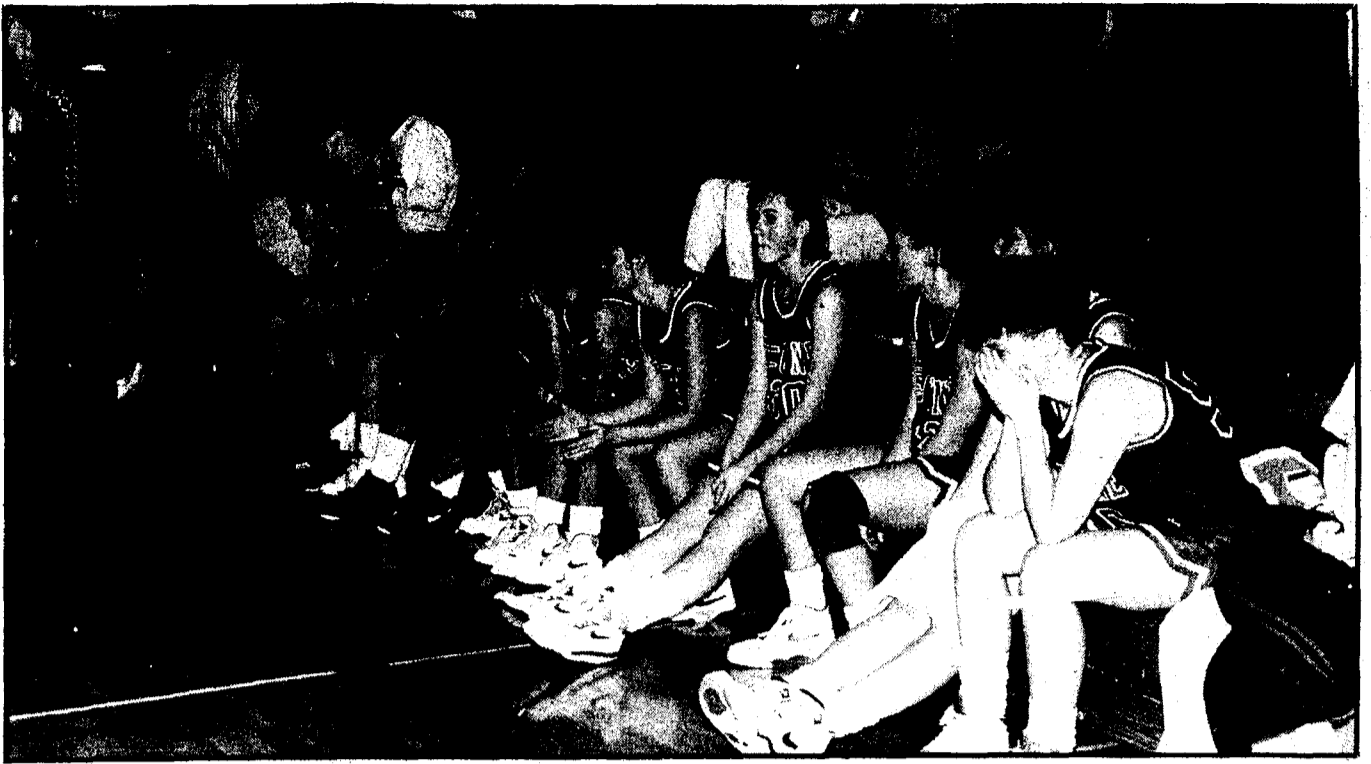


A black Friday for BC girls

With some tears, a lot of disappointment and lost looks on their faces, members of the Boyne City Girls Basketball Team ended their season with the loss to Charlevoix in the District Finals held this year at East Jordan. Charlevoix dominated the second half to take the win, but Boyne held the game almost even in the first three quarters, finally losing 54 to 35. See article on the sports page inside.

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Boyne City sets up hearing for sewer district

Boyne City is moving along to set up a special assessment district for those residents and property owners along Woodland and West Michigan Avenues. The city commissioners approved the sending out of letters to the property owners which sets up a public hearing December 10th.

The assessment district would be used to provide sanitary sewers to the area that would connect up with a district which was set up in Evangeline Township recently. Both sewer systems would be joined at some point and join with the sewer system which serves the community.

36 parcels of land which has 23 residences, will be included in the proposal. One land owner owns six of the parcels.

If the district is approved, estimated costs for adding the residences to the city system is about \$268,000, a much lower than

the anticipated cost city officials had thought. Of the total cost, the city's share would be about \$36,000 which, if broken down by the parcel, would mean each parcel would share the costs of \$232,000 or about \$6,444. That would be further broken down into 10 payments added to tax bills over a ten year period with a 6 percent interest rate.

Proponents for the district say that it will greatly increase land values, would help make some wetland lots available for the building of homes and would help clean up the pollution of Lake Charlevoix in that area. The area has had a moratorium for building or expansion of homes for several years as the septic systems currently in use cannot be expanded or replaced.

The County Health Department has stated that the area has a critical need for public sewer ser-

vice because of poor conditions for septic systems. They say the current systems, both mound and in-ground, are marginal at best for removing pollutants and the potential for contaminating ground water is high in the area.

With the homes already in the district, having public sewers would help their wells as it would help eliminate potential health hazards. According to the city, most of the septic systems are about 30 years old and the failure rate of the systems grows each year with the rising water of Lake Charlevoix.

Included in the plans are adding

2,000 feet of 8" sanitary sewer, 2,100 feet of 6" force main, service lines, lift stations, grinder stations, curb valves and boxes, manholes and funds to eliminate existing septic tanks.

With the approval of the commissioners, letters were sent out this week to property owners inviting them to attend the first public hearing where all of the facts will be presented.

If more than 51 percent of the residents don't want to join the district, it would take a 100 percent vote of the commissioners to override the residents wishes.

In other action, the com-

missioners approved the transfer request of a liquor license for the Tannery. The pending sale of the bar-restaurant involves the transfer of stock from one party to another in the name of Char-Boyne Incorporated.

The transfer papers also included a permit to have dancing and entertainment, but the transfer of that portion of the request was denied pending further information to come from the new operators.

City officials expressed some concerns about the dance-entertainment permit which could have allowed topless dancing or

something not in the best interests of the community.

Manager of the new operation, Tara Jackson, told the commissioners that was not being planned, and if required, a portion of the transfer would be rewritten so that it would not include dressing rooms.

Commissioner Vic Ruggles asked if there was really a concern about the dressing rooms as they could be used for other types of entertainment. He was told it was a ruling of the State Liquor Control Commission which sets the guidelines for bars and places serving alcohol.

New vocational education plan proposed by ISD officials

Tremendous changes in education may be coming to area high schools, if educators have their way with the vocational education curriculum. The changes will be made through the Intermediate School District (ISD) and will include all county schools that participate.

School officials are in agreement on at least one issue saying that if there is one thing needed, it is a strong vocational program for all those students who may not be heading towards a college education.

Educators think improving job skills will be a great help to those students who seek employment in area businesses. It is a long known fact that only a small minority of high school graduates are able to continue their education, leaving a great majority of students entering the job market with few, if any, job skills that employers are looking for when they need workers.

The educators hope that by training students in needed skills for the area, more students will be able to stay in northern Michigan instead of having to leave the area to find jobs.

Most jobs, that are available in resort areas like this, one, are usually low paying service positions that require little skill.

Educators want to buck this trend and teach skills that more and more employers will be needing as the technology of business evolves. The educators want to train workers for those higher paying, skilled positions that will develop in the marketplace of the future.

In fact, studies in northern Michigan by the Michigan Employment Security Commission indicate "The region's occupational profile shows a strong concentration of more than one fifth of the workers are employed in service jobs. White collar occupations account for about 45 percent of the work force, a relatively low proportion compared to most

areas in the state. Of the remaining area residents, 27 percent are employed in blue collar jobs and 7 percent work in farm related occupations. Over the long term, the occupational skills will show the shares of white collar and service employment increasing."

This study was just one of many that indicated the area has been growing, occupationally, with expansions to existing manufacturing plants (area wide and written before the demise of the United Technology plant in Boyne City), along with a healthy trend in tourism. Other industries showing growth trends included services and retail trade.

Manufacturing accounted for only 18 percent of the work force of the wage and salaried jobs which included several that have been shut down due to the economy and governmental intervention in the recent months.

That means that available positions for young high school graduates will be decreasing and that service and related occupations will be growing in northern Michigan.

Because of studies like those and others, the Charlevoix Intermediate School District (ISD) set up a vocational educational task force two years ago to try to figure out what could be done to increase the educational possibilities for those not leaving the area for a higher education.

The task force first started trying to determine what was presently being done to help high school students who would not be going to college. They found that a great number of students who had taken vocational programs in the high school level, were substantially employed. Only 5 percent, indicated from one survey of graduates, said they were unemployed and were seeking employment.

As a result, the survey concluded that the students who participated in the vocational education programs within the

ISD stand an excellent chance of becoming employed within the area.

Based on all of the findings, the task force has been meeting regularly to determine which areas would provide the best chances of employment for the recent graduates.

From an educational standpoint, there will be many changes that would be made so all schools could begin to offer vocational education. School calendars will have to be organized within the ISD so that class time at each school will coordinate with whatever vocational programs at other schools. Even the starting time of a school day and the class periods may have to be adjusted so that students who may have to travel to a vocational center for classes will have to be standardized.

There are many impediments to the setting up of a vocational program, travel time to classes, scheduling, funding, student interest, program comprehensiveness, low student numbers, equity of education, academic requirements and teacher training. Add in teacher contracts and community attitudes and you can see that the task force has their work cut out to try to develop a program.

But all of the problems are not insurmountable, they will be figured out and adjusted until such problems do not exist according to educators.

One of the first things the educators had to do was to set up a criteria for the secondary vocational education within the ISD. The task force spent hours discussing and debating just what the term vocational educational means.

In the end, they developed their own definition and in doing so, expanded the traditional definition of vocational education.

The new definition calls it Applied Education. It involves the delivery of competency based, marketable experiences, of an ap-

plied nature, that enables individuals to gain and maintain employment.

Educators recognized the impact technology will have on the future. They also realized that the students will need "hands-on" experiences to respond to the demand of a technological society. That means instructors are using more of the academic classes in their curricula for the vocational students.

An example might be the use of algebra and geometry classes, long thought to be pure academic classes, in the teaching of reading blueprints for a carpentry class.

Traditional vocational education will continue to be used but with the addition of academics into the vocational education programs, it is thought the student could have a better advantage when they go out seeking jobs.

The Task Force wants to be able to offer this "applied education" program to all 11th and 12th graders so that all students will have the opportunity to learn with an integration of academics, technology and traditional vocational education.

The classes would be blended in so that students wanting additional education in colleges would be attending classes with students who will be going into the work force.

If approved by all of the schools in the ISD, several changes could happen immediately. The task force recommends that tuition between school systems would be eliminated, costs for transportation would be assumed, the facilities at East Jordan and Petoskey would be expanded and new equipment would be purchased.

ISD officials will be asking that taxpayers approve an increase in millage to pay for the new programs.

Boyne City Superintendent Robert Nakoneczny is a cautious

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Court to decide Hudson two track road issue

A two-track or a county road? That is the question the 90th District Court will have to decide a week from next Monday as Dan and Sharon Diesenroth, who live in Hudson Township go to court to try to resolve the issue.

The Diesenroths believe the road is not a county road and want it closed off. The two-track is located off Woodward Road and connects with Hanson at the eastern side of the township. They also claim the road has never been officially dedicated to the county and want it blocked off.

The road is listed in plat books and the County Road Commission says it is under their jurisdiction according to state officials.

Neighbors have said they have used the road for years and want it to remain open. The Diesenroths own the property adjacent to the road and claim it is part of their land, according to Karen Neumeier the assistant prosecuting attorney handling the case for the road commissioners.

The case will be heard at 2 p.m. at the Charlevoix County courtroom.

News Briefs

Charlevoix County will be receiving \$19,214 for emergency food and/or shelter from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Those private volunteer or public organizations wishing to apply for a portion of those funds should contact Vasco Zucchiatti at the Department of Social Services, 547-4471 before December 9.

During the next few weeks, the Cub Scouts and Girls Scouts of Boyne City will be assisting in the collection of canned goods for Community Christmas. When they come to the door, give them a donation of canned goods or cash. It appears that Community Christmas will be needing all they can get this season.

Be sure to come to this Friday's Santa Claus Parade at 7 p.m. downtown Boyne City. Each year the parade grows a little more with additional floats and items of interest for all. Santa will be the honored guest and will participate in lighting the annual Christmas Tree as Boyne kicks off the season.

Obituaries

YVONNE M. HULETT

Yvonne M. Hulett, 23, of Boyne City, died Nov. 21, 1991, in Boyne City.

Funeral was held Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Christ Lutheran Church, Boyne City. The Rev. Kenneth Bernthal officiated and burial was in Maple Lawn Cemetery, Boyne City.

Miss Hulett was born Sept. 28, 1968, in Petoskey, the daughter of James and Carol (Smithgall) Hulett. She grew up in Boyne City and graduated from Boyne City High School in 1987. In high school, she was in the Drama Club and was also a member of the cross country team. After graduation,

she worked at United Technologies in Boyne City for three years and also for the Mini Mart in Boyne Falls.

She was a volunteer for Challenge Mountain handicapped skiers.

Survivors include her parents; one brother, Michael Hulett of Boyne City; maternal grandmother, Mildred Smithgall of Boyne City; paternal grandmother Beryl Hulett of Durand; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Arrangements were handled by the Stackus Funeral Home, Boyne City.

BC American Legion celebrates 71 years

In celebration of the 71st Anniversary of Ernest Peterson Post No. 228, one hundred Legionnaires and Auxiliary gathered at their Post home in Boyne City, Thursday, November 21st.

The observance also acknowledged: 1. The Auxiliary's 69th Charter Date. 2. Pre-recognition of Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7, 1941, which marks the beginning of the 50th Anniversary of the United States, historic entry into World War II.

A 5:30 Social Hour was hosted by the Legionnaires. At 6:30 all retreated to the dining room for a bountiful dinner of rolled roasts of beef, rolled roasts of pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salads, fresh rolls and dessert. The tables were decorated with minatures American Flags and napkins of red, white and blue. Dinner was prepared and furnished by the Auxiliary as an expression of gratitude to the post legionnaires.

A program followed, at which

time post Commander, John Mathers Jr. welcomed all present. He spoke briefly on Post 228's programs and policies. He emphasized the Post's contributions made yearly to Camp Quality, The Boyne School Band, United Way, Community Christmas, Boyne Food Pantry as well as other local, state and national charities.

Commander Mathers introduced Warren Davis, Post Adjutant. Davis asked Roger K. Paquette, Lt. Col., USA, Ret., to stand and recognized him as the posts newest member. Roger was in Boyne City, deer hunting and attended as a guest of his mother, auxiliary member Vi Paquette. Davis then spoke on the topic, "Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1991."

Legionnaires attending were representative of service in the following conflicts, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon/Grenada, Panama and Desert Storm.

Reunion and entertainment followed the dinner hour.

Neighbors

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The Monday Study Club met on November 19, at the home of Ed and Irene Hennessey with 24 members present. The program for the evening was given by Mr. Hennessey, which was an interesting and informative talk and demonstration on the use of the ploygraph, explaining the "how, when, and why" of this detecting device. Included in the short business meeting, which followed, was an update and vote on amendments and bylaws of the Club's constitution and discussion of the planned Christmas party to be held at Leah Waggoner's home on December 9th. Hostesses for the evening were Marion Harper-Davis and Lois Pollock.

On Tuesday evening, The Boyne City Historical Society met with 20 members present with guest speaker Bea Smith. The theme was "Thanksgivings of the Past", which included many stories, interestingly dating back to how the Indians contributed to the Thanksgiving holiday. Mrs. Smith also tempted the tastebuds of the group with a delicious sheet cake of pumpkin cake and jelly roll pumpkin cake. In other business, there was a discussion on the upcoming open house of the Boyne City Historical Society Museum on December 15 and a reminder of their tree trimming of Victorian ornaments on December 11th at 10 a.m. Anyone is welcome to attend these events.

Bill and Dorothy Sanderson are spending the long Thanksgiving holiday week with their daughter and family in Wisconsin.

Mrs. Greg (Margaret) Smith arrived home this past Tuesday after having recuperated from recent surgery at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. On Thursday, the Smith's son, Greg of Traverse City, was here for dinner and to visit. Also, their son, Dr. Timothy Smith and his son Keegan of Holland arrived for the day on Friday, and left Saturday.

Loy Malloy of Litzzenburger Place spent the weekend in Ludington visiting her sister.

Many may be glad to hear the Morrie Hobbs, who suffered a stroke a few weeks ago, is greatly improved and coming along well at the therapy unit of the Munson Hospital in Traverse City and it is with real thanksgiving, he'll be joining his family on that day!

A belated "Happy Birthday" goes out to Mrs. Joy Brooks who combined her November 26th special day with that of her daughter, Paygi Willson's November 9th birthday with a family celebration of dinner, cake and icecream, cards, and gifts at Pippins Joy and daughter, Sonia Zak, also spent 4 days in Freesoil visiting her sister, Alice Marcellus and niece, Darlene Griffin of Lansing. All enjoyed shopping for the holidays.

Andrea and Lexia Grimm, children of Gary and Ann of Lansing, are spending a couple of weeks here with their grandparents, Bill and Jean Grimm.

Lloyd VanAlstine, son Terry of

Bellaire and Tim VanAlstine, and Brian Horn of Boyne City, spent 4 days hunting in Hersey. The two lucky ones who got their deer were Tim and Terry.

Judge and Mrs. William Taft of Monroe are here for the long Thanksgiving holiday visiting their daughter Kay and Stu Holley and family.

On Thursday, the Boyne Valley Garden Club met with 23, including new member Elnora Maule and guest at Litzzenburger Place. The theme of the program, "Fragrance in the Garden" was presented by Lois Pollock, who expounded on the month to month fragrance of the things in an individual's garden. In keeping with the theme, the refreshment table was attractively adorned with a centerpiece of the earthy mid-fall fragrance of tree branches, wildflowers, fungi, cedar, and three elegant brass deer. Hostesses were Vi Manglos and Grace Davis.

A group of 11 of the Boyne City Free Methodist Church attended the annual LLMF (Light & Life Men's International) annual fall banquet held at the Free Methodist Church in Mt. Pleasant on Saturday night.

Lloyd and Ruby VanAlstine spent overnight in Grand Rapids on business on Wednesday. While there, they also visited their nephew at the Blodgett Hospital.

There was a "full house" on Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church for the retirement party of the Rev. and Mrs. Milton (Buzz) Walls. The congregation, friends and relatives, the Ministerial Association, and many other organizations, locally and county-wide, attended the Roast of the Rev. Walls, who is retiring after 18 years of pastoring the Boyne City Presbyterian Church. The Rev. and his wife Diana received plaques, cards, gifts and other accolades of appreciation, not only in the church, but throughout the surrounding communities for their many civic minded efforts throughout the years. The Rev. and Mrs. Walls are officially retiring November 30, but will remain here in Boyne City and plan on continuing many of their activities. Among those especially here for this event were his sisters, Peg Walls and their son, David Walls, of Arizona, their son Jim and Ruth Walls and children, Christopher and Jonathan, also from out of state, their daughter, Elizabeth and Kurt Cross and children Diana, Elizabeth, and twins Marissa and Michael, and their foster daughter, Mary and Larry Kruger and children Eric and Sarah, of downstate. Former pastor, the Rev. and Mrs. Duane Ferris of Clam River were also here. The Rev. Ferris will lead next Sunday's worship service.

Scores for Senior Bingo were: Regular-Bonnie Blanchan. Special-Evelyn Stebbins. Regular-Lila Leist. Regular-Pansy Savage. Coverall-Bonnie Blanchan. All games were called by Lyle Blanchan.

New Arrival

Born to Gary and Ann Grimm of Lansing on November 7, 1991, their 5th daughter, Sarah Jean, who weighed in at 7 pounds and 4 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches in length. Sarah Jean joins her

sisters; Carrie-14, Andrea-5, Lexie-3, and Barbara-20 months. Grandparents are Bill Shaw of Traverse City and Iris Shaw of East Jordan, and Bill and Jean Grimm of Boyne City.

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Methodist church to hold bazaar

The United Methodist Church of Boyne City will hold their annual Christmas bazaar and luncheon from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at the church.

A selection of holiday items made by the women will be offered in addition to homemade candies and baked goods.

Tickets will be available throughout the day for donated prizes such as a handmade quilt afghan, cup rack, beautiful basket, picture album, a poinsettia plant and Christmas door hang.

A luncheon of soups, salads, dessert and beverage will be served from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Ski, skate and toy sale

The Child Study Club will hold its annual ski, skate and used toy sale 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, in the high school home economics room.

Anyone wishing to sell winter sports equipment, winter outerwear or used toys should mark the

price on the item and bring a list of items to be sold to the high school between 8:30 and 10 a.m.

The club requires a 50 cent registration fee and there will be a 10 percent service charge on all items sold. Money for items sold or unsold items must be picked up 3-4 p.m. the day of sale.

All money and unsold equipment not claimed by 4 p.m. will be considered a donation.

EJ Garden Club news

Wreath making, dried and fresh was the featured program at the November meeting of the East Jordan Garden Club. Marion Verzyer demonstrated construction of pine cone wreaths on several size frames. Fresh pine, spruce, fir and various other greens found locally were wired into coat hanger frames and decorated by Evelyn Gidley.

These two presentations followed the regular business meeting conducted by Vice President Thora Kotowich. Gladys Sattler was presented with a gift of gratitude for having served as the recording secretary since 1981.

Conservation Chairperson, Marge Best, reported on the state Conservation Conference held recently at Higgins Lake. She educated members to the number of chemicals used in the home, the commercial growing of morel mushrooms, and several legislative initiatives.

Jordan Valley Arts Council has asked The Garden Club to make the center pieces for the Madrigal Dinner, December 14, at Pointes North. Club members, coordinated by Cyg Riley, will be constructing colorful yule logs for this event.

An update on the Annual Greens Craft and Bake Sale, being held December 6, at FMB Northwestern State Bank, downtown East Jordan, was given by Martha Anear.

Program Chairperson, Peggy Midener, then introduced the timely program, wreath making. Following the presentation, Margaret Kaufman and Grace Redmer hosted a dessert in the Community Room, Jordan Valley District Library.

Officers for the 1991-9112 program year has been installed at the October meeting. They are: President, Elinor Van Dyke, Vice President, Thora Kotowich, Recording Secretary, Debbie Chappuis, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, Evelyn Gidley.

A time to give thanks



Looking back, we can say the first Thanksgiving was a celebration of the fruits of working together. Combining the resources of everyone for the good of all. Times were difficult for these early pioneers, yet their dedication to tradition and a better way of life helped them pull through.

Today, Thanksgiving is a time to consider all that has gone by in the last year, and the blessings which you and your loved ones have received. It's a time to take stock in yourself, to take pride in your past, and the things which you and your family have accomplished. And it's a time to resolve that your future will be even better.

Happy Thanksgiving

From the Staff of the Charlevoix County Press

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Opinions

Volunteer, makes you feel good

One thing nice about this area, is the amount of support we all give to the various volunteers and clubs that reach out into the community asking for donations and support.

The list of organizations varies from the Cub Scouts to some of the more professional organizations that are trying to raise money for this or that project.

While we applaud these individuals for their actions of trying to raise funds, we feel they should also be trying to raise monies that would be used within the area.

Some projects, like donating to the fire department and ambulance service for needed equipment is great. Others, like donating to some project that will never see any of the money gathered spent in the area, is another.

Perhaps it is time for all of those people involved in the raising of funds to gather together and form up another drive, like United Way, so the residents, industries and merchants can have a fund raising period that lasts only a short time.

Of course, almost every fund raising project has great needs, ambitious promoters behind them who really believe in what they are doing, and feel that their drive is the only one that will walk to the front door.

Of all the drives for raising money in the area, we like the feelings you get when you help by donating food, toys, and other items to a community effort like Community Christmas.

Besides getting the feeling that you are doing something for "the locals", you also get a good feeling about the reason you donated.

That reason is to share.

Even if you are not the richest person in town, you could help out in the event by volunteering to drive the gift baskets out to families, or by helping to fill the boxes that will go out to needy families.

When you are done, you will get the feeling of what the program is trying to do, and that is to help residents of the area survive a long, hard winter.

This year, officials expect they will be asked to provide even more food baskets than they can get together, or have money to purchase the products that go into the baskets.

And that is just one example of what the community is doing to help share.

Others, like the American Legion, the Eagles, the VFW have long been supporters of worthwhile projects with donations from the profits of their bingo games.

It is amazing how much money is raised through the many projects that are available.

Hopefully, the funding can continue as it is one of the things that make this area a nice place to live.

JFS

Letters

Enough about Waldner

Editor,
There is a malapropism that goes: "Do you serious or are you mean it?"

That's a good lead for the latest Karl Waldner fiasco. By putting the school board libel threat on the front page, your make-up man must have made Waldner's day, last week.

The U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly re-echoed its decision that there can be no libel in affairs of politics or government. It's an inherent quality of the ways of democratic government.

Thus the Boyne City School

Board may be called scum by Mr. Waldner, if he chooses.

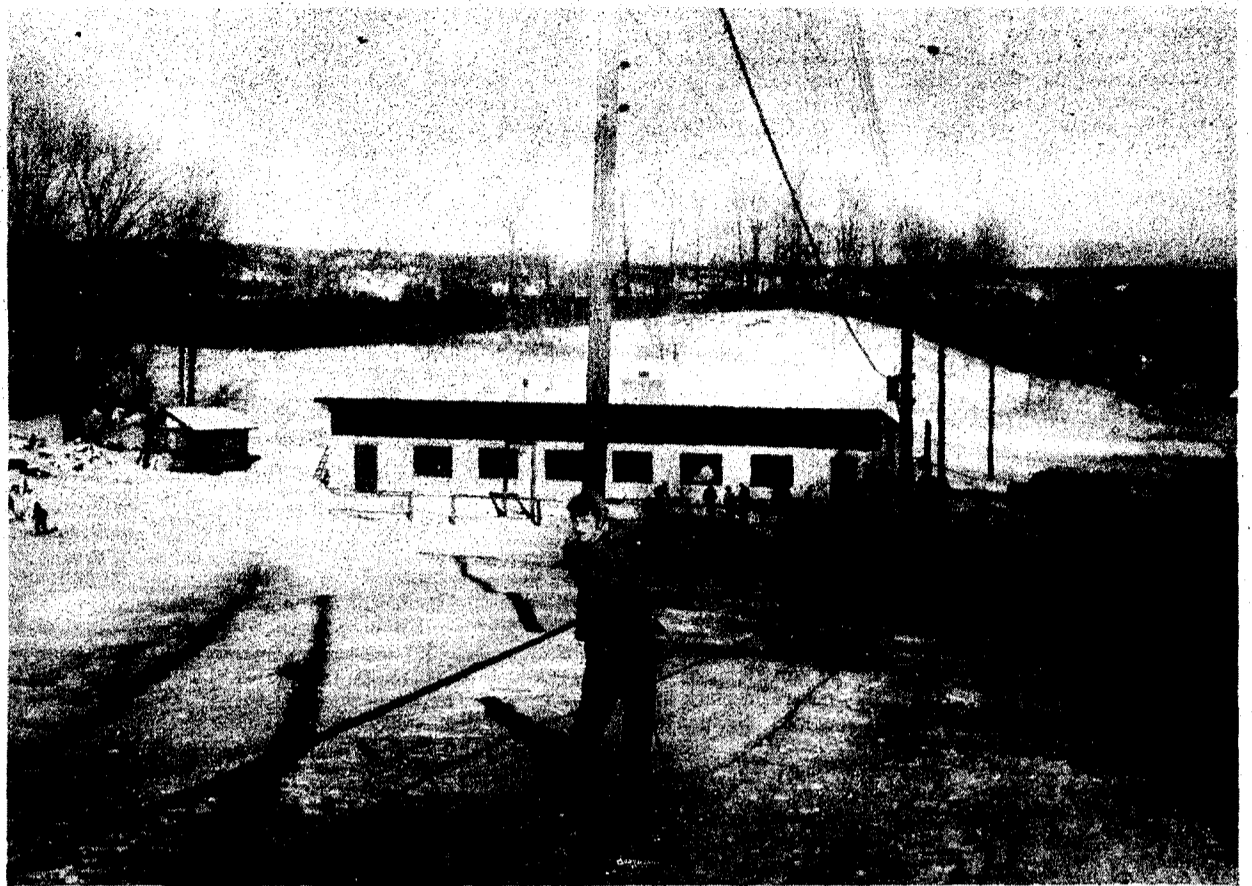
And Mr. Waldner may be called scum by the Boyne City School Board or any of its members if they choose to do so.

And I'm certain that if the school board wastes any further time on the latest Waldner piddle, the school district's tax payers will be calling both entities scum.

Me too, probably.

Gregg Smith
Former publisher and former member, Michigan Press Association Legal Committee

Remembrances



Back a few years ago, Boyne City residents could learn to ski and enjoy the slopes at Avalanche Park. This picture was taken sometime in the fifties and shows the small warming house skiers used in between runs on the slope. The city sold the ski hill to a private party who after several owners sold it to Boyne USA. They then put the land into the Conservancy holding which in turn gave it back to the city with stipulation that uphill transportation could not be installed or used.

Jottings

BY JIM SILBAR

Since it is the time of the season for turkey, quite a few missives on preparation, storing, cooking and the like are crossing my desk.

Now I will admit I am a turkey fan, I even like it between Thanksgivings, but one letter from MSU caught my attention so I had to read it all the way through.

They, along with others like myself, have wondered why the turkey has become the food of choice for our Thanksgiving Day dinner. I don't really know if the Pilgrims prepared a great big dinner with turkey or whether they just had a dinner with some other cut of meat.

But I do know from many years of observations of elementary school children, that Thanksgiving means drawing or making something in art class that can be brought home to be shown all around the family and finally posted on the refrigerator. Every one of the art pieces will probably show some sort of turkey as a background item, along with other items representing people dressed like what some would imagine Pilgrims would be dressed as, all eating and enjoying a great meal.

But maybe in reality, the great thinkers at our universities have finally brought the best reason for the use of the turkey as the basis for a good meal.

They said it is just an economical meat. And I agree after looking over the number of plates set at the family get-togethers. I would hate to think what the cost of a meal would be if all the eaters were served a steak or a live lobster, or even if it was just hamburgers.

I mean, pound for pound, you can just serve more people at a lesser cost using a turkey.

The article continued on as the reason large banquets have turkey or chicken as the main entree, is simply cost.

According to the agricultural department, another reason for such a price difference in turkey over any other kind of meat is that the researchers and farmers are seeing a continual improvement in the meat-to-bone ratio of the heavier Tom turkeys. They say you get more meat for your money.

It goes on to say that the average person in the United States eats about 19.2 pounds of turkey each year. No, not at just one meal, most turkeys sold are in that range so every person eats a whole turkey each year.

Along with the improvements in production technology, farmers have been able to reduce the cost

of raising the big birds from 35 cents per pound back in 1970 to about 15 cents a pound today.

So as you search over each and every bird in the grocers case, I am sure you were wondering why the price of turkey is what it has been over the years.

Relatively stable.

Of course I remember the big grocery wars which had turkeys from this or that chain running about 29 cents a pound as com-

pared to today at about 60 some odd cents a pound.

So for the almost 287.5 million turkeys that were raised this year, think about reflecting back to times when turkey was priced even lower. Last year they were higher than this season according to the ag people.

Just save me some white meat and gravy, and, of yes, I take a little bit of that stuffing, just a tad of the cranberries, a couple of hot

rolls, some mashed potatoes, and maby just a "sample" of that stuff over there. In between, I want some of the olives, salads, Jello fruit dishes and the like that seem to overfill the table leaving no room for those of us who want to eat.

And of course, I will be glad to make a sandwich or two the next day, but when it comes to a turkey hash, I think I will disappear to the store to buy some red meat or fish.

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Ware-withal

WITH GAIL WARE

Dressing Light Not Stuffed
Rodger Langley puts Sun Brand Major Grey's Chutney, the classic mango relish, in stuffing. Barbara Brehm flavors it with curry powder, fresh mushrooms, walnuts, dried Michigan tart cherries. Chris Connery adds cognac, and sometimes corn bread dressing mix along with the bread crumbs (Rodger mixes real corn bread with his.) Dorothy Ann Smith goes all out South with both corn bread and baking powder biscuits crumbled in country corn bread dressing, plus three eggs; Candice Covington tops that, though, puts six eggs in her Texas style corn bread favorite (that's Texas for you.)

Clearly these and the 500 other entries in The Detroit News Turkey Dressing Recipe contest prove more serious stuff still goes on in America's home kitchens than opening boxes, microwaving at most. At least real cooking happens for Thanksgiving Day, a holiday started as a meal to give thanks for, celebrate survival, and harvest sufficient to survive through the next winter, but now celebrating a groaning table with many diners similarly described all to soon.

Besides proving culinary art isn't dead, several other truths twinkle in the remarks and recipes of not only those judged the six best, but the comments of the also-rans. For instance, most stuffing recipes submitted now grace tables of at least a second generation, curry powder Barbara's and Rodger of chutney's being notable exceptions.

Barbara created her own, combining some of her favorite ingredients from various stuffing recipes she tried, liked, decided to seat together next to the turkey. Barbara naming her recipe, "Why Stuff A Turkey Stuffing", shows she doesn't put it in her bird, but says she could.

Why Rodger chooses to put chutney in his stuffing, he doesn't say. Probably he simply likes chutney, stuffing too, and figures that they and he deserve to get together.

Barbara's baking her dressing in a separate dish instead of in the traditional way brings up another point the contestants, or their recipes, revealed. Half of the top vote-getters choose to spoon their dressing into a buttered baking pan rather than in the turkeys' cavities. It turns out lighter this way says Barbara. She puts her dressing casserole in a larger pan of hot water while it bakes, which explains why she doesn't mention dryness.

The most puzzling point, though, is that except for first place winner, Deborah Ball's dressing of wild rice, rice mixture combined with a near equal amount of toasted white bread cubes, wild rice taste prevailing, these recipes call for hours of work. A whole bunch of chopping, cubing, crumbling, pre-cooking, gently folding, tossing or mixing myriad ingredients goes on. Such fussing over stuffing doesn't seem a good fit for a hurried, rushy era. But it shows here in black and white; at least 500 Michiganders do.

Robin Mather, The Detroit News food editor, suggests readers might switch from family tradition recipes to a new one after studying these commended works. Not me. It's not that I'm averse to trying new recipes; I do often, even more often make up my own. Mostly I do a form of mom's "creamed ice box", creating casseroles from leftovers I judge are just hours short of growing grey fuzz (with mixed results.)

As to mom's recipe for stuffing, I'm content with the ingredients in it. Granted, over the years, I've added more celery, as much as I've patience at the time to dice, and switched all the bread to multi-grain cubes, and add canned mushrooms to stretch it, moisten it to serve one last meal.

But since I agree with a point curry powder Barbara made, that turkey dinner is comfort food, I'll run with mom's sage and poultry seasoning for flavor, not grab Barb's pushier powder. Rodger can jolly well keep his chutney too.



Junior Girls Scout Troop 287 members enjoyed a recent trip to visit the Blackbird Museum in Harbor Springs where they learned several things about the native Americans from this area.

Girl scouts visit Blackbird Museum

The Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 287 of Boyne City recently visited the Chief Blackbird Museum in Harbor Spring.

While at the museum the girls learned many things about the Odawa people. The museum is housed in what was the home of Macketebenessy, better known to us as Andrew Jackson Blackbird. The museum is a mixture of pictures, artifacts and stories of the Wawgawnawkezee Odawa people and their lives. Wawgawnawkezee tells us the area they were from and Odawa is the name of the tribe.

They really expected the museum to be full of Chief Blackbird's history, but instead found

much. They learned about the alliance of the Odawa, Ojibwa and the Potawatomi tribes, known as the Three Fires. How the people came to the area and the influence of the white people when they arrived. Even though no one in the group was Indian they learned that they have much to thank these people for, as they helped to civilize our area and give us much of our area's history.

Troop members who participated in this rewarding experience were Rebecca Hall, Pearl Reinhardt, Shonda Sirmans, Georgia Turnbull, Leeshell Rose, Jessica Thayer, Jasmine Thayer, Justine Thayer, and their leaders Glinda Thayer and Dawn Thayer.

Cooking

WITH BEA SMITH

BREAKFASTS

For many people, breakfast is the best meal of the day, and I am one of them. I believe that I am like my kids when they did not want to take a nap; they were afraid they would miss out on something.

During the summer months we are satisfied with some fresh fruit or juice and a bowl of cereal. Now, the mornings are cold and we can rise above the ordinary. Our appetites are asking for more, especially after we have been cleaning the snow off the car or driveway.

The first thing in the morning I want my hot coffee and grapefruit, and by that time I am ready for cereal, toast or other goodies. Muffins are always a treat. This kind of breakfast inspires me to "get-a-move-on", as the old saying goes, to begin a productive day.

Most of us agree that we need fiber in our diet and these muffins are a tasty way to help our daily fiber needs. They are also a colorful addition to the holiday meals ahead.

CRANBERRY BRAN MUFFINS
1 1/4 C. sifted flour
1 T. baking powder
1/4 t. salt
2 T. sugar
1 1/2 C. fresh or frozen cranberries, coarsely chopped
1/4 C. sugar
1 C. all bran cereal
1 C. milk

1 egg beaten
3 T. vegetable oil
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In medium bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, salt and two tablespoons sugar; set aside. In medium bowl, combine cranberries and 1/4 C. sugar; blend well. Set aside. In large bowl, combine bran and milk; let stand two or three minutes or until cereal is moistened. Add egg and vegetable oil; stir in sifted dry ingredients and cranberries just until

moistened. Spoon evenly into 12 paper-lined, medium size muffin cups. Bake in oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until wooden pick inserted comes out clean. This makes 12 medium-sized muffins. As you can see this recipe is also low in fat.

Then there are these:
FRENCH TOASTED MUFFINS
Serves 6.

4 eggs
1/2 C. cream or half and half
2 T. sugar
1/2 t. vanilla extract
6 English muffins
4 T. butter
Beat together eggs, cream, sugar and vanilla. Place muffins, cut side down, in the egg mixture and soak for about one minute; turn over and dip other side to moisten. Stack muffins, cut side up, until ready to cook. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place butter in sheet pan; put in oven to melt. When butter is bubbling, place muffins, cut side down, in pan and bake for 7 minutes or until cut side is brown. Turn over and bake 3 to 5 minutes more. Serve with butter and maple syrup or powdered sugar and preserves. Left over slices can be refrigerated and reheated in a toaster oven or microwave.

You will be glad that you served these Irish eggs to family and friends some cold Sunday or Holiday morning, when no one needs to watch the clock.

IRISH EGGS
1 No. 2 can corned beef hash
1 t. salt
1/2 C. catsup
1 sm. diced onion
1/2 C. water
4 eggs
Mix all ingredients except eggs and place in a medium skillet. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Make four hollows in the surface of the hash and break an egg into each. Return the cover and simmer until the eggs are done.
Serves 2 or 3.

Keep mailbox clear for carriers

As winter approaches your mail carriers would like to remind you that, for best service, your rural mail boxes must have the snow removed in a manner that allows your carrier to drive to your mail box, make the delivery and drive away from the box.

As the post office strives for greater efficiency, it leaves less time for the carriers to run the risk

of becoming stuck in snow banks. Being stuck in deep snow and delayed can risk prompt and proper service to the remainder of his route.

We suggest, if you having a snow removal service clear your drive, make arrangements with them to clear the area to and from your mail box also.

Big Rock creates one of a kind simulator

A unique control room training simulator was dedicated in ceremonies today at the Big Rock Point nuclear plant.

The simulator, the only one of its kind in the industry, was engineered, designed and constructed by Big Rock personnel, with assistance from Real Time Technology, a consulting firm. A simulator is used to duplicate standard and emergency nuclear plant operations, to aid in the training of control room operators.

The "brains" of the simulator is a personal computer-based system, utilizing a sophisticated computer chip. The computer chip, an Intel I-860, is able to process information faster than 99 percent of the mainframe computers available today. Real Time Technology and Big Rock Point employees themselves developed the software programs for the operation of the simulator.

Utilizing in-house resources and knowledge, Consumers Power built the simulator for an approximate cost of \$2 million, far below the estimated upon market purchase price of \$15-20 million. In addition to the purchase price savings, the new simulator will allow Consumers Power and its customers to save approximately \$2.5 million over the remaining lifetime of the plant by avoiding the cost of sending operators to a simulator in Illinois for training, as had been done in the past.

"The individuals involved in this project have created a unique simulator that has not been duplicated elsewhere in the industry," said Consumers Power Company President and Chief Operating Officer Frederick W. Buckman. "The innovation of the

people involved in this accomplishment has not only saved millions of dollars, but the technology and knowledge gained from this project will continue to benefit our nuclear operations and customers in the future," said Buckman.

Nuclear plant control room operators receive a minimum of two years of on-site training before being examined for licensing by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). Once licensed, operators receive continuing requalification training and are

tested yearly to retain their licenses.

The NRC has approved the development of the simulator and is currently reviewing Consumers Power's application for its certification. The first NRC-administered examination for operators on the new simulator is scheduled for April, 1992.

Big Rock Point was the world's first high power-density boiling water reactor and an important research site for the nuclear power industry. The plant has generated electricity since 1962 and was

designated as a Nuclear Historic Site in May, 1991 by the American Nuclear Society.

Owned and operated by Consumers Power Company, Big Rock Point is capable of producing 67 megawatts of electricity, enough to serve a community of 50,000 people.

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Voc education

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supporter of the plan. He like many others in the field of education, wants to see the details before it goes to the voters.

He said the critical thing for all schools within the ISD, is the transportation costs. He says those costs would have to assumed by the ISD if they want to transport students to East Jordan or to Petoskey.

Another area of concern he said, is the number of students, or quota, each school district would be allowed to send to East Jordan or Petoskey for the programs that are available at those two schools.

Currently, he said if a class size is limited to 24 students, like an auto shop class, East Jordan has about half of the class size for their own students. Adding six from Boyne, four from Charlevoix, one or two from Boyne Falls, would fill the class, leaving no room for students from other schools within the ISD.

But even with those problems, Nakoneczny is excited about the possibilities such a program could create for students. He feels such a program is long overdue for northern Michigan and has provided important input into the writing of the plan to increase vocational

education for the students.

He said his school system is already working on developing a career based education for women, using the schools newly installed computer labs as a base.

Nakoneczny thinks that the outcome based on technological skills will be needed in the future for all school students.

As plans continue to progress towards the developing of a special Voc Ed program, the task force is continuing to meet on a regular basis to develop plans.

Among the plans will be the classes that will be offered to students. Starting with a state suggested list of 13 broad career classifications, the task force has narrowed it down to 28 occupational clusters that would be used by the schools.

The task force also determined the number of students who could become involved in the vocational education process as well, and has settled on about 650 students that would be served.

Many classes will be offered at all schools, but specialized instruction will come at the two industrial arts centers within the ISD. For example, business services and technology would be offered at all

schools, while health occupations would be at the two centers. Also at the East Jordan and Petoskey locations would be classes in agriscience and natural resource education, marketing education, hospitality and food services, transportation service and technology. Some classes in child and adult care would only be held at Petoskey.

School officials estimate the cost of providing such a program could be paid for by a 1.5 charter mill approval by residents. At this early stage of planning, it is estimated the total cost of the program would be in the area of \$4,134,413.

Included in that cost would be the renovation and additions to both the Petoskey and East Jordan schools, two way communications between all 11 schools of the ISD, and the cost of increased equipment at both central locations.

While the plan is still in the preliminary planning stages, school officials say it looks impressive if all of the details can be worked out, and if the voters approve a millage increase for the 650 students who would be served.



Members of Cub Scout Dens 3 and 5 visited the learning how wild fires are fought and looking over the Pellston Department of Natural Resources recently, equipment the department uses to fight fires.

Cub scouts learn about the weather and fires

Recently, Boyne City Cub Scouts from Dens 3 and 5 and their leader, Kathy Notestine spent the afternoon in Pellston.

Their first stop was at Pioneer Park where the Boy Scouts were holding their Fall Camporee. Here they joined the Scouts in listening to the DNR talk about fire fighting and the equipment they use. They

were given a demonstration on how some of the equipment worked. They learned that most of the fires started are usually caused by people's carelessness and that the best way to fight fires is to do their best to prevent them.

After the DNR's demonstration the boys and their drivers went to the Pellston Airport. Here they visited with Devin at the Weather Station and Bob at the Fire Department. At the Weather Station Devin explained her job and the reporting of the weather. They then launched a weather balloon and learned the reason for releasing them. At the Fire Department,

Bob showed them the truck and equipment. He explained the differences between house and plane fires and let the boys try on the special suit they wear.

From raincoats to garbage bags, boys and adults alike braved the cold rainy weather to prove the Scout motto of "Be Prepared". Everyone had a good time and learned many new things. The boys and adults that participated in this group were Craig Lundy, Scott Mariner, AJ Brong, Timothy and Wanda Burrows, Jeff and Jackie Fannin, Josh and Dawn Thayer, James, Chris and Kathy Notestine.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR RESIDENTS OF WOODLAND AVENUE AND W. MICHIGAN AVENUE CITY OF BOYNE CITY

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Boyne City Commission on Tuesday, December 10, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers to determine the following:

To determine whether or not to proceed with a \$268,000 Sewer Extension Project and establish a Special Assessment District for financing of the project, for residents along a 2,000 foot stretch from the Boyne City/Charlevoix Road, northwest along W. Michigan Avenue and ending at the City limits on Woodland Drive.

Notice of this Public Hearing will be sent by first-class mail to all property owners within the proposed District.

For further information contact the City Clerk's office during regular business hours. Phone 582-6597.

Thomas Garlock
City Clerk



Potato crop down

Michigan's 1991 fall potato crop is forecast to produce 88 million hundredweight (cwt.) a 4 percent decrease from last season. Harvested acreage at 34,000 increased 1,000 from a year ago. Yield averaged 260 cwt. per acre, down 20 cwt. from last season, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service. A wet spring gave way to a hot, dry summer. The higher than normal temperatures and low soil moisture during the growing season resulted in lower yields in non-irrigated fields.

Yield forecasts were based on grower reports and objective yield counts. Good fall weather aided harvest of the Michigan potato crop. The top for potato varieties in Michigan and their percent of all potatoes planted are: Russet Burbank with 16.1 percent, Onaway accounting for 12.9 percent, Ontario with 12.5 percent and Atlantic at 11.8 percent.

Nationally, fall production is forecast at 371 million cwt. up 5 percent from last year and 14 percent over 1989. Harvest is expected from 1.17 million acres this year, up 1 percent from last year. The average yield is forecast at 316 cwt. per acre, up 14 cwt. from a year ago. Acreage, yield, and production are each the highest recorded since the fall season records began in 1949. Total U.S. production from spring through winter seasons is estimated at 417 million cwt., up nearly 4 percent from a year ago.

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Friday: Sloppy Joes or hot dogs, baked beans or carrots, dill slices, peaches

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Charlevoix dominates Boyne in districts



Almost bending over backwards, Kris Crozier sent this shot on the way towards a basket in the game against Charlevoix. Boyne failed to get enough baskets for the win and the season ended for the girls from Boyne City.

BC girls even thru three quarters

It's all over for the Boyne City Girls Basketball Team. The end of the season was brought by the team meeting up with long time rival Charlevoix in the finals of the District Championships which Charlevoix used some strong play to outlast the Ramblers girls in the finals last Friday, 54-35.

Both teams played almost even in the first half, helped perhaps, by Boyne City's defensive efforts which closed off the inside shooting lanes for the Rayders. Boyne was behind by only a couple of baskets and a free throw at the end of the first half.

With the effort, Boyne was helped by the Rayders failing to find the basket on the long shots they attempted from the floor. Boyne did not give in to the Rayders at all during the first half.

But coming out in the second, it was all Charlevoix, as the Ramblers tried to keep up. The Rayders passed the ball off to Gina Webster and she kept pumping them in for scores. Along with Webster's efforts, Liz Grunch also

started hitting baskets, while Jodi Allison controlled the boards with rebounds.

It wasn't much of a consolation that the Rayders defensive effort kept the Ramblers to only 14 second half points as the Rayders finally pushed away from a one point lead in the third quarter.

The year long trouble of turnovers left Boyne in the lurch in the second half, as the Charlevoix girls just continued to cause Boyne mistakes.

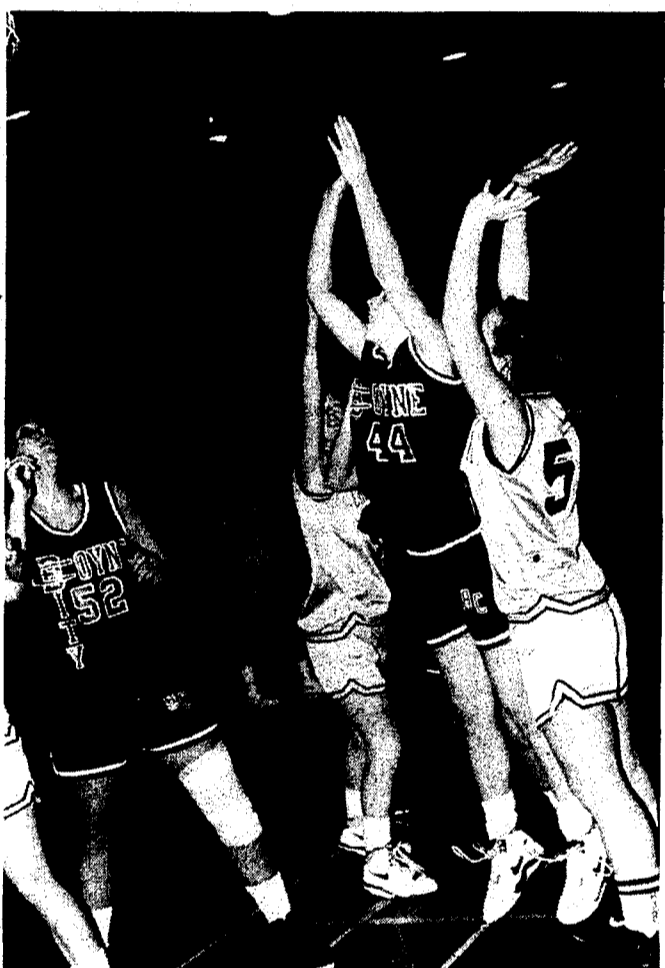
Boyne also had a hard time at the free throw line when they could only hit 3 of 18.

First year coach Karen Hubbard will get a chance to work with the team over the year as it is still a young team as they only lose two starters to graduation. She said she was proud of the way the team has played over the past few weeks and she hopes that will carry over to next season.

Taking the scoring honors in the last game for Boyne was Kris Crozier with 12 point followed by Melissa Williamson with 10 and Abby McCrumb who hit for 9.



Boyne Falls player Veronica Smith took this breakaway shot to the basket during the Class D District finals held at their own school last Wednesday. Gaylord St. Mary took control of the game early and never let up, giving the Loggers a loss to end the season.



Melissa Williamson had to drive up between two Charlevoix defenders on this shot towards the basket during the final district championships held last Friday. The effort failed as the ball rolled off the rim in the hard fought game between the two schools.

BC takes win to reach finals

It took almost the whole season for the Boyne City Rambler Girls to get their game together, and it showed in the first game of the district finals as they dominated Harbor Springs, a team that had just beaten them at the last game of the regular season.

Harbor took a short 4 point lead a minute into the game but Boyne just started to hit on all cylinders and started to romp through. Harbor kept it close in the first quarter, but Aulani Kuheana last seconds shot gave Boyne the lead it would not relinquish for the rest of the game.

They took a 25-14 lead into the lockers by the end of the first half and added to it when they came out for the second, finishing with the score 52-25.

In the process, the team defensively shut down Harbor, not allowing a score for the first 6 1/2 minutes of the third quarter.

In the meantime Abby McCrumb was just putting in baskets like she was playing for the Pistons. McCrumb ended up with 14 points for the night, followed by Melissa Williamson with 9, Kuheana with 6, Kris Crozier with 6, and Wendy LaCroix with 5.

Snowbird blizzard dooms Logger effort

After winning Monday night last week, the Boyne Falls Loggers thought they had a shot at taking the district championships Wednesday on their own home floor.

What they did not count on was the abilities of all five Gaylord St. Mary players getting into the game and wrecking havoc on Loggers with a strong defensive effort that caused turnovers and fouls.

The Loggers fell behind by 11 points by the end of the first quarter and never could catch up to the level that the Snowbirds were playing at as they went on to win 66-40.

Jeanie Lewis hit for 15 points against the Snowbirds to take the team scoring honors. She was followed by Joan Bears with 9 as the team bowed out of contention for the District win.

EJ runs into "Grunchsaw" in loss

East Jordan's Girls Basketball team ran into a roadblock by the name of Grunch as Charlevoix closed out the long basketball season for the Lady Devils last Tuesday in the District championships that were held in East Jordan.

Charlevoix's Liz Grunch hit for 27 points in the defeat of the Devils, 17 in the first half, as they Rayders dominated the game taking the win 65-40.

Almost the whole game was Grunch hitting from outside with three-pointers and the inside, beating out the defensive efforts of the Devil team.

Charlevoix led the game from the beginning and just added to it as the game progressed, taking a 10 point lead at the half.

Coming out in the second half, Danielle Looze tried to give the team some encouragement by hitting eight points but it wasn't enough as the rest of the team was too busy trying to play defense against the onslaught.

Both Looze and Dwanya White had eight baskets to end their season, with Looze taking the scoring honors with a total of 17. White had 16 points for the evening.

Bowling Scores

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Country Star	195.0	165.0
Bartlett's Exc.	191.0	169.0
L.M.I.	190.5	169.5
Raveaus Body Shop	189.0	171.0
Boyne City Motel	184.0	176.0
Boyne City Lanes	183.0	177.0
Lexamar No. 1	177.0	183.0
Lindsay Ins.	167.5	192.5
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Reg Sharkey's Northern Journal

Pie Bald Deer???

It was getting dark in a hurry. Hunting with iron sights, I figured it was time to call it quits and head for home. Leaving my blind, I eased out through a spruce plantation, stopping on the edge to look across a harvested cornfield when I noticed a patch of white on the farthest edge of the field.

About the only place any snow was left was in wooded swales where deep drifts had survived a spring like spate of weather.

Raising my binoculars, I zeroed in on that patch of white. As the object came into focus I was surprised to find what appeared to be a white or almost white deer. At least it looked that way facing me head-on. The light wasn't good enough to tell whether it was a buck or doe.

Inching forward a couple of steps, the deer stood its ground. I did this a couple of times before the deer turned tail and disappeared into a stand of red pine.

However, as it bounded away the hindquarters was of the usual whitetail colors; brownish except

for the white rump and under the tail.

So what I saw, was, or think I saw, could have been what is called pie bald, a name usually associated to animals of differing colors, mainly white and black, or white and brown, etc.

It is considered rare in deer, but not as rare as a true albino with pink or red eyes.

There is a warning to deer hunters who might possibly see a true albino with pink eyes, or an all white deer.

It is against the law to take either of the afore mentioned freaks. This silly law was instigated by Joe Mack, an U.P. State Senator from Ironwood, before he quite recently met his Waterloo at the hands of constituents who got tired of his Lansing shenanigans.

Would I take that pie bald deer if I saw it again?

I believe I would if it were a buck. The hide would be a nice addition to any public wildlife display agency.



Tammy Peck will be going to the Cambridge Pro-Am Championships in Reno, Nevada this next week after qualifying at the Boyne City Lanes for a spot to the state roll-off tournament held in Greenville last week. At that tournament she rolled a 534 actual and a 732 handicap score to win the state qualifier. The all-expense paid trip gives her a chance to win \$10,000 of a total purse of \$125,000 that will be offered if she wins in the womens category.



Advice for Christmas tree shoppers

The quest for the perfect Christmas tree begins in earnest for many shoppers right after Thanksgiving, when most cut-your-own tree farms and roadside lots open.

Tree hunters will have the best chance of finding that perfect tree if they shop early in the season, says Mel Koelling, Michigan State University Extension forestry specialist.

"The Christmas tree season has been moving earlier and earlier for the past several years," Koelling says. "Most tree farms and lots begin their heaviest selling the weekend after Thanksgiving."

Before starting the hunt, he advises shoppers first to consider what they want and need in a tree...how much space they have for a tree, where they will locate it, how heavily they plan to decorate it and how long they plan to keep it.

People who plan to put their trees up early and keep them up until after New Year's Day might consider buying long-needled trees such as Scotch pine, white pine or Fraser fir. These trees tend to retain their needles well.

If heavy decorating is expected, Koelling recommends spruce trees, which are noted for their open, layered form and stiff branches.

Spruces, firs and balsam firs make good traditional-looking Christmas trees with their layered look and medium branching density.

Koelling suggests some guidelines for shoppers to follow when selecting a tree.

The most important criterion should be freshness, Koelling says. Trees with a high moisture content retain their needles longer and pose less of a fire hazard.

Buyers can tell if a tree is fresh by examining the foliage. Needles should be soft and flexible - if doubled over, they should bend, not break, and they won't pull away easily or fall in large quantities if you thump the butt of the tree on the ground.

Another clue to moisture content is tree weight. In two trees of approximately equal size, the heavier tree should be fresher because of its higher water content.

Koelling says consumers can find fresh, beautiful trees at both roadside lots and cut-your-own tree farms; one source is not necessarily better than the other.

"It's not so important where you get a tree, but rather how you take care of it after you buy it," he says.

Koelling says that when buyers arrive home, they should immediately recut the base and keep the tree in water to prevent it from drying out. Cut about 1/4 inch off the base of the tree to remove pitch and dirt and improve water absorption.

Always keep the water level in the stand well above the bottom of the trunk to keep air bubbles from forming inside the water vessels of the tree. A seven-foot tree can absorb about a quart of water a day, and he recommends using a tree stand that holds at least a gallon of water and checking it daily.

Koelling says most special tree water additives do little to preserve the condition of the tree. Consumers are further ahead to pick a fresh tree and care for it properly than to rely on commercial additives to keep their tree fresh.

To help ensure that a tree does not become a fire hazard, place it in a draft-free area well away from heat sources such as radiators, heat vents or major appliances. If possible, keep a humidifier running in the room with the tree.

A listing of tree farm locations is available from the Michigan Christmas Tree Growers Association and the American Automobile Association. The Michigan Christmas Tree Growers Association also publishes a map showing the locations of tree farms around the state and a brief description of what each site offers. For a copy or more information, call the Michigan Christmas Tree Growers Association at 517-347-1010.

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District Court

The following cases were recently decided by Judge Harvey C. Varnum in the 90th District Court in Charlevoix:

Darren Dallas Olach, 24, Charlevoix, operating a motor vehicle without security. Fines and costs totaling \$305.

Stephan Robert Vandam, 40, Boyne City, operating a motor vehicle without security. Fines and costs totaling \$305.

Douglas James Greenman, 22, Grand Rapids, attempted resisting and obstructing a police officer. Fines and costs totaling \$385.

Thomas Michael Berry, 19, Charlevoix, operating an unregistered off road vehicle, and fleeing and eluding a police officer. Thirty days in jail, suspended, and fines and costs totaling \$365.

Dana Eugene Crandell, 30, Petoskey, larceny under \$100. Eight days in the county work program in lieu of fines and costs totaling \$205.

Meissa Sue Hand, 22, Charlevoix, impaired driving. Three days in jail with credit for one day served, two days community service work, nine months in the court

referral program, license suspended for ninety days. Fines and costs totaling \$250.

Leann Marie Upper, 30, East Jordan, operating under the influence of liquor per se, first offense. Three days in jail with credit for two days served, court referral program for one year, license suspended for 180 days with restrictions. Fines and costs totaling \$350.

Harold Gene Hoogerhyde Jr., 24, East Jordan, solicitation for sex. Thirty days in jail, and two weeks of electronic monitoring, one year in the court referral program. Fines and costs totaling \$505.

Nancy Jean Demouse, 38, Petoskey, impaired driving. Three days in jail with credit for one day served, two held in abeyance, two days community service work. License suspended for ninety days with restrictions, six months in the court referral program. Fines and costs totaling \$350.

Robert Lee Balch, Jr., 25, East Jordan, use of marijuana. Fines and costs totaling \$155.

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