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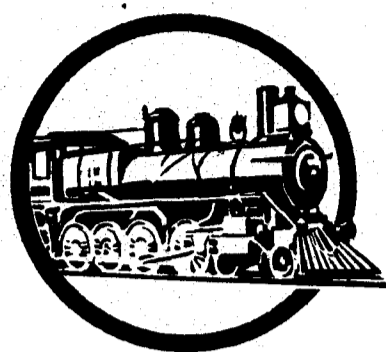
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OUR WEATHER

Another hot and sticky summer week salvaged by an almost-glorious weekend! After five days of maximum humidity and temperatures nearing the 90-degree mark, Antrim County residents drew a breath of relief when Friday rain signalled a change of weather. Saturday saw bright skies and highs in the mid-70s, while Sunday came close, under partly cloudy skies - a pattern forecasters were predicting to continue through mid-week.

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New grading system introduced

BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS
Contributing Writer

"This is a method to close the gaps in learning," explained East Jordan Middle School Principal Eivor Swan, introducing a proposal to change the grading system at EJMS. Swan presented the proposal and rationale at the Aug. 16 East Jordan School Board meeting.

The pilot system is based on A.B.C. or Incomplete, with no failing grades. Following the goals to discover relevancy in curriculum and teach to Outcomes Driven Developmental Model (ODDM) goals to discover relevancy in curriculum and teach to mastery, Swan is very excited about the program.

The new approach to grading has been developed because studies show that students learn at different

rates and have individual learning styles.

"The system will give all students the opportunity to succeed by allowing adequate time and using several teaching styles," Swan stated.

Teachers will have the added responsibility to individualize curriculum, monitor progress and develop portfolios for students.

Students, too, will have to take the ultimate responsibility for learning. No one will be able to move on until they have demonstrated mastery.

To help students with difficulties, a special eighth-hour study session (from 2 to 3 p.m.) will be provided by Barbara Noirot. Vacation sessions will also be available.

The new system has full support of the staff, according to Swan. New high school principal Gus Bishop also added his approval.

"We'll see the results at the high school level," he predicted.

In the final marking period of the 1992-93 school year, the EJMS staff tried out the new system. The results was that of 267 middle school students, 264 achieved a C or better.

The board was enthusiastic about the change. Several members also expressed concern that enrichment as well as correctives be included.

Swan explained that enrichments can readily be incorporated into the eighth-hour study period.

"This will create a caring and safe environment where students will not be allowed to fail. Instead they will have a series of successes that give them a solid knowledge base and strong foundation of positive self-image and confidence," concluded Swan.

East Jordan School Board August 16 Meeting

BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS
Contributing Writer

Personnel changes

The school board accepted the resignation of middle school teacher Lynne Zimmer with regrets. An 18-year veteran of East Jordan schools, Zimmer has taken a teaching post at Midland Public Schools.

"She's always done a great job and we'll miss her," said school board president Mary Jason.

Three coaches were appointed to the girls basketball program; Jamie Smith, Richard Brooks and Dan Pepin.

Secretary Celeste Healey will work in both the high school and elementary school this year, dividing her day between the two.

Substitute pay raised

Substitute teacher wages, which have not increased since 1988, will be raised from \$47.50 to \$50 per day.

The resolution was made in an effort to stay competitive with other area school systems.

Pool rate increase

Pool rates will increase for the first time since the pool opened in 1987, effective Sept. 1. New charges: Resident Adult, \$2; Non-resident, \$2.50; Resident Child, \$1; Non-resident, \$2; Resident Senior, \$1.50; Non-resident, \$2.

The East Jordan pool adjoins the high school. For more information or pool hours, call 536-2250.



"First-hand" feedback

Learning with all his senses, 7-year-old Elliot Roberts examines a fellow creature at Raven Hill Discovery Center. For more on the unique area facility, see inside this issue.



PROVIDING A PERCH for Salty the Cockatiel is Josh Gregware. The Boyne City youngster was one of many area students enjoying the wonders of Raven Hill Discovery Center recently.



STRETCHING HIS LENGTHY muscles for awestruck observers is yet another of Raven Hill's unique inhabitants.

Raven Hill - A place for discovery

BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS
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At Raven Hill you might discover the past - hundreds of millions of years past.

You might discover the future - energy alternatives or energy producers.

You might discover a way of life - native American or a woman in the '90s.

You might discover a gift for making things - gyroscopes or corn husk dolls.

There is no end to the variety of things you can discover at Raven Hill.

Many area residents have already discovered that fact and return again and again. These explorers of all ages find themselves guided by two dynamic people and their friends.

Raven Hill is the brainchild of Cheri and Tim Leach. As a middle school science teacher, Cheri was already expanding beyond her Boyne City classroom walls, offering after-school classes for several years.

But Cheri was still frustrated by the lack of time and space for students to develop long-term projects or explore beyond the curriculum.

So she convinced Tim that they should mortgage their home to begin a "discovery center" building fund.

The building that now houses Raven Hill is a museum, classroom, workshop, laboratory, zoo and library.

The museum is the first stop for most visitors. Here they can reach in an aquarium to feel turtles or hermit crabs. A variety of magnetic or gyroscopic experiments may be performed.

With a bit of help, they can even try weaving on the beautiful, intricate loom or play a tune on the xylophone.

"Our rule here is anything out is to be touched," said Cheri.

She doesn't like having materials packed away in the closet or basement, as so many teachers must do. The museum gives her the opportunity to have everything out where it can be used.

Some of the exhibits are under glass, to be looked at and studied without disturbing. Animal skulls and artifacts from an old homestead are for looking only.

Viewing and some touching are both in order in the back room of the museum. This room houses the menagerie the Leachs have acquired, all through donations.

An amazing collection of lizards, rodents, a ferret, birds, and several snakes of the constrictor family are among those represented.

Children are drawn to the animals like magnets, begging Cheri to let them handle their favorites.

One after another, the children learn what it feels like to have a boa wrapped around the waist, or a cockatiel perched on your head. All the while Cheri is finding out what the children already know and giving more information.

On a sunny Friday morning in August, Cheri is conducting the last class in a series on prehistoric animals. But she doesn't dwell on the enormous, popularly known Jurassic period residents. Her goal is to expose the

children to some of the more obscure animals.

Another objective of the class is to introduce classification of eras and give an impression of when certain animal types appeared in time.

This requires a timeline, so the children make one, in the form of a diorama (shadow box). They place cut-out creatures or fossil brachiopods in the appropriate geologic time slot.

A real dragonfly from Cheri's collection becomes the last object each child will add to their diorama. She explains how dragonflies were huge in the Mesozoic era. On their miniature landscape, the modern insects appear to have a six-foot wingspan!

Cheri shares her energy and enthusiasm the same way she shares the dragonflies. Her ideas seem boundless and so does her capacity to follow them through to fruition.

Raven Hill is a product of that capacity. Cheri and Tim, (who was also a science teacher but now works full time at the center) develop the programs and teach most of them. But they also work at persuading experts in many fields to volunteer time for class and workshop presentations.

Raven Hill offers an astonishing number of classes, field trips, campovers and workshops, every one unique.

This is only the second year of existence, yet the Leaches have collected an impressive amount of dona-

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WORKING ON HIS diorama showcasing the development of life on earth is 7-year-old Elliot Roberts of East Jordan.

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Central Lake Township Briefs: Aug. 25 special meeting

South Street access progress reported

Although the item was removed from the agenda, township supervisor Paul Vernon said progress is being made on negotiations between the township, Alma Kingma and the Shahan Trust to determine if the township will retain ownership of the South Street public lake access.

"We are very close to reaching a settlement which will protect the interest of the electorate of the Central Lake Township," he stated. "We're pleased with the progress we've made and it looks like we'll be able to stay out of court and still be able to defend the access."

When asked about rumors the township is prepared to give up a significant part of the lake access to adjacent property owners, Vernon said, "I can neither confirm nor deny that."

Records recovery sought

Township supervisor Paul Vernon was appointed as a legal agent for the township to pursue the recovery of missing documents allegedly held by ousted clerk Marilyn Lucas. The township is seeking a court order demanding Lucas return the records.

"She has defiantly refused the township's request (to turn in the records) and I would suggest she will continue to refuse us in the future," Vernon stated.

The township is seeking missing cash disbursement records, cash receipts and the general ledger.

Report declared accurate

During the public comment portion of the township board meeting, Jackie Watson stated she went to the township auditor for an explanation of what appeared

to be a \$21,000 discrepancy in the treasurer's report. Watson is the aunt of recalled clerk Marilyn Lucas.

Watson reported the auditor showed her there were two disbursements in a total amount of \$41,000, but only one was marked.

"So that solved the puzzle," she said. "The mystery is solved."

Supervisor Paul Vernon said he talked to the auditor and confirmed the two records are accurate.

"Anyone can make a mistake," he stated. "It's a simple typographical error. The two records are accurate."

Waste plant assistant hired

The township board agreed to hire Arnie Deters on a part-time, contract basis to assist Garry Arnold at the waste receiving station during busy hours.

A young man hired through the Youth Employment and Training Program (YETP) was assigned to the job, but supervisor Paul Vernon noted the youth didn't return after collecting his first paycheck.

Raven Hill - place of discovery

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tions from northern Michigan businesses and an even more impressive list of grants.

Cheri does all the leg-work in writing grant applications. While everyday operating expenses are covered by admissions and donations, improvements have been typically funded by grants.

A challenge grant from the Frey Foundation finds the Raven Hill proprietors scrounging for funds to match the \$40,000.

If they can match the grant, they will continue with a new pavilion already started behind the museum. The building will house two classrooms, freeing museum space for more exhibits.

"And we'll have some place to hammer," said

Cheri, explaining the lack of workshop space in their present building.

The Leachs will soon acquire an extra 40 acres of a neighbor's property to add to their 120. The new property includes Deer Creek frontage, a boon to their outdoor classes.

They have a variety of ecosystems to explore on the property, including pine woods, deciduous woods, a swamp and a sandy, dunelike area.

The Leachs do all the maintenance of their grounds and animals, with help from sons Thor, a ninth-grader and Tam, a fifth-grader at East Jordan schools.

Why have Cheri and Tim devoted their time into turning their property into a cultural, historical and art center, a science and

technology resource for students and teachers throughout Northern Michigan?

For Cheri the answer is simple. "I just strongly believe that this is how children learn," she smiled.

Raven Hill is located on Fuller Road, off Pearsall in Wilson Township. Summer hours are Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat. noon-4 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m. Winter hours are weekends only. Other times by appointment.

Discovery Club meets every Monday afternoon from 4-5 p.m. during the school year.

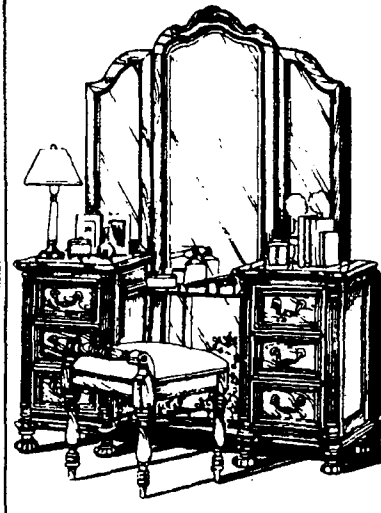
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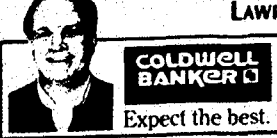
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The Rev. Gordon and Martha Evoy, missionaries to Hong Kong under the Free Methodist Church, will speak at the Pleasant Valley Free Methodist Church Sun., Sept. 12 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Prior to their appointment to Hong Kong as career missionaries in 1989, the Evoys served as associate missionaries there for two years, 1977-79. For the next 10 years Rev. Evoy pastored the Midland Free Methodist Church.

The Evoys accomplish their evangelism in Hong

Kong by teaching English among young professionals. As students accept Christ, the Evoys' discipleship follow-up becomes a rewarding ministry, they report.

Rev. Evoy is pastor-in-charge of a Chinese Free Methodist Church, working alongside two full-time Chinese pastors, preaches in other conference churches and studies the Cantonese language with his wife.

The public is invited to hear their presentation on life and work in one of the "hot spots" in the world.

Early deadline

To allow our employees time to enjoy the Labor Day holiday, the deadline for all editorial copy for the Sept. 8 issue will be Thurs., Sept. 2, at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all classified advertising will be Fri., Sept. 3, at 5 p.m.

Historians to meet

The September meeting of the Central Lake Historical Society will be held Tues., Sept. 7, in the Governmental Building at 7 p.m. The annual dues of \$3/member are due as of July and may be paid at this time or by mailing to Treasurer Frances Young, Rt. #1 Box 2515, Central Lake 49622.

The society appreciates all support in its endeavor to document as much local history as possible. Anyone interested will be welcome at the meeting.

Post office to participate in Bridge Walk

The Mackinaw City Post Office will have a temporary postal station at the Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk on Sept. 6. The station will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. An official stamp cancellation will be available to commemorate the event. The station will also be providing general stamp sales, a collection box, post cards and envelopes, and reproductions of the commemorative Mackinaw Bridge 3 cent stamp issued on June 25, 1958.

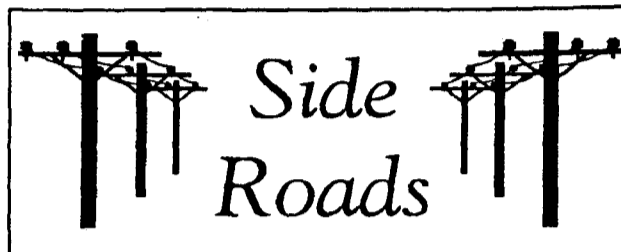
The postal station will be located at the south end of the bridge on Nicholet St.

Good Samaritan Shop offers bargains

The Good Samaritan Shop on White Street, Ellsworth, is offering back-to-school book bargains. With many titles to choose from, books are sold in bags for \$1.

Also available are "gently-used" clothing for the whole family, shoes, household items and more at "garage sale prices." Proceeds support the Good Samaritan Food Pantry.

The shop is open Mondays from 9 to noon, Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to noon.



Fabulous Formals in East Jordan has hopped down a block from 211 Main St. to 124 Main. The big story behind this move was the complete renovation of a basically condemned building for its new home. Look for a story on the building as part of "Operation Facelift" in EJ in an upcoming issue.

Bill and Dorothy Hudkins and Sandy Daniels are the new owners of the Trading Post in East Jordan. The business has been in their hands almost a month now and it appears to have been a smooth transition. Good Luck!

A warm welcome to **Jim and Rhonda Klumpf**, new owners of the Shoreline Motel and Cottages in East Jordan. The Klumpfs hail from the downstate area and in the words of Mary Faculak of the EJ Shop are "very enthusiastic

people and a real asset to the community."

As new Torch editor **Lynn Geiger** completes her first two weeks on the job, she would like to thank her new co-workers for their patience and assistance. She is already enjoying getting to know some of the people around town.

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JO'S NEWS

by Jo Somerville
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☞ Russ and Helen Guild enjoyed the past weekend in the UP doing some golfing, gambling, watching boats and enjoying some dinners to celebrate their wedding anniversary.

☞ Elaine and Ellen Marie Uhlmeier of Flint, spent the past long weekend visiting their parents Vangie and Vic Robinson to celebrate their recent birthdays. On Saturday they took their parents up to Mackinac Island to celebrate and all enjoyed a wonderful time.

☞ Mary Best, a former resident now of Detroit, with her daughter Helen and two granddaughters of Flint, visited their cousins Marge and Luther Berry on Tuesday, while here vacationing.

☞ Lloyd Burns attended the Northwest Michigan Engine and Thrasher Show held at Buckley from Thursday to Sunday. He took part in the daily parade with an old tractor from the Burns Farm and helped with the nightly musical entertainment. Many lo-

cal people attended. On Sunday, the head count was largest ever.

☞ The Senior Citizens Club met Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Thurston Park pavilion with 42 members and guests present. After prayer by president Mariane Cramer, everyone enjoyed the delicious carry-in dinner. A short business meeting was held to form plans for "Christmas in September" with dining out planned so all our snowbird friends can enjoy it. A program of musical

entertainment by the "Us Three" had Harvey Harter, Clayton McKay and Lloyd Burns as the musicians. Clayton sang many selections, which was much enjoyed by all.

☞ Bud and Martha Baldwin of Indiana are here to spend their late fall vacation on their property on West Intermediate Lake, enjoying visiting with neighbors and friends.

☞ Mrs. Vene Patton was transferred from Munson Hospital to Boulder Park in Charlevoix on Friday and is improving. A card shower would be nice to help pass the time.

☞ Sally and Joe Malitinsky of Lansing, who are vacationing at

Barnes Park, visited their uncle and aunt, Carroll and Wanetta James Thursday evening.

Youngsters learn tennis from area ace

The tennis lessons offered by the Village of Central Lake this summer have ended and with great success. Seventeen area youngsters braved the humid summer heat in order to face the challenge of an activity scarcely seen in this area.

The participants, ranging in age from 8 to 16,

met three times a week for three weeks. They were divided into four classes and then drilled on the basics of the game.

The instructor was Steve Viger, a senior at Central Lake High School and a Class A finalist in men's tennis.

Lessons concluded Aug. 19 with a tourna-

ment between all pupils. Matt Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Richardson, was declared Grand Champion, dropping only two games in three matches. Katie Burns took one of those games from Matt on her road to a second-place finish. *By Steve Viger*

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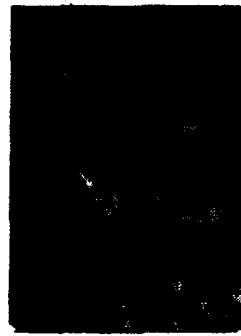



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A word fitly spoken: Labor

— by Anne F. Messerschmidt

"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." This scripture verse is found in Matthew Chapter 11 and Verse 28.

We are all familiar with Labor Day, which falls on the first Monday of September. I feel a tad blue, for it signals the end of summer. The long, languid, days of picnics, boating, fishing and concerts, art fairs, garage sales, pig roasts and county and state fairs with entertainment all will soon be memories as we gear-up to a new season.

Now, Labor Day was authored by a man named Matt Maguire, a machinist in New Jersey, and Peter Maguire of New York City on Sept. 5, 1882.

Oregon was the first state to make Labor Day a legal holiday. Until 1893 it was celebrated on the first Saturday of September. After several years, more states accepted the holiday and it was changed to the first Monday of September.

I need to mention unions, for they were a "driving force" in industry.

I recall in the 1930s, a "feisty" man with bushy eyebrows who founded The CIO. He was dissatisfied with the American Federation Of Labor and was a champion for coal miners, especially in the Appalachian Mountains; then the miners in Pennsylvania, Ohio, southern Indiana, southern Illinois and Kentucky.

He informed the public of the injustices and dangerous working conditions, and was appalled by the disease called "black lung" that was causing so many deaths, along with the mine explosions and fires.

In most mining areas The Mining Companies even owned the towns and general store, reducing the miners and their families to a level of poverty and near serfdom. That is how it appeared to most people concerned, so a Union to protect these miners and all the other workers

of our nation seemed a Noble undertaking.

Who was to know corruption would set-in? Especially in the Teamsters Union. I can't believe I was a part of that era, for I lived and worked in Chicago for many years on two different occasions and had to belong.

There was much corruption in all the big cities, but I remember we lived lives of "quiet desperation." No way to alter our situation. We agreed we could not "beat city hall." You had to have money or know someone.

Seems to me the United Auto workers fared better, despite Recessions. The 1980s were a time of mergers and takeovers. Here, again, who ever thought large companies like United States Steel would close down and other mills and steel companies follow suit? In Waukegan, Illinois, there were 6,000 homes for sale in the county. It took my son and the others up to three years to seil their homes, while relocating and setting up another household. Today, Cleveland, Youngstown, Chicago and Gary, Indiana are called "the rust belt."

My hometown of Akron, Ohio, was the Rubber Capital of The World. Sad to see the boarded up factories and obsolete, unused railroad tracks and terminals.

With the overthrow of Communism and the end of the Cold War, we are in the process of shutting down military bases. Some are obsolete as are the airplanes; exit, much of the Aerospace industry. Our country and its people are strong and diversified and we will forge ahead. Our constitution was written on biblical principles and God makes no mistake. Our Money states, "In God We Trust," so as long as we keep The Faith and accept Jesus Christ as our Personal Savior and Redeemer we will remain free, for God will direct our paths. Note, Proverbs 3:5 and 6.

Back to Labor. I tend to forget that Christ was also

human as well as Divine. He was a carpenter, and probably worked long hours. He became weary and needed rest and recreation, too. Calluses and cuts are a part of using carpenters tools and working with wood. Don't you agree that his "Greatest Achievement" was not His miracles, preaching or teaching?

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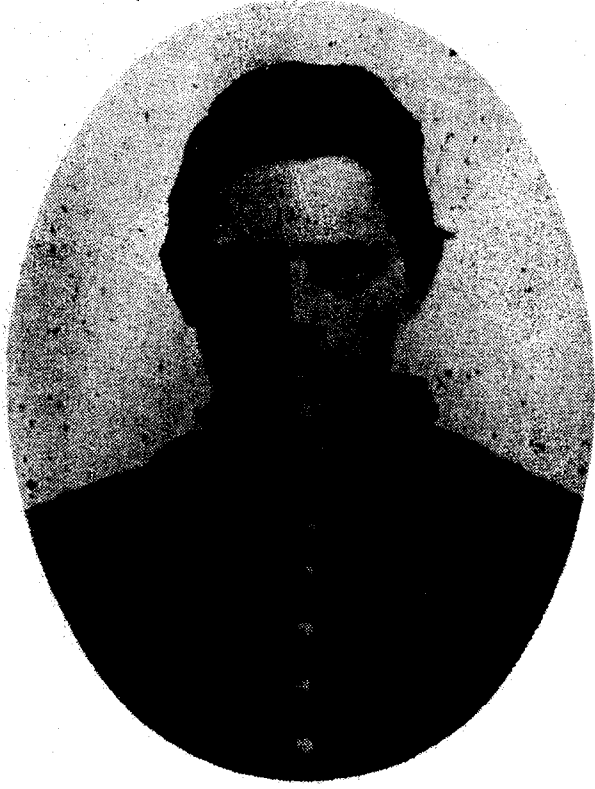
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How our grandfather changed history



NORVELL F. CHURCHILL

Not many people can claim a grandfather who served in the Civil War. Several of my relatives and I are very proud of our grandfather Norvell F. Churchill, who enlisted at Detroit in the 1st Michigan Cavalry Volunteers on Aug. 17, 1861.

After rugged training, he was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. Having been brought up on a farm in Berlin Township near Almont, he was an excellent horseman and was assigned as an orderly to General Banks. He was with Banks for several months and then assigned to General Mansfield.

In battle, orderlies became messengers due to their acquaintance with officers. When Gen. Mansfield was shot in battle, Churchill caught him as he fell from his horse. The General died in grandfather's arms.

Churchill then became Gen. Sherman's orderly for three months.

On July 3, 1863, Custer was made a general at Gettysburg and put in charge of the Michigan Cavalry Brigade. He was with company A, while Churchill was with Company L.

In a subsequent charge, Custer was unhorsed and standing confused as grandfather reined up. Churchill charged in and caught a blow meant for

the General with his saber. He then shot the southern officer with his Colt pistol, held out a hand and Custer swung up behind him and they dashed off looking for another horse. (My nephew, Hugh, has the old saber with two nicks, one on the brass guard and the other on the blade where it took the blow.)

That evening, the General visited Company L and made grandpa his Special Orderly. The *New*

YorkTimeHerald quoted Custer as commending several officers for their performance in the Gettysburg battles and mentioned, "I also wish to commend two of my orderlies, Norvel F. Churchill of Company L and George L. Foster, Company C." (Taken from *Michigan In the War* by Roberts.)

I saw this written up in several newspapers around 1963, the centennial. *continued on page 8*

OBITUARY

Suzanne A. Young

Suzanne A. Young, 87, of Central Lake died Sun., Aug. 29, 1993, at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility in Bellaire. She had resided in Central Lake since 1973 moving from Detroit. She was born Jan. 9, 1906, in East St. Louis, Ill., the daughter of C. Mostyn and Zella (Moss) Martyn.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1970 and a daughter, Suzanne Graff, in 1972.

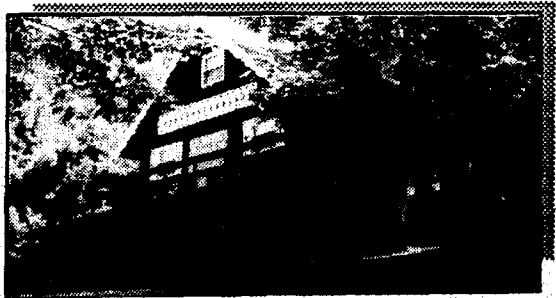
Surviving are son Leon M. (Mary) Young of Central Lake, sister Betty Campbell of Omaha, Neb., seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews.

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How our grandfather changed history

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 nial year, and also noted in a recent history book on the Civil War.

In a later battle, Churchill had his own horse shot from under him, and the authorities decided he had had enough. They sent him to Grand Rapids where he trained troopers and conducted them to the front, until he was mustered out

in Detroit, Feb. 25, 1865, six months after the end of his enlistment.

Churchill was offered many battlefield promotions but turned them down saying his lack of education would make him poor at paper work.

Grandfather Churchill sold his Berlin Township farm in 1879 and moved by boat from Port Huron to Charlevoix, then by

team and wagon to Echo Township, Antrim County. He carried \$7,000 in cash and had two teams of horses with him. He was weary of farming and loved to hunt and fish so set up a store at his Echo Township home. The panic of 1893 ended his store venture.

He received a small pension in 1890 as his health was failing from his

war-time hardships. He told his sons that if you got thirsty enough, you drank from the impressions the horses' hoofs made in wet mud. He was in many battles after Gettysburg, but that was the big one in his mind.

How did he alter history? There would have been no Custer's massacre at "Little Big Horn," had Custer expired at Gettysburg.

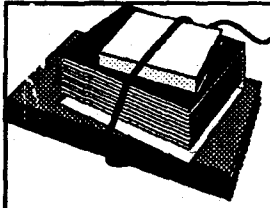
Despite Johnny-come-latelies and nitpickers,

Custer had the love of the men under him. Grandpa, being a religious man, especially appreciated the before-battle prayer meetings the General encouraged them to hold.

We all know that Custer was 'out-Generaled' at Little Big Horn. Instead of belittling Custer, we should give the Indian leaders more credit for their win in the Dakotas.

Contributed by
 Floyd N. Churchill
 (An Echo Twp.

original, vintage 1911)
 P.S.: Hold the press! My nephew and his dad, my brother, Louis Churchill, are visiting us here in Gaylord. Hugh, after reading this article, says a historical group in Custer's home town, Monroe, Mich., is promoting an appropriate marker or statue of Pvt. Norvell F. Churchill, to be installed at the Gettysburg sight of the General's rescue on July, 3, 1863. Enough said?



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Winter Prey by John Sanford

Lucas Davenport, the ex-Minneapolis cop, is at it again. This time the locale is northern Wisconsin in the grip of a January Alberta Clipper. A family is murdered in a grisly fashion for no apparent reason. From this point the plot jumps arts with a whiplash effect which carries the reader through several other homicides, numerous unsavory characters and a sheriff whose mental state borders just short of the proverbial "Rubber Room." You meet the killer early on but his identity is a well-kept secret until the final chapters.

Sanford's is a unique style in that he allows the reader access to the killer's most secret thoughts. Good plot, a mature love interest, and some sharp and creative dialogue. It won't win the Pulitzer Prize, but it's a nice thing to have on your bedstand on a cold winter night. If you are a Lucas Davenport fan, he's at his best in Winter Prey.

by Jerry Simowski

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Bats escape death by suffocation

One of the world's largest bat colonies, discovered in an abandoned Iron Mountain mine shaft last fall, has been saved from destruction through the efforts of Iron Mountain residents in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources. Iron Mountain fireman and caver, Steve Smith, discovered the hibernating bats while exploring the mine shaft, which was scheduled to be sealed as a public safety hazard. He contacted Bat Conservation International, of which

renowned bat specialist Merlin Tuttle of Texas is founder and director.

After studying Smith's pictures of the hibernating bats, Tuttle notified the DNR that an estimated one-half to one million of the flying mammals are inhabiting the shaft.

DNR Escanaba District wildlife biologist Bob Doepker immediately organized an informational meeting between Tuttle and Iron Mountain residents and began calling DNR divisions for assistance with the project.

"The people of Iron Mountain donated materials, equipment and their time and expertise to help the DNR build a structure that will protect these bats and keep people out of the shaft," DNR Director Roland Harmes said. "They are to be commended for their dedication and commitment to protecting and preserving this unique wildlife resource."

As a result of these efforts, a rough road has been built to the site, soil has been excavated around the opening, and a 12-foot-long diameter tube has been cemented into the shaft to provide a passageway for the bats. A cage-like structure now covers the entrance, with openings just large enough for the bats to enter and leave. The site will be landscaped and a chain link fence will encircle the caged opening.

The bats have gained the attention of the National Geographic Society, and the structure is being featured as a prototype for future projects in a training video by the federal Bureau of Land Manage-

ment.

Both Little Brown Bats (*Myotis lucifugus*) and Big Brown Bats (*Eptesicus fuscus*) inhabit the Iron Mountain mine shaft and, probably, many other abandoned mines in the Upper Peninsula, since many of their other traditional overwintering sites have disappeared. Michigan bats feed only on insects, and one Little Brown Bat can easily consume 600 mosquitoes in an hour.

Area grad receives promotion

K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base has announced the promotion of Gerald K. Thompson to the rank of technical sergeant. A munitions system technician, Thompson is a 1981 Charlevoix High School graduate.

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Mark and Joanie Deblock and family from Fremont were visitors of John and Eloise Litwaitis over the weekend.

Lila Carpenter hosted a birthday get-together for Avabelle Carpenter and Doris Danielson. Other guests were Wes Danielson, Ken Peebles, Lula Asquith and Kenneth and Jackie Watson.

Connie Yauney returned to Washington after visiting two weeks with her parents Miller and Frances Young and sister Josie Young.

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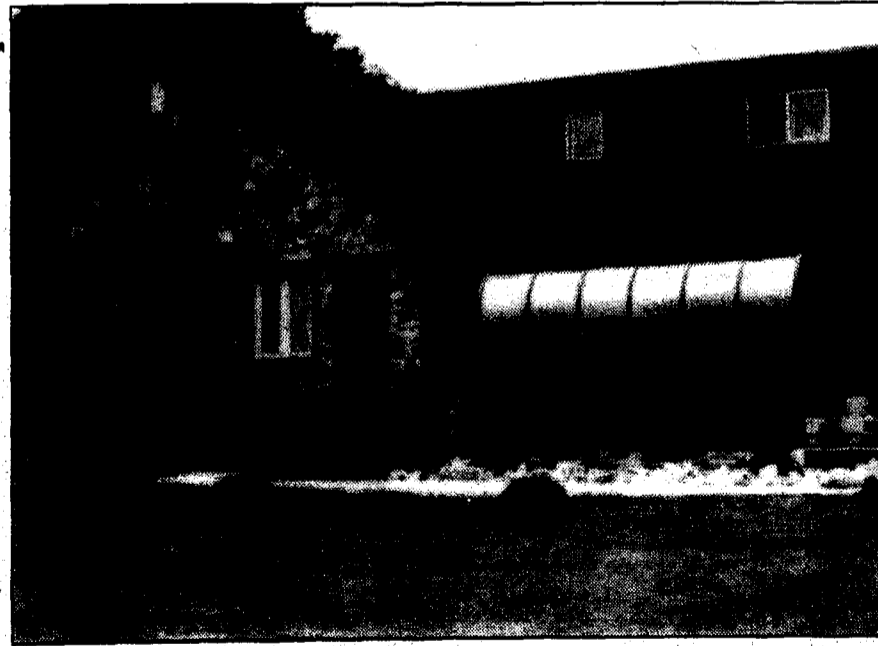
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Our interesting neighbor: Virginia Baxter Sisson

BY PRISCILLA ARCURE

Central Lake has many true natives whose families go back four and five generations and lately an attempt is being made to document some of the history of those families.

Another type of "native," of which there are many, is the group that many years ago was referred to as "resorters." They are families from southern states or southern Michigan who owned cottages where they could find relief from the summer's heat by spending the entire summer here. The fascination of the area has been kept alive by four or five generations in these families and they are very much a part of our community.

Virginia Baxter Sisson is a member of one of the 'resorter' families. A recent visit with her brought out many nostalgic memories of her 70 years here.

"The last day of school they would pick me up at school and we would start our two or three-day trip (depending on how many flat tires we had) from Grand Rapids to Torch Lake," said Sisson.

The family of four stayed until Labor Day. "I was 17 years old before I ever spent a summer in Grand Rapids," she added.

Her father built the cottage with a minimum of conveniences, although they did have indoor plumbing. In their old Haines automobile they would pack all their supplies for the summer including all of the bedding, which Virginia would have to sit on for the entire trip.

During the summer a weekly trip to Central Lake provided them with



JOINING TOGETHER for summer of 1926 fun are (from left), Virginia Baxter Sisson, Marian Smith Cram, "Gene" Grill Wentz, and Virginia Grill Hager.

their supplies, but at that time the road to town was not much more than a trail. Their cottage was (and still is) north of Brownwood and was reached by Meggison Road (known then as Sunset Hill) which really was just a couple of ruts. East Torch Lake Road was only a trail.

Central Lake was an important part of their summer life because just one cottage away was the summerplace of Ruth and Martin Smith, owners of the well-known Smallegan and Smith General Store.

Marian Smith, Smith's daughter, was the same age as Virginia and her best friend during those years. Virginia, like so many of the Central Lake natives, has many fond memories of this fine couple who did so much for the community. On the night the store burned, Virginia stood with the Smith family and the then current owners, the Carletons, and watched in sadness the end of the famous landmark.

The penny suppers at the Congregational

Church and free movies on the main corner brought them in to town each Wednesday night and they always came early so they could get a good place to park their Reo which, "was as big as box car," Sisson recalled. At the age of 14 (then the legal driving age) she took driver's education in Central Lake and remembers going into the bar to pick up her license from the sheriff. Guy White was the Notary public at that time.

She remembers the popcorn stand Helen and Russ Guild had and later their ice cream store and cafe where That's a Pizza is today. (Helen Guild currently cooks for The Calico Cafe, a favorite spot for many.) Virginia remembers a popular hamburger and hot dog stand where Molly Malone's is today.

They had to create their own recreation and one activity Virginia remembers is building rafts from

trees and proudly floating them in Torch Lake.

Half of the garage her father built was an ice house filled with sawdust. Louie deYoung used to furnish them with ice he had cut in the previous winter months. A copper boiler on a two-burner kerosene stove in the other half of the garage was the laundry and cold water had to be carried from the lake and heated through the night, before the laundry could be done. (The irony of this is that Virginia's mother had all the modern conveniences back home in Grand Rapids.)

Later Virginia married Frank Sisson and he has been coming up here 43 years. Frank is President of the Rotary Center in Traverse City, Past President of the Detroit Rotary, Past District Governor of Rotary 6290, was manager for WWJ television in Detroit before retirement, and has been active in the Torch Theater, last year having the lead in *Harvey*. He can be

seen on local television commercials and has a regular program on Northwestern Michigan College's station in Traverse City.

Virginia and Frank have several children and grandchildren who enjoy the cottage and one daughter and her husband, Anne and Rick Calice of Troy, have recently taken over owner-

ship agreeing to share with the other family members.

There's a great-grandchild who hasn't been there yet but his turn will come and the many traditions will go on like going into Central Lake for the Fourth of July fireworks or that delicious double-dipped ice cream cone on a hot summer's evening.

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Contributed by Floyd Churchill
(An Echo Twp. original, vintage 1911)

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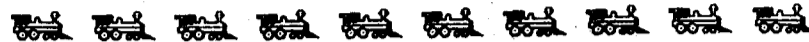
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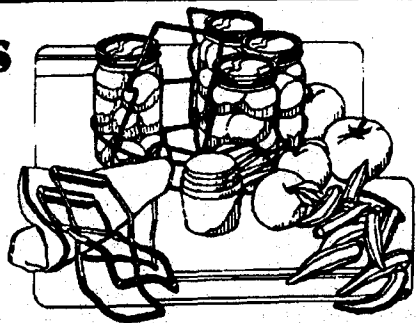
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Lake Street access blocking reported

BY IRENA GRANAAS
ACN Staff Writer

Lawrence "Bub" Wolgamott complained at an Aug. 25 special Central Lake Township meeting that adjoining property owners on the Lake Street public access have planted shrubs across the access walkway and put up a fence across it.

Supervisor Paul Vernon said the fence was used to block the two private parking areas, but was acceptable to the township because it doesn't block pedestrian access. Vernon said a letter was sent to one of the men to remove trees from the access, and someone will be sent to look at the shrubbery.

With the very words you just spoke, Judge Brown took a lake access away from us. This is a virus we've got to stop.

Verl Wolgamott, regarding public access sites

"If we don't take care of this lake access, what's our grandchildren going to use?" asked Wolgamott.

Vernon responded there are two other

lake accesses within a half mile of the Lake Street access.

"With the very words you just spoke, Judge Brown took a lake access away from us," replied Wolgamott. "This is a virus we've got to stop."

Trustee William Murray said it's nearly impossible to get a boat into the water at the access and it's difficult to walk down and go fishing.

Verl Wolgamott, Lawrence's brother, asked about trimming the trees to provide better access, and removing the fence.

"Well, I guess we have more or less condoned the fence, because there are other access sites within the area," said Vernon, adding that if people think it is

a problem, the township will look into it.

Verl told the board not to allow the public to be "squeezed out" by that or similar barriers to free access.

"We're very sensitive to what you're talking about and very interested (in getting public feedback on the issue)," Vernon stated, thanking Verl for his comments.

Verl asked why the township hasn't built more roads. Vernon replied the township is making a study of the cost to reconstruct Eckhardt Road, Sunset Hill-Kiessel Road, Meggison-Shady Nook Road and Muckle Road.

Vernon said the matter would be addressed "very soon."

New BST lab ready for action at EJHS

BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS
Contributing Writer

Students returning to East Jordan High School next week may be surprised by the new Business Services Technologies laboratory in Room 22.

An impressive 22 work station class-

room has been installed over the summer break. Each station has an IBM386 computer complete with a wide range of software.

Packages include Lotus for spreadsheet operations and Word Perfect word processing. Many of the software packages are equipped with windows.

The BST lab also includes one laser and three dot matrix printers.

Most of the students using the new lab will be freshmen. The one-credit BST course will be a requirement for East Jordan ninth-graders beginning with this year's class.

This requirement is beyond the state mandate for every graduate to receive one-half credit of computer instruction, but the district feels strongly that students will need these skills to survive in today's job market.

Because the lab will be in constant school-day use, an auxiliary lab has been installed in the Media Center for use by students outside of class. Six more computers and another printer make up the Media Center lab.

The new lab and related curriculum is one aspect of an ongoing district goal to develop a comprehensive vocational and technical program that meets the needs of East Jordan students.

Business teacher Jerry Hawes has been instrumental in developing the curriculum to service the new technology. The old business and computer departments have been restructured and redesigned under his direction.

The new format will expose students to 72 skill areas in such basics as keyboarding, computer literacy and programming skills, fundamental business skills, accounting, economics, and so on.

Hawes, a graduate of Northern Michigan University, has extensive experience both in teaching and curriculum development. His expertise covers both business and computer aspects of the curriculum and he has experience with all age groups of students.

According to Hawes, the lab will be immediately functional and state-of-

the-art.

"At the same time," he added, "the lab has the capability to be expanded and updated. It will serve us for many years to come."

The new BST program should be a positive addition for the community as well as high school students. The district intends to make the lab available for after-school tutorials, community courses and teacher training.

Eventually, reported Superintendent Chip Hansen, the district will invite area business leaders to a presentation of the lab. The intent is to integrate vocational curriculum more closely with community needs and potential for job opportunities.

Integration with other subject areas is another way the lab can be utilized.

The elementary and middle schools also benefit from the new system installation beyond after-school availability. The 16 Macintosh computers from the older high school computer lab will eventually be recycled into the other schools, so more students will gain exposure to the technology.

The \$71,340 cost of the new system has been funded by a .25 technologies millage recently renewed in June. Combined with last year's millage, the bankroll provided all the hardware and software for the installation.

Hansen noted with appreciation the support of the community for the new program.

"Acceptance of the millage by the community has made a huge difference in what technology we can offer our students," said Hansen.

An additional \$5,824 was spent on the installation of a fiber-optic cable system. The special wiring was necessary to provide full capability for the lab presently and far into the future.

MORE CLASSIFIEDS

NOTICES

SELLING YOUR HOME? Ask for John Pesek at Century 21 H&H (616) 258-8311 or (616) 587-9042 for a no-cost, no obligation evaluation. Pesek is motivated!
c8-18-9-25-tfc

I WILL COLLECT 1993 Central Lake Village Taxes Mondays 9-12, 1-3 p.m. Applications for tax deferment available. Joyce A. Sharp, Central Lake Village Treasurer.
c29-tfc

TRAP & SKEET - new fields open Weds. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Beginners welcome. Elk Rapids Sportsman's Club. 264-6818. c/135-1-37-12tc

ANNUAL NORWOOD School Reunion Sat., Sept. 4 noon at the old school house in Norwood. Meat, rolls & beverage furnished. Bring dish to pass and your own table service.
c35-2tp

SWISS STEAK Dinner at the Methodist Church Saturday, Sept. 4. Serving from 5 p.m. c36-37-2-1tp

LEVEL 1 ASSESSORS CERTIFICATION COURSE Mondays, beginning 9/27/93 for 14 weeks, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuition, \$350. Holiday Inn, Gaylord. Days: 616-258-3340; Eves: 616-331-6422. c/136-2-38-1tp

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LARGE RUBBISH REMOVAL - Large appliance removal. We will clean-up your garage, basement, yard. Large metal removal via torches. Good rates. Call Rand at (616) 258-5336.
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HAVE BIG TRUCK - You call, we'll haul. Mobile homes, gravel, etc. (616) 587-9432 or 1-800-821-5125.
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MASONRY Basements, crawl-spaces, brick, block, concrete work.
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ROOFING ONE - nothing but roofs. We specialize, not sideline on roofs. Top quality and good rates. 587-5676.
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NEED YOUR CAR cleaned and can't find the time to do it? Let me do it for you. I will clean the inside of your car, truck or van your way at a reasonable rate. Call for an appointment today! 544-6980. c/136-2-38-1tp

PAINTING - Interior/ exterior. I would appreciate the opportunity to give you a quote. Reasonable rates, quality work. Phone 284-8035.
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WOW!! Your roof or windows maybe FREE handicapped, seniors, low income. Jim-n-l Builders, 536-7973. c24-25-tfc

HAVE YOU BEEN canceled or refused insurance. We can help. Payment plans available. Call Michael, East Jordan. 536-3331. c/122-23-40-tfc

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ACTIVE, LOVING day-care 2-3 days a week in our home. All day for 4 year old, after school for 11 yr. old. Excellent pay in clean comfortable environment. Please call 264-6826 nights; 941-2447 days. c/136-38-2-1tp

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WE DO WINDOWS - Fast, Reliable Service. Free estimates. 264-6035. c/136-37-2-2tp

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c/136-37-2-2tp

Drivers escape injury

Two men escaped injury in a rear-end collision on East Torch Lake Drive Aug. 26. Bernard Peck, 43, of Acme, driving northbound, stopped to make a left turn onto Clam Lake Road when he was struck in the rear by a vehicle driven by Phillip Edwards, 44, of

Ellsworth.

According to the Antrim County Sheriff Department report, no one was injured in the accident. Edwards was cited for failing to stop in an assured clear distance.

Hunting and fishing licensing automated

Department of Natural Resources Director Roland Harmes announced final authorization of a new law providing for an automated hunting and fishing licensing system next year, calling it a tremendous technological tool for providing a more accurate and rapid licensing system for

Michigan sportspersons. "Automation will save time and paperwork and help conserve game and fish funds, Harmes noted.

"Sportspersons will know at the point of contact if their applications have been submitted on time and if they

are approved. Surveys can be conducted more quickly and the system can be updated every 24 hours."

Harmes expressed appreciation to everyone who recognized the ad-

vantages of automation and helped enact the measure into law. "All of us who love to hunt and fish will be the beneficiaries of Public Act 144 of 1993," he concluded.

Welcome,
Megan Cole

A daughter, Megan Elizabeth, was born to Martin and Judy Cole of East Jordan on Aug. 24, 1993, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.



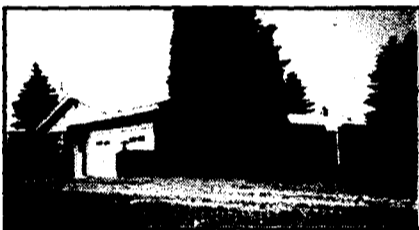
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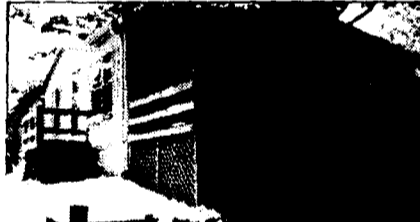
KIDDER ROAD - A unique custom built home on 5 acres, 1 1/2 baths, 2 bedrooms, dual fireplace and attached 2 car garage. This beautiful country home offers many breathtaking views and is surrounded by beautiful blue spruce, maple & pines. All for \$89,900. Located in the Central Lake School District. Another 15 acres available.



VILLAGE OF CENTRAL LAKE - 4 bedrooms, 1 bath, family room with fireplace, natural gas heat, village water on over 230 feet of waterfront located only minutes from Intermediate Lake. Only \$81,500.



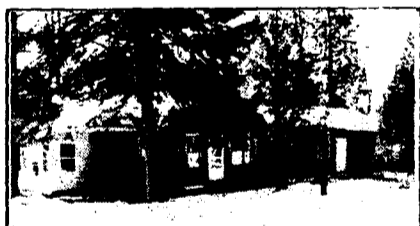
VILLAGE - A unique income producing home in the middle of shopping, schools & churches. Home has been kept in good repair and has a 1 bedroom apartment upstairs with private entrance. Heat with wood or natural gas, an ideal investment at only \$42,900.



GREEN RIVER - Three bedroom, 2 bath newer home on 65' of riverfront, only minutes from Intermediate Lake, this year round home is just like new and is connected to many miles of waterfront at a realistic price of \$74,900.



BENWAY LAKE - This 2 bedroom home sits on 111 feet of Waterfront. You can travel 11 miles North & 11 miles South through our beautiful lakes and rivers, this home has everything at your fingertips, fishing, swimming and all water sports and most important a quiet relaxing setting. Only \$78,900.



INTERMEDIATE LAKE - Would you believe over 200 feet of Intermediate Lake front, a 2000 sq. ft. home, garage, fireplace & basement and this home has some unique possibilities located on our beautiful lakes, priced at \$180,000.

CENTRAL LAKE - 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, fireplace and stream on property makes this just what the doctor ordered. All on 1.6 acres, close public fishing site and only 1 1/2 miles from C.L. Only \$42,900.

VILLAGE - 3600 sq. ft. makes this an excellent opportunity for income property, close to center of Village on M-88. Ideal for apartment or bed & breakfast. Owner says sell - Listed at \$69,900.

HANLEY LAKE - Take a ride through the Chain-O-Lakes on the vacant 114 feet of lakefront. Lot is 114 x 1000' on a blacktop road only 1 mile from Intermediate Lake. Excellent building sites. Priced to sell at \$26,900, possible terms.

M-88 - 26 acres, lots of road frontage only 3 miles from East Jordan. Lots of wood to heat your new home with only \$9,500.

BENWAY LAKE - 10 rolling acres of lakefront, wooded ready to build on. If you want seclusion this is it, \$39,900 with 110 feet of waterfrontage, terms.

CENTRAL LAKE TWP. - 23.5 acres of rolling woods, 660 feet of blacktop road frontage, 95% wooded, ideal for hunting, lots of deer & turkeys, possible terms only \$15,000.

MONTGOMERY ROAD - 2 acres ready to build on. Has well & septic with 200 feet of blacktop road frontage, \$7,295.

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ALL SEASONS REALTY

WATERFRONT HOMES



CL-479 COTTAGE #3 & 6 come as a shared package. Property to be surveyed & split. Each owner to have undivided 1/4 interest in 198 ft. of Benway Lake. Cottages are nicely furnished. \$59,000.



CL-471 COZY, COMFORTABLE 2/BDR. cottage with full walk-out basement and detached garage with 300 sq. ft. of storage. 108 ft. on Hanley Lake with sand beach. Priced to sell now. Trellis does not stay. \$95,000.



CL-481 4/BDR. HOUSE, cottage w/3 BDR., 1.5 BTH., plus garage. This will be surveyed & split but has undivided 1/4 interest in 198 ft. of Benway Lake frontage. Property has creek. \$89,000.



CL-456 REVAMPED LOG CABIN provides excellent space for the fishing and boating enthusiast. 180 ft. on Benway Lake gives you privacy to enjoy the summer sunsets. Good buy!! \$82,500.



CL-465 ENJOY A CASUAL LIFESTYLE in this charming waterfront home located on E. side of Hanley Lake & close to town. Owners have recently remodeled & decorated throughout. Large screened porch & deck all help in making this a very special home. \$145,000.



EC-87 2 YEAR OLD MODULAR HOME on a great fishing lake. Quiet, peaceful setting, 30 x 40 detached pole barn. 12 x 18 storage building. Less than \$800/yr. propane bill. Low maintenance. Great for the retiree who loves to fish. \$98,000.



CL-441 DYNAMIC is what we call this beautiful rebuilt home on the east side of HANLEY LAKE. Spacious living area, 3/BDR., 2/BTH., large kitchen with custom-built cabinets, fireplace, large deck, detached garage, and much, much more. Must see to appreciate!! \$129,500.

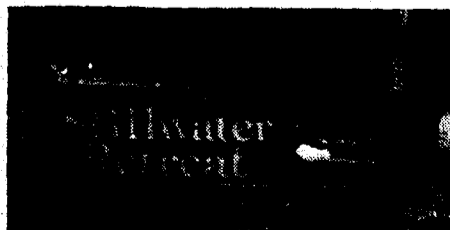


CL-478 OPPORTUNITY IS "KNOCK-N"!! 3/ BDR. home on the west side of Intermediate Lake. Home is year 'round and features fireplace in living room and great view of water from picture window. Wonderful sand beach is perfect spot for kids (young and old) to play. Come take a look today \$125,000.



EC-90 "ON GOLDEN POND" describes it best. Completely remodeled cottage sits in peaceful, tranquil area. Wildlife abounds. Includes jacuzzi/ 1200 sq. ft. of decking. 100 ft. on Scott's Lake. Another 100 ft. available. \$99,900.

WATERFRONT LOTS



CL-961 STILLWAER RETREAT - Eight beautiful lots on Hanley Lake in a quiet, peaceful environment. Private road. Prices begin at \$33,000.

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