

Band may be at High School

School crowding at BC MS causing concerns

School crowding is becoming a great concern in Boyne City as members of the Boyne City School Board heard of three plans being discussed and evaluated for housing students at the Boyne City Middle School next year.

The three alternatives include transporting the band students to the high school for their classes, purchasing a portable classroom for the band students, utilizing the Boyne City Library basement for classes, or moving the fifth grade up to the high school for classes.

Of the alternatives, each with a list of problems, the moving of band students is considered the

best idea school administrators are considering.

Principal Steve Smith said the school will need another classroom in 91-92 followed by an additional room in 92-93.

Superintendent Bob Nakoneczny told the board that the fifth grade has 120 students and will be high school students in four years which will fill up the high school classrooms.

Nakoneczny told board members that the school housing issue has been known since 1985 and has now become critical. He said that 118 students have been signed up for kindergarten next year with

about a dozen needing special education. He added that there is no more room at the elementary school and says Principal Ed Snyder needs two more classrooms next year to house students.

A report from the FUS (Facility Utilization Study) committee will be upcoming shortly, Nakoneczny said, which will hopefully decide the direction the school district should follow.

Moving the eighth grade to the high school was one consideration thrown out because many teachers teach classes in both the seventh and eighth grade and would have

to drive between the middle school and the high school to teach which spends time that could be used in class.

"We keep compromising, compromising," Kanoneczny said, "We need a decision soon."

The board then signed an agreement to work with the City of Boyne City to develop a Centrex phone system for both the city and the schools. Nakoneczny says the new system would save the district money, but it is too small to try to develop a system by itself. With the city, a larger system could be configured which would

be cost effective.

They then approved letting the Financial Committee decide on a school architectural firm that would be hired to develop a master plan for the district. The cost is budgeted at no more than \$10,000. Board members are looking at the King Scott Associates firm and if they meet the approval of the committee would be hired.

The board then approved new contracts with school administrators which would give them wage raises of between 5.82 percent and 7.63 percent. The increases are based on a schedule that includes the number of

students in the school, the program, and the contract work days.

Principal Ed Snyder, with the most number of years within the school district, would be getting the 7.63 percent increase while Joe Tibaldi, the principal at the high school and the newest member of the administrative team, would only be getting a 5.62 percent increase.

The board also approved several changes in the high school curriculum, purchased a lawn mower, approved the use of Boyne school buses at the annual Labor

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Schools proposing adult, alt., ed consortium

Charlevoix County schools may be combining interests to form a consortium that would develop their own adult education and alternative education program which would fund both of those programs of the schools.

The proposal was presented last week to all of the superintendents at a meeting the superintendents have monthly.

Presently, the school districts each have their own program with deferring amount of participation by adults and alternative education students. Boyne City has the largest adult education program with a 42 student average for the last two years. East Jordan had nine while Charlevoix Senior Citizens program educated 23 adults. Charlevoix schools had four in their program.

Boyne City also generated 14 full time students for their alternative education program.

All of those students would be combined into one program in a proposal suggested by Boyne City School Superintendent Bob Nakoneczny.

He told the Boyne City School Board Monday night that if the idea is accepted by the school districts, East Jordan schools would become the lead school.

That means the adult and alternative programs could be funded in part by state aid, as East Jordan is the only school district within the county to receive state assistance.

The proposal states that the school districts cannot meet the needs of all children, and that school dropouts are a tremendous

burden to the community in that they commit more crimes and make up close to 80 percent of prison populations.

An alternative education program is cheaper to run than institutionalizing the youth and helps to stop the direction in which a child is headed. It also avoids the social expenses and the loss of human resources.

The present plans indicate that two schools would be formed, one utilizing the present Advance Board of Commerce Building for the next few years. The Char-Em School District has been using the former Ironton School for storage and has informed the superintendents that it could be used next year. Both schools would house about 25 students.

The schools anticipate that they will enroll about that many or more students in the future as they presently have 40 involved in the educational process.

The plan is to have two locations located somewhere in the Ironton area, on both sides of the ferry. Nakoneczny thinks that would be ideal for the school districts as they would be used as alternative education centers during the day and adult education centers at night. Both would be located within the East Jordan School District, a requirement to get the funding from the state.

Presently, the funding for the alternative and adult education amounts to \$2,442 for each full time student. That is paid to the school districts by the St. Ignace based Straits Area Consortium. With the combined districts, the per student funding would in-

crease to \$3,592 per student. The reason for the increase in the amount of money the East Jordan School District gets as part of their state aid funding.

It is hoped by the superintendents' council that some funding could also come from the county as the alternative education program deals with students who possibly would become involved with the court and social service systems.

The county commissioners indicated that they would consider funding that could start in the fiscal year beginning 1991. They were not able to help this year although several have expressed support for the program.

A preliminary budget was developed to see what costs would be involved and it was decided that the fiscal agent, East Jordan Schools, would be taking 15 per-

cent off the top for administering the program. Another five percent would be used to provide a sinking fund for a future building program when the two buildings are constructed.

The alternative education program presently has two instructors. Nakoneczny said that additional instructors would be needed for the second school.

It was estimated that the combined program would generate

about \$463,821 and would cost about \$455,224 per year with the remainder being used as fund equity.

There are many other considerations that would have to be worked out, Nakoneczny said, but he added that this could become a model program for the state. He predicted that within five years the program would develop enough so the state could offer it as an idea to other consortia.



The winners of the 1990 National Mushroom Hunting Championships show off their specially made morel mushroom prizes. Each winner was given a check along with the morels although the second and third places

just received checks. The hunt was successful on Saturday in the Chandler area, but the Sunday finals were in a place that had few mushrooms to be found.

News Briefs

Boyne City High School finally received a plaque signifying the excellence in sportsmanship during the past basketball season. The award reflects parents, students and fans who attended the "second season."

A new drug/alcohol program for the Boyne City Schools will be a topic of discussion at a meeting of BACPAC and the Boyne City Task Force May 17, at 7 p.m. in the Boyne City Hall meeting room. Janet Ratke, the prevention coordinator for Chips Counseling will be the speaker.

Senior Citizens are reminded that the last day to apply for the new Michigan prescription drug tax credit is June 1, 1990. Many senior resource centers will help fill out the forms.

The Michigan Association of School Boards recently recognized Thelma Behling, Robin Hissong, (Boyne City); Art Saworski, (Boyne Falls); and Barbara Malpass, (East Jordan) with awards for continuing education and service to their school districts.

Another food distribution is set for May 30th in Charlevoix County beginning at 9 a.m. and lasting until the food is distributed. Items included this month are butter, vegetarian beans, honey, flour and raisins. The sites include the Community Center in Boyne City, the V.F.W. Hall in Charlevoix and the Civic Center in East Jordan.

Aaron Boris takes fathers place in annual national morel hunting championship win

There were only a couple of glitches in the 30th annual National Mushroom hunt held over the weekend, both of them involving mushrooms. Other than that, the festival went off a success in spite of the weather which dumped the area with about four inches of snow on Thursday.

The first little problem happened Saturday when the hidden mushroom, which if found, would have provided a new bike to the finder. But since the mushroom was not found, the winner was chosen by a name drawn out of a hat. Jason Hocquard was named the winner from the drawing. The mushroom, painted gold, was eventually dug out of the ground by the festival officials, who decided next year not to make it so difficult to find.

The second glitch was the championship round on Sunday when few mushrooms were found

by the hunters in the finals.

Taking the Grand Championship Division was Aaron Boris of Charlevoix, who moved up into the Championship division after winning the Resident Men's class last year. He picked a two day, three hour total of 92 mushrooms, 26 in the finals to take the lead away from Irene Mackie of Walloon Lake who found 79 in the Saturday hunt. She could only find one more in the finals.

Taking the first place in resident men was Marshall Holmes of Traverse City, who found three morels to take the win over former Grand Champion Stan Boris who tried stepping down a class this year. In the Saturday hunt, Boris came in with the highest qualifying total of 103 morels. Third place went to Nick Dickson and Ben Holmes, both who found nothing on Sunday.

For the resident women, a first

time hunter in class took all of the honors after qualifying fifth on Saturday. Faye Brown of Boyne City found four mushrooms Sunday beating out Charla Holmes and Susan Florenski who had three. Brown was talked into joining the hunt at the last minute by former winner Geri Boris who even paid her entry fee.

In the Non-Resident category, the Men's division was taken by Howard Monroe of Galesburg, Michigan with a total of 3 mushrooms found. He beat out former winners Paul Whipple, Nunica, Mich., and Harry Huntoon, Elsie, Mich.

For the women's side of the contest, Connie Lackey took the win with two mushrooms while Judy Owen and Jill Huntoon tied for second. Huntoon found 101 mushrooms in the Saturday hunt.

It looked like the weather was going to comply this year, giving

the area needed rain at the right time, until the snow. That shut down the opening of the carnival which starts off the weekend of activities.

Friday, the snow melted into the ground and the carnival opened to a slow, but steady crowd.

Saturday, registrations for the annual contest were running ahead of last year even though officials had heard rumors of cancellations from some motel owners. One-hundred sixty one signed up to try to see how many morels they could find within the 1 1/2 hour qualifying round. The first five in each division were asked to participate in the finals which were held Sunday.

That day will go down in history as "Not a good place" to take some of the best mushroom hunters in the nation as the mushrooms were

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Guest Editorial

Why we need tax cut incentive

Submitted by Michael C. Sessa, Executive Director, Taxpayers United

Higher than 10 percent property tax assessment increases year after year are forcing senior citizens out of their homes and out of Michigan.

Young couples who have scrimped and saved for a down payment on a home of their own, the great American dream, find that because of government's outrageous and un-budgeted property tax increases, people can't afford to keep up with installment payments.

Even middle income families are hard-pressed because their personal income has not been increasing as fast as their property tax burden.

Do we really own our homes in Michigan? Reality to most of us is that we pay \$50 to \$600 a month in taxes not so much for a roof over our heads as the privilege of maintaining and improving our property to give the tax collector the opportunity to tax us more.

We have become caretakers of our own homes, no longer because of our family pride and responsibility of ownership, but seemingly so tax assessors can seize our prized homes if we don't fork over a lot more money every time we get a tax assessment notice.

The State of Michigan collects \$8 billion a year in "rent" from "homeowners." While every unit of government benefits from property tax collections, each refuses to accept responsibility for imposing the ever-increasing property tax burden.

Government officials at all levels suffer from the "don't blame me" syndrome.

"Don't blame me," cry city and township governments. "It's the county!!"

"Don't blame me," explain county governments. "It's the State!!"

"Don't blame me," report our elected state officials. "It's the Constitution!!"

And so it goes. Each government official blames the other. In the end, they blame the citizens of Michigan.

Government officials say the Michigan Constitution revised in 1963 sets the assessment tax at 50 percent of the true cash value of our homes.

But does it really? The answer is NO.

The Michigan Constitution simply requires that HOMES NOT BE ASSESSED IN EXCESS OF 50 PERCENT OF TRUE CASH VALUE.

The state legislature and Governor have the power and responsibility to lower the tax rate to any point below 50 percent of true cash value. Why do they always tax us at the maximum every year without regard to fairness or our ability to pay?

The answer is that everyone in the growing government bureaucracy in Michigan realizes a windfall of extra dollars to spend any way they choose each time state government, through their surrogates—the State Tax Commission and it's down-line chain of assessors—raises local assessments.

The state (meaning many of our State Representatives, Senators and the Governor) routinely now scheme to implement their annual "funding formula." They habitually increase property assessments while simultaneously cutting state aid to local schools and county, city and township governments. The more homeowners pay in local property taxes, the less state government appropriates to local schools and local units of government.

It doesn't seem to bother them that they are violating our Constitutional rights guaranteed in the Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment of 1978 in their annual process.

In Michigan, we pay over 40 different taxes. Many of these taxes are earmarked (set aside) for aid to local units of government.

For example 2.25 cents of the 4 percent sales tax goes to fund education; a portion of taxes on cigarettes and liquor are supposed to help fund education; taxes on commercial and industrial facilities are required to fund education; and lottery money is earmarked for education.

Revenue from these taxes increases year after year, but aid to our schools does not.

Ten years ago, the state appropriated \$504 million to K-12

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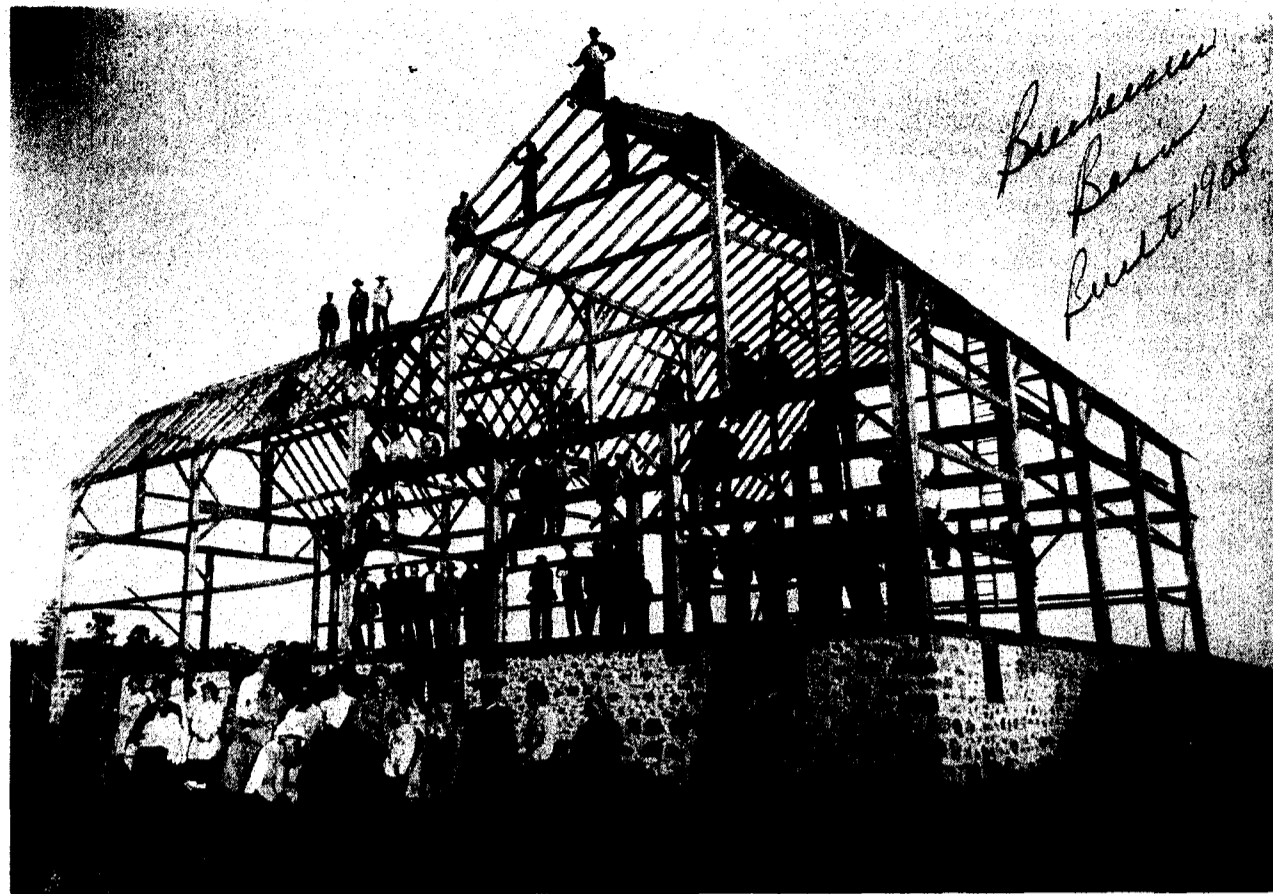
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Remembrances



*Brecheisen
Bayne
1905*

A barn raising back in 1905 was cause for a celebration as all of the workers putting up the barn and their families gathered for the occasion. This barn was built for the Brecheisen family near Bay Shore. The structure shows how the barn timbers were attached to each other to make a structurally strong building. After the pic-

ture was taken, the siding was nailed to the barn to complete the building phase. Our thanks to Mrs. Robert Holzschu for loaning us this print to copy, and last week's picture of the limestone kiln in Bay Shore. If you have any old photos of the area please bring them to the office so a copy can be made for this feature.

"Forget 'old boy' code. If you don't like it, say so."

Editor,

Thanks to Dave Seeley and the Save Our Lake Committee for taking the initiative to organize and express their concerns over the proposed marina development at the mouth of the Boyne River by One Water Street and Company and Rick Smith.

We raised our brow upon hearing of these plans. Not too long ago we were encouraged by Mr. Smith's part in the Lake Charlevoix Management Plan and his apparent concerns over future marina growth on the lake. However, having sold most if not all their interest in the 216-slip Harborage Marina Condominium, it now seems that he and his partners cannot resist the financial motivation of yet another marina scheme. What a reversal! What imagination! In an area full of potential for growth, Mr. Smith and Company have chosen, once again, to exploit Northern Michigan's most alluring and environmentally sensitive natural attraction. In our opinion this idea is irresponsible and totally unacceptable. We wonder about an individual who is not content with the sale of 216 condominiumized boat slips.

Our biggest concerns are the obvious adverse impacts on the lake and river habitats and obstruction of the existing view at the end of Water Street. In the proposal's dredging application there is a section concerning the pollution, impairment, and destruction of water and natural resources, to which One Water Street's agent, United Design Associates of Cheboygan, responds that the breakwater and rip-rap will enhance fish habitat. Enhance means to make better. We agree with Mr. Seeley and his supporters that great fishing already exists on the lake near and in the Boyne River, and has been enjoyed by generations of local residents and visitors. If, by any stretch of the imagination, the proposed dredging and concentrated human activity at this rich aquatic site does enhance fish habitat, do you believe that the public would be allowed to use the marina's extensive dock system to share in this environmental bonanza?

If you can excuse the imposition of a certain restaurant at the end of the street, the view west on Water Street from downtown Boyne City is precious. Blue water for miles. Watch the seasons blow in on the tips of wind swept waves at the mouth of the river. Watch, through a misty October morning,

as your rod tip drops hard to the bite of a 15 pound salmon as it shoots for open water. Not very poetic, but most of us have had these moments. These qualities, these types of experiences, could be lost forever as this developer continues a ravenous pursuit of more Boyne City waterfront.

We encourage the business community to oppose this project. Forget the "old boy" code. If you don't like it, say so. Boyne City is vital and growing. Do we really depend on another 65-slip marina to nurture the city's economic growth? Catering to the affluent has a place here in Northern Michigan and many of us rely on this industry. But, consuming ourselves with services few can afford threatens the unique ambience we all enjoy in our northern home towns.

It seems that in addition to the things we've already listed there are some technical questions which need to be discussed by those more qualified. For example, could there be some concern over bottomlands, public lands, at the project site and the idea of riparian rights? Did the original plat provide for riparian rights? Where is the original platted shoreline? Have the appropriate papers ever been drafted and recorded conveying the interest of the public to any individual? Where is Water Street, if extended, relative to One Water Street Restaurant?

On June 15, 1987, Rick Smith signed and recorded with the Charlevoix Register of Deeds (Liber 301, Page 542) an "affidavit acknowledging permissive use of the west end of Water Street, a public street in the City of Boyne City, Michigan". In this document Mr. Smith being duly sworn says he acknowledges that Water Street extends to the waters of Lake Charlevoix, adjacent to One Water Street Restaurant, and has provided public access to Lake Charlevoix since 1900, or earlier. Furthermore, Mr. Smith states that the constructed channel, bridge, and landscaping, etc., are not an attempt to acquire the west end of Water Street, "nor does One Water Street assert any claim of adverse possession or otherwise in said Water Street". And, he "does further acknowledge that any use of the west end of said Water Street by One Water Street is permissive..."

This affidavit raises some curious questions. If the public street exists where Mr. Smith swears it exists, isn't there a conflict with his planned private

marina? Does a planned private marina at the site of a decades old public access site sound like a claim of adverse possession? And, who gave Mr. Smith the authority to claim for himself permissive use of the west end of public Water Street? Obviously a lot of clarification is still needed here. It's old hat that the scale of most development plans such as this one are initially inflated in hopes that in case of rejection the developer can then scale down and compromise. Well, any scaled down variation of the original proposal

would still carry all of our present concerns. The opposition should prepare for this potential outcome and completely reject any marina development idea at the site.

Once again, thanks to the Save Our Lake Committee for having inspired us to write and express our opposition, they have our full support. We hope that more people like ourselves get involved at the grass-roots and "strike while the iron is hot".

Dan and Brenda Hernden
Boyne City

Thanks alternative ed teachers

Editor,

I am a working single parent and would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to those who made the alternative education program possible this year.

My greatest thanks go to Geri Dietze and Dick Shearer, the fine teachers who made this one room school work, where what one wore or how one looked had nothing to do with learning. No frills, no pool, no golf, no extra anything. One room heated with an old fuel space heater, two teachers and kids. Back to basics!

Thanks again, you two, for giving your all to our kids. My Mickey will graduate this year because of you. There is no doubt in my mind that without your interest, your concern and your absolute capabilities as great teachers, several of these students would not have made the grade. Your dedication to your job and to our kids has made them completely turn around. They admire you both, think you are the greatest, and would do most anything for you. You both have their and my utmost respect.

Mickey has called you at home after school or on weekends and always received a healthy warm response. Help was always a phone call away, and given in every way, always.

I have been greatly impressed. I went to a two-room country school years ago. No frills. We learned and so did this class.

My son and others looked forward to going to school! That says a lot, and it showed on his report card.

I can't sing the praises of these two teachers enough!

Hopefully, this program will be backed 100 percent by all. Although this is my last child in the school system, I will back this program and beg all to do the

same for the up-and-coming students who need it.

Dick and Geri — thank you from a parent and a student who know you're special. We hope and pray you are with our school system for a very long time.

Our kids need and deserve teachers of your caliber.

Jane Holley
Mickey Holley
Boyne City

Letters

The Charlevoix County Press welcomes letters to the editor on subjects of interest to our readers. Short letters are most likely to be chosen for publication, but the use of any material is at the discretion of the editor. The editor reserves the right to edit letters to meet space requirements, clarity or to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

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schools. Last year state officials appropriated about the same amount of money to teach substantially fewer students with diminishing college entrance scores.

When assessments on our homes increase, state aid to education should also increase shouldn't it? But it doesn't! Instead, we homeowners are unfairly forced to shoulder more of the tax burden while our kids receive less of an education. Michigan's teachers are the fifth highest paid in the country but our students rank in the bottom half on college entrance tests.

State government's shortchanging school children and local government causes another problem. That is pressure on voters to approve millage rate increases and Headlee Overrides. Millage rates remain high because of this reason, even though we can at least vote "yes" or "no" because of the Headlee Amendment.

We can no longer afford the school formula funding schemes concocted by state officials. Such formulas compound our misery. Legislators and the Governor have been spending our hard-earned tax dollars on prison construction and expanding welfare programs rather than on constitutionally mandated financing. State government's priorities today differ from those of taxpayers, and conflict with our Constitution.

What can we taxpayers do about it?

Property tax relief is the top voter priority of 1990. Yet, state government is gridlocked unwilling to cut our property taxes, even in this election year.



Boyer hosts Brain Boosters Bowl

Boyer City Middle School recently hosted the fourth annual Boyer Brain Boosters Bowl. The following seven schools participated: East Jordan, Beaver Island, Boyer Falls, Petoskey, Ellsworth, Pellston and Mancelona.

The Quiz Bowl is an academic contest in which two opposing teams with four members each compete to be the first with the correct answer to a verbal question.

As points are earned, teams continue toward elimination. In tough competition, Boyer City's 'A' team had to beat Boyer City's 'B' team to continue the tournament. 'A' team members included: team captain Dan Nakoneczny, David Moulton, Ashli Simpson, Sean Battiste and Matt Nakoneczny (alternate).

In the final round, Boyer City's 'A' team beat the three boy, one

girl Mancelona team and won a second place plaque in their first year of competition.

In the four previous years that Boyer City Middle School has hosted this event, Boyer City placed first three times. In 1988, they placed second and third.

Barbara Martin, Boyer City Middle School counselor is the organizer for this annual event.

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CHARLES C. LEIST

Charles C. Leist, 79, of Bay Township, died April 22, 1990, at Little Traverse Division, Northern Michigan Hospitals.

Funeral was Thursday, April 26, at the Stackus Funeral Home, Boyer City. The Rev. Craig Adams of the Horton Bay United

Methodist Church officiated and burial was in Maple Lawn Cemetery, Boyer City.

Mr. Leist was born Dec. 15, 1910, in Horton Bay, the son of John and Hazel (Shaw) Leist. He lived in Bay Township his entire life.

Mr. Leist was a farmer and also worked for Penn Dixie Cement Co. and Michigan Maple Block in Petoskey. He owned and operated Pappy's Boots & Saddles and was Bay Township supervisor for four terms. He was one of those instrumental in the founding of Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

On April 20, 1931, he married the former Gertrude Priebe.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Mrs. Raymond (Frances) Patrick of Jackson, Mrs. Robert (Hazel) Harmeling of Bay Township, Mrs. Robert (Kathleen) Schmoldt of Bay Township and Mrs. Wayne (Dorothy) Miller of Leslie, Mich.; one daughter-in-law, Kathy Towne Leist of Boyer City; a son and daughter-in-law, Frank and Ruth Leist of Bay Township, A son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Judy Leist of Bay Township and a son, Milo Leist of Fallon, Nev.; one brother, Albert of Brookeland, Texas; two sisters, Laura Eggers of Boyer City and Mrs. Phil (Ruby) DeNise of Boyer City; one sister-in-law, Jenny Leist Bannon of Horton Bay; 24 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother Ralph and a sister Myra Kurtz.

The family suggests memorials to Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

JIMMY D. YETTAW

A graveside service for Jimmy D. Yettaw, who died January 25, 1990, will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 19 at Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan. The Rev. Robert Herbon of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of East Jordan will officiate.

Taxes

Ware-withal

Republicans have a property tax relief plan. So do the Democrats. But neither Party is willing to cooperate in order to reduce property tax assessments below the 50 percent limit on State Equalized Valuation (SEV).

The citizens of Michigan are angry. We should be. While we are demanding and expecting property tax relief, most politicians in the State Capitol are trying to barter higher substitute taxes, or tax shifts, as their price for homeowner property tax relief.

Legislators and the Governor could simply reduce the SEV level on all Michigan homes from 50% to 40%, but they won't. They always ask the same question, "Where will the state get the money to 'give' property tax relief?" But they never ask how we homeowners will pay when they raise our assessments (property taxes) without our vote or consent. And they never consider cutting spending as you and I do when we are broke!!

Michigan property taxes are 39 percent higher than the national average, but we rank only 16th among the 50 states in per capita income. We're overtaxed now and can't afford to take it any more. Does the Governor care? He's on a spending binge with our unjustly hiked taxes.

If we want to cut our property taxes, we must join together again with a Michigan taxpayer revolt. We citizens must force state officials to abide by the Headlee Amendment we voted into the Constitution in 1978 and appropriate more money to our local units of government, including our schools.

But to roll back property tax assessments yet this year, we need your help now with the Headlee Tax Cut Initiative, a sure-fire way to cut your property tax assessment 20 percent over two years.

This is your chance to write your own property tax assessment cut. Counties throughout Michigan have levied 1990 property tax assessments more than double the rate of inflation. That's not fair.

If your family is fed up with budget-breaking property tax assessments, join Dick Headlee and Taxpayers United for Assessment Cuts to initiate legislation to:

- A. Cut each property tax assessment 10 percent on December 31, 1990 and approximately 10 percent the next year.
- B. Force the State Legislature to fund from the State General Fund any local revenue lost by the 20 percent cut.
- C. Allow any taxpayer to bring suit in his/her own County Circuit Court to enforce this statute with attorney fees paid by the taxing body at 150 percent of actual expenses if the taxpayer prevails. No cost of any nature shall be levied against a plaintiff taxpayer.

Taxpayers United is the largest non-profit, non-partisan taxpayer group in the state. We have obtained over 96,000 signatures on our petitions since March 15. We need an equal number of ballot signatures at our campaign headquarters by May 15 for turn in to the Secretary of State on May 31.

Obituaries

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by F. OWEN MOORE AND ARLENE R. MOORE, His Wife to Advance Mortgage Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 4, 1976, and recorded on August 10, 1976, in Liber 146, on page 642, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to r.l. norman corporation db/a Mortgage Default Services Company by an assignment dated March 29, 1990, and recorded on April 16, 1990, in Liber 216, on page 0386, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY THREE THOUSAND SIXTY FOUR AND 92/100 Dollars (\$33,064.92), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main Lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on July 6, 1990.

Said premises are situated in the City of Boyer City, Charlevoix, County, Michigan, and are described as:

A part of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 35, T33N, R6W, described as follows: Commencing at a point on the NW 1/4 side of Hemlock Street where it intersects the most E'ly corner of Lot 2, Block E of N. Morgan's Addition to Boyer City; Thence NW 1/4 along the NE 1/4 line of said Lot 2, 132.0 feet, to the northern most corner of said Lot 2; thence NE 1/4 along the extended NW 1/4 side of said Lot 2, 152.0 feet; Thence at right angles S 47 degrees 03 minutes E to the 1/8 line, also being the W 1/2 side of Evangeline Street; Thence S on the 1/8 line to its intersection with the NW side of Hemlock Street; Thence SW along the NW side of Hemlock Street 115 feet to the point of beginning. Excepting: In the City of Boyer City, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, commencing at the NE corner of said Lot 2 Block E, thence N 7 1/2 along the NE side of Lot 2 Block E 66 feet, thence at right angles in a NE 1/4 direction 16.5 feet, thence in a SE 1/4 direction 66 feet to the N 1/2 side of Hemlock Street, thence southwesterly 16.5 feet to place of beginning. Being a part of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 section 35, T33N, R6W. (Recorded in Deed Liber 208, on page 265, Charlevoix County Records)

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 9, 1990

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may 9, 16, 23, 30
June 6

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made March 29, 1972, by Billie Jo Felix, a single woman, as mortgagor(s), to the United States of America, as mortgagee, and recorded on March 29, 1972, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, in Liber 131 of mortgages on pages 730-733; And assumed by Gerald B. Smith and Billie Jo Smith, his wife; AND Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made May 23, 1985, by Gerald B. Smith and Billie Jo Smith, his wife, as mortgagor(s), to the United States of America, as mortgagee, and recorded on May 24, 1985, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, in Liber 178 of mortgages on pages 840-843;

On which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Nine and 11/100 Dollars (\$14,359.11) principal and One Thousand One Hundred Forty Four and 13/100 Dollars (\$1,144.13) interest; no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale contained in said mortgage having become operative by reason of such default; NOW, THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that on June 27, 1990 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the East Door of Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with the legal costs and charge of sale provided by law in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described, as follows, to wit:

Land located in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan. Commencing at the intersection of a line extended West from the center line of Union Street of S.G. Isman's Addition with the East line of Highway M-66, in said City of East Jordan, Michigan; thence South along the East line of said Highway M-66 a distance of 150 feet; thence East and parallel with said line extended West from the center line of said Union Street 150 feet; thence North 150 feet; thence West 150 feet along said extension of said center line of Union Street 150 feet to the place of beginning; being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 and Government Lot 7, Section 23, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, EXCEPTING the South 70 feet thereof.

The redemption period will be six months from the foreclosure sale. Property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the foreclosure sale plus interest and any unpaid encumbrances on the property from date of sale. For additional information, contact UNITED STATES OF AMERICA acting through Farmers Home Administration, 2206 Mitchell Park Dr., Petoskey, MI 49770, mortgagee. Dated May 16, 1990.

may 16, 23, 30 June 6

brief note. By keeping in touch this way, all these people will remember you and if you ever need them, they'll be more willing to help, or helpfully so.

McWhirter makes no comments on the practicality of this idea for women, and it cries out for some evaluation.

No doubt the Rolodex principle works well for Mackay and for most men, who tend to stick strictly to matters at hand even in personal contacts. But women, while not losing sight of their goals, are less terse and feel it not inappropriate to share Fido's fleas or grandma's gait with most people. So they'd feel they ought to, or want to, refer to these details when they next made contact (having noted them on the Rolodex card, of course), whether by phone or mail. This makes the idea a whole lot more time-consuming for women than for men; in fact, as time went by and more and more cards were added to the wheel (Mackay's has 6,000), just keeping up with these contacts according to Mackay's timetable could turn into a full time job and then some. Rolodex cards would likely turn out to be too small to allow for all of their personal notations too.

Still, since Mackay has offered this advice, the least women can do is buy a Rolodex, take it to work and try it. If the Rolodex principle doesn't work out for them, merely making the wheel go around from time to time would give them a sense of control over something at the office anyway.

In Service

Marine Pfc. Aaron G. Shaw, son of John D. and Deborah A. Shaw of Boyer City, has completed the School of Infantry.

During the course conducted at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif., Shaw received classroom instruction and participated in field exercises involving infantry tactics, the construction and camouflage of fighting positions, the use of mines and other demolitions, and intra-company communications equipment.

Public Notices

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by MICHAEL A. LONGTON AND MARY E. LONGTON, husband and wife to REPUBLIC BANK NORTH, A Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 3, 1989, and recorded on March 7, 1989, in Liber 207, on page 0452, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FOURTEEN AND 57/100 Dollars (\$52,614.57), including interest at 10.50% per annum. Adjustable Rate Mortgage; interest rate may change 4-1 of each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main Lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on June 22, 1990.

Said premises are situated in the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 23, Plat of JACK-MAR SHORES, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 45, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 9, 1990

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REPUBLIC BANK NORTH
Mortgagee
may 9, 16, 23, 30
June 6

In service

Second Lt. Michael D. Crick has completed an armor officer basic course at the U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky.

The course covered branch training in armor for newly commissioned officers with special emphasis on the duties of tank and reconnaissance platoon leaders. Their training includes instruction in automotive principles and maintenance, communications, weapons and tactics.

Crick is the son of Judith A. Wood and stepson of Charles R. Wood of Boyer City, Mich.

His wife, Pamela, is the daughter of Keith Dressel of East Jordan, and Barb Novotny of Boyer City.

He is a 1978 graduate of East Jordan High School, and a 1988 graduate of St. Leo College, Fla.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Trial attorney, Thomas R. Rensberry, has moved his offices from Gaylord, Michigan to Cadillac, Michigan.

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What's Happening

BLOOD DRIVE

The Boyne City Community Blood Drive will be held on Monday, May 21, from 2 to 7:45 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, M-75 S. at Deer Lk. Rd. Call Beth Mallard at 582-6805.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

The United Methodist Church of East Jordan will be hosting a family style roast beef dinner on Sat., May 19, 5-7 p.m. Children five and under admitted free. The church is located at 201 Fourth Street.

REPUBLICANS

The Charlevoix County Republicans will meet at the county court house at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 17.

NEEDED

The sewing room at Grandvue Medical Care Facility is in need of clean, snagged nylons (all colors), old broken jewelry, beads and sequins. These supplies will be used by the patients in upcoming projects.

PORTSIDE ART AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Veronica Medicine will be the featured speaker at the Portside Art and Historical Society's meeting Thursday, May 17. Ms. Medicine, an Odowan, will present a program entitled "The History of Native Americans in the East Jordan area". The Historical Society meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Portside Museum, at Elm Pointe, East Jordan. Refreshments and discussion will follow the presentation.

ATTENTION RETIRED MILITARY OFFICERS

An effort is being made to establish a Chapter of the Retired Officers Assoc. in northern lower Michigan. All retired military officers, their widows, National Guard and Reserve Officers, former officers as well as active duty officers are urged to contact: Lt. Col. Ervan L. Amidon, 616-946-8948 or Lt. Col. Donald K. McClure at 616-941-0408 for details.

SPRING DINNER DANCE

This original "senior" senior prom will be held on Thursday, May 17th at the VFW Hall off the Harbor Springs-Petoskey Rd., 5:30 p.m. Dinner starts at 6 p.m., dance begins at 7:15 p.m. Music by "Yesterdays".

Dress is Sunday best to formal. Singles are encouraged to come. Transportation is available. Special prizes awarded. For tickets or information call 347-3211. Sponsored in part by grant from Michigan Council for the Arts and the Friendship Centers of Emmet County.

RUMMAGE SALE

A super good, super big rummage and white elephant sale will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, M-75 South near the Country Star, Boyne City, on Friday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Items include appliances, kitchenware, pictures, drapes, toys, clothing for the whole family. Something for everyone.

RUMMAGE SALE

On Saturday, May 19 the Sunday School from the Boyne City United Methodist Church will have a rummage sale from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the church basement. Proceeds will help send children to camp and help finance Vacation Bible School in August.

RENDEZVOUS

Once again, its time for the Jordan River Sportsmen's Club Annual Cabin Fever Rendezvous. This is a black powder shoot, with participants dressed in 18th and 19th century period dress. The public is invited to witness men and women's muzzle loading rifle matches, knife and hawk throwing contests and other events, on Saturday May 19 and Sunday May 20th, at the Jordan River Sportsmen's Club Range on the Advance Road, near Walkers Auto Parts, East Jordan. Competition starts at 10 a.m. Saturday.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

If you have a problem with alcohol we urge you to attend a local A.A. meeting for support.

The Boyne Valley Group meets at the Knights of Columbus Hall on M-75 S., Boyne City, every Monday at 8 p.m. (closed meeting), Wed. at 6:30 p.m. (step study closed meeting followed by a regular closed mtg.), Thursday at noon (closed mtg.), Friday at 8 p.m. (closed mtg.).

The Boyne City group meets every Sunday at the Presbyterian Church on Park St. at 8 p.m. for a closed meeting.

BLIND/DEAF

Braille materials, readers for visually impaired individuals, and interpreters for the hearing impaired will be provided upon request. If you are in need of one of these services, please notify Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, 1723 West M-32, Suite A, Gaylord, MI (517)732-1791.

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BY REG SHARKEY

In the early morning, a few days ago, I witnessed a once-in-a-lifetime drama of nature.

Arising to the strident, insistent call of a hungry crow, I obtained a dog food sandwich my wife prepares for our woodland Black Barts, tossing a portion out from our elevated deck.

Re-entering the house I watched as a crow volplaned down to the morsal. Gathering up the scattered food the crow didn't see the feathered thunderbolt plunging earthward through the nearby woodland.

Too late the crow realized his peril as the goshawk sank his talons into the screaming avian, and I rushed for my camera.

Round and round they tumbled on the greensward as I tried to pick up the action in the camera view finder.

But the shrieking of the crow alerted other nearby crows and they came winging to the rescue, descending on the gyrating combatants in a fury of screams and pecking.

Moving his battling prey to the protection of a nearby brushy slope the goshawk attempted to subdue his struggling victim. But the incensed rescuers pecked and pummeled the hawk until it was forced to release its victim.

With the whole scenario lasting only a few seconds I was unable to photograph the woodland drama, but it will remain etched in my memory for a long time.

P.S. After the set-to I searched the brushy battleground just in case the crow was unable to fly away. It turned up nothing.

However, I am beginning to wonder if our tamest crow flew off to cash in his chips in solitude, for we haven't seen him since. We knew this particular crow by his gimp walk, having injured a leg somewhere along the line.

In the many years I have been observing and writing about wildlife, there never seems to be an end to observing "something new" in nature's repertoire.

And Gimp, the crow with one game leg—the one that got mauled—evidently succumbed to the goshawk's mauling for he shows up no more.

Although nature plays no favorites in saving what man thinks should be saved, we do think that Gimp should have been spared from a natural process.

Parting Shot: Let's not clutter up Boyne's waterfront with more man-made structures. Preserve the bottom land for the fish and those who enjoy angling for them. Enough is enough.

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Morel hunt

few to be found. The area, a place almost in the middle of the Jordan Valley State Forest, had either been picked over by other hunters during the week, or had a lack of the rain and other items that cause the mushroom to fruit.

The Saturday hunt took the hunters out to an area east of Boyne Falls in the Chandler Hills. The number of mushrooms found Saturday was slightly below the number found last year, with this year's total for the hunt, 1,354 mushrooms.

Back in Boyne City, the morel festival found new and larger headquarters at a special tent provided by One Water Street. There, displays of mushrooms, and vendors selling their mushroom memorabilia were entertained most of the afternoon by singer Sean Ryan and juggler Tom Tropic.

The visitors to the festival also had an opportunity to see the commercially grown mushrooms of the Morel Mountain Company, as well as try some appetizers provided by the restaurant.

Perhaps the biggest event of the day was also the one that attracted the most contestants as over 300 youngsters below the age of ten participated in the Easter egg type of hunt for miniature plastic morels and other prizes that were hidden in a large area of the grass in Sunset Park.

At the announcer's signal all descended upon the grounds, some youngsters holding the hands of their parents as they searched for and found mushrooms and gifts.

Over at the carnival, the weather turned out to be nice and large crowds gathered to enjoy the rides and games.

Visitors to the carnival could be taken between the Big Tent and the carnival by two horse-drawn wagons all day long. The horses were provided by Corky Price and by Springbrook Hills Resort.

Winner of the largest mushroom was Roger Thurow, Scotville, Mich., who entered a "black" morel that measured 14 and 15/16 of an inch for height and girth. Second place went to David Sever with a 13 and 9/16 inch monster while Dianne Karlskin found a 10 1/2 inch morel. Thurow says he found his morel in the woods on Friday when he was out hunting a few miles south of Boyne City.

Even with the glitches, the members of the festival committee say they are planning on even more activities for next year. Merchants in the area were happy with the turnout of hunters which traditionally starts the mushroom season.

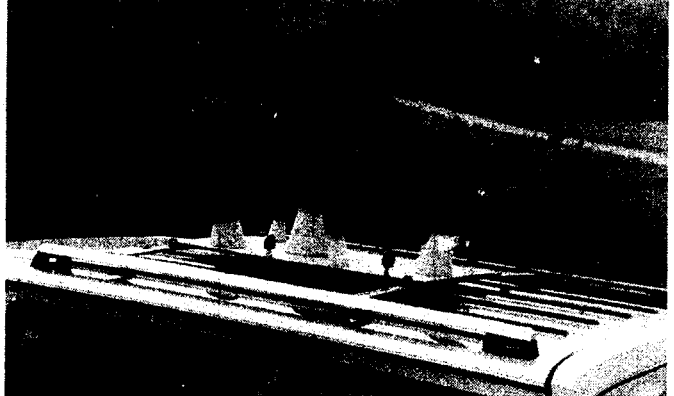
The season itself was "in between" the black morels and the whites, which made for difficult hunting. Most of the whites found were on the small side while most of the blacks showed signs of age.



They're off to the woods after the siren sounded to announce the beginning of the one-and-a-half hour hunting period.



Yes, there were mushrooms that had to be counted by the sponsoring club, the Boyne Valley Lions Club. Members of the organization volunteer to count each year.



Some people will do anything to grow a mushroom patch, even on top of their car.



The annual parade of contestants heads out of the downtown area of Boyne City on their way to the secret hunting spot.

Boyne to deny riparian rights to lake

Boyne City Commissioners approved a resolution that may make it difficult for those wanting riparian right access to the lake from any lakefront property the city has control over.

The action followed a recommendation of the Parks and

Recreation Board last Thursday after they had heard information concerning the proposed marina that is to be constructed in front of the One Water Street Restaurant, if approved by the state and the Corps of Engineers.

That recommendation approved

Tuesday will cause the city to deny any request to sell, trade, exchange or give any riparian rights belonging to the city.

The action may cause problems with the marina project as they will have to ask permission to cross the riparian in order to get ingress and egress to their marina.

Also included in the resolution was that the city review and request any development that would have impact on the lake.

In other action, the city approved new cemetery fees saying that it helps to close the gap between profit and loss but in no way covers the cost of operation of the cemetery.

They also approved joining with the Boyne City School district to start a Centrex phone system. The cost of starting the system was estimated to be \$934 with a payback for the city figures at 15.7 months. The new system will allow the city to transfer calls within buildings, the library, and other city departments.

The city also is reminding citizens about the final week of leaf and brush pick-up schedule that begins Monday, May 21. The leaves must be in a clearly marked bag printed with the words biodegradable or else they will not be picked up. Brush and tree limbs are to be stacked neatly by the curbside and should not be tied. The East Jordan chipper is being used to chop up the brush.

In citizen comments, Jim Everest told the commissioners that if they accept the marina proposal as submitted, then they would lose land which contains the

Water Street right-of-way. The maps show the riparian rights are different from the property lines and the riparian map is based on the waterfront as it was back in the 1870s.

Since then, the waterfront has been changed by the lumber companies and others filling in the shoreline. Everest suggested the city prepare riparian maps of all property they control along the lakefront.

Dave Seeley asked the commissioners to approve a resolution as quickly as possible that would be against the proposed marina project. John Howard asked the city to start tape recording all of the meetings so they could determine exactly what was said in the making of motions and resolutions.

Local artist participating in exhibit

Jodie L. Adams, an artist residing in Boyne City, is participating in the exhibition *Wildlife: The Artist's View* which remains on view through June 10 at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Franklin and Twelfth Streets, Wausau, Wisconsin.

In service

Army Pvt. Michael K. Seymour Jr. has arrived for duty in West Germany.

Seymour is an air defense gunnery crewmember with the 3rd Air Defense Artillery.

He is the son of Michael K. and Jean C. Seymour of Charlevoix.

The private is a 1987 graduate of Charlevoix High School.

Loggers lose one, win one

BY BECKY HAUSLER

In Boyne Falls' first game against Vanderbilt, they were defeated 7-8. Boyne's losing pitcher was Steve Sparks. John Burns and

Kurt Wilson each hit two for Boyne Falls while Ryan Giem had two stolen bases and Mark Reynolds and Chris Topolinski had two RBIs apiece.

The second game was a complete turnaround for Boyne Falls. Boyne triumphed over Vanderbilt by 36 runs as Vanderbilt remained scoreless throughout the five-inning game. Sparks was the winning pitcher for Boyne. Kurt Wilson had four hits and six RBIs. Mark Reynolds had two hits and Ryan Giem had four RBIs. Steve Sparks, John Burns and Kurt Wilson each sole two bases.

Falls softball girls take Vanderbilt

BY BECKY HAUSLER

Boyne Falls girls' softball games against Vanderbilt proved to be good news for the Loggers. In the first game, Laurie Murray had three runs while Michelle Cousineau and Jeanie Lewis scored two. Yvonne Giem, Ellen Reynolds, and Cheryl Wasylewski each had one run. The winning pitcher was Michelle Cousineau. The losing pitcher was Grobaski of Vanderbilt.

Boyne Falls also won the second game. The winning pitchers for Boyne were Becky Carson and Michelle Cousineau. Together they gave up only seven hits. Again the losing pitcher was Grobaski. Boyne Falls scored 17 runs. Jennifer Seelye, Cheryl Wasylewski, Jeanie Lewis, and Laurie Murray each scored three runs. Ellen Reynolds and Yvonne Giem had two.

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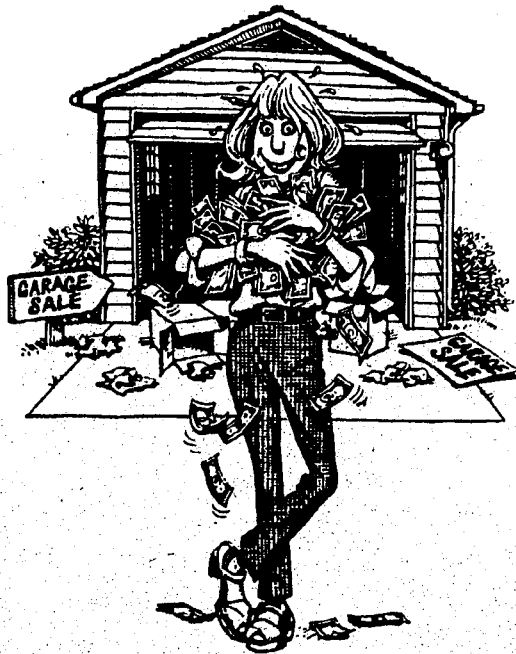
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