M-75 Reconstruction. Plans available at City Hall after 8:00 a.m. Monday, April 16, 1990. The city reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities.

CITY OF BOYNE CITY
Thomas Garlock
City Clerk
April 11, 1990

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BOYNE CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING

Thursday, May 10, 1990 - 5:05 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 1990 at 5:05 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at City Hall to consider a request from Mark J. Birnbaum, 3965 Woodside Dr., Saginaw, MI, for a zoning variance as follows:

A variance of 6 inches on the east sideyard setback and a variance of 2 feet on the west sideyard setback, on Lot 9 of the Village of Spring Harbor, or the east 66 feet of Property Tax Code No. 15-051-113-007-00, located on W. Michigan Avenue, so that he may construct a home on this lake side lot.

Every property owner situated within 300 feet of this area is being notified via U.S. Mail for their input on this matter. All interested persons are invited to attend this Public Hearing and participate in the discussion on this variance. If you cannot attend, a letter or phone call would also be appropriate. More details and information on this matter are available for review at the City Clerk's Office during regular business hours or by calling 616-582-6597.

Thomas Garlock
City Clerk

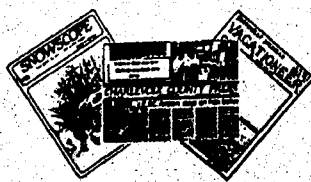
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Wild wings—migrating waterfowl

BY REG SHARKEY

When I refer to wild wings, I'm thinking of waterfowl: ducks, geese, swans and loons.

Spring with its onrush of migrating waterfowl on their way to northerly climes, fly day and night seeking ancestral nesting grounds.

Fall southerly migrations just don't seem to have the allure or mystique of spring's onrush of our feathered webfoots.

First come the diving waterfowl: golden eyes, mergansers (both the common and red-breasted) and the hooded, buffleheads, scaups, ring necks, redheads and the ruddies. They occupy the watery openings left by the retreating ice, noisily feeding and carrying out the preliminaries of courtship.

Then a little later the puddlers sweep in to rest: mallards, blacks, gadwalls, pintails, shovelers...and later the little teals.

Of course, overhead we hear the doglike yelping clamor of snow geese heading for remote Arctic nesting grounds, closely followed by the stately honking Canada geese.

The endangered loons are also early arrivals and their eerie nighttime yodeling is a cry of primitive ancestry. Locally a male, waiting for his mate, is re-establishing nesting rights on Emmet County's Round Lake.

Then, too, swans are early migrators, not, however, am I referring to the year round import; the obnoxious, belligerent mute swans. I refer to the whistler (also called tundra swan) who stop over in this area to rest before resuming a northerly flight to Arctic Circle nesting areas.

Recently I had the pleasure of seeing a swan on the ice off Camp Petosega at the mouth of Cedar Creek that proved to be other than the ever present mutes.

This large webfoot sported a yellow plastic, numbered collar, and also had bands on both legs.

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give your time and energy, you love and caring to help make the road less lonely for the terminally ill and their families—you are very special people!!! We thank you for caring!

Margaret E. Lasater
Executive Director
Christabel R. Carlson, R.N.
Patient Care Coordinator
CCH Board of Directors

Thanks volunteers

Editor,

During National Volunteer week, April 22-28, The Charlevoix County Department of Social Services would like to thank all the volunteers past and present for their time and efforts. Volunteers provide a better quality of life to recipients of social services.

Vasco Zucchiatti, Volunteer Services Supervisor, said, "Volunteers provide that extra special service in helping our department provide the needed services that would not be possible if it weren't for volunteers." A wide range of services such as transportation, money management, adult foster care activities/socialization, fund raising, secretarial, ongoing donations, parent aides, telephone assurance, supervision of parental visits and the extra help during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays are some examples of how volunteers contribute to helping others in need. Vasco said, "Without the volunteers, I know most of these services would not otherwise be available. The volunteers are a very valuable asset to our office and they are very much appreciated. The volunteers deserve a very special thank and and encouragement to keep up the good work."

Vasco Zucchiatti
Charlevoix County
Dept. of Social Services

PUBLIC NOTICE

LICENSE TO OPERATE A FOSTER FAMILY GROUP HOME

The City of Boyne City has received notification from the Michigan Department of Social Services of a request for a License to operate a Foster Family Group Home located at 1880 Pleasant Avenue.

Any comments for or against should be submitted to Boyne City Hall by 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 30, 1990.

CITY OF BOYNE CITY
Thomas Garlick
City Clerk
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Unable to read the numerals on the collar, even with binoculars, and curious to know if specie identification was possible, I called Jerry Martz, Waterfowl Specialist in Lansing.

Jerry said that Missouri, Minnesota have also been carrying on studies on whistlers (also called tundra), trumpeters and, yes, even the semi-domesticated mutes. Jerry said that if the swan I spotted was a trumpeter (which I think it was, according to voice) it probably was a bird collared and banded in Ontario in 1982-88.

But with different states and Canadian provinces carrying out banding studies, most using the same colored collars, it is virtually impossible to pinpoint their origin without reading the numbers.

Regardless of the who, when, or where of my collared wanderer it is part of spring's wild-winged migration.

Would that I could fly migration routes with these aerial wanderers.

And George Burgoyne, Section Supervisor of the Forset Wildlife and Natural Heritage Program, writes a letter to all Michigan taxpayers who contributed to the Nongame Wildlife Fund through their tax returns, and also to those volunteers who contribute to the care of non-game species such as Loon Rangers who keep on eye on nesting loons in their respective areas.

Goerge says that due to those who contributed to the Nongame Fund and to the volunteers and staff:

the endangered Peregrine Falcon once more graces the skies of Michigan.

- nesting Loons on over 260 lakes across the state are being watched and protected by local "loon Rangers" enlisted through a volunteer program initiated by the Fund.

- The Bluebird, whose numbers had dropped dramatically, is making a strong comeback.

- the first statewide census of all the 230 bird species that nest in Michigan is nearing completion, with valuable information also obtained on their habitat requirements.

- the Pine Marten has been reintroduced in Michigan's northern lower peninsula, and is successfully reproducing and expanding its range.

- other species like the Bald Eagle, Osprey, Piping Plover, Wolf, Trumpeter Swan, Spotted Turtle, Kirtland's Warbler, Copperbelly Water Snake, Calypso Orchid, and Dwarf Lake Iris are all being helped through projects sponsored by the Fund.

This writer also wishes to add his thanks to all those concerned with Michigan's wildlife. Life would drab, indeed, without it.

Wednesday Men's League plans meeting

Another golf league, the Wednesday Men's League will be having an organizational meeting on May 2 at Ye Nyne Olde Holles Golf Course. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. according to Secretary-treasurer T.D. Nowakowski. For more information, call him at 582-6049.

Boyne golf season now underway

The first golf of the year is now being played at Boyne Mountain Resort just a few minutes away from chairlifts that are still sending skiers to the top of snow-covered runs.

Boyne Highlands is also open for golf, but its ski hills have closed for the season.

Golfers can play either the Alpine at Boyne Mountain, Boyne Falls, or the Heather at Boyne Highlands. Final preparations are being made on Boyne's other three championship courses before opening.

Skiing is available at Boyne Mountain on weekends with a three-foot base on many slopes.

Hamlock Victor and Top Notch lifts will be operating, and the Mc Clouth, Hemlock, Victor, Aurora and Top Notch runs will be open.

"The unique combination of weather and snowmaking has given us the chance to provide our visitors the rare opportunity to ski and golf at the same resort," said Art Tebo, managing director of Boyne USA Resorts.

A special rate is being offered at the Mountain that includes a night's lodging, golf, tennis and the next day's ski lift ticket for \$30 per person, double occupancy.

For reservations or snow conditions, call 1-800-GO-BOYNE or write Boyne USA Resorts, Boyne Falls, MI 49713.

Charlevoix 4-H sponsors donkey basketball

BY MARIA RICH AND CHRISTINA BEHLING
4-H Journalism Club

Many people die of worry. Why not die laughing? So come to the Buckeye Donkey Basketball game Sunday, April 29th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Boyne City High School Gym and watch radio and television personalities play against area teachers and businessmen. The game will be played while riding on the backs of some really ornery and stubborn donkeys!

Presiding as the Master of Ceremonies will be Judge Harvey Varnum.

On the celebrities' team is Mark Kage and Tom Pluister from WKHQ, Jerry Dugan from WLTO, as well as Cyndie Bobier and James Rabe from WM-BN/WPZ. Steve Fouch and George Merideth from TV 7 & 4 will also be playing. These celebrities will play our teachers and businessmen from Charlevoix County.

Riding the home team donkeys will be Kraag C. Leiberman, Prosecuting Attorney from Charlevoix; Robert Hoffman, an attorney; and Mike Davis, the Charlevoix County Youth Director. Janet Rathke of the Charlevoix School Board/Chip Counseling, and Katherine Dillon also from Chip Counseling Service. Riding for Boyne Falls is Dale Reinhardt.

Boyne City riders are: Paul Andrews of Bendix Courter, Bob Hammontree from Moore's Hardware, Rocky Rickard from Michigan Bell, and Leigh Woodbury and Dennis Amesbury from the Boyne City Fire Dept.

Riding for Boyne City Schools are Robert Wollenberg, Pam

Crouch, Tom Neidhamer, Rob Neu, Steve Smith, Mark Ameel, and Joe Tibaldi.

East Jordan riders include Leon Sulak and Terry Reinhart from East Jordan Iron Works, Micky Puroll from Tri-Lake Sales, Todd McNitt from East Jordan Schools, and 4-H leaders Sherry Huffman, John and Carol Frye, and Debbie McDermott.

Petoskey riders include Richard and Sue Everson of Everson Lodge and John Hrabal of Farm Bureau.

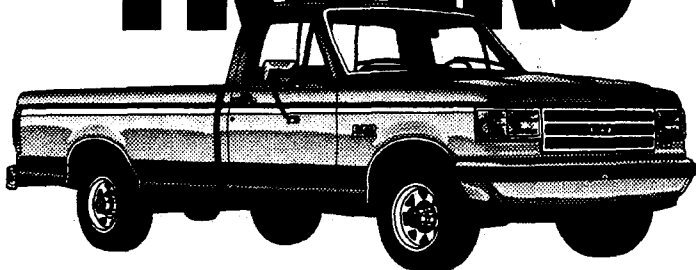
A basketball game wouldn't be a basketball game without cheerleaders, so they came up with a few of the 4-H men who volunteered to dress up as cheerleaders and lead the teams to victory. The pom-pom gals are Todd "Boom-Boom" Kesner, Leo "Legs" Behling, Gerald "Top-heavy" Topolinski, Mike Rautio, and Vern Gregware.

Tickets may be purchased at the Chambers of Commerce in Boyne City, East Jordan, and Charlevoix; also Moore's Hardware in Boyne City, as well as WMBN/WPZ. Tickets may also be purchased at the Cooperative Extension Service Office in Charlevoix County (582-6232) and Emmet County (348-1771).

The Charlevoix County 4-H Council will be using the money that is raised for starting a scholarship fund for 4-H members, to sponsor members on state and national events, and for the overall financial support of Charlevoix County 4-H programs.

Refreshments will be provided by the Charlevoix County Teen Club.

FORD TRUCKS

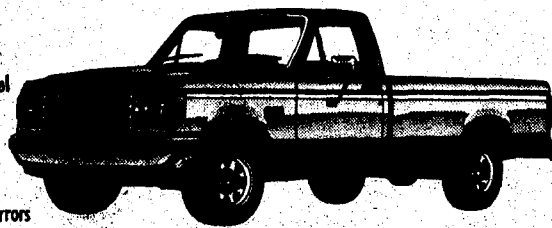


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NUMBER TWO FOR A LOT OF GOOD REASONS.

Chevy Full-Size Pick-Ups

- Chevy Trucks don't offer multi-port electronic fuel-injected engines.
- Smaller, standard six cylinder engine. Less load pulling torque.
- Chevy C/K 1500 models have a lower maximum payload capacity.
- Nope.
- Forget it.
- What difference does it make?