

BC School Board to ask again for school bonding

After a couple of hours of discussion, Boyne City School Board members unanimously approved asking the voters of the district to approve the same building request as had failed last September. Only this time, the request will cost voters more, according to officials from the consulting firms working with the school system.

School board members said they owed it to the tax payers of today and 20 years from now to provide the best educational facility a 2.5 mill increase could provide.

The rise in costs is due, they say, to additional construction costs and the fact that a new state law requires school systems to pay interest on bonds before they are collected.

The additional cost will raise the figure \$1.3 million dollars for a total of \$13.7 million the school

system will issue in bonds if the voters approve.

The election for the issue is expected to be March 26.

The board approved the request at a special meeting held last Thursday evening. The proposal will see remodeling at all three schools, including a new addition being built, but separated from the high school, that would be used as a middle school.

The present middle school

would be converted to an upper elementary school while the present elementary school would become a kindergarten through third grade school.

The proposal was one of four options the board considered before deciding. One of the reasons for the decision was the appeal from a group of teachers who asked the board to consider the same request as they thought the proposed athletic and auditorium facilities are part of education.

The other options included separating the auditorium and the athletic facility, but tied in so that they could not be approved

without the approval of new classrooms.

Another would have seen the renovation of the middle school gym, while the last was to tear down the gym and replace it with a new multi-purpose room.

Voters will be asked if they want to increase the millage by 2.5 mills for the next thirty years to pay for the additional facilities. The issue will require the use of the present debt retirement millage as well.

In answer to some who asked if the schools would be able to operate the new classrooms and facilities, Superintendent Bob

Nakoneczny said that expected increases in assessments on property will probably provide enough to cover the cost of operation of the schools.

Another asked how long this program would last before the school district needs another bond issue to build more classrooms. He was told that the best projections so far show this increase in classrooms would hold up to 150 more students or about 10 years.

Board president, Robin Hissong, expressed enthusiasm over asking the voters to approve the same

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MDOT to award M-75 bids to rebuild road today

Bids for the rebuilding of M-75 Boyne Avenue get opened today ending many years of hopes for construction of one of the major roads leading into the community, and turning them into reality.

Transportation officials, the project is set to begin on or about April 15, 1991 with work to begin at the intersection of Water Street and East Streets. The street in that area will be torn out and replaced with asphalt at the end of

100 working days or in September. From the beginning at that intersection, construction crews are to head east, out Boyne Avenue with the tear-out to Pearl Street and then up the hill to Division where the construction crew will install a new intersection. They will then replace the present asphalt

through the construction during working hours and two way traffic after working hours.

The final detour will send drivers on Division Street to Lake Street to get into town.

When completed, the new street will include curb and gutter, and a sidewalk on the north side from Brockway to the post office. The street will be slightly wider

from Division to downtown.

The project engineers answered many questions from the audience, ranging from Postmaster Frank Jasinski asking about what might happen to the flagpole in front of the post office after the corner is re-radiused to the concerns of business owners asking when they will be closing down the area in front of their businesses.

The continuance of construction of the state highway up State Street to the city limits is still in the works, officials said, and may come as soon as a few years.

This summer will be the first that the city will see street construction during the tourist season, something city officials have been considering for other projects.

News Briefs

Oops, Boyne City Schools changed the date of their next teacher inservice day. Instead of today, it will be held Thursday, January 10. Again school will be dismissed at 11 a.m. for the middle school and 11:15 for the elementary and high school students. There will be no afternoon kindergarten classes.

The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Gaylord is again looking for the longest married couple in the diocese. If you know of someone who has been married for longer than 60 years, let the diocese know.

Boyne City will be having a community Blood Drive, Monday, January 21, from 2 p.m. to 7:45 at the Christ Lutheran Church in Boyne City.

Boyne City police are looking for vandals who damaged three vending machines located at the Boyne Laundramat last Sunday. The owner of the facility is offering a \$200 reward for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator. Anyone having any information should call the Boyne City Police Department at 582-6611.

Since the new dumpster for recyclable materials has been placed next to the City Hall, City Clerk Tom Garlock said it has been successful so far. He did ask that if people open the doors to the item which they wish to see recycled and find the bin full, not to put the material next to the dumpster on the ground. Garlock said the newsprint bin is almost filled and it will be several more days before the dumpster is emptied.

out past the city limit to about where the Howard Oil Bulk plant is located.

The officials explained the project at the Tuesday noon meeting of the City Commissioners to a packed room full of interested residents and business owners. They also answered questions concerning the project for those in attendance.

The project was first conceived back in the late seventies, but money constraints by the state held the project up. Originally, the entire M-75 roadway through the community was to be resurfaced and rebuilt from city limits on the south to beyond the city limits on the north.

That project was cut in half after funding was announced in the mid eighties and would just cover the cost of construction of the south portion of the state highway. Further cuts shortened the project area which was to have originally begun about the area by Industrial Magnetics.

MDOT has been surveying the project for the past several years, working out the details of the amount of work that would have to be completed. Bids were asked two weeks ago for the project and were to be opened at noon today.

Since the project will be taking almost all summer to complete, detours will be on Water Street, where traffic will be diverted to Lake Street and then to State Street. After that section is completed, the next detours will involve directing two-way traffic

County board gives committee assignments to members

Don Smith will be filling the shoes and the top spot as chairman of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners as former Chairman Larry Matthew stepped down after serving the county for many years last week, as new commissioners were seated.

Taking seats for the first time are Jim Behling, Howard Hosler and Carl Price.

Also elected to a position of vice chairman was Boyne City representative, Phil Johnson. He was elected on a 3-2 vote, while Smith won the seat with a 5-1 margin.

The board then set an altered meeting schedule and accepted new committee assignments for the 1991 year.

Regular meetings of the board will be held at 9 a.m. on the second Wednesday of the month, and at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday. All meetings will take place in the County building annex.

The commissioners then agreed to meet as a whole to work on the annual budget instead of having a committee work on it before presenting the budget to the entire commission. A monthly audit report will also be reviewed by the entire commission, at least for

the first quarter of 1991.

Acting as liaison to various committees throughout the county were: Hosler to work with the social services board, veteran affairs, Michigan Association of Counties, Human Services and the area agency on aging; Walt Hufford will report on the activities of the Charlevoix County Planning Commission, Economic Development Corporation and the Community Growth Alliance.

Carl Price will oversee the committees of construction code of appeals, sanitary code of appeals.

Behling will report on the County Road Commission, the Emmet County Fair Board, the Michigan Township Association, the sanitary board of appeals and District Health Department Number 3 Board of Health.

Johnson will serve as liaison to the Parks and Recreation Board, building and industry task force, District Health Department No. 3 Board of Health, Charlevoix County Transit and Resource Conservation and Development boards.

Smith gave himself a few assignments also saying he would rather concentrate on his duties as chairman. He will represent the

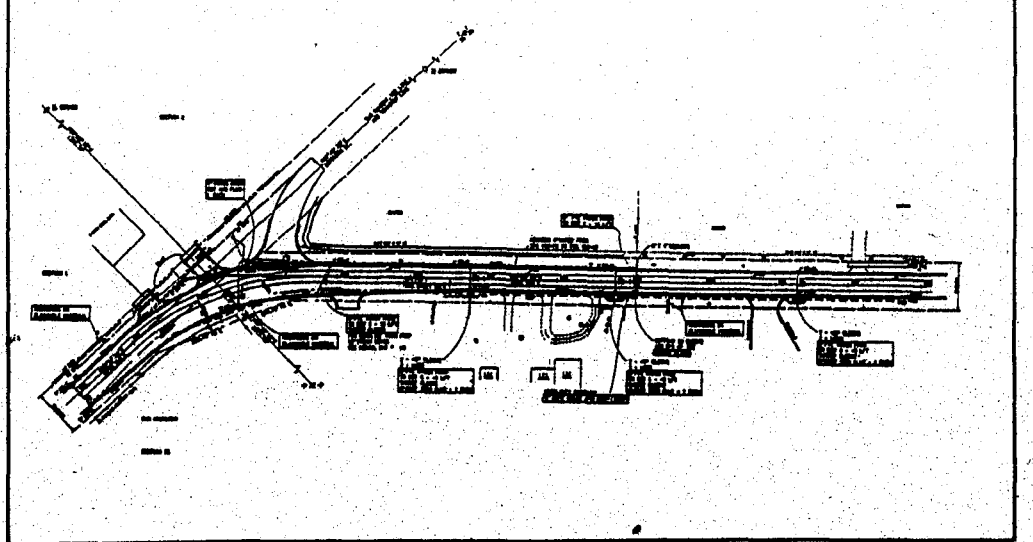
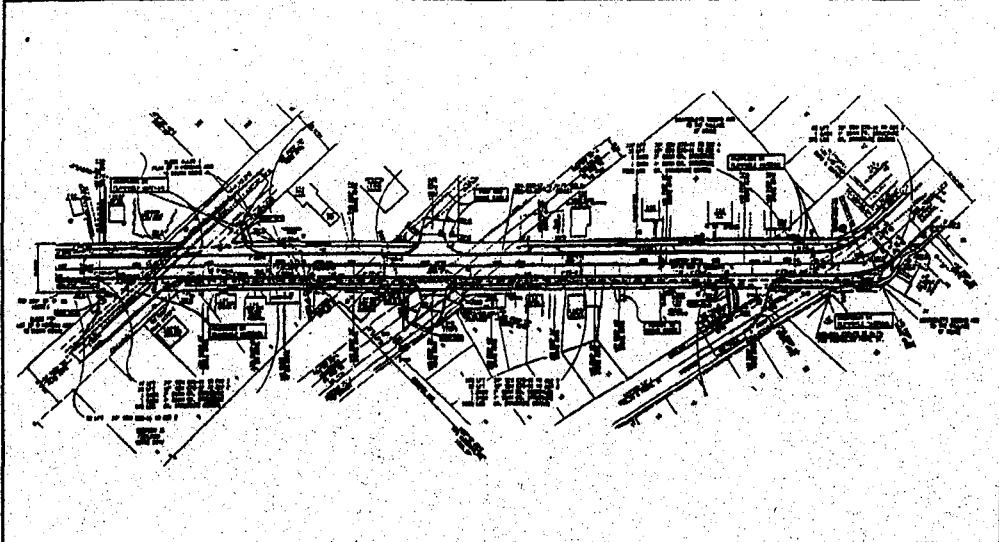
commissioners on the board of the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, the mental health board as an alternative to the Michigan Association of Counties.

The only other appointments made at the organizational meeting were to appoint Larry Levensgood and Lis Clapham to the County Planning Commission. Ralph Harmon was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Contract near for BC teachers

A contract between Boyne City Teachers and the School Board appears to be close at hand, according to Superintendent Bob Nakoneczny. The teachers' union and the school board will meet later this week in what both sides say may be the last meeting to finalize the contract.

If finalized this week, the teachers will ratify the contract first and then the school board. Both sides have not said what the issues have been and what the final pay levels will be for the teachers until the agreement is reached.



This blueprint of a section of Boyne Avenue shows some of the detail the transportation department has drawn up in order to start the work on rebuilding the road as it comes into town. The project is slated to begin about April 15, with a completion in September.

This copy of one of the sheets shows the way the new intersection located at the corner of Division and Boyne Avenues will come together. The intersection will be more perpendicular to Boyne Avenue instead of at an angle leading into the Boyne City, Boyne Falls road.

Opinions

Make the plum work

When is a political plum a real plum? That is just one of the many questions sure to face the County Commissioners this month when they have to decide on the appointment to fill one spot on the Charlevoix County Road Commission.

It seems that in the past, the "Good Ol' Boy" syndrome put many a former commissioner onto the road commission as a favor to past friendships.

These days, we don't think that is the correct way of picking and choosing who will be allowed to serve the populace.

We think the commissioners should go with the person who has experience in roads, knows the way to generate more money from the state for maintenance, and in general, do the job.

We all know that road departments are seeing less money every year from the state because of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) policies.

Those policies are allowing less gas tax money be spent on roads that gas users pay for, and more money be spent on railroads, bike paths, airports, people movers and the like.

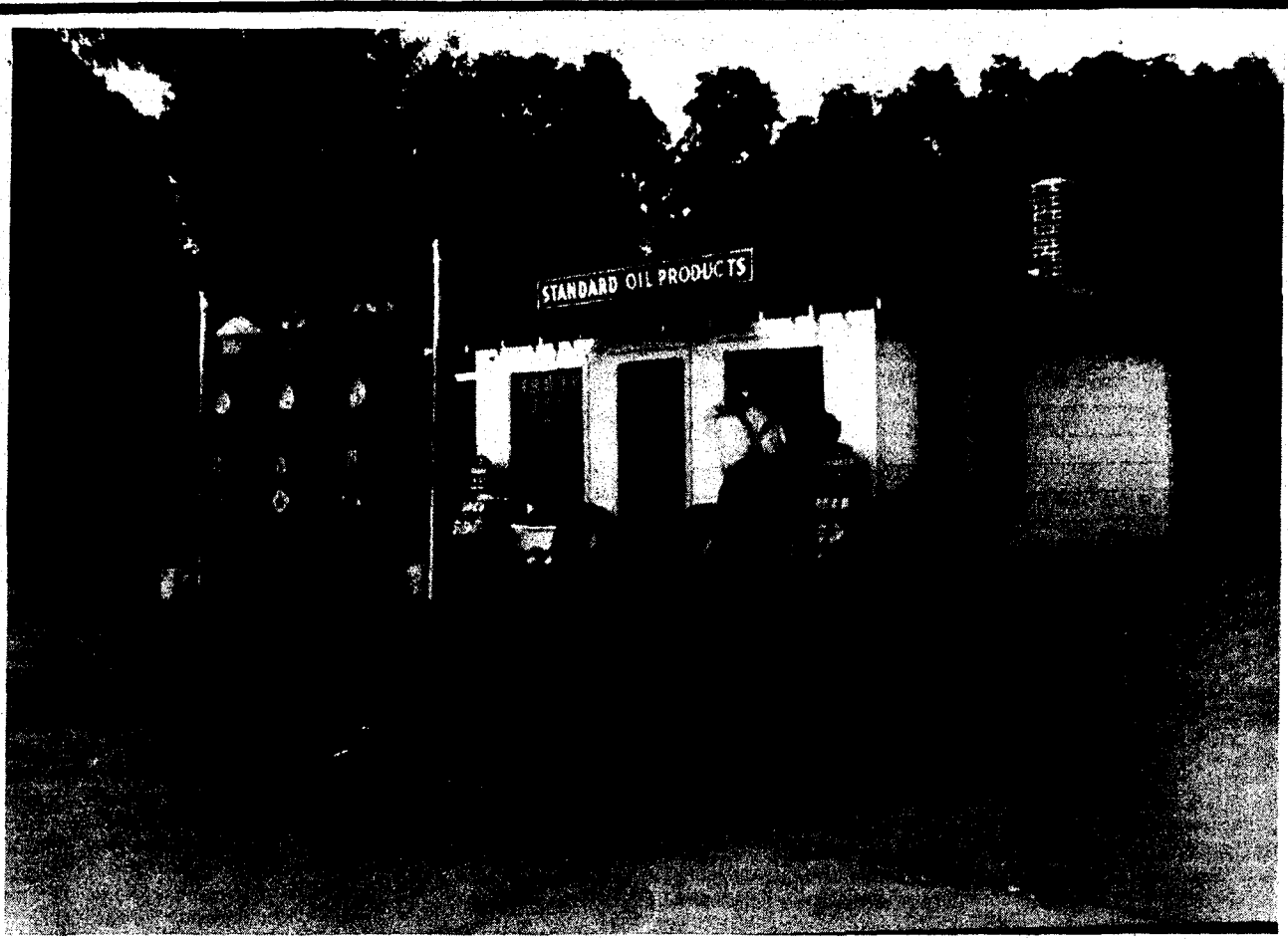
In the meantime, we drivers who use the roads, have to deal with decreasing budgets, and increasing costs. With those, we will all be driving on and around potholes.

We hope the commissioners will appoint a person who can deal with those pressures.

All running for the open spot say they will allow the engineer to do the work and will only help to set policy.

We hope whoever gets the seat will allow that to happen and can urge the other members of the road commission to do the same.

Remembrances



Set in the middle of the block back in the late twenties, this Standard station in East Jordan is still there, located on Main Street. This picture is from a collection of Alma Boone of Boyne City.

you have any old pictures you would like to share with our readers, bring them to our office so we can make a copy.

Letters

Benefits unfair says writer

Editor:
Gross inequity and unfairness exists in the state income taxation of pension benefits. State, city, county, school district and federal retirees enjoy complete exemption from state income tax on their pension benefits.
Pensions from private industry plans, Keogh plans and IRAs are exempt up to \$7,500 per year for a

single return and \$10,000 per year on a joint return.

Regardless of source, pension benefits should be treated the same across the board.

Please contact your state representative and senator and demand that parity be enacted.

Glenn Meynard, CPA
Zeeland, MI

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Editor:
This is an open letter to the Knights of Columbus:

Your donation of \$561.20 couldn't have come at a more opportune time. The students of Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District who have received their educational programming at Ironton School have now been relocated to programs housed in regular education buildings in the communities of East Jordan, Charlevoix, and Pellston.

Each of these programs have as a portion of their goals, community integration and life skills. Your

donation will be used to support activities which would not normally be part of our schedule such as swimming safety, handicapped horseback riding, skiing and materials for integrated activities with general education students.

On behalf of students in these Char-Em programs, the special education staff and myself thank you very much for your generous donation and more importantly, for keeping us in your thoughts.

Earl A. Klander
Special Education Supervisor
Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate
School District

Jottings

WITH JIM SILBAR

Rumors are starting to float around the community that some planners are trying to develop a new management plan to help control the numbers on a body of water located in the Boyne City area.

The rumors are almost valid, as far as I can tell, as quite a few of the people at the coffee shops are talking about the possibilities of the plan and what it may do for the overcrowding of the water area concerned.

According to one coffee shop wag, the plan will be similar to the proposed, but never adopted plan for Lake Charlevoix. That plan had set up a grid basis and determined the maximum number of boats that would be allowed on the lake before the overcrowding disrupted the life style of those living in the area.

While the plan was never formally adopted by the County Commissioners, planners for the new management plan hope this one will attract favorable comments from everybody concerned.

The plans hope to deal with the perceived overcrowding problem as soon as those creating the plans can get their ducks in a row. I figure that the problem is a temporary one, and will not be a problem as the weather turns toward springtime and the ice flows into summer.

The problem with most plans of good natured folks, is that they never have enough time or money to bring them to harvest.

Harvest is another word for putting food on the table, or feeding the problem into a solution. And some of the folks considering the plan say we should just harvest the evidence and then there would be no problem with the overcrowding.

The overcrowding we are talking about, is the overcrowding of the pond in front of the Lake Street Plaza. Seems that the ducks have come to the open water in droves this season and are requiring more folks to feed, more money for feed, and a host of other concerns.

One of the concerns is that like the bigger lake, Lake Charlevoix, the pond has a northern "arm" and a southern "arm," just like the big lake, and also, due to sewers getting clogged up, a water level rising and falling.

If the water rises, more ducks can appear and have room for riding out the winter. If it is lower, some of the ducks have to spend the nights sleeping on the shore.

The rumors have the top ducks of the city planning on continuing to control the population of the

pond by controlling the water level. Just last week, the pond grew larger over the holidays, and has since been attended to by the city to lower the water level. That the pond was threatening to overflow

Lake Street was just one of the concerns of the city.

Another concern is that people have intruded into the natural scheme of things and are feeding the ducks, which causes more to

stay around the area instead of becoming snowbirds and flying south like many residents have done.

So while authorities are
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Snowscope

A guide to winter fun in the north



On the cover...

The almost world famous Halfway House at Boyne Mountain had a first last Saturday, as Michelle Crabb, of Troy, married Kirk Kalbfleisch, from Birmingham, on the deck in front of the noon time crowd. Nobody could ever remember a wedding on the deck, but several said they remembered lots of promises are made each year. Officiating at the wedding was District Judge Harvey Varnum.

Free - Please take one

Area maps inside

Jimmie Heuga Center helps "reanimate the physically challenged"

The Jimmie Heuga Center (JHC), founded in 1984 by Jimmie and a group of concerned medical, corporate and civic leaders, is a nonprofit scientific research organization dedicated to "reanimating the physically challenged." The JHC has drawn a distinction between a person's health and his or her neurologic condition and offers programs that allow participants to improve the quality of their lives, currently for people with multiple sclerosis (MS).

Jimmie Heuga and Billy Kidd became the first two American men to win Olympic alpine skiing medals when they surprised the dominant European skiers in the slalom at Innsbruck, Austria, in 1964.

Heuga went on to capture several other major skiing titles before MS cut his competitive skiing career short at the age of 26. The MS diagnosis and prescribed period of relative inactivity caused Heuga to deteriorate physically and emotionally.

After six years, Heuga regained control of his life with a personal

program of exercise, stretching and self-motivation. This "can-do" approach worked so well for Heuga that he organized a group of health research professionals from around the country to create a comprehensive program for persons with MS. This led to the founding of the JHC in March, 1984. The JHC has now helped more than 600 individuals develop personal "reanimation" programs to get them back into the mainstream of life.

The JHC's scientific research division conducts and coordinates studies aimed at improving the quality of life for those with potentially debilitating neurological disorders beginning with MS.

In 1987, the JHC, in conjunction with affiliated academic medical centers across the U.S., published in the *Journal of Neurologic Rehabilitation* an exercise testing and prescription protocol based on its research with persons who have MS.

The JHC published results of another study in 1988 in the *Journal of Neurologic Rehabilitation* demonstrating that persons with

MS can improve their exercise capacity without a deterioration in disease status.

The JHC's service division offers educational and therapeutic healthcare programs which follow Jimmie's wellness philosophy. The medical program offers a unique, non-clinical setting to share with others who have MS in a positive, supportive environment. The program takes people beyond the treatment of their disease and teaches them ways to optimize their health and well-being.

The JHC's five-day medical program is conducted near the JHC headquarters in Avon, Colo. Approximately 25 participants, accompanied by a "significant other," join physical therapists at personal physiological and psychological evaluations. Participants continue to attend lectures, exercise classes and demonstrations. On the final day, an individualized exercise/health program is designed for each to cope with their disability.

The JHC conducts an extensive follow-up system to assist participants after they leave the Center. All graduates are encouraged

to return to the program and remain in contact with the JHC through its toll-free telephone line.

The medical program costs \$4,500 for each participant, but the JHC underwrites \$3,000 of that total. The participant is asked to pay \$1,500, through his or her health insurance, partial scholarships or personal funds, which does not include travel expenses. Additional funds finance the JHC's research programs.

With additional tax-deductible contributions from individuals and corporations, the JHC will be able to conduct its first satellite medical program in 1991.

The JHC is recognized by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

For more information contact: Bob Marsocci, Ski Express News Center, 4675 MacArthur Court, Suite 750 Newport Beach, Calif. 92660 (800) 248-0459; or in Calif. (800) 346-2286; or Jean Winthers, The Jimmie Heuga Center, P.O. Box 5919, Avon, Colo. 81620-5919 (800) 367-3101.

Toll-free travel,
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to winter vacationers

Winter vacationers who want information about lodging, skiing and driving conditions for the Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Boyne City area of Northwest Michigan can call the Boyne Country Convention and Visitors Bureau toll-free for up-to-date reports.

The bureau maintains a log of daily lodging availability at hotels, motels, condominiums and inns throughout the area. Staff members can provide callers with the names and telephone numbers of properties with vacancies in their price range.

Daily ski information for the area's three largest areas, Boyne Mountain, Boyne Highlands and Nubs Nob, is available, as are the reports about current driving and weather conditions.

Contact the Boyne Country Convention and Visitors Bureau by calling toll-free in Michigan, 1-800-845-2828, or toll-free nationwide, 1-800-456-0197. Or write to P.O. Box 694, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Jose Cuervo Games of Winter bring unique fun

A winter tradition will provide more fun in the snow than ever when the fifth annual "Jose Cuervo Games of Winter" visits Michigan; at Indianhead Resort in Wakefield on Saturday, February 2 and at Boyne USA Mountain in Boyne Falls on Saturday, February 9, two of 14 events nationwide in 1991.

The expanded program will offer five unique ways for participants to share good times with friends and win valuable, popular Cuervo merchandise.

Cardboard will replace skis as participants each slide some 200-ft. of bumps and glory in the "Great Jose Cuervo Cardboard Box Race," beginning at 12 noon. Com-

petitors will race side-by-side in each heat. Use of other materials to speed the vehicle will not be allowed. Awards will be presented for both speed and originality in design and decoration of the colorful creative crafts.

In the same spirit of Jose Cuervo's annual pro and amateur beach volleyball programs, plenty of "spikes" and "digs" will replace ski vernacular when "Jose Cuervo Snow Volleyball" follows at 1 p.m. Registration is open to a maximum of 25 co-ed teams of three members each. All games are played to seven points with no side-out rules.

Always on the cutting edge, this season Cuervo introduces several new activities for the Games of

Winter. Among them is the "Margarita Lime Toss" which challenges the contestants' accuracy by tossing a lime into margarita glasses several feet away. In addition, visitors to the ski resort can test their strength with the "Snow Tug-of-War," pitting two fiveperson co-ed teams in each heat.

The "Cuervo Gold Hunt" returns for its second season with hidden clues sending snowbound sleuths scurrying around the mountain seeking the Cuervo Treasure chest.

A "Winners' Circle Awards Party" including a singing contest, trivia games, and other prize giveaways will conclude the day's activities.

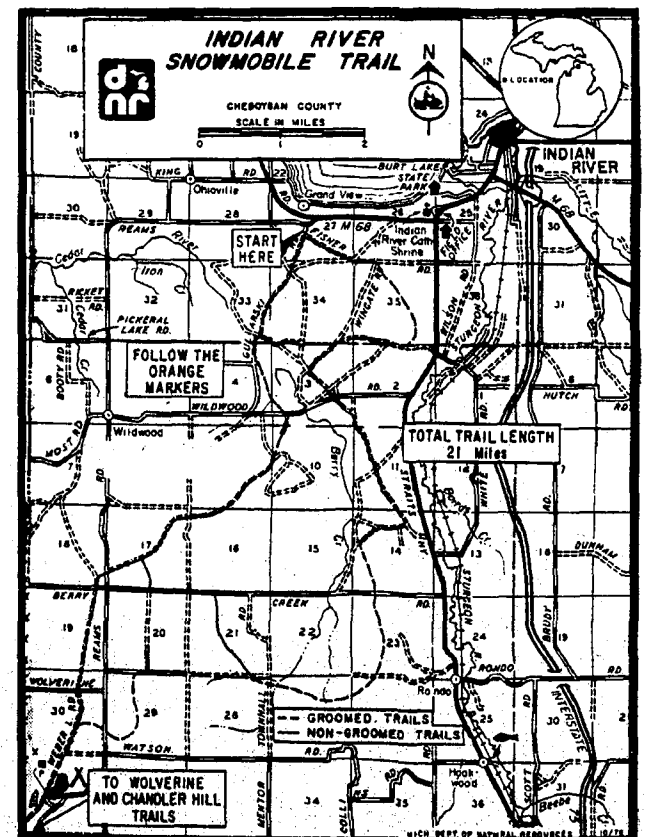
The 1991 series also visits Vernon Valley (NJ), January 5; Snowshoe Mountain (WV), January 12; Wachusett Mountain (MA), January 19; Waterville (NH), January 26; Alpine Valley (WI), February 16; Angel Fire (NM), February 23; Snow Summit (CA), March 2; Squaw Valley (CA), March 9; Mammoth Mountain (CA), March 15; Arapahoe Basin (CO), March 23; Aspen Highlands (CO), March 30; and Sugarbush (VT), April 6.

For advance registration, call or write Event Productions, 4475 Kensington Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48224, 313-882-7700. Registration for the "Jose Cuervo Games of Winter" is free and open to participants 21 years of age or older. Participants may also sign

up on the day of the event on a space-available basis.

POWDER Magazine is presenting "The Jose Cuervo World Tour," featuring the works of some

of the best ski photographers in the world highlighted by a musical soundtrack, at 17 consumer ski shows and resorts nationwide from November through March.



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Snowmobiling sweetens Michigan's economy

Snowmobiling showcases Michigan's winter beauty and sweetens the state's economy by \$300 million a year. Every year 200,000 registered state snowmobilers plus 100,000 out-of-state visitors are drawn to Great Lakes state trails, AAA Michigan reports.

According to the Michigan Snowmobile Association, snowmobilers spend an average \$150 per day during a weekend excursion that includes lodging, snowmobile fuel and oil, food and refreshments. A typical trip usually lasts three to four days and the average snowmobiler takes at least two trips per season.

Before heading to Michigan's 4,500 miles of groomed trails, it's important to have the proper equipment and take precautionary measures that will make the sport safer.

A growing trend for snowmobilers who lack the dollars or desire to buy a snowmobile is to rent one from a dozen dealers in the state for about \$200 per weekend. Those interested can obtain dealer locations by calling the Michigan Snowmobile Association in Grand Rapids at 616-361-2285.

For those interested in purchasing equipment, a 1990 model snowmobile costs from \$1,900 to \$6,300, with the average about \$3,800. A trailer costs \$500 to \$4,000. A snowsuit, boots, gloves and helmet cost about \$400. A snowmobile owner can also expect to spend an average \$100 in maintenance costs per year. Registering the machine will cost \$15 for three years at a Secretary of State office.

When it comes to using snowmobile equipment, snowmobilers should have ample trails to choose from since Michigan ranks third in the nation in the number of snowmobile trail miles, behind Minnesota and Wisconsin. And Michiganians enjoy an ever-increasing number of groomed trails every year, since about \$1.7 million of the state gas tax collected annually from the fuel purchased by sledders is spent to create, improve and expand them. The Department of Natural Resources reports several hundred miles of new snowmobile trails will be added in the next years.

To avoid accidents this season, snowmobilers should be aware of local ordinances. In the winter of 1988-89, the last data available, 394 injuries and 79 cases of property damage. Alcohol was a factor in 90 percent of the snowmobile fatalities as compared to 49 percent of all traffic fatalities.

AAA Michigan offers the following safety tips for snowmobilers:

- Don't drink alcohol before or while snowmobiling.
- Don't snowmobile alone, especially in wilderness areas.
- Steering mechanism and track should be checked regularly and maintained properly.
- Don't venture out in snowstorms or subzero weather.

- Carry a first-aid kit, compass, map, matches, an aluminum foil type blanket that reflects heat back to the body, snacks and dry socks.
- Dress warmly, avoiding loose clothing that can tangle in equipment.

- Stay on marked trails and watch for fence, wires and stumps concealed by snow.
- Don't cross lakes or rivers unless certain that the ice is at least six inches thick.
- Drive at reasonable speeds that

allow constant control of the vehicle, especially on blind trails.

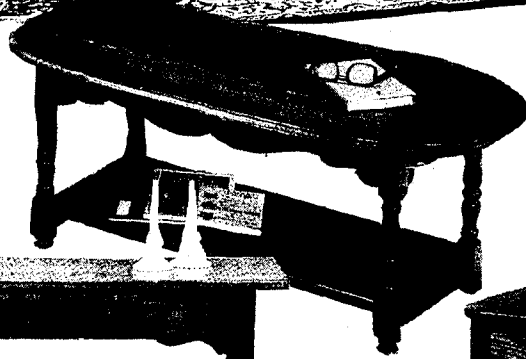
AAA Michigan's "Trek to the Trails" guide provides a list of 154 groomed trails in state parks and forests available to snowmobilers in 1990.

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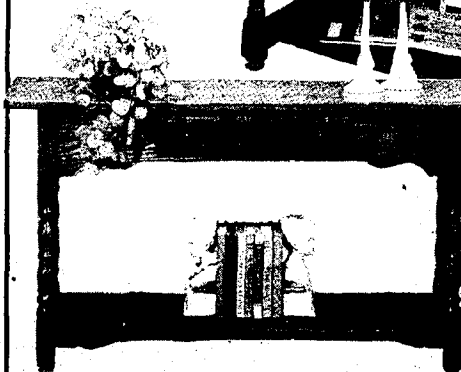
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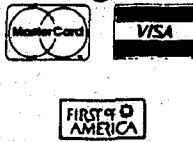
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**Heuga/Mazda
Ski Express
scheduled
for January 14**

There are only five days before the 5th annual Jimmie Heuga/Mazda Ski Express scheduled for Monday, January 14, 1991, at Boyne Mountain.

Currently, seventeen (17) teams have signed-up for the event with space for eight more teams to enter.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks including: team registration, counting the number of runs teams make in the three hour ski marathon, passing out hot beverages all day and gatekeeping during the dual giant slalom race. Those interested should report to the main lodge at Boyne Mountain at 8 a.m. on Monday, January 14, 1991.

In addition to the money raised in the ski express, Mazda will donate \$5 for each test drive taken by the public. Mazda will send a local M.S. patient to the Heuga Center with the proceeds raised from the test drive program. The public is invited to participate and turtles and hats will be given away to those that test drive a vehicle.

Black Mountain boasts cross-country ski area

The old Black Mountain ski resort and surrounding state forest land, north of Onaway, is being transformed from an erosion disaster zone to one of the state's premier recreation areas.

Set aside as the Black Mountain Forest Recreation Area, the 9,000-acre block will include cross country skiing and hiking trails, nature trail, campgrounds, ATV, snowmobile, horse and cycle trails, picnic areas and a scenic view that is touted as one of the finest in the Lower Peninsula.

Gaylord district state forest chief Bob Slater boasts that the 32-mile ski trail will be unequalled in the Midwest. It features a scenic outlook with vistas of Black Lake and Lake Huron.

Plans to rescue the area started coming together in 1988, when the Dept of Natural Resources bought the 125-acre Black Mountain Ski area. For at least two decades, private owners had attempted to develop a profitable commercial ski resort on the site. All failed.

The ski hill attracted unregulated off-road vehicle activity that spread into the adjoining state forest land. This left much of the landscape barren of vegetation.

When the DNR acquired the key ski hill tract, Slater and the forestry personnel went to the public. They discovered widespread enthusiasm for

capitalizing on the area's potential, Slater reports.

An advisory committee was formed and workshops held, starting in June 1988. This led to an integrated development-protection plan. Twenty-seven groups were involved in the planning process.

Lacking development funds, hundreds of local volunteers

organized work bees and have cleared trails, stopped erosion and moved ahead with initial projects.


The state Dept. of Transportation provided Cheboygan and Presque Isle counties with \$714,000 for local roads in the area.

Slater hopes to have \$150,000 for trail and other development later this year.


The tract fronts on Black Lake and Twin Lake No. 1, where campgrounds are located. Black Lake has excellent fishing. A no-kill grayling fishery is being studied for Twin Lake, where a longtime brook trout fishery failed.

Limited logging is expected to continue.






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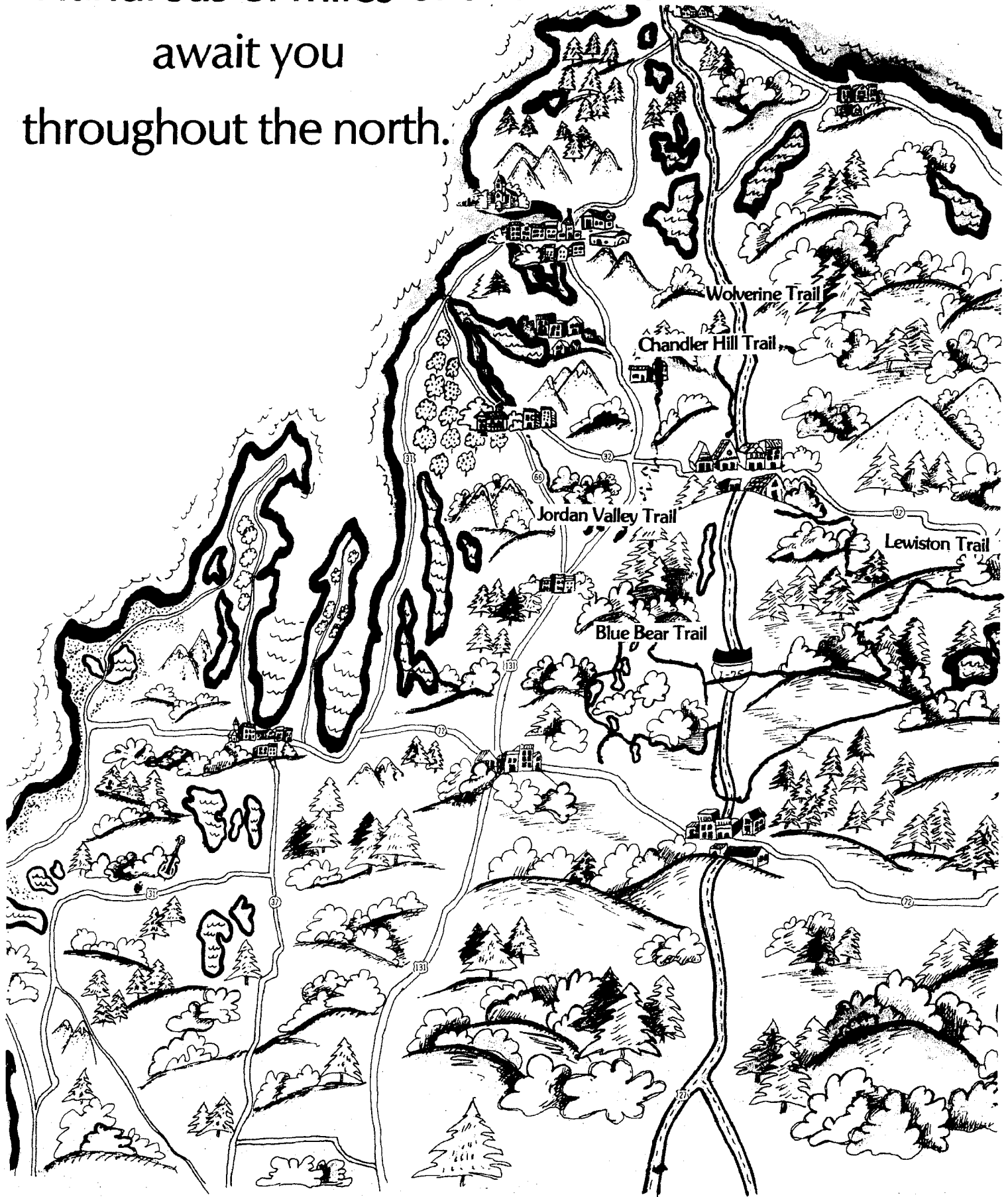


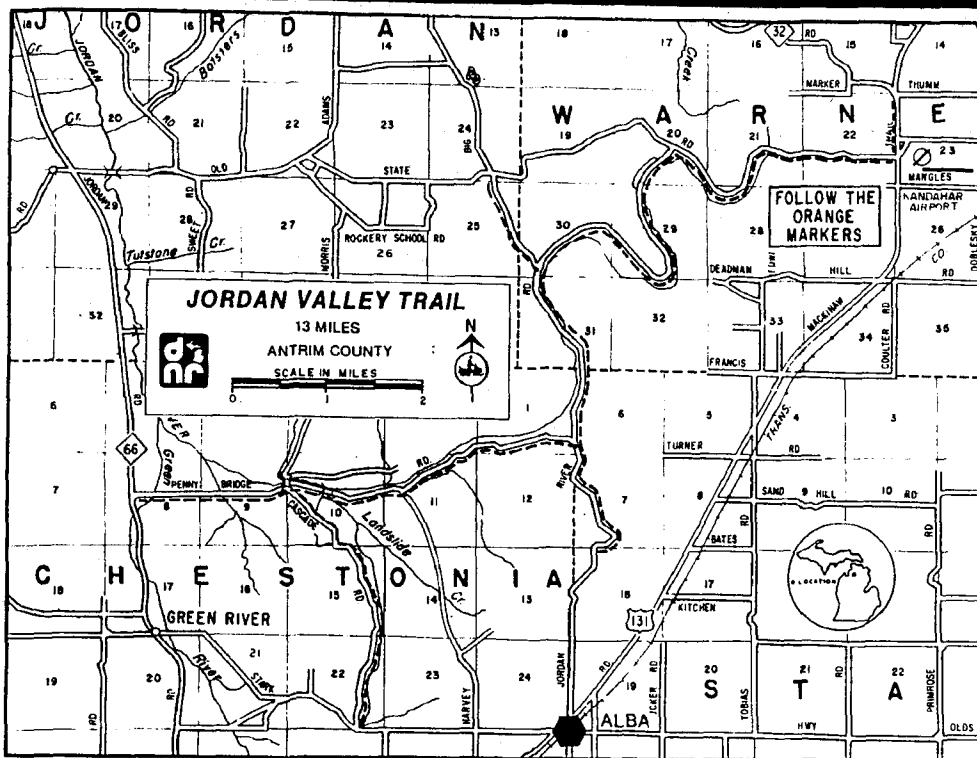
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Heuga Mazda Ski Express in its 6th year

On June 1, 1985, when a group of international skiing greats came together to raise money for the Jimmie Heuga Center's (JHC) medical program and research activities, they had no idea what they were starting.

The skiers, including Jean-Claude Killy, Bernhard Russi, Stein Eriksen, Phil Mahre and Billy Kidd, dubbed their effort "The Jimmie Heuga Express," in honor of their long-time friend and skiing colleague.

For 18 hours nonstop, they skied more than 1 million vertical feet at Mt. Alyeska, Alaska, breaking a world record. They raised more than \$250,000, and a mechanism to fund the Center's programs for the physically challenged was born.

During the 1986-87 ski season, the Jimmie Heuga Express opened its ski series to the general public at 13 resorts across the United States.

In 1987-88, the ski series expanded even further, and was hosted by 19 ski resorts. SKIING Magazine and the DENVER POST named the Ski Express "America's Premier Charity Skiing Event."

By 1988-89, more than 1,000 skiers from 29 ski resorts helped raise \$455,000 enabling the JHC to expand its medical facilities to its present location in Avon, Colo.

The Ski Express was given an added boost in 1989-90 when Mazda Motor of America, Inc., signed on as title sponsor. Jimmie Heuga's Mazda Ski Express was held at 25 resorts and netted more than \$500,000 for the Center's medical programs and research.

Now in its 6th year, Jimmie Heuga's Mazda Ski Express will visit 31 resorts in 19 states, with a goal of raising \$1 million. Tamara McKindley, winner of more individual World Cup titles than any other U.S. alpine skier, recently came on board as spokesperson for the Ski Express series. She will participate in 10, 1991 Ski Express events: Stratton, Vt., January 1; Boyne Mountain, MI, January 14; Sun Valley, Idaho, January 26; Squaw Valley, Calif., February 10; Crystal Mountain, Wash., Feb. 23; Hunter Mountain, N.Y., March 4; Snow Summit, Calif., March 16; Park City, Utah, March 23; and the finals in Vail, Colo., April 10-14.

Since its founding in 1984, the JHC operations have grown 12-fold, and more than 600 people with multiple sclerosis have attended its medical program. As its primary fundraising channel, the Ski Express series enable the JHC to charge each participant just \$1,500 of the \$4,500 needed to cover the cost of the program, excluding travel expenses.

Grand Traverse Resort hosts U.S.T.A. Snowbound Open

The MAX Health and Racquet Club at Grand Traverse Resort will host the fifth annual Snowbound Open Tennis Tournament January 18-20, 1991. The competition is expected to draw ranked pros, top college players and amateurs from around the Great Lakes area. The Snowbound Open is a men's tournament for both singles and doubles; it is one of the only cash-prize tennis competitions in Michigan.

Sanctioned by the United States Tennis Association (U.S.T.A.), the Snowbound Open will award \$150 to the singles winner, \$75 to the singles runner-up, \$75 to each doubles winner and \$30 to each doubles runner-up. All finalists will also receive trophies plus a weekend stay for two at Grand Traverse Resort.

The entry deadline is January 14, 1991; interested players can contact Christie Lund or Chris

Michalowski at THE MAX at 1-800-748-0303, extension 3380. All U.S.T.A. rules will be enforced, and all players must be U.S.T.A. members. All matches will be the best of three sets with a 12-point tiebreaker at 6-all in all sets. Draw will be limited to 32 players, and a first round consolation match will be played. Play begins at 6 p.m., Friday, January 18. Spectators are welcome, with the event free to the public.

Sugar Loaf Resort to host two major biathlons

Combine rifle marksmanship and cross-country skiing and you have created an exciting sport which has seen dramatic growth within the last few years.

Called the biathlon, it is a sport that takes a great deal of physical stamina as well as precise shooting ability.

Participants race around a cross-country ski course, stopping at designated areas to shoot a rifle at a target. The biathlon became an Olympic event in the 1960s.

For the third consecutive year Sugar Loaf Resort will host two major biathlons; the Great Lakes Biathlon Classic and the Traverse Bay Biathlon.

The Great Lakes Biathlon Classic is slated for February 10 this year and over 100 participants are expected to compete. Last year the classic included the United States Biathlon Association's (USBA) National Team. According to Gary

Chouinard, vice president of the Grand Traverse Biathlon Association, the event should again draw the national team.

By scheduling this biathlon the same weekend as the VASA, Northern Michigan's largest cross-country ski race held in Traverse City, enables the USBA National Team and other skiers to participate in both events.

The Traverse Bay Biathlon, January 13, is expected to draw approximately 100 skiers as well. Last year the National Guard Biathlon Team competed in this event and should be back again this year.

Each biathlon will consist of two divisions. A recreational division, in which skiers will be handed a 22 caliber rifle at two firing points; and a racing division, in which skiers will carry their own rifles on their backs. Both biathlons are 10 kilometers. Competitors ski a 2.5 kilometer loop, shoot five times in

a prone position, ski another five kilometers, shoot five times from a standing position, then finish by skiing another 2.5 kilometers.

According to Chouinard, "The Biathlon is a unique sport because it challenges the skier to slow their heart rate down enough to make a steady shot after cross-country skiing."

Registration for the biathlon events is open to participants 13 years and older. For more information call Gary Chouinard at 616-947-4660.

Sugar Loaf Resort is a year-round resort and conference center located 18 miles northwest of Traverse City. Resort facilities include downhill slopes, cross-country trails, golf course, tennis courts, three swimming pools, whirlpool spa, weight room, casual to fine dining restaurants, lounges with live entertainment and a variety of lodging accommodations.

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Sugar Loaf presents its first snowboarders' halfpipe

Snowboarder surfing the slopes at Sugar Loaf Resort will have their own boarding area, a half-pipe, in addition to the rest of the slopes to use this 1990-91 winter season.

A snowboarder halfpipe is a hollowed-out half circle in the snow, which is a minimum of 100 feet long by 40 feet wide, although the standard is 400 feet long and 75 feet wide.

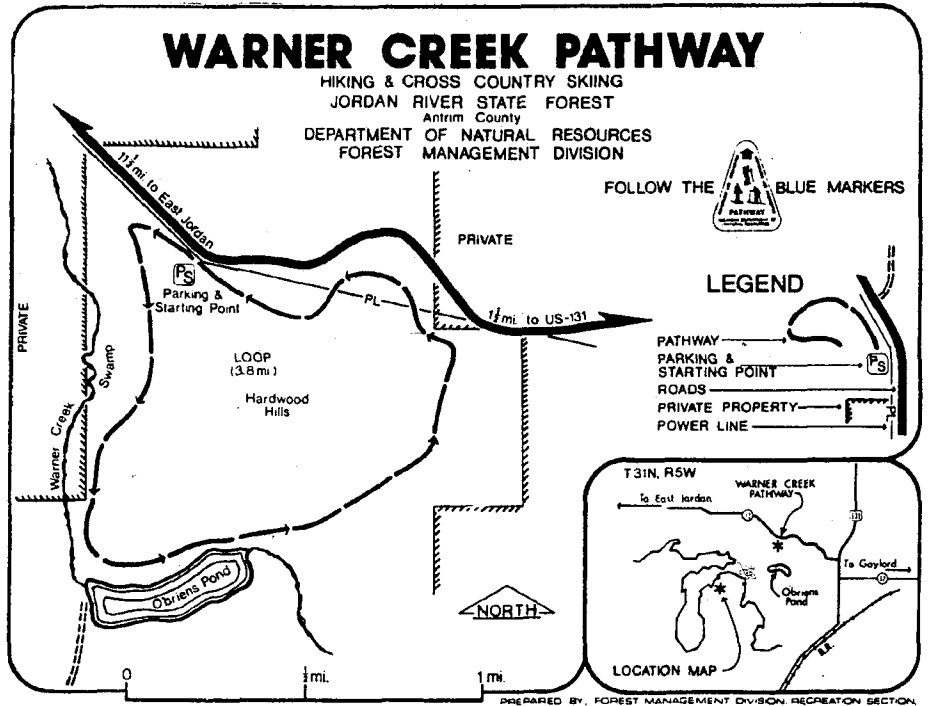
Generally, a pipe is 9-15 feet deep, can be straight or curved and heads down a slope between 19 and 23 degrees. Boarders surf down the halfpipe utilizing the sides to complete tricks, maneuvers and turns as they reach the end. The boarders in a pipe perform moves very similar

to a skateboarder. Many times a pipe is used for freestyle competitions.

Sugar Loaf Resort's halfpipe will be ready for use in mid December, weather permitting. The pipe will be for snowboarders exclusively.

Beginning boarders or those who need a few tips can take lessons this year from Sugar Loaf Resort's professional ski school instructors. Boards are available to rent at surrounding sport shops. Anyone interested in renting a board can call Sugar Loaf Resort's front desk or ski school desk at (616) 228-5461.

To find out about more details on the halfpipe call Michelle Jarvis at Sugar Loaf Resort (616) 228-5461.



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