

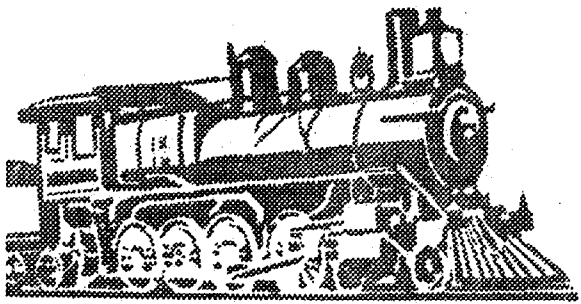
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Weather
 Winter took a brief holiday last week, causing thermometers in Antrim County to register temperatures in the 60s Friday and Saturday. However, the county is slated to experience more typical weather for the rest of this week, with highs in the upper teens and lows dropping to single digits or to low teens. With no new snow recorded last week, the count stands at 149.5 inches, and only trace amounts of precipitation are expected for the week ahead.

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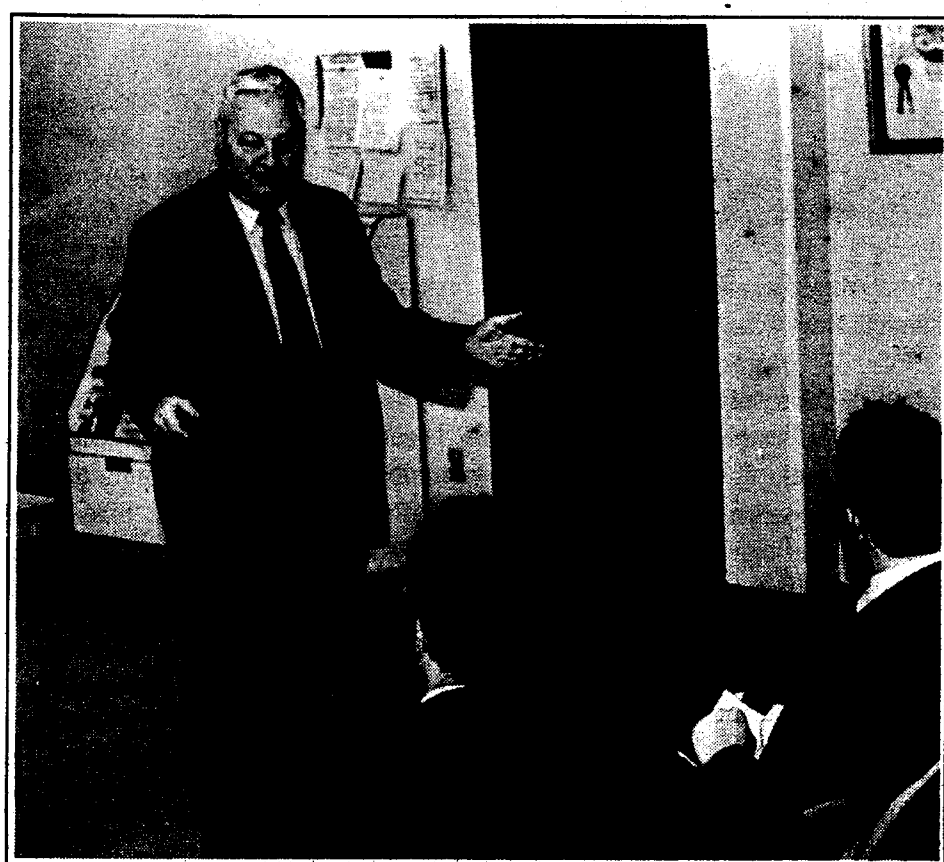


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STATE SENATOR George McManus speaks with Antrim County voters in Ellsworth on the ballot Proposal A versus the backup statutory plan.

Keep the water running!

The City of East Jordan is now requesting residents to keep water running in every building serviced by the city.

DPW Superintendent Bob Johnson explained that though the weather may be warmer, the deep frost will last well into spring.

Johnson said plastic service lines are especially susceptible to freezing and there is no way of thawing them.

"If plastic freezes, that's it till spring," he said.

The city has used plastic exten-

sively in water mains as well. So far, no main pipes have frozen.

Johnson advised that bending the float in the toilet so it remains running may be the best way to keep water moving through residential pipes at all times.

"Otherwise, someone always shuts off the tap," he said.

Water use will continue to be charged at a flat rate based on summer usage. There will be no extra charge to consumers.

Senator McManus holds area town meeting

BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS
 Torch/Journal editor

The Proposal A ballot plan versus the statutory backup plan was the main subject in a meeting with State Senator George McManus and a group of area residents Feb. 19.

The meeting, held at the Banks Township Community Building, was an opportunity for voters to get a clearer picture of the aspects of the two plans and whether to vote for or against the March 15 ballot proposal.

McManus, Republican representative for the 37th Michigan Senatorial District, discussed the ballot plan highlights and compared them to the backup plan. If the ballot fails to pass, the backup plan will immediately go into effect.

The two plans are the next step in efforts to provide school financing since the August 1993 elimination of local property taxes as a source of school operations funding, beginning with the 1994-95 fiscal year. Because the action eliminated 64 percent, or approximately \$6 billion of the \$10.2 billion total funding for schools statewide, it became necessary for the state to adopt a

new system.

In the following months, the legislature debated several proposals to restructure school financing, resulting in a reform package that offers Michigan voters the option of selecting one of two tax reform/funding plans.

The proposals would each use a combination of state and local taxes to fund the educational system, with each proposal offering funding at a similar level. However, the mixture of taxes to reach those levels would be different.

Proposal A offers a two-cent increase in state sales tax, plus a six-mill levy on homestead property, plus a reduction in state income tax from 4.6 percent to 4.4 percent. The statutory plan has no increase in sales tax, imposes a 12-mill levy on homestead property and an increase in state income tax from 4.6 percent to 6 percent. Both plans include a 24-mill tax on non-homestead property.

If Proposal A is approved, several provisions will be placed in the State Constitution: the sales tax at six percent, with the proceeds of the additional two percent dedicated to the State School Aid Fund; for 1995 and thereaf-

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE Beverly Bodem meets with constituents at the East Jordan Senior Center. Bodem addressed questions on the upcoming ballot Proposal A as compared to the statutory back-up plan.

Bodem meets residents

A morning meeting with Michigan 106th District House Representative Beverly Bodem gave East Jordan residents a chance to get some answers on pending legislation.

A number of business and community members discussed their concerns with Bodem at the East Jordan Senior Center, Feb. 18. Foremost in the discussion were questions on the March 15

ballot issue for school finance.

Bodem lead the group through an outline of the ballot proposal and the back-up statutory plan. The legislature intends to place the statute in effect if the ballot issue fails in March. Bodem explained the advantages and disadvantages, as she sees it, of each plan.

She also presented a chart for

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East Jordan students explore Native American cultures

BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS
Torch/Journal editor

East Jordan kindergarten through sixth graders are getting to know some people very close to home - Native Americans.

Through the elementary MAPEX program (music, art, phys ed and exploratory arts), the children are getting a closer look at the Native American cultures of many of their neighbors and classmates.

"Our purpose is to honor the lives of Native Americans," said exploratory arts teacher Barb Noirot.

EJ Elementary Principal Charles Hershberger agreed.

"We want to instill pride, while at the same time, being sensitive to Native American concerns about stereotypes." He emphasized that while the children will be exposed to authentic dance, music and stories, there will be no dressing up in "costumes." Such use of cultural regalia could be construed as disrespect.

Noirot explained that the four teachers of the MAPEX team have developed a unit of projects to expose the students to Native American history and present lifestyles through each area of expertise.

Phys ed teacher Jamie Smith has been teaching Native American games, such as lacrosse, while music teacher Don Neidert has the children working on traditional songs and dances.

Art teacher Paula Vollbach is teaching crafts and beadwork.

Noirot has presented lessons on how climate and geography affected the development of the different cultures' housing, clothing, available food and materials. She also had the children explore where Indian names came from and showed that all Indians did not live in teepees.

"Our main focus is that there wasn't just a group called Indians, but many nations whose cultures have as much variety as their names and lifestyles," Noirot said.

The children experienced a special presentation of Native American traditions, especially that of the Ojibway, or Chippewa peoples of the East Jordan area. East Jordan resident Arvita Walczak brought regalia and many types of native American furnishings to share, along with Sharon Calloway and dancers Misty Calloway and Misty Leaman.

Walczak is an "honorary" Native American, having been adopted into the culture when she and her late husband Robert donated five acres of their East Jor-



CULTURAL ADOPTEE Arvita Walczak shows one of the many beautiful and symbolic furnishings in her collection of Native American memorabilia.

dan property to the Anishinabe Inter-tribal Council. The council uses the land for their annual Day of the Eagle Pow-wow in June.

Walczak spoke to the children of the symbolism and spiritualism of the native peoples, telling the story of the dream-catcher and medicine wheel.

The two young dancers are both EJ students and eager to share their heritage and culture with classmates. Calloway is a sixth grader and Leaman is in fifth.

After demonstrating a simple two-step, the girls lead the rest of the children in a circle dance. The students enthusiastically fell in step to the rhythm of the taped drum music.

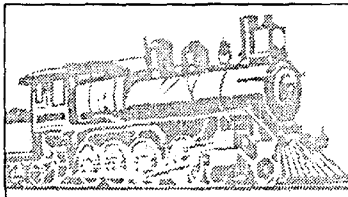
The MAPEX team works together all year long, enhancing each others' lessons, developing the students' understanding of other people, places and times. Noirot said communication is the key to success, for the MAPEX team and the children they work with.



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CALENDAR

EJ hosts cheering competition

East Jordan High School will host a regional cheerleading competition Sat., Mar. 5.

The all day competition is sponsored by the Michigan Cheerleading Coaches Association and features Class A-D cheerleading performances.

Class C competition is scheduled for 10 a.m., with the EJHS squad performing first. Class A is scheduled for 11:15, B at 2:15 and D at 1:00.



This has been a week for letters from friends in far away places. We heard from **Jean Alexander** in Richmond, Ind. She sent a copy of a nice article in the *Indianapolis News* which featured activities in the northwest Michigan, including East Jordan. Snowmobiling in the EJ area was the prominent theme and **Big Meadow Equipment** even got a mention! Many thanks to Jean, who owns a cottage on Six Mile Lake.

Good news came to us from **Dorothy Cummings**, wintering in Lakeland, Fla. She wrote to let us know that husband **Herb** was doing even better than was recently reported in Jo's News. Herb is at home, doing very well. Dorothy reports he gets out for daily rides and occasional dinners. They plan to return to Central Lake in May.

Dorothy also took the opportunity to let us know they were glad to be missing the tough winter. Well, the snow's gone down quite a bit, Dorothy, at least for the time being.

Finally, we heard from our favorite European traveler, former *Torch* Journal editor **Lynn Geiger**. She was heading for Spain on an extended trip which will include a stop in England. Although we are green with envy, we wish her all the best in her wonderful adventure and expect to get lots of postcards from exotic places. Bon voyage, Lynn!

Freedom from smoking classes set

Successfully quitting smoking and having fun in the process is the goal of the "Freedom from Smoking" program which is sponsored by Charlevoix Area Hospital and the American Lung Association. Weekly sessions held at 7 p.m. in the new meeting room will run from Tues., March 1-April 12 with two sessions during "quit week" on March 22 and 24.

Cheryl Jacobs, respiratory therapist and program leader, says, "The program really works because we don't quit 'cold turkey' the first night, and people find the support they need in the group to make breaking the habit permanent." The first session is an orientation meeting when the program outline will be explained. "Quit night" will be March 22.

Pre-registration is required. A minimum of 12 registrations must be received in order to hold the class. Cost for the program is \$65. For further information, or registration, call Charlevoix Area Hospital at 547-4024.

CL PTA to discuss school tax reform

The Central Lake PTA will hold a forum for discussion on the upcoming school tax reform vote. Guests will be District Superintendent Lary Blamer and Central Lake Township Treasurer Cheryl Shooks.

Parents are encouraged to bring their questions on this issue. The meeting will be Thurs., Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Central Lake Elementary gym.

It's time for the Fiddler's Jamboree

Bring your fiddle or other non-electrified musical instruments and join in the Michigan Fiddler's Association annual jamboree!

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Organizer Gary Stutzman said that some 40-50 fiddlers of all ages are expected at the afternoon show and evening dance. Suzuki violin teacher Krista Knight's students will be featured during the afternoon performances.

The event will be held Sat., Mar. 5 at the East Jordan Civic Center. The jamboree is scheduled from 1-5 p.m. with old-fashioned square dancing from 7-10 p.m. Callers are welcome.

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Come now and let us reason together saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. KJV Isaiah 1:18

We here in northern Michigan are divided into two distinct camps. No not the haves and have nots, but those who love snow and those who do not! The largest group is the snow lovers, whether natives, or snowmobilers and skiers who exuberantly converge on us because it is fun for all, especially winter festivals including ice fishing. The small minority just tolerate the snow and spend the bulk of their leisure reading seed catalogs and planning gardens and summer activities (especially water). Now the snowbirds hie themselves to warmer climes and return having missed the north country and its winter hazards, but also the fun.

Winter is not all play and so we take the good with the bad and we all know our economy in northern Michigan depends on tourism and we are blessed with four seasons showcasing God's handiwork. Are we ever blessed, do you not agree?

In songs, and poems, snow is described as a Marshmallow World, etc. Looks like a veritable wonderland with its quiet, beautiful scenery. I stand in awe of the heavy wet snow that clings to the pine trees, especially, so that our bird friends have protection from the elements.

The forests are asleep marking time until spring awakening. They must have sleep so that the flora and fauna can function without much sustenance until spring when climate and sunshine and rain brings all the beautiful wildflowers and plants to lie and all the animals have food and shelter as they rear their young.

Think on this:

The pristine snow covers all the ugliness and the scars upon the landscape, even garbage can lids and compost heaps look beautiful covered with the snow. So silent, so beautiful but did you know snow is not purely white? See, each snowflake has a speck of dust as its center and the lacy pattern of ice forms around this speck of dust to become a unique, one of a kind snowflake.

That illustration is true of each of us, for the core of our being is considered the heart and our hearts are "black with sin." We all need spiritual cleansing so

that in God's sight we become "whiter than snow." Like the snowflake with the speck of dust, God provides the covering for our dark hearts and thoughts and the end result is we are covered by God's righteousness. We are spiritually transformed into another being that is whiter than snow through Christ's eyes and it is easy to accept Christ's free gift. God's blood shed on the cross of Calvary is full payment for each of our sins. We are purified through

the shedding of His blood and through the application of "The water of the Word" we are to be baptized - wholly submerged into water signifying we are dead to sin and are resurrected to life. Again, we become cleansed so that in God's sight we are "whiter than snow."

By Anne F. Messerschmidt
Anne Messerschmidt is a 72-year-old "joyous Christian." Readers can expect to see more of her writings in future issues.



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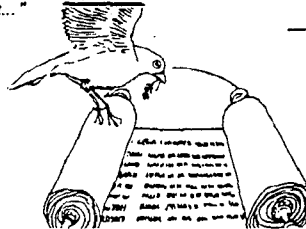
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School superintendents speak out

IN JUNE THE state legislature and Governor Engler proudly announced that school operating property taxes had been eliminated. They said that schools were out of the millage business. It was a tune that carried through the fall and into the winter. If not property taxes, then "how to" fund schools? The debate raged. Plans were discussed, developed, overhauled, debated, modified, thrown out, re-written.

Finally on Christmas Eve after a marathon, two day session they came up with a plan. In fact two plans. A ballot plan or constitutional amendment that would raise sales tax by 2 cents on a dollar and a fallback or statutory plan that would hike income taxes should the ballot fail.

During the debate, however, legislators found out that they had made a serious error in their early calculations and said that they could no longer hold true to their promise to eliminate school property taxes. A school property tax would have to be included in the plan, but at a rate much lower than previously existed. The idea of eliminating school property taxes was tossed out before it even went into effect. But according to legislatures schools were still out of the millage business.

The legislature had forgotten something else in their calculations though. They had forgotten the Headlee Amendment. "Headlee" is a constitutional amendment that, among other things, limits the total amount of money that the state can raise through all taxes. Because of the Headlee Amendment the legislature can't just levy any amount of millage for schools. They levy has to be approved by the voters in each local school district.

Now because of the legislature's second miscalculation, schools are *not* out of the millage business. In fact, regardless of which way the March 15 sales tax vote goes, schools will need local voter approval of between 12 and 18 mills to provide the minimum per-pupil dollar amount promised in either plan. Without voter approval at the local level the Ellsworth and Central Lake school's combined will lose up to an estimated \$2 million dollars per year.

On the bright side is that even though local and state property tax is a major component of each legislative plan, the millage rates are considerably lower than in the past.

School leaders are not happy to have been put into

this position. We were disappointed when the legislature was unable to keep its promise of eliminating school property taxes and we were disappointed when they were unable to keep their promise of taking schools out of the millage business. We were looking forward to being able to devote all of our energies to educating children.

We are sure that most citizens share our disappointment. We want the residents of Ellsworth and Central Lake to know that voting on future school millages is not our school's choice nor desire. Because of the legislature's new plans however, local millage elections will be a necessity if we are to continue to provide the schools our kids deserve and our communities have worked so hard to establish, maintain and expect.

*Richard Diebold
Ellsworth Superintendent
C. Lary Blamer
Central Lake Superintendent*

To the citizens of Central Lake

IT SEEMS TO me that we in Central Lake Township have gotten along reasonably well without an anti-blight ordinance or zoning law. We are being given the opportunity to voice our opinion at the open meeting. Whenever you are asked to vote or make a decision on a new law or ordinance ask yourself who will it benefit? The majority of the people or a small influential minority? Who has an ax to grind? How fairly will it be enforced or administered? How much more will it increase the growth of government? What will it cost the taxpayers? Where did you get your information? Was it from the party paper promoting the party line?

The best allies of a free and independent people are a free press and an inquiring mind. Make your wishes known, remember government is the servant of the people not the reverse.

See you at the meeting February 23rd - 7:30 p.m.
Eugene Dawson

Ellsworth students on honor roll

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Grade 10
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Grade 9
Cory Hoeksema, Megan Boss, Andrea Strange, Amanda Warner, Carl Vanniman.

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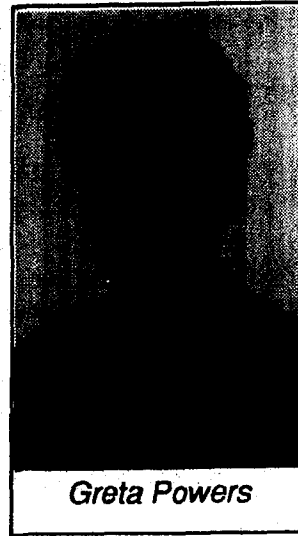
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Greta Powers, our Interesting Neighbor

By Priscilla Arcure



Greta Powers

"My mother knows a song for everything," one of Greta's five children remarked in an attempt to explain to a friend why his mother had suddenly started to sing.

Music has always been a part of Greta's life and, "I just love to sing!" she admits. Over the years she has acquired a collection of songs and ditties that she can recall, depending on the occasion, so she can easily succumb to the urge to sing and add to the moment for her children.

It was music that brought her from her Vermont home to Hart, Michigan where she met her future husband, Rick Powers. Upon receiving her degree in Music Education at Dennison she obtained a teaching position in Hart's school system. She taught while Rick studied in undergraduate school and subsequently earned his graduate degree in Pharmacology.

They had started their family and purchased Central Lake's historical pharmacy in 1976. Their oldest daughters, Erica and Kara are in college leaving Rick, Elizabeth and Rachel still at home. Kara was married last summer even though Greta doesn't look old enough to be the "mother of the bride." Both daughters are considering careers in education.

They sold the pharmacy in 1992. Before that, while helping out, Greta carried a few lines of Christian books in a corner of the drug store and she saw that there was an interest in them. In 1989 she opened Noah's Ark on Central Lake's main corner and it has turned out to be a popular source of Christian books and gifts.

Many of Greta's hours are spent managing the store.

Having three children still at home, although perhaps easier than five, is a responsibility that Greta and Rick possibly take a bit more seriously than the average parents. Although their seventh grader Rachel chooses to attend public schools, Rick and Elizabeth are being home-schooled.

They use an established home school program. They chose the Alpha Omega System, one of a number of systems available. The system is working well and both students are satisfied with their new regime. Even though it requires extra self discipline and preparation on the part of the parents as well as the students, Greta feels they are able to offer individual attention and hands-on experiences for them.

There is a specified plan of study and, although not to simplify the process, Greta gave an interesting example of one way it might work. She mentioned, "A trip to the grocery store can be a math lesson if explanations are included." Weights and measures are involved as well as percentages, fractions, estimating and addition. Parents, the teachers, have to be constantly alerted to learning situations and elaborate on them.

Even as we spoke, government and television networks were meeting to discuss what they could do about the violence on television. The Powers faced that decision about five years ago when they disconnected their only set. They own a little getaway cottage on Six Mile Lake and they noticed how much the children

enjoyed it there even though there was no television. "If they don't miss it there, why do we have it at home?" Rick asked and shortly after it was disconnected. Now reading, listening to music, studying, family conversations and projects have taken its place.

Greta has shared her musical talents with the community in working with various church choirs and offering private piano lessons. Currently she is director of the Bell Tower Choir and after working with LeRoy Caddy for a few season, she has taken over in his absence and is in charge of the Christmas Cantata.

She would love to see the organization of an Easter and Christmas Cantata involving churches of Ellsworth,

Central Lake, and other nearby area churches. She feels that if the athletic teams can combine and co-operate it should be possible for the singers of the respective churches. She cites logistic problems such as where rehearsals might be held, where concerts would be held and such, but Greta feels these details could be worked out with planned schedules and she dreams of the day it will come about.

Throughout our conversation she reverted back to the idea of how she wished the family unit in general, could be strengthened. We talked about the importance and value of sitting down at the table and having a meal with other family members.

Conversations like

Grads on dean's list



Grand Valley State University in Allendale recently announced the fall semester Dean's list.

To qualify, a full-time student must maintain a 3.5 or higher grade point average.


Michael K. Aenis and Kimberly J. Velding were area students named to the list. Aenis is the son of Dennis and Jerolyn Aenis of Central Lake. Velding is the daughter of Mike and Sharon Velding of Eastport.

those are priceless and, in many family situations, are non-existent.

Greta and Rick Powers are doing what they can to improve the quality of life for their family, and, all things considered, if Mom continues to always have a "song for everything," what more could a family ask?

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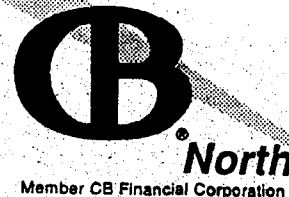
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Lancers find chink in Trojan armor and score

BY S.F. PUCKETT
Sports Writer

Playing a concise, calm basketball strategy, Ellsworth waited patiently for Central Lake to evaporate its own chances, and in the third quarter, a cloud of missed opportunities arose, taking victory away from the Trojans.

Central Lake scored early to take an 11-3 lead, four of that from Chris Eldrington and five by Damian Lockhart.

Ellsworth countered with Jeremy Peterson, plus some help from Tim Koivisto, to cut that lead to just 14-11 after the period ended.

Shane Chellis and Peterson quickly drove in a pair of three-pointers to switch the lead to Ellsworth, 17-14. Koivisto and Pat Zeitler added scores for a blossoming 23-18 lead that reached 29-22 with half the game gone.

When the third period buzzed over, Ellsworth had ridden the offense to a 22-4 quarter and a 51-26 lead, coasting home to the win 56-45.

Jeremy Peterson led the Ellsworth bunch with 28 points.

Central Lake picked up 10 from David Henry, nine by Chris Eldrington, and eight by Damian Lockhart.

Ellsworth won the JV game as well, 62-50, despite allowing Trojan John Trojanek 24 points, Brad Klooster nine and Nate Murray five.

Ellsworth countered with 18 from Carl Vanniman and Dom Brock, 10 from Steve Osborn, and eight each from Ross Alward and Kevin Bolser.

Trojans lose to Pellston in hard-fought game

BY S.F. PUCKETT
Sports Writer

The Trojan basketball team recovered from a dismal showing at Ellsworth with a strong attack on Pellston at home Friday, taking the lead on the Ski Valley power 17-12 after a period and trailing by a trey at the break, 39-36.

Pellston put on a run in the third to lead 59-46, but

Central Lake came within 10 early in the fourth before the roof fell in and Jason Quant finished his wild night for the Hornets with five treys and 44 total points, leading Pellston to a 79-62 victory.

Stuart Hickman lead Trojan teammates with 14 points, David Henry with 13, Chad Pletcher had 11 and Cain Derenzy 10. Henry racked up 13 rebounds as well.

Central Lake was edged out in JV action 65-62.

The Trojans went to Johannesburg-Lewiston Tuesday and return home to face Inland Lakes Friday evening.

Lady Trojans recover from losses

BY S.F. PUCKETT
Sports Writer

The Lady Trojan volleyball team faced a pair of difficult foes last week.

Charlevoix, fresh off its league tournament championship, had a difficult time handling the Trojan ladies, entertaining the crowd with close battles that were won, 11-15, 9-15, 8-15 over the Trojan squad.

Andrea Majcher, Elissa Wagner and Brooke Oliver all participated in the Red Rayer visit for the Trojans.

Thursday's match with conference foe HarborLight was disappointing for coach Mike Velding and his team, which had a poor showing and fell 6-15, 4-15, 6-15. "We made them look like All-Staters," he said.

Determined to right the course of events in a more positive direction, Velding will have made significant changes to the lineup for this week, trying to spring surprises on Monday's foe, East Jordan, and Thursday with Harbor Springs when each comes to town.

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Ellsworth has double win

BY S.F. PUCKETT
Sports Writer

Recovering a game wiped out by the snows of '94, Ellsworth played two basketball games against Wolverine Wednesday and Friday.

Ellsworth took the Wednesday match at home 64-51 behind 22 from Jeremy Peterson, then went to Wolverine and

scored a 70-58 victory with Peterson scoring 24.

In both contests, the Lancers bolted out to 30 point leads, then substituted freely to the end of the games.

Ellsworth hit the road Tuesday, venturing around the peninsula for a game at Leland. Friday, Mackinaw City comes to town for Northern Lakes action.

I LOVED THIS BOOK

Obstacle Course
By J.F. Freedman

This is a colorful, profane story of 15 year old Roy Poole, growing up in Maryland in 1957.

His father is an alcoholic womanizer and wife-beater. His mother, a victim of her life can't handle Roy or his sister. Ninth-grader Roy and his buddies are petty thieves, trouble-makers, underachievers in school and thinking about girls all the time.

Roy is also intelligent with talent and a dream to attend Annapolis. Fate offers Roy a chance to succeed but can he escape his background and lifestyle?

This is more than just another coming-of-age story, it is also everyone's story of the path not taken, the opportunity used or missed, the choice that changed a life.

The *Obstacle Course* is on the leased book shelf at the Central Lake Township Library.

By Barb Faas



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Snowmobile safety class

Big Meadow Equipment on M-66 played host to a DNR snowmobile safety course Jan. 8. Area students looked over snowmobiles, took single and double rides in the neighboring field and heard tips on general maintenance from Big Meadow mechanic Tom Ernst. The class was lead by DNR officers John Crane and Mike Borkovich. Jeanette Norton, Big Meadow office manager Camille Yarbrough and owner Keith Bulmann joined the group for a photograph.

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"There are a lot of bow-holders, but nothing like this," said Oliver. He said other holders require too much buckling or hooking and the bow must still be supported by hand. With his invention, the leg and the device provide all the support needed.

Oliver, who also runs Northern Screenprinting on Clark Rd. is selling his invention at a cost of \$20. The bowholder is manufactured by another of Oliver's enterprises, Sport Shield Manufacturing, Inc.

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CENTRAL LAKE INVENTOR
John Oliver demonstrates the bowholder he devised so his hands would be free. Oliver is manufacturing and selling the device for \$20.

Jordan Valley Pharmacy offers health, travel service

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The travel center on the kiosk is hooked directly to Thomas Cook Travel in Florida. There are a variety of ways the network may be used: pre-set destination packages, development of a package, plane or hotel reservations, and home use of the travel services.

Print-outs are also available on the travel service, as well as photos of hotels, cruise ships and travel destinations.

How do these two areas connect? The

network will give health information on the traveler's destination; whether inoculations are necessary, if any health risks are present, medications that may be difficult to obtain, etc.

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Jo's News

by Jo Somerville - 544-6347

☺ Arlene and Gus Brinkman was honored guests at a dinner party honoring their wedding anniversary by their families at the Lamplight Inn recently. Their daughters Kathy and Tom Youmans, Karen and Jan Veliquette. Denny and Diane Youngedyke and Ken Youngedyke. One night this week they had special company. Baby Justin Veliquette was an overnight guest.

☺ Ed and Barbara Bradford of Bellaire visited their friends Mary and Allan McKay Sunday to wish her a happy birthday, Mon., Feb. 14.

☺ Beulah Daubemeyer and daughter Joanne Rhodes of Ferndale left Monday on a vacation trip to Carolina to visit relatives. If the weather cooperates, they will go on to Florida to visit with other relatives and friends.

☺ Mary (McKay) Oliver and daughter Linda, of Cheboygan enjoyed tea and a visit Friday afternoon with their brother Allan and Mary McKay.

☺ Sharon Matthews of Traverse City returned after spending a few months in Florida visiting her parents Wannetta and Carroll James and other friends. A former school mate Sonja (Springstead) Mongar from Grand Rapids flew down and accompanied her back to Michigan.

☺ Lodema Springstead and Jo Somerville visited Mary and Allan McKay last Sunday afternoon to wish Mary a "Happy Birthday." Her son Bill and Vicky McKay came bringing their dinner and a birthday cake and a pretty handmade jewelry box. The special day cheered them as they recuperate from their winter illnesses.

Correction:

Pearl Martindale is a patient in Tender Care in Traverse City, since her fall breaking her ankle. She is not in Meadow Brook as reported in last week's column of the Torch. Hopefully she will soon get a bed at Meadow Brook.

☺ Minni Davis enjoyed a luncheon Sun., Jan. 30 after church at Calico Inn with granddaughter Linda Denny and other friends from the Congregational Church. Friends Elaine and Bud Coulter of Elk Rapids, drove her.

☺ Mrs. Bertha Knowles from Meadow Brook enjoyed dinner Wednesday evening with daughter Arlene and Gus Brinkman. Later she attended the band recital held at the school gym and enjoyed seeing the new band uniforms and watching her great-grandchildren taking part in the program.

☺ Jo Somerville was guest of honor Saturday evening for her birthday on Feb. 14, of daughter Maureen and Dave Patton, grandson Brent and Debbie Patton and great-granddaughter Erika. On Monday she was feted at Shanty Creek with a luncheon by her daughters Barbara McDowell, granddaughter Donna McDowell and daughter Maureen Patton. It was so pretty watching all the colorful skiers and ice skaters. They had birthday cakes at both dinner parties.

☺ The February birthday dinner for seniors was held Thurs., Feb. 17 at the Governmental Center. Five seniors enjoyed the delicious turkey dinner with cake and ice cream. The group sang "Happy Birthday" to John Kohlruess, Vic Brewington, Harold Lindenbaum, Lodema Springstead and Jo Somerville. They were presented cards from the VFW Auxiliary Ladies with \$2 in each and a card with \$1 in from the Senior Club. All the visiting was really enjoyed.

☺ Many parents, grandparents and friends were at the high school gym Wednesday evening to see the band members in their new uniforms and to hear the bands play their selections for Spring Festivals, coming up soon. It was enjoyed by a large crowd.

☺ Milford Dingman returned to his home Tuesday after spending time at Munson Hospital following surgery. Dora James also returned to her home on Thursday. We wish both a speedy recovery. Spring is on its way.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHANGE OF REGULAR MEETING DATE TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The March meeting of the Torch Lake Township Planning Commission has been changed from March 15 to March 22 at the Township Hall in Eastport. It will be preceded by a Public Hearing to be held at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed Revised Comprehensive Development Plan. A copy of the Plan is available in the Township Hall for review by the public.

John Berst, Chairman

c/19-27-21c

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the Torch Lake Township Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Hall in Eastport.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hear appeal No. 94-2 submitted by James and Patsy Adams requesting a variance to retain two residential dwellings on their property located in a single residence zone (R1). Their property is located at 1748 Moulton Road in Section 30, T31N, R8W of Torch Lake Township.

Owen Manchester
Chairman, ZBA

c/19-27-11c

CENTRAL LAKE VILLAGE

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The regular meeting of the Council, Monday, February 14, 1994 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Pres. Seifried. Present: Seifried, Pletcher, Young, Guild, Harry Smith, Don Smith, Kemnitzer, Tharp, Lessard, Donaldson. Also present: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Lisk, Jack DeMorrow, Jeffrey Miller and Jeff Hallberg from Antrim County News.

Minutes of the January 10, 1994 meeting were read and approved with a correction in attendance, adding Tharp and Lessard.

The Lisks inquired about the possibility of closing a short piece of an alley. Pres. Seifried said he would check the necessary procedures and report back to them on it.

Mr. DeMorrow asked to have some evergreen trees removed on Village right-of-way, in front of his property. Pres. Seifried told him the matter would be taken care of as soon as possible.

Also discussed was Hazardous Spills Cleanup and spring Clean-up by Northern A-1 Services with more to follow up to be done.

Harry Smith briefed the Council on the meeting he attended with C-Tec Cable and renewal of the Village contract. He felt the Public Access Channel would be very beneficial to our community. There will be more on this at a later date.

There was a discussion on the 1994-95 Budget and Revenue Sharing. A motion made by Guild supported by Pletcher, to accept the approved Budget. Motion carried.

A motion made by Pletcher, supported by Don Smith, to amend the present Budget by increasing Tax Revenue by \$11,000 in the General Fund and making transfers from the General Fund Account, \$5,000 to Village Property, \$6,000 to Local Streets, and \$6,500 from Sewer Reserve to Sewer Repair & Maintenance, Insurance and Contracted Services Accounts. Motion carried.

There was a discussion regarding wage increases for village employees. A motion made by Pletcher, supported by Don Smith to accept the wage scheduled increase. Motion carried.

A motion made by Young, supported by Harry Smith, to pay the bills in the amount of \$15,335.30. Motion carried.

Mr. Donaldson briefed the Council on various projects being worked on in the village, water testing for lead and copper, also work being done to qualify for grant money.


A motion made by Guild, supported by Pletcher, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 17, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. in the Governmental Center.

Ann Lessard, Village Clerk

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CENTRAL LAKE TOWNSHIP

SYNOPSIS OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING Thursday, February 10, 1994

Supervisor Vernon called to order the special board meeting at 12:35 p.m. on February 10, 1994, at the Government Center.

The Pledge of allegiance to the Flag was given. Board members present: Gadwau, Goltz, Murray, Shooks and Vernon.

There were no agenda additions. Motion by Gadwau supported by Shooks to adopt the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

Supervisor Vernon recessed the special board meeting for a budget workshop session, to meet as a "Committee of the Whole." Supervisor Vernon reconvened the special board meeting.

Motion by Murray supported by Gadwau to adopt the compensation Resolution for township board salary for the 1994-1995 Fiscal year.

Clerk and Treasurer	\$7,200	per year.
Supervisor	\$7,000	per year
Trustees	\$ 55	per meeting, plus \$1000 per year for additional duties performed.

Motion carried.

There was no public comment. Motion by Gadwau supported by Murray to adjourn the special meeting of the Central Lake Township board at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried.

G. Kirby/Deputy Clerk

c9-11c

Photos by Cyndi Husted

Turkeys on the move

One of the members of this large flock of turkeys, through some mysterious source of inspiration, decided to take wing. Turkeys in flight...now there's something you don't see very often!



McManus holds town meeting

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ter, annual assessment increases on any parcel will be limited to five percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower; the approval of three-quarters of the members serving in the Senate and House will be required to increase the six mills levied for school operating purposes.

"My personal bias is that the ballot plan is most suitable to Michigan, especially northern Michigan," said McManus. His view is that while Michigan income tax is already the third highest in the nation (only New Jersey and New Hampshire are taxed at a higher rate,) the state sales tax is below the national

average of six percent.

McManus asserts that sales tax would divide the burden more effectively than income tax. State and federal government retirees, including teachers and postal workers, who presently pay no income tax on their pensions, as well as out-of-state visitors would be sharing the costs of supporting schools.

Other taxes included in both plans are: a real estate transfer increase from \$1.10 per \$1,000 to \$1.85 per \$1,000 in both plans; an increase on cigarettes from 25 cents to 40 cents per pack in the statutory plan and 75 cents per pack in the ballot plan. Both plans include a new tax on non-cigarette tobacco products at 16 percent of wholesale price.

"I fully expect the tobacco industry to lobby against the ballot plan," said McManus. "You'll see a group called Citizens for Fair Taxation or some such and they will be financed in a \$2 million campaign by the tobacco industry."

Another tax changed by the statutory version will be the single business tax. It will increase from 2.35 percent to 2.75 percent. Under the ballot plan, the rate would remain at 2.35. Interstate telephone calls would also be subject to increase in taxes, but only under the ballot plan. Calls will be taxed at six percent instead of the present four percent. WATS and 800 lines would be exempt.

McManus believes there is a better chance of passing Proposal A March 15 in the three southern urban counties that defeated Proposal A in June 1993.

"There are more aspects that are attractive downstate than the other proposal had, including lower property and income taxes," McManus said.

According to McManus, the actual impact on individual taxpayers will depend on a combination of income levels, purchasing decisions, property values and other factors.

"Every person will have to weigh those factors in their decision," McManus concluded.



Patrick Muma, Jr.


EJ grad stationed at Lowry in Denver

Air Force Airman Patrick G. Muma, Jr., son of Patrick and Judith Muma of East Jordan graduated from Air Force Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is presently stationed at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, where he is studying electronics. Muma is a 1990 graduate of East Jordan High School.

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Bodem visits

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personnal planning to ascertain the individual effect of the plans.

Bodem, a republican, supports the ballot issue. She indicated that she believes a sales tax increase from four to six percent with a state income tax decrease of 0.2 percent as proposed in the ballot plan is better than the 1.4 percent increase in income tax the statute will put in effect.

"You can control your purchases, but the legislature controls the income tax. They can raise it tomorrow if they want," said Bodem. "Senior citizens and those with low income make their biggest purchases in food and medication, which aren't taxed."

There are some aspects of the ballot plan Bodem doesn't agree with, particularly including a tobacco tax and introduction of a Keno game.

"These are not stable sources of funding for schools," she said.

She also expressed disappointment that property taxes are still a part of the school finance package.

"We voted to eliminate property taxes for school funding. Many people are on the verge of losing their homes, particularly senior citizens. Young people can't afford to buy their first home - we have to get away from reliance on property tax," Bodem emphasized.

While Bodem called both plans imperfect, she emphasized that it was a good beginning.

"The plans are better than what we have now."

B and E suspect arrested

The East Jordan Police Department reported that shortly after 12 a.m. on Feb. 17, an East Jordan resident was arrested for breaking and entering at East Jordan Auto Parts.

EJ Auto Parts reported merchandise estimated at approximately \$200 taken in the early morning break-in which occurred Jan. 15, 1994.

The suspect remains lodged at the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department.

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