

BC honors troops

Members of the Vietnam Veterans post in Boyne City held a support day for the troops in the Middle East with quite a few supporters braving the chilly winds to honor those serving. The ceremony featured the naming of all troops from the county serving overseas.



*Snowscope
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issue*

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Boyne Schools to ask for \$9 million

Boyne City School District residents will be asked to approve a \$9 million bonding proposal after school board members finalized what would be constructed if the proposal is approved by voters Monday night.

The proposal is a large reduction from the originally suggested building program of \$14 million that the board first wanted the voters to approve. The \$14 million proposal was the same as was turned down by voters in an election last fall that would have cost \$12 million. The increase in costs was due to additional construction costs and interest payments that would have to be made due to law changes.

The new proposal was worked out after a series of meetings the board has held over the last few

weeks, trying to figure out what could be cut from the original proposal and still fill the needs of the growing school population.

The new proposal which voters will be asked to approve April 9th will allow the school system to grow to the projected 135 students per grade and have enough classroom space to house the high projection of 1,895 students in the year 2000/2001.

The proposed bond issue will allow the school system to do some changes at each school within the system and will create a new middle school building which will be constructed and connected to the present high school in the area where the parking lot is located today. The two buildings will see some shared facilities that will be utilized by both schools.

An area where cuts were made include dropping a new auditorium and the new high school track along with changes made at almost every school building.

Specific changes for the elementary building include the addition of a new kindergarten room and adding some storage/receiving space along with some additional parking area. The building will retain the existing 22 classrooms and would be converted to a kindergarten through grade three building and would accommodate 540 students. The present classrooms are further broken down into 18 general classrooms and four special education classrooms including the Chapter 1 program.

One idea being presented statewide would see the inclusion of special education students to different facilities. If that happens, then the school could house up to

600 students with a class size reduced by 1.5 students.

The school would also retain two kindergarten classes, art and music rooms and would upgrade the heating, ventilation and air conditioning in interior spaces and the cafeteria/auditorium to solve some health code issues.

Deleted from the proposal was the conversion of existing space for Chapter 1/gifted and talented for a new computer room and some additional specialized space for conferences and storage.

Projected cost for elementary changes is \$142,000.

The present middle school would be converted to an upper elementary school to house the fourth and fifth grades. The school would be able to handle 270 students with a 22 plus students per classroom.

Changes at the upper elementary school would include the

upgrading of toilet facilities and fixing the structural settlement problem at a cost of about \$130,000.

With those facilities, the board will have to create and build a new middle school which is projected to cost about \$4,521,400. The new building would house the sixth, seventh and eighth grades with a student capacity of about 405 students, figuring a class size of 135 students and about 25 students per classroom.

The building would contain three classrooms per class, a science class for each, a greenhouse for science classes, a life skills classroom, team planning area, three classrooms for special education, a computer room, media center, 8,000 square foot gym seating 400 for physical education, locker rooms, storage rooms and cafeteria. Also included are rooms for administration, specialists and staff.

If special education inclusion occurs, the building could house a projected population of 450 students.

The other new construction would include the shared facilities to serve the 450 middle school and the 530 high school students. Those facilities include band rehearsal room, vocal rehearsal room and support facilities, art room, receiving and maintenance areas, and a staff dining area.

Cost projections for the shared facilities are listed at \$1.3 million.

Changes at the high school would accommodate 500 students and are projected to cost about \$600,000. The architect said the board and administration would meet to determine another \$330,000 in cost reductions at the high school.

Also included in the building
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News Briefs

East Jordan is getting ready for their annual Fiddler's Jamboree and old fashioned square dances which will be held this year March 2 at the East Jordan Civic Center. The Jamboree will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. while the dancing starts at 7 p.m. The Michigan Fiddlers' Association is urging everyone with a fiddle or other non-electrified instrument to come and play. Afterwards, you can have a Salisbury steak or chicken dinner sponsored by the East Jordan Seniors.

The East Jordan Pool will be holding a lifeguard training course starting March 15 at the pool. Those passing will be getting a Red Cross certification card good for three years. Requirements are swimmers must be 15 years old, have current Red Cross standard first aid/CPR certificates, be able to swim 500 yards continuously using different strokes, tread water for five minutes and dive to a depth of nine feet and retrieve a 10 pound item. For more information call the pool at 536-2250.

Next Tuesday, also in East Jordan, the Rotary Club will be holding their annual pancake supper at the East Jordan Snowmobile Clubhouse prior to the basketball game against Gaylord St. Mary's.

Two positions will be open in the annual June election for seats on the Charlevoix Emmet Intermediate School District School Board. The filing deadline for petitions is April 22 at 4 p.m. and those desiring the position must have a minimum of 143 signatures of registered voters on their petitions. Contact Char-Em ISD for more info.

In case you haven't noticed, the Christmas decorations in Boyne City have been changed to yellow bows on all of the lamp posts, thanks to Chamber Director Jack McLeod and a group of volunteers assisting in putting them up. The Chamber also announced they are printing signs for area windows supporting the troops. The signs can be obtained at the Chamber office starting Feb. 20.

BC may expand sewer system to park

Boyne City may be expanding waste water treatment outside the city limits in order to connect Young State Park to the city's sewage treatment facility.

The preliminary approvals were given Tuesday at the noon meeting of the City Commission

Top O'Michigan gets major electric construction loan

Congressman Bob Davis today announced that the Rural Electrification Administration has approved a long term, low interest loan for the Boyne City-based Top O' Michigan Electric Company.

"The loan will total \$5.3 million, payable at five percent interest over thirty-five years," explained Davis. "It will allow Top O' Michigan to construct 143 miles of new distribution line and make other improvements to their twelve-county service area."

Mike Hansen, Top O' Mich Manager of Member and Public Relations, said they are proceeding with engineering work. "We expect to begin construction as soon as the weather clears enough," stated Hansen. "These improvements will enable us to provide electric to 2,300 new customers, primarily residential."

Top O' Mich currently has about 41,000 residential, business, and commercial customers. The company is a member-owned cooperative that buys wholesale electricity from Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative which is based in Cadillac.

after the city received and has had several discussions with the consulting firm representing the park asking to join the system.

The consulting firm has been looking at ways to improve the sewage situation at the park for several months and the option of connecting to Boyne City presently has the best merits, city officials told the commissioners.

Present plans have the park using a pump system and a force main coming into the community to connect with the present system lines on Michigan Avenue by coming into town along Boyne City Charlevoix Road.

Commissioners asked that the state look into an alternative plan which would allow the line to come

into town along Glenwood Beach to be able to serve those along the lakefront.

The state, according to City Manager Randy Frykberg, has looked at that possibility but has not decided whether that would be the best way due to wetland considerations.

In making the motion for approval to let the state connect the park, it was noted that the present plant is working at less than 50 percent of capacity and with the additional wastewater coming from the park would only add a maximum daily flow of about 32,000 gallons of sewage during the peak month of July. The park is open for camping from May to October.

City Commissioner Bill Grimm asked that the city take the lead and hold a meeting to include the state and township officials as well as city officials to work out the feasibility of the plan to include Glenwood Beach and Michigan Avenue residents. The Glenwood Beach residents are outside of the city also.

One past proposal to allow sewage from outside the city limits to be approved was turned down after the city decided the project was not included in the service area of the plant. Other reasons for the turnaround included the condition of the infrastructure at that time which caused the plant to be

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Sportsman's/Lena's may get deck

without meeting that condition.

Present plans show the new deck would eliminate about three parking spaces while the expansion calls for several more parking spaces than are being eliminated.

With the preliminary approval from the planners and the ZBA, the proposal will come back to the planners next month for final approval so construction can begin before the tourist season.

The planners also approved a request for a lot split and a closing of a portion of Spruce Street between Pleasant Avenue and Douglas streets from Stefan Sarenus, which would allow a sale of some of the property he owns. The lots created by the vacation of the street would create two larger

lots. Spruce Street at that point has never been developed and if it was, would create building lots that do not meet present conditions.

One request, which would have granted approval to build a duplex on property located on North Park Street was withdrawn after the property owner determined the building project would not be cost effective at this time.

In other discussion, the planners heard some changes that they asked the city attorney to create covering lot splits within the community.

They also recommended for city commission approval, a controver-

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Opinions

Simple answer to rising taxes

If area residents want to stop complaining about tax increases, all they have to do is to attend the various boards and agencies setting budgets to spend taxpayers money.

It is a simple answer to a complex problem, but if people would just stop asking for new and additional programs for the state, county, city and school to provide, then the budgeting agency would be able to reduce the amount of money they are spending.

Like in the state, one of the biggest budget items is the welfare department. Some would like to see the welfare payments to people cut down so the state would not have to contribute as much as they have previously.

While we applaud the idea of reducing state spending, we also have to consider local spending as well.

The local governing agencies control a large amount of your tax dollars. By asking them to spend less, the need for taxation becomes less.

Sure that will not sit well with those who want the government or school board to provide everything, but people should realize that the money to spend comes from their own back pockets.

So it's simple... Ask for less, pay less.

Just go to the many boards and tell them to spend less, eliminate programs, or stop increasing programs.

Letters

What happened to memorial?

Editor:

What ever happened to the World War II Memorial??

Recently we visited Boyne City where my husband was born and raised. He noticed the War Memorial had been moved from the downtown park.

On inquiring with relatives, they thought it had been moved to Veterans Park on the lake.

We toured that park and couldn't find it. This is disrespectful toward our servicemen that served.

Now with us at war again, let's find it and get it up with any others from this area name added.

I realize you won't be able to do this until spring, but it should be as soon as possible.

Mrs. Russell Crowe
Dowagiac, Michigan

Thanks

Editor:

We would like to thank you for your support and respect to the troops in the Persian Gulf and Saudi Arabia.

"Your help" to keep their

morale high is much appreciated by them as well as from their friends and families here in Northern Michigan.

Show Your Colors Support Group

Show your support

Editor:

At a time when the men and women in our armed forces are facing their greatest test, we at home are facing a test as well. Our test is to maintain our unity and resolve, as our troops are doing in the Persian Gulf.

We don't want Saddam Hussein to take this country's tolerance for anti-war demonstrators as a signal he should wait out our resolve in a long and bloody war.

I'm outraged at the brutal treatment of our POW's. And I'm saddened to see the media give so much attention to the small number of anti-war protesters who have sprung into action. It seems that every time a few protesters pick up their signs, the cameras swarm around them, and they end up on the news.

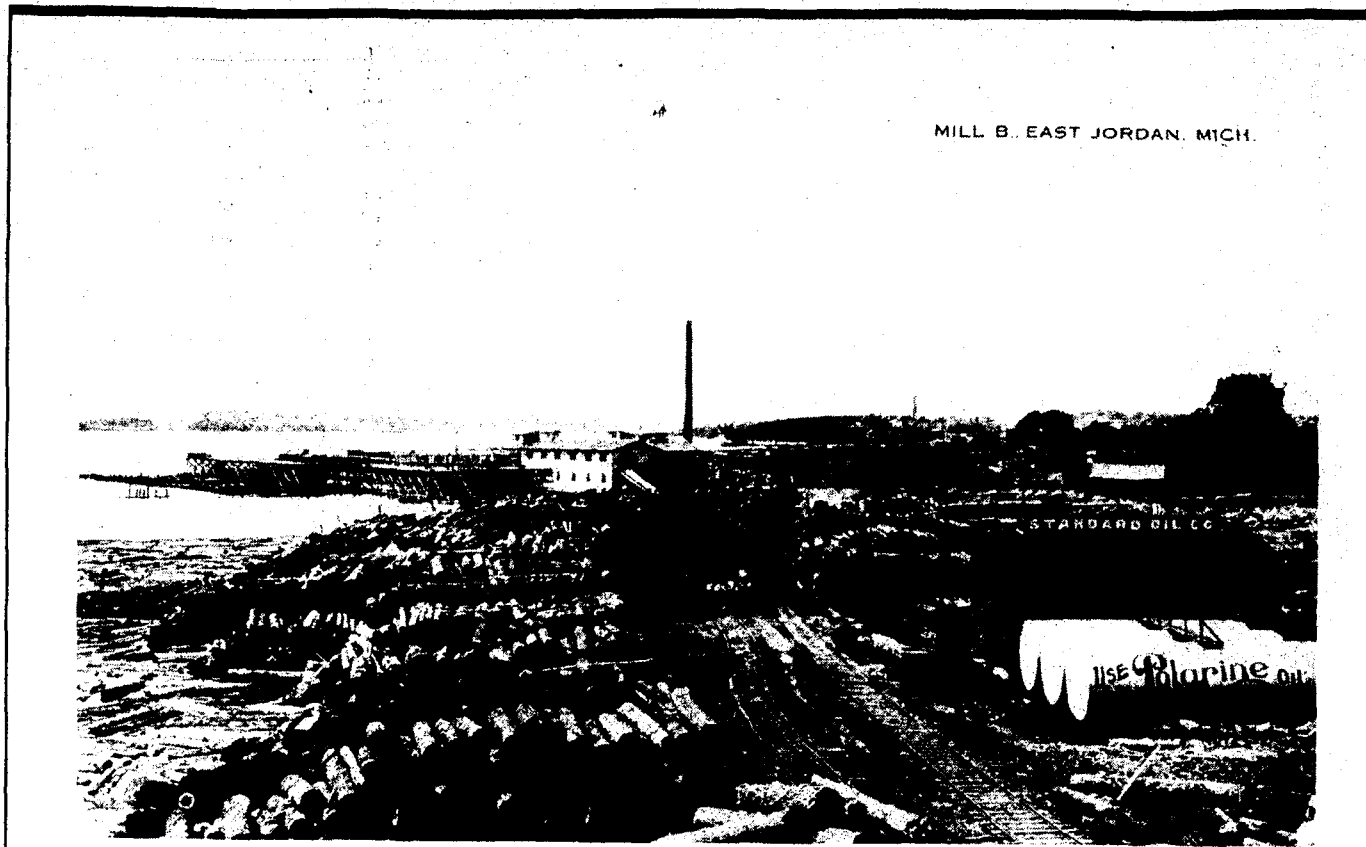
Our soldiers have said that they have a job to do and are going to get it done. I feel I have a job to do, too. And that's to stand up in strong support of our troops.

I want them to know that I and the American people are very proud of them. We are all inspired by their bravery.

I hope that you'll print my letter, and others like it, in the days ahead. Thousands of local American newspapers are reaching our men and women in uniform every day. Your newspaper may be one of them. I want the troops to know that we hold them in our thoughts and prayers every day.

W. G. Deakin

Remembrances



MILL B. EAST JORDAN, MICH.

This picture of Mill B in East Jordan shows a little bit of what the waterfront was like around the turn of the century. The mill existed until the lumber supply was depleted and the ground, we think, was taken over by the East Jordan Iron Works.

Jottings

WITH JIM SILBAR

pay one-hundredth of the tax required to reduce the debt.

If I could make that much money, I would be proud to pay my fair share of taxes, just like

anybody else. With a grimace, but I would do it just the same.

In the meantime, I think I will just go to the friendly bank down the street and buy a few "war"

bonds with any extra money I may accumulate. After all, the interest rate isn't too bad, you don't have to pay federal taxes on it, and it would force me to save.

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at or over capacity due to an influx of ground water from leaking sewage lines.

The city told the developers that since the project was turned down by the township the city would also, but left open the option of connecting to the system in the future after the infrastructure problems were contained.

When originally constructed, the waste water plant was inten-

ded to serve an area along the lake from Advance to the state park along with a fully developed city usage.

While the plan is still preliminary at this time, officials noted that if approved by all agencies, the project would begin sometime this fall after the tourist season. When a resident asked if this was to cost the city anything, he was told the state would be

Waste Water

paying for the connection at no cost to the city. The city in turn would be creating a revenue situation where they could be charging the state 150 percent of the residential costs.

The city made it clear from the beginning that the entire cost would have to be borne by the state in order to hook-up to the city.

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proposal would be a new drive into the schools, parking, walks, utilities and storm drainage.

Deleted from the project are a new auditorium and rebuilding of the football field along with a new all-winter track.

The projected costs for all improvements will come up to more than the board approved presenting to the voters to bond for, so

some additional cuts will have to be made in some areas.

The reductions made will bring the project cost down to about the \$9 million the board wants voters to approve.

After approving the bonding proposal, the board then discussed whether or not they should move the voting place from the middle school to the elementary school,

but decided that moving the voting place would be confusing to residents. They decided to leave the voting booths in the cafeteria area at the present middle school.

The board will meet next Monday to decide the wording on the ballot and to look at what millage will be required to pay off the bonds after getting the print-outs from the bonding companies.

School

Planners Rep. Davis says Charlevoix

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Water Intake Project on track

Congressman Bob Davis today said the Environmental Protection Agency has taken action to speed up construction of a new drinking water intake to serve Charlevoix area residents.

The existing Lake Michigan intake has been plagued by clogging since it was installed four years ago," Davis said. "In December we were able to convince the EPA that the intake design flaws were primarily an EPA responsibility. That was half the battle. Now we're working to get the intake fixed as soon as possible, and I'm pleased to report the EPA is cooperating."

Reconstructing the 1,400-foot intake and filter bed will cost about \$400,000 with the federal government covering ninety percent of the cost, and the state cover-

ment picking up the remaining ten percent.

"The EPA has decided to conduct what they call a 'removal action', which puts the intake project on a more urgent level because of potential public health affects," explained Davis. "We expect reconstruction design work will be starting very soon, and the work itself will likely begin late this spring."

Charlevoix's Lake Michigan intake and filtration plant replaced groundwater wells the city was relying on for drinking water. The groundwater was found to be contaminated with a toxic solvent, Trichloroethene (TCE).

"Last summer, the EPA was disputing whether it would be responsible for the intake repairs,"

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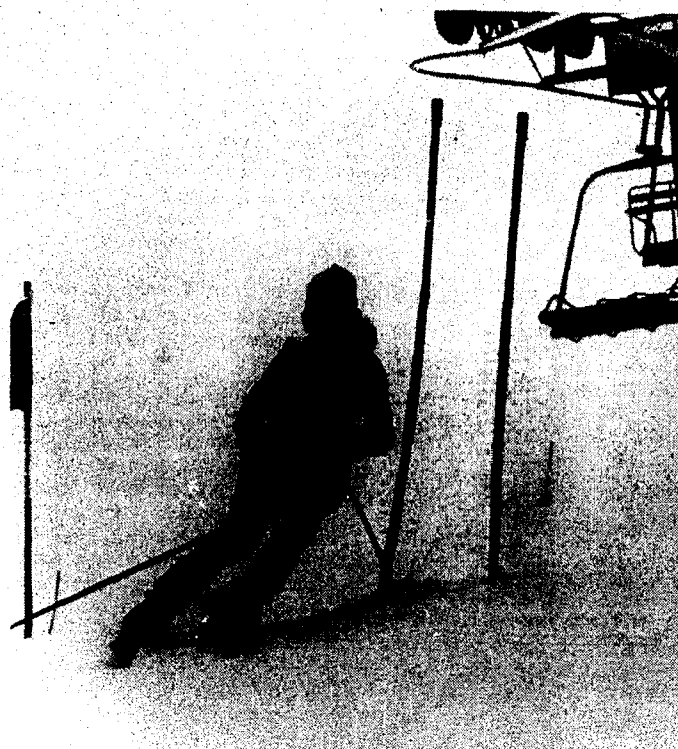
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Boyne City senior girls complete high school ski career

Boys take 10th at regionals

Boyne girl skiers finish fourth



Senior Kelly Copeland of the Boyne City girls ski team finished out a fine career last Thursday.

To paraphrase the Harbor Springs ski coach, Boyne City girls had an excellent season and one bad day while the Harbor girls had a terrible season and one good day. That summed up the action for the Boyne City girls' team last Thursday at the Region Four regional ski meet held at Schuss Mountain when the girls' high hopes of finishing well enough to get a chance to ski in the state finals slipped through their skis. Petoakey and Harbor Springs girls took first and second to qualify for the state finals.

The Boyne girls finished in fourth place, though, their best regional finish in years behind the Class A team of Traverse City Central (third place), Harbor Springs (second place) and Class B Petoakey who won the meet with

a low 77.50 points. Boyne finished with 152 points.

Individually, the Boyne girls placed well in the slalom event with Christina May earning a spot in the state meet at Nub's Nob February 25. She skied to a sixth place in the slalom event with two fine runs down the almost 55 gate course. Placing second for the team was Kelly Copeland who had an eighth place finish just a tick behind May. Finishing third for the team was April Silbar in 22nd place. Cris Crozier finished in 27th place followed by Denise Coon in 38th and Hilary Bradford in 57th after a long climb because of missing a gate.

In the giant slalom, Copeland had an 8th placing, Silbar a 17th, Bradford 26th, Amy Barnes 38th, and Kathleen Johnson 43. May

finished 69th after having to climb back up hill after missing a gate.

Although just as disappointed with the final results as the girls, Assistant Coach Robin Simpson said that the girls are still a great bunch of ski racers and she has enjoyed working with the predominately senior team for the past four years.

Her remarks were echoed by Head Coach Bob McCullough who said the girls may have qualified, but the winning schools had more depth and could afford to take some chances in order to win as a team. Those chances just worked out for the winning teams, but not to Boyne City's benefit. He said that he was happy with the girls improving their finish result over last year when they finished in sixth place at the regionals.

While disappointed with the girls' result, he was pleased that the young boys' team had a 10th place finish in the standings out of 17 schools, which should improve in the future years.

Placing for the boys in slalom were Dennis Moore in 18th, Chris McKenney 24th, Richard Hartwell 26th, Dan Polleys tied for 66th, Steve May 80th and Collen Stackus disqualified and did not finish the second run.

In the giant slalom, Moore took 28th, followed by Hartwell with 37th place, Polleys 41st, McKenney 42nd, May 68th and Sky Stackus 89th.

All in all, it was a good ski season for the team and the coaches are looking forward to next year. Only one event remains for the two teams and that is the annual banquet which will be held February 26th.

BC basketball team back on track

Boyne City got back on the winning track last week when they beat Leelanau Schools in a non-league match last Tuesday 75-59 and trounced Mancelona Friday, 85 to 60.

The win Tuesday stopped a five game losing streak for the Ramblers as they wind down the regular season and start getting in shape for the March Madness season of district tournament play.

In the game against Leelanau, Eric Smith and Joe Jankowski hit 51 points with Jankowski taking the scoring honors with 26 points

and 11 rebounds. Smith had 25 points including the six 3-pointers, 11 rebounds.

Junior Mike Mont also contributed 10 points and had eight rebounds.

Neu said it was time the team started working on the items they will need to succeed in the tournament play, adding that it was good to finally break the losing spell.

The team sank a total of 30 field goals including the six 3-pointers, made 9 of 14 free throws and had 21 fouls.

The Jayvee team also won 64-15.

Friday, the team traveled down to Ironman territory braving slippery roads and high winds. It may have been those roads that made the team play a little slipperier as they opened up a seven point lead at the end of the first quarter, and were up 51 to 32 by the halftime break.

Neu said he was happy to see the team start playing with the concentration needed for basketball and was pleased with the execution the team was making on

plays. He called it the best game of the season for the Ramblers so far.

Jankowski again led the scoring with 21 points, followed by Mont with 16 and Eric Smith 13. In the rebounding department, Jankowski had nine, Mont pulled down seven and Smith had five. He also had seven steals and four assists.

The team hit 36 field goals, including one 3-pointer, 12 of 21 free throws and had 14 fouls for the game.

The junior varsity also won their match-up.



Senior Christina May finished high enough in slalom to make the state finals next week.

First year volleyball team from BC blows out EJ

BY MARGARET WORGESS

For a first year volleyball team, Boyne City blew out the candles of East Jordan last Monday, winning the match 3-2 over the Red Devils with some hotly contested games.

East Jordan took the first game with leads of 4-0 and 7-0, but the Ramblers then scored a few points that were matched by the Devilettes who went on to win 15-5.

The second of the five games also went to the Devilettes on a comeback set of plays after the Ramblers took a 4-1 lead and came out on top 15-10.

The third game was the start of the downfall for the East Jordan netters, when the Ramblers took a two point lead and never allowed

the Devil girls to catch up, only letting the Devils score one more point. Boyne took the game 15-3.

The next game was also Boyne's even though it was a little closer with the score tied for a few moments. Boyne then took the lead with seven points and went on to win 15-9.

The last game saw the Ramblers take a quick five point lead and enlarged it to 10 while the Devil girls could only hit for three. The Ramblers continued to add to their lead while the Devils added five more points. Boyne went on to take the game and the match 15-8.

The junior varsity saw the Devil girls taking all three games, 15-5, 15-8, and 15-6.

EJ girls continue losing streak

BY MARGARET WORGESS

East Jordan's girls' volleyball team continued their losing streak last Wednesday when they met Elk Rapids who took all three games to take the match.

They started off on a winning streak by taking a quick win in the first game working up to a 123 point lead before the Devilettes could score a point. The Elks then took the game 15-2.

The second game was closer, but the Elks stayed on top even though the Devils worked to get the score almost even. The Elks took the game 15-9.

In the third game the Elks took the lead from the start when the Devilettes came back to score three in a row to make the score 5-4, the scoring then was Elks, Elks, and so on until they hit 15 while the Devils could only add one more point. The final score was 15-5.

The junior varsity played an outstanding series of games with

two players out of action. They allowed the Elks to win the first game 15-7 and then came back to take the second and third games, 15-11 and 15-9.

Bowling Scores

BOYNE CITY	
WEDNESDAY MERCHANTS	
Week 23 of 32	
Lexamar 1	153.5
Fosters Live Bait	136.5
Allied Signal	123.0
Lexamar 2	122.5
Kosc Auctioneer	121.0
Raveaus Body Shop	118.5
Sportsmans Bar	115.5
REH Acres	107.0
Bartletts Exc.	100.5
Town & Country	96.5
Sears	89.5
Team 16	86.5
Boyne City Lanes	82.0
LMI	80.0
Lindsay Ins.	76.0
Clares C. Corner	66.5



Senior April Silbar provided the team with consistent finishes to help the team complete the season undefeated.

CITY OF BOYNE CITY
LAST DAY TO PAY TAXES

Notice is hereby given that the last day to pay taxes at the Boyne City Hall will be Friday, March 1, 1991 at 5:00 p.m.

After that date all taxes will be turned over to the County Treasurer for collection and must be paid with penalty at the Treasurer's office in Charlevoix.

No property taxes will be excepted in my office after Friday, March 1, 1991.

Carolyn Olsen
City Treasurer

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TAX SALE NOTICE

This notice is provided under authority of Section 63 of P.A. 206 of 1893, as amended.

Lands delinquent for real property taxes of 1988 and prior years will be offered for sale by the Charlevoix

County Treasurer at the County Seat in Charlevoix

_____ on May 7, 1991.

The legal description of lands and amount of taxes to be offered for sale will be published in the Charlevoix Courier, Charlevoix

on March 13, 1991, March 20, 1991 and
March 27, 1991

Douglas B. Roberts
State Treasurer
Lansing, Michigan

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS
Feb. 25 - March 1

BOYNE CITY

Monday: ribbets or hot dogs, buttered peas, peaches
Tuesday: pizza or burritos, rice, buttered corn, bananas
Wednesday: spaghetti or hot dogs, tossed salad, garlic toast, pears
Thursday: NO LUNCH, INSERVICE

BOYNE FALLS

Monday: pancakes and sausage or hotdogs, hash browns, applesauce
Tuesday: hamburger with cheese, or taco salad bar, refried beans, corn, peaches
Wednesday: homemade pizza or cook's choice, tossed salad, pineapple
Thursday: chili/peanut butter sandwich or turkey sandwich, tater tots, pears

EAST JORDAN

Monday: pizza, burritos, zombies (in high school), mixed vegetables, pears
Tuesday: charasetti, taco salad, tuna sandwiches, green beans, cinnamon rolls, pineapple
Wednesday: stew and biscuits/honey, corn dogs, cook's choice, cole slaw, mixed fruit
Thursday: chili, ravioli, deli bar, vegetable sticks and dip, fresh fruit
Friday: pizza, tuna sandwiches, corn, applesauce

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Reg Sharkey's Northern Journal

Clam-like critters causing concern in Charlevoix County

BY REG SHARKEY

Mussels are beginning to show their muscles in our Great Lakes waterways.

Yep, this tiny clam-like critter, about the size of a navy bean, is threatening to raise hob with the life styles of humans dependent on those waters, not only for sustenance, but also for recreation.

Somehow this foreign zebra-striped invader, as larva, hitchhiked a ride in the ballast tanks of foreign freighters; and when ballast water was discharged into the Great Lakes the tiny larva found the inland seas of the New World to their liking, maturing into hordes of reproductive adults.

Now their population has exploded into millions, or more likely billions, and like our national debt, there is no end in sight unless we do something about it.

Anything below the water line is housing for the invaders. They attach themselves to boat hulls, propeller shafts, and according to a news bulletin from the University of Michigan the larva even enter into the cooling systems of marine engines causing overheating. And their massive build-ups on pilings and docking facilities can cause damage to boat hulls as well as injuries to humans coming in contact with their razorsharp shells.

But, perhaps, the greatest threat of this minute mussel is their ability to plug up intake of conduits that supply water to municipalities, or power plants and industries that need large volumes of water for processing or cooling.

Big Rock nuclear plant, as well as the Charlevoix city water supply system, are prime candidates for a mussel invasion. So far these invaders haven't shown up, or been discovered in this area of Lake Michigan.

But you can bet your bottom dollar that they will be making their appearance in the near future. And Petoskey city fathers are now considering tapping Little Traverse Bay for life-sustaining water.

According to the mentioned bulletin, adult mussels can colonize breakwaters, docks, beaches, creating foul-smelling masses of up to 100,000 mussels per square meter (1550 sq. in.).

Taking it all into consideration the biggest threat is to municipalities and industries that depend on large volumes of water for human welfare.

Of course the recreational aspects of the Great Lakes waters can also be adversely affected by this tiny giant. Even the recreational boater traveling

With the courts

DISTRICT COURT

Judge Harvey C. Varnum recently heard the following cases in Charlevoix District Court:

Debra J. Fortune, 39, Boyne City, malicious use of phone. \$205 fine and costs, one year's probation, court referral program, and 10 days in county jail, held in abeyance.

Michael J. Koch, 36, St. Clair Shores, operating motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. \$430 fine and costs, six months' suspension of driver's license with restricted license, and 10 days in county jail with credit for one day served; nine days held in abeyance.

Dorothy D. Seage, 61, Battle Creek, impaired driving. \$350 fine and costs, 90 days' suspension of driver's license with restricted license, one year's probation, court referral program, and three days in county jail with credit for one day served; two days held in abeyance.

Benny C. Ingram, 29, Boyne City, impaired driving. \$380 fine and costs, six months' suspension of driver's license with restricted license, nine months' probation, court referral program, and three days in county jail with credit for one day served; two days held in abeyance.

Lori J. Kuehne, 28, Boyne City, embezzlement under \$100. \$205 fine and costs and \$160 restitution to injured party.

Craig O. Petrak, 23, St. James, impaired driving. \$380 fine and costs, 90 days' suspension of driver's license with restricted license, nine months' probation, court referral program, and three days in county jail with credit for one day served; two days held in abeyance.

Great Lakes waters will find out, first hand, what this small mussel can do.

Without a doubt this invader will find its way into inland waterways either by larva ascending up connecting streams, or be transported by boaters who go from one of the Great Lakes to inland lakes or streams. All forms of aquatic recreation will be affected.

In an attempt to get a "handle" on this problem, Michigan Sea Grant Extension is offering a conference on the topic March 14th at the Midway Motor Lodge in Lansing. For information call Chuck Pestis at (616) 846-8250 or Walt

Hoogman at (517) 362-3449.

I would think that any municipality, especially those boarding the Great Lakes would send a representative to that meeting.

There may be a war in the Persian Gulf, but it looks like we've got one right here in our own back yard.

P.O. (Parting Shot): What was our Intelligence Service doing while Saddam Hussein was getting ready to invade Kuwait? You can't marshal that many troops, tanks, artillery and all the weapons of war, moving them across a barren landscape without a hint of intentions? What good is all that spy-in-sky junk doing for us?

Freshman

Theresa Babcock, Amy Barkdoll, Tim Behling, Heather Cass, Daphne Crozier, Katie Drury, Chad Ernst, Aaron Fisher, Shawn Gonzales, Gina Howard, Melanie Hubble, Charity Huff, Charlene Hunt, Laura Hunt, Vicki Kroush, Stephen May, Eugene Mont, David Moulton, Matthew Nakoneczny, Daniel Nakoneczny, Lisa Neidling, Amy Olund, Ken Ordiway, Dale Owen, Kelly Parsons, Michael Pittiglio, Megan Rader, Jamie Reinhardt, Bianca Ride, Jamie Rock, Joy Shaler, Lori Solgot, Brandon Stadt, Jill Towne, Brooke Vandenbrink, Rob Van-Treese, Joshua Voice, Kristi Wittemyer.

Sophomore

Sandy Bauman, Christina Behling, Jacob Bernthal, Hilary Bradford, Carrie Bricker, Alice

Brooks, Amy Cook, Denise Coon, Sara Coveyou, Richard Hartwell, Kurt Harvey, Celeste Hoover, Melissa Hubble, Susan Karkosak, Tara King, James Komondy, Matt Kosc, Wendy LaCroix, Richey Poole, Marie Rich, Stephen Seelye, Beth Stephenson, Lisa Thompson, Melissa Williamson.

Junior

Laurie Adams, Roy Angel, Amy Barnes, Mike Carrow, Tim Fall, Brad Hammonree, Andrew Hardy, Carey Johnson, Kathleen Johnson, Jason Joles, Cari Knight, Annette Knipe, Carrie Matthews, Bob McCullough, Russ McGinley, Troy Peck, Michelle Pittiglio, Paulette Reinhardt, Michelle Shaler, Amy Wittenmyer, Angela Womack.

Seniors

Jose Agullo, Dawn Archambault, Stacy Bryan, Amy Cadarette, Gregg Capelin, Kelly Copeland,

Andrea Davis, Christa DeGrow, Christine Dorgan, Kim Drury, Michael Feagan, Crissy Gervasi, Melissa Gregware, Justin Griffin, Kristin Harvey, Theresa Hausler, Shane Heberling, Michelle Hubble, Kelly Jankowski, Carolyn King, Tammy Lambert, Kevin Lockman, Leslie Mathews, Christina May, Steve McClure, Sharon Ordiway, Serena Rauch, Eve Reinhardt, Eric Smith, Kim Stadt, Steve Szczepanski, Anna Taylor, Axel Weyland, Brett Williamson.

Davis

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Davis stated, "We got together with city officials and other members of the Michigan Congressional Delegation to secure EPA cooperation. This is an excellent example of what happens when we pool our efforts," Davis concluded.



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PANCAKES AND LENT

Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday which is the first day of Lent is the traditional day to serve pancakes. These cold winter days we are beginning to look forward to spring. The word lent itself is an expression of spring taken from the Old English "Lenten" meaning spring. I am sure that the old timers had a much deeper longing for spring days than we do; their winters must have seemed longer without central heating and they counted the 40 days before Easter which they knew was the real beginning of a little warmth in their days. I still do not know why pancakes are to be served on Shrove Tuesday, though I love pancakes and think that they are delicious any day of the year, especially when fresh maple syrup is available.

I often like to buy a quart of buttermilk to make buttermilk pie and ranch style salad dressing. Then I wonder what to do with the rest of the buttermilk. I wanted a recipe for buttermilk pancakes, knowing that old-time housewives all made them for their families' breakfasts. However, I could not find any recipe for them in any of my old cookbooks. Then it dawned upon me that the writers of those books took it for granted that everyone knew how to make buttermilk pancakes as they expected everyone to know how to make white sauce and gravy. So I converted an old recipe for oatmeal not recommending this recipe because I am afraid that our snow is polluted.

SNOW GRIDDLE CAKES

To 6 tablespoons flour, add a little salt and 6 tablespoons of light fresh-fallen snow. Stir the flour and the snow well together and add a very little sweet milk. Bake the batter in small cakes on a griddle, using only a very little butter. The cakes may be eaten with butter and sugar, or with syrup, and are very delicate. I can imagine that pancakes using buttermilk into the following:

BUTTERMILK PANCAKES

1 cup buttermilk
1 egg, beaten
1 cup flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. soda
2 Tbsp. sugar

Mix together the above ingredients; it does not hurt to let the batter set aside a little, while you fry bacon, sausage or ham. If it is too thick add a little more buttermilk and if it is too thin, add a little flour. Fry with a little butter in a non-stick pan; do not have the pan too hot as the sugar in the recipe causes it to brown quickly. These pancakes are very light, lacy and beautifully browned; besides they have a delicious flavor.

I came across the next recipe in an old colonial cookbook while searching for the buttermilk recipe. I guess that our ancestors made do with what they had. I am

this was done around campfires when the pioneers were traveling. They also made this:

MOLASSES SAUCE FOR PANCAKES

1/4 cup butter
1/2 cup molasses

Cream the butter and molasses, heat, and serve over pancakes with ham, bacon or crisp salt pork. Now is a good time to thank Ruth McDonald for sharing her recipe for pumpkin soup which she sent to me. What a delicious "warmer-upper" on a cold winter day.

ZESTY PUMPKIN SOUP

1/4 cup butter
1 cup chopped onion
1 garlic clove, crushed
1 tsp. salt and 1 tsp. curry powder
1/8 to 1/4 tsp. ground coriander
1/8 tsp. crushed red pepper
3 cups chicken broth
1-3/4 cup (16 oz. can) solid pack pumpkin
1 cup Half and Half
Sour cream and chives (optional)

In large saucepan, melt butter; saute onion and garlic until soft. Add curry powder, salt, coriander, and red pepper; cook one minute. Stir in pumpkin and Half and Half; cook five minutes. Pour into blender containers; cover; blend until creamy. Serve warm or reheat to desired temperature. Garnish with dollop of sour cream and chopped chives. Serves six.

Thanks again, to Ruth.

Scouts enjoy Klondike Derby



While inside, Scouts had a chance to look over a finely made dogsled one troop used.

Photo by J. Gallap



Scouts at the Klondike Derby held at Tom Suedoboff's farm had to present some first aid skills as part of emergency preparedness.

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Many Scouts enjoyed eating their meal in the outdoors, taking advantage of the sun.

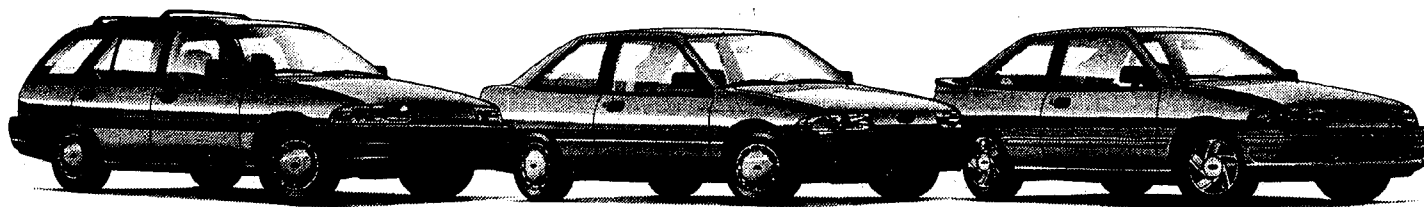
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Nothing like a Scout to eat almost anything on a camping trip, especially if it is hot and tasty.

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Consumers Power
property tax \$971,290
in Charlevoix County

Property tax payments to local governmental units for 1990 by Consumers Power Company will include \$971,290 in Charlevoix County.

This week the utility, one of the largest private landowners in Michigan will pay nearly \$123.5 million for the winter portion of its property tax bill to counties, townships and cities in its Lower Peninsula service area. In the Northwestern Region, \$40,700,859 will be paid in 27 counties.

"We recognize the importance of our tax payments to local schools and local governments," said John W. Hadder, Area Manager for Consumers Power. We try to supplement these funds both through the involvement of our employees in the communities in which they live and through our corporation contributions and other programs to make the communities good places to live."

Consumers Power Company's Northwestern Region provides electric and natural gas service to more than 548,000 customers in all or parts of 27 counties located in the northern and western portions of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

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