

City lucks out of possible bad situation

BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS
Journal Editor

A view of the effects of Murphy's Law, and how damage can be repaired by hard work and good luck are the lessons of a pending City of East Jordan transaction. The story began when a city-owned house was sold, but because of a serious problem,

the buyers were nearly lost.

The city obtained the house, at 301 Bridge St., from the state in 1994 because owners Frank and Barbara Barror did not pay outstanding property taxes. After several months of discussions and inspections, the city commission decided at the beginning of August to list it with Charlevoix Properties

Although the house is in poor condition, the city received a contract from Todd and Jeanine Blatt, who planned to relocate from downstate and renovate the property. The Blatts offered the full sale price of \$28,500 cash to the city.

The offer was reviewed and readily accepted by the city commission at the Aug. 15 meeting.

Suddenly, it seemed everything that could go wrong did go wrong. The commission learned Sept. 5 that the property was not actually the city's to sell. Gary Strange of Charlevoix Properties reported the title search revealed two encumbrances on the property — an old mortgage through a Cincinnati, Ohio bank, and a recorded deed owned by Frank and Barbara Barror.

Strange said he felt the mortgage could be easily discharged, but the interest of the Barrors may be more difficult to remove.

"There are two options," said Strange. "Entice them into signing over the deed to the city, or go through the courts to obtain a quiet deed."

Unfortunately, said Strange, the quiet deed process could take up to six months and the purchasers were not prepared to wait.

Additionally, the deed holders were not expected to cooperate. Frank Barror was known to be living in Cadillac, but the whereabouts of Barbara were unknown at the time of the commission meeting. In any case, the loss of the property through tax reversion could not be expected to motivate cooperation from the couple, who were also reportedly in the process of a divorce.

Although the city hoped to get the couple to sign off for free, the sale was crucial enough to offer money. The commission agreed to offer the Barrors an undisclosed amount to get the signatures.

"But we need to make it clear this sum is the only offer," said commissioner Ruth Gee. "We don't want them holding out to try to get more."

Taking a serious risk

Although the city could probably eventually get clear title to the property through the quiet title court action, the situation definitely jeopardized the very favorable cash offer by the Blatts.

And the title wasn't the only issue of concern to the commission and the buyers. The Blatts requested the city insure the title in lieu of a typical title insurance, which, because of the encumbered deed, was unobtainable.

City administrator Carolyn Sutter ad-

vised the commission to do just that — insure the title with city funds in order to keep the buyers.

"This is a very unusual cash buyer, with no contingencies," Sutter reasoned. "They will remove a public nuisance, and become new taxpayers. If this buyer goes away, it would take an incredible set of duplicated circumstances to recuperate."

She noted that without a buyer, the property would continue to deteriorate, as well as take up her own time and that of other city employees. Her suggestion was to insure the title for the \$58,000 price requested and immediately take measures to gain quiet title. She called the guarantee a "small risk."

According to city attorney Scott Beatty, the risk, as the city proceeded through quiet title, was that the Barrors contest the tax-reversion. If the court discovered an administrative error by the state, the tax-reversion could be disallowed and the property remain in the hands of the Barrors.

If that worse-case scenario occurred, the Blatts would have to surrender the property — property they expect to spend \$20,000 improving — to the Barrors. As title insurer, the city would have to choke up \$30,000, plus the original sales price to compensate the Blatts.

Beatty completely disagreed with Sutter's view about the level of risk in the situation. Although he admitted that "in my experience, most cases are not successful in challenging (the quiet title)" he felt the risk was still very serious.

"I can't in good faith recommend that," said Beatty. "What the commission's being asked is to insure for \$30,000 that they don't have."

Commissioners Gee and Mike Dionne questioned the amount the Blatts wanted guaranteed. Century 21 realtor Gary Roberts, representing the buyers, explained they wanted a cushion if they lost possession of the property.

"They anticipate spending \$20,000 in repairs," said Roberts. He noted they would also be set back by moving costs, and purchasing another home if they could not obtain the title and had to vacate.

"The thought is the buyers take a hit if they can't get title," he added. "It's not that they're trying to make \$30,000."

"They intend to begin renovations immediately," explained Sutter. "They want their expenses covered if they lose the house."

Beatty agreed the amount was reasonable compensation for the situation.

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▲ An East Jordan welcome

"I feel very needed," said new city administrator Carolyn Sutter, at a special Business After Hours in her honor. "We want to make sure we can find you," East Jordan mayor Russ Peck joked about the over-sized door plaque with Sutter's name, during a short presentation. The two (foreground) joined over 100 people at the Aug. 30 gathering at Elm Pointe, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the city of East Jordan, and the Portside Art and Historical Museum Society. Entertainment was provided by the piano students of Margaret Thomson, including Gretchen Knight, an eighth-grader at East Jordan Middle School. ▼



Road projects updated

Antrim County Road Commission manager John Pemberton recently released a progress report on the following road projects:

- Old State Road in Jordan Township — improvements are complete.
 - Old State, Adams, and Korthase roads — wedging is complete. Pemberton said the project is waiting for the contractor (D&D of Grawn) to do a seal coat.
- Both projects are part of a six-year program to improve less-traveled local roads. The work is expected to add 10 to 15 years to the life of the road surfaces.



Swan City memories

The significance of the man near the top of this impressively huge stack of logs, holding two six-shooters, or the man next to him holding a tree branch (and something else unidentifiable) may be lost with time, but a more interesting or unusual collection of people would be difficult to find. Some seem dressed in their Sunday best, while others are obviously wearing work attire. Note, too, the man on the far right, holding a bunch of wheat or other grain. And what is the gadget held by the gentleman third from the left? Why did the fellow in the left corner bring his bicycle into the photo? Why are there no middle-sized children around? A rail line — main track or spur? — will make loading the logs convenient. Who, or where they are, or why they are gathered with the logs, are questions we'll pass along to our readers, along with the rest of our musings on this extremely interesting historical photograph.

Photo from the collection of Bill Huckle



Sax says ...

Honoring Dad and Mom
by Gayle Saxton

Harry Lee Saxton was born 106 years ago in Kalkaska, March 25, 1889, the only son of a lay-evangelist minister, who preached in Antrim and neighboring Mancelona for about a decade before his death in 1900.

All of us have read from time to time that we are known by the company we keep. Some of the company Harry kept through the years included: Louis Cihak, Harry Simmons, Dr. William Parkes, Cort Hayes, Thomas Barber, Lem Freeman, Gustav Kitsman, Anthony Galmore, Burt Bennett, Ed Hosler, Dewey Hosler, Gavis Hammond, Morse, Earl and Ray Gec, Burt and Bill Grauel, William Cihak, Lance Kemp, Alex Sinclair, Edward Ruchling, William and Harry Simmons, and Roy Rhinehart, to name a few.

He also rubbed shoulders with the likes of W.P., H.P., John and William Porter, Glen Rose, Roy Sherman, Vern Whiteford and Fr. Malanoski.

Harry Lee Saxton was my father. He and my mother reared six children: one daughter, Virginia Ethel Saxton Goodman and five sons: Gayle of Houghton Lake; Richard of Little Rock, Ark.; Robert of Laingsburg; Charles Edward of East Jordan and McCalam, Tex.; and the late William, who served the Briton-Macon Schools near Ann Arbor for more than a quarter of a century.

Harry Lee Saxton, a laborer, small of stature but a big man, who did so much for his family. Nor am I ignoring my mother, Marie (Mary) Kitsman Saxton, who was the finest mom anyone could ask for.



THE AUTHOR'S father, Harry Lee Saxton, at age 10, in 1900.

Mother was affectionately known as "Ma" to many kids in the community of East Jordan. They played and battled one another as they took part in basketball, football, softball and baseball, on what had come to be called Saxton's Playground on Fourth Street.

Remember Monk, Ralph, Chum, Highest Jr., and, certainly her favorite, Harry W., who later became mayor of "Swan City".

East Jordan native Gayle Saxton has been writing, reporting, and broadcasting sports for many years. Now a retired educator in Houghton Lake, "Sax" will share his memories of East Jordan and his many friends through this column in future issues of the Journal.

Readers write

Special evening a success

Editor:

With the picturesque beauty of Elm Pointe as the setting, East Jordan's new city administrator Carolyn Sutter was welcomed to the community and area during a very special evening Business After Hours, Wed., Aug. 30.

The successful event was proudly co-sponsored by the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, Portside Art and Historical Society and the City of East Jordan. Guests were in attendance from East Jordan, Charlevoix, Boyne City, Boyne Falls, and Petoskey to welcome Ms. Sutter to her new position. Also in attendance, and serving as hostess was Miss East Jordan 1995, Mandy Wittengen.

Guests were treated to a superb musical presentation from Patti Gee, Tam Leach, Erica Carey and Gretchen Knight, all of whom are students of Margaret M.

Thomson. A fabulous hors d'oeuvres table was prepared by East Jordan's new J & J Bakery, Deli & Catering.

The rooms of the estate home were graced with silk flower arrangements, courtesy of Pat Pepin, owner of Seams Like Old Times.

While touring the historical museum during the evening, those in attendance were able to see a bobbin lace making demonstration by historical society member Marion Veryzer.

On behalf of the three sponsors, a very special thank you to all who attended, participated and contributed to making the event such a memorable evening for all!

We're proud of our history and we're excited about our future as we look to the year 2000 in East Jordan!

Mary H. Faculak
Executive Director, East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce

Sheriff recognizes volunteers

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater recently acknowledged the work of volunteers at the scene of flooding Aug. 17, including some inmates from the Charlevoix County Jail.

The prisoners, along with local Boy Scouts and other volunteers, worked to fill, place, and later remove over 1,000 sand bags in an effort to save homes in the affected area in the village of Advance.

"Even though these men have committed crimes against society and are serving time," said the sheriff, "This shows me they are

still interested and concerned about their community." He said the prisoners spent hours standing in swift, knee-high water placing sand bags.

One of the homeowners who applauded the efforts of the inmates was Karen Meads.

"We all feel the damage would have been much more extensive without their help," Meads said, speaking on behalf of her neighbors.

Lasater presented certificates of appreciation to each inmate that participated in the effort.

Home business seminar

The third one-day Entrepreneurial Skills mini-seminar offered through North Central Michigan College will be held Sat., Sept. 30, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at Hill's Micro-Brewery, 413 E. Main St., Boyne City.

The seminar is part of a continuing series designed to teach the skills needed for operating your own business, and is taught through lectures, discussions, demonstrations, and field trips with self-made business people from a variety of fields and interests.

For more information, contact James Hisey, 547-2786.

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*When the wind is from the east the fishes bite the least.
When the wind is from the west the fishes bite the best.
When the wind is from the north the fishes do come forth,
And a wind from the south blows the bait into the fishes mouth.*
Anonymous

The tournament was successful but the fish didn't cooperate!

The second annual Lake Charlevoix Walleye Tournament, held Aug. 26 and 27 in East Jordan, produced mixed results. Participation this year was up slightly over last year's inaugural event with 26 entries, and the teams had a great time fishing - it was just the catching part that didn't work well.

The week before the tournament, East Jordan and the Lake Charlevoix watershed received 5 to 6-plus inches of rain in as many hours. Such a massive amount of rain naturally has a huge effect on the environment of the fish.

The water in the south arm of the lake was still very dirty, while the water of the main basin of Lake Charlevoix cleared in time for the tournament. This had the effect of driving the walleye as deep as 65 feet in some places.

Saturday morning of the tournament, weather was ideal for walleye anglers, with cloud cover and west to southwest winds putting a slight chop on the water.

The tournament started without a hitch, and anglers were sent up the lake two boats at a time beginning around 7 a.m., Saturday morning.

Fish came on early with most of the teams reporting they caught their fish before 10 a.m. For the majority of the teams, the remainder of the day was spent catching no fish, or the wrong kind of fish. The fish came either on jigs or crawler harness moved slowly along the bottom in 15 to 25 feet of water.

My partner George LaChappelle and I weighed in first, settling on a weight of just 4.67 pounds of fish. Our lead was short-lived however, as Russ Wiser of Boyne City and Nick Aytes of Harbor Springs edged us with two fish for a total of 4.75 pounds.

Bumping them down was the team of Dave Muffly, *continued on page 6*



"WE WORKED HARD for our fish," said Brian Warner of Charlevoix, (center) who along with his brother Gaery Warner of Ellsworth (left), won the second annual Lake Charlevoix Walleye Tournament in East Jordan. Along with the \$1,065 prize and first place plaques, the local fishing partners also received a pair of spinning rods for bringing in the second largest fish. Also shown is tournament director Mark Postma.

Second annual Lake Charlevoix Walleye Tournament results

Prize money and trophies were awarded to the top four finishers by weight of catch at the Aug. 26 and 27 tourney. Two-man teams with recorded catches are listed in order with hometown and total two-day weight in pounds.

- Brian Warner, Charlevoix, and Gaery Warner, Ellsworth - 13.33
- Tom and Bryan Harlukowicz, Gaylord - 8.01
- Dave Muffly, Prudenville, and John Bohnsack, Harrison - 6.97
- Jerry Gravedoni, Petoskey, and Craig Butwell, Boyne Falls - 5.75
- Russ Wiser, Boyne City, and Nick Aytes, Harbor Springs - 4.75
- Dan Miller, East Jordan, and George LaChappelle, Traverse City - 4.67
- Kerry Shaffer, Swartz Creek, and Jeff Reed, Burton - 3.48
- Jerry Ciganik and Hal Kreeger, Greenville - 3.15
- Don Bolser, East Jordan, and Daryl Kailey, Ellsworth - 2.82

Biggest fish - 3.48 pounds caught by Kerry Shaffer, Swartz Creek, and Jeff Reed, Burton, who received a cash prize of \$125

Second biggest fish - 3.34 pounds caught by Brian Warner, Charlevoix, and Gaery Warner, Ellsworth, who received a pair of St. Croix spinning rods

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As Custodians Of God's Earth, Let's Clean Up Our Act

"Wasting and destruction are in their paths." - Isaiah 60:7

When we're driving along a country road or highway, it's an easy temptation to toss those empty cans and bottles out the window, where they will forever outline the edge of the roadway. We may likewise fall into the habit of littering in a camping area or any natural surrounding, and when adults set the tone for this, children will imitate them.

A woman who often went camping, made it a rule to leave a campsite as clean as, or cleaner than she found it. Her motto was, "If you can bring it out here full, you can take it home empty." Let us follow her example, or if there is a trash container nearby, let's use it; even if it means walking a few extra steps. The exercise will be good for us. God gave us this beautiful earth, so let us keep it that way.

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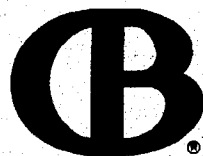
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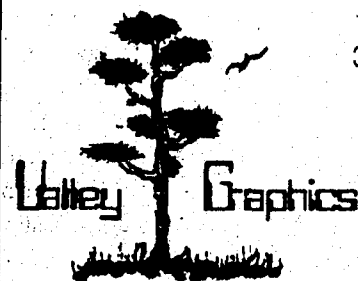
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Teen Jam planned

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The Peak's mobile studio featuring Michael J. Fox will also be on hand, with a sound and light show by Night-Life Entertainment of Petoskey. Door prizes will be given away throughout the evening.

The cost per person is \$5 at the door. Funds raised will benefit the Charlevoix Teen Center, a non-profit facility providing teen activities and programs for young people throughout the region.

Shoreside BAH set

An end of the summer celebration will be the theme of the Wed., Sept. 20, East Jordan Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours.

The activities, which include a buffet and refreshments, are scheduled for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Shoreline Resort, on North M-66. The event is co-sponsored by realtor Gary Roberts of Century 21. RSVPs are requested - call 536-7351.

Recycling fundraiser

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rogers Road, East Jordan, will hold a paper drive for recycling and fundraising, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23 and 24.

Save a tree and help the church at the same time. Bring your paper - newspapers, phone books, catalogs, magazines, and store flyers, tied in bundles or loose in paper grocery sacks - to the church parking lot from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., each day.

For more information, call Mar-Lynn at 536-2113, or the church at 536-7566.

Portside group to meet

The East Jordan Portside Art and Historical Museum Society will meet Thurs., Sept. 21, 7 p.m. at the museum at Elm Pointe. The program has not yet been announced.

Band begins rehearsals

The Jordan Valley Community Band will resume rehearsals on Thurs., Sept. 28, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the East Jordan High School band room.

Any one who plays a band instrument (either presently or in the past) is welcome to participate. For more information, call 536-7654.

Time is nature's way of keeping everything from happening at once. Unknown



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Mancy Ironmen rush past Red Devils

Mancelona solved their dilemma from the previous week by getting a firm grip on the ball and pounding away at the East Jordan defense, mounting a series of drives that culminated in a big 31-12 win for the Ironmen over northern cousin East Jordan Sept. 8.

Both teams had strong drives early. Mancelona reached the 13 before getting stopped when Shane Swan of the Devils batted away a fourth-down pass. Consequently, East Jordan drove into the second quarter and down to the 11 before a dropped pass gave the ball over to Mancelona.

The Ironmen drove the ball back on the Devils, culminating the 84-yard drive with a Traver Goodrich to Ryan Vesey pass for 32 yards and the touchdown. The conversion failed, Mancelona up 6-0.

Mancelona got the ball quickly back, pooching the ensuing kick-off and recovering at midfield. Tom Castle and Dan Thumm spent the next few offensive snaps moving the ball down on the ground until Castle completed the short but time-consuming drive by diving in a yard to the end zone, raising the score to 12-0.

East Jordan came alive, thanks to an interference call, then a 48-yard completion to Eric Wiltfong, Castle making the touchdown-saving tackle.

It truly became a score-saver moments later, with 26 seconds to go, when Goodrich recovered a Devil fumble at the three, ruining the Red Devils best opportunity to score

and keep the game close at the half.

In the third quarter, Mancelona moved smartly downfield, Goodrich bulling in from a yard out and Castle adding the PAT for a 19-0 lead. The Ironmen then added a 20-yard scamper by Dan Thumm midway into the fourth, Thumm catapulting into the end zone for the score and a 25-0 lead.

Luke McLaren came through for the Red Devils later in the quarter from 12 yards away to cut the gap to 25-6. Joe bender followed with a charge into the end zone with 26 seconds left, this a 13-yard run, pulling the Red Devils to within 25-12. The last straw for the game came on the ensuing kickoff, Dan Thumm taking the kick and swiftly moving 76-yards for a final score for Mancelona, 31-12.

Thumm rushed for 112 yards, Goodrich tossing for 56; Goodrich matched Travis Doliway with 9 tackles each. Chris King, Steve Burks and Luke McLaren shared the running wealth for the Red Devils.

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Shay, EJ top Spieles Run

East Jordan sent its Red Devil squadron of swift-footed students to the wilds of Charlevoix for a run at the fun in the Annual Spieles Invitational Sept. 9.

As usual, Ryan Shay won the boys race in a course record 16:48, bettering the previous record of 17:01 set by ... Ryan Shay last year.

Leading the Red Devil run to the top was Josiah Middaugh, fifth in the 11-12 class run with 18:01, Andrew Otis ninth with 18:16.

Central Lake runners included Bill Glynn running a 24:31 in the 11-12 class, Nathan Shay taking a second after "boggling down," finishing 19:01 in the 9-10 class, Matt Stinnett running 26:29.

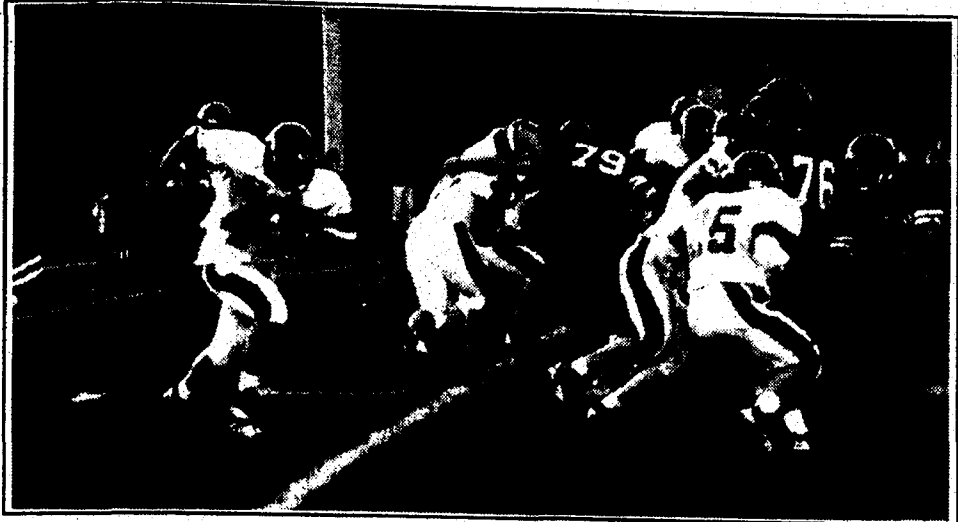
Central Lake took eighth in the girls race, Amie Shay

fifth in the girls 11-12 class at 22:13, Bridget McAvoy 16th in 25:27, and Val VanVolkenburg 53rd.

Girls in the 9-10 class for Central Lake included Rachel Powers, 33rd in 29:17, Sharon Cargino

43rd in 30:53, and Tara Schultz 45th in 31:02.

Leading the Trojan junior high runners were Scott Allard taking 10th, Jason Lipardo 17th and Shannon Edwards led the girls with an eighth place.



DESPITE GOOD defensive efforts, the favored East Jordan varsity team was stunned Sept. 1 on their own field with an upset by Central Lake.

Red Devils toppled by Central Lake

BY S.F. PUCKETT, Sports Writer

East Jordan saw their fortune make a dramatic turn for the worse in the final quarter of their Sept. 1 contest against the Central Lake High School Trojans. The visiting Trojans rallied late for a 16-13 win over the Red Devils in the season opener for both teams.

Luke McLarin got the Red Devils onto the scoreboard first, 9-0. That margin stood until late in the third quarter, when Shane Swan found the end zone for East Jordan. The conversion attempt failed and the Red Devils were up, 13-0.

Following an East Jordan fumble, Shawn

Scott rambled 25 yards on reverse to give Central Lake their first score of the season. Tim McWatters (Ellsworth) added the two-point conversion to cut the Devil lead to 13-8. Central Lake's defense held on the next East Jordan possession, and got the ball back with four minutes and 76 yards to go. Several passes later they were in scoring range, but time was running out quickly.

Facing third-and-eight at the Devil 8-yard line with five seconds to go, quarterback Kris Ernst found Jeff Budzynski in the end zone for the touchdown that put the Trojans in front. Shawn Scott added the conversion for the final 16-13 score.

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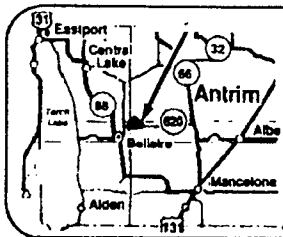
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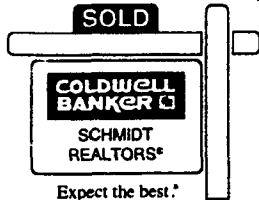
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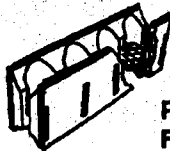
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Harrison, and John Bohnsack from Prudenville weighing three fish for 5.80 pounds. Muffly and Bohnsack also had the second big fish of the day at 3.18 pounds.

Tough times on the open water

Sunday, day two, found most of the anglers without the enthusiasm of the previous day. The order was reversed on the take-off, so Saturday's first out were Sunday's last out.

Most of the zest was off the competition because contestants were still tired from fishing the day before, and stiff east winds were predicted - the old saying is true that, "when the wind is from the east, the fish bite the least."

Early Sunday the wind was from the south, then switched to southeast and never really did get straight east, so the results were mixed. Some of the anglers who did okay on Saturday didn't fare as well on Sunday, myself included. Other teams came up and met the challenge head on.

Saturday the South Arm was the better bite, and Sunday the main lake produced better. The key on Sunday was to get into some deeper water and work individual fish until they bit.

Vertical presentations, such as bouncing jiggging spoons, or ball head jigs tipped with a piece of a night crawler, proved to be winners for the team of Brian Warner of Charlevoix and Gaery Warner of Ellsworth. They toughed out in 45 to 62 feet of water, and battled the wind and heavy waves of Lake Charlevoix to catch four fish weighing 6.94 pounds.

The Warner brothers' total for the two days was a tourney-winning 13.33 pounds. They also brought in the second big fish of the tourney. They were awarded \$1,065

and first place plaques.

Second place went to last year's tournament winners Tom and Bryan Harlukowicz of Gaylord. They came in with four fish tipping the scale to 6.61 pounds, for a two-day total of 8.01 pounds, netting them a pair of plaques and \$530.

They attributed their success to changing patterns at mid-morning on Sunday, and going out on the main lake to catch bottom hugging fish with ball head jigs and a piece of crawler.

Third place went to Muffly and Bohnsack with a two-day total of 6.97 pounds, earning them \$320, and plaques. Their strategy was to stay in the South Arm bouncing from spot to spot just getting enough legal-sized fish to bite.

Fourth place went to Craig Butwell, Boyne Falls, and Jerry Gravedoni, Petoskey, bringing in a two-day total of 5.75 pounds, earning \$210 and a pair of plaques.

Tournament director Mark Postma noted that more than half the teams had zero luck bringing in a catch. He said the total poundage for this year's tournament was half of last year's. The biggest fish caught was a pound lighter than last year's big one.

Plans are already underway for the 1996 tournament and with luck, the weather and fish will cooperate. The lake and the challenge will still be there - like Tom Harlukowicz (second place winner) said, "If anybody thinks it's not a good place to fish - they're wrong!"

By Dan Miller

Dan Miller is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys hunting, fishing, and sharing his perspective on the outdoor world with Torch and Journal readers.

Quoteables

If today was a fish, I'd throw it back in.

Song title

death notices



Lola E. Lewis Olney, 92, of Charlevoix, died Aug. 26, 1995, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix. Services were Aug. 30, at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, with burial in Brookside Cemetery, Charlevoix.

John R. Cyr, 28, Petoskey, died Aug. 31, 1995. A memorial service was held Sept. 2, at Stone Funeral Home in Petoskey.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met in Regular Session, Tuesday, September 5, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall, Mayor Peck presiding with Commission members Sweet and McKinnon absent. Minutes were approved and authorization was given to pay bills totaling \$144,182.72.
Further Commission Action: were introduced to amendments to the noxious weed ordinance; authorized the City to lease an automobile until such time as a new vehicle can be purchased through the State of Michigan purchasing program; entered into a Civic Center lease agreement with the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints; accepted several staff recommendations made on mandatory sewer use; and accepted Robert and Jean Strehl's gift of a bench for Memorial Park in memory of Mrs. Strehl's father Harry Simmons.
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City lucks out of situation

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The city found itself in this unfortunate position possibly because of a paperwork glitch. Beatty said that to make a tax-reversion completely sound, the state must perform every detail in the process absolutely correctly.

"There may be good intent by the state, but if they didn't dot every 'i' and cross every 't' the action won't hold up in court," said Beatty.

After a long discussion the commission decided to pursue the Barror's first, and then assemble for a special meeting if Strange was unsuccessful in getting the estranged couple to sign off their interest.

Then the city's luck changed. Through the persistence of Strange - Sutter said he made several trips to Frank

Barror's home in Cadillac - signatures of the former owners were obtained. Sutter said it turned out the couple was not separated and Strange was able to discuss the situation with both and get them to sign over their interest. Even luckier for the city, he was able to do so without offering them an "incentive package."

"I think what he (Strange) accomplished was incredible," said an elated Sutter. She said with the signatures and discharge of the old mortgage, expected within days, the deal may be closed as soon as this Friday.

She said Roberts reported the buyers, also relieved, are going ahead with a survey of the property this week.

"So it worked out nice all around," said Sutter. "Just what we like to see - a win, win, win situation."



THE DANCING VEGETABLES, who dance the Boogie Woogie in "The Princess and the Pea" are (from left): Elizabeth Hasseld, Drake Nagel, Jasmine Petrie, Megan Warnos, Kaitlin Hefty, and Noah Dodge. All are East Jordan elementary students, except Ellsworth first-grader Drake.

Cast announced for new musical play

A cast of 22 actors will present a new musical version of *The Princess and the Pea* at East Jordan High School, 7 p.m., Thursday and Saturday, Sept. 21 and 23, and 2 p.m., Sun., Sept. 24.

Written by playwright Kitty Beletic, of Richardson, Texas, the play is based on Hans Christian Andersen's classic fairy tale. The musical comedy features a lovable queen who connives with her royal advisor to test the four princesses vying to become the prince's wife.

Adapted and directed by

East Jordan playwright Lenore Bechtel, the production by the Jordan River Players is the third of the Jordan River Arts Council's annual Children's Theatre Festival, which presents new and unpublished plays. This is the second time *The Princess and the Pea* has been produced - the first was at Richardson Children's Theatre in Texas.

Chicory Dodge plays the part of Queen Pompadour, Nathan Murray is Prince Percy and Jerry Borths is Pericles, the queen's advisor. Murray appeared as Porthos and Broths as the

evil Cardinal Richelieu in a recent Jordan River Players' production of *The Three Musketeers*.

The princesses are Laura Warren (Primrose), Laura Borths (Pocatelo), Becky Stevens (Petaluma) and Jessie Tison (Painted Pony.)

Peasant dancers who spy upon events taking place in Queen Pompadour's royal garden are played by Heather Hammond, Tim Hefty, Alynne Hillaker, Kristyn McDowell, Jordan McDowell, Nichole Murray, Jessica Nagel, Jeremy Penzien and Cayla Tinney.

Playing the part of vegetables who delight the queen by dancing the Boogie Woogie are Noah Dodge, Elizabeth Hasseld, Kaitlin Hefty, Drake Nagel,

Jasmine Petrie and Megan Warnos.

The play features new music by Kitty Beletic, along with jazzy adaptation of some old favorites. Martha Dodge is musical director.

Tickets, available at the door 30 minutes prior to curtain, are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

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