

Engler wants privately run juvenile prison

LANSING — A plan being worked out by Gov. John Engler and Republican legislative leaders would allow a private company to run Michigan's first prison designed for violent juveniles. The plan calls for a contract with a private company to build, maintain and run the 400-bed facility separately from the Department of Corrections, according to a report in the Detroit Free Press today. "Privately run prisons have been very successful elsewhere, and this seemed like a perfect chance to try it out in Michigan," said Jeff McAlvey, Engler's chief lobbyist. Officials said they could save money with a privately run prison, but there were no estimates on how much.

Newspaper driver runs over picket

Detroit — A driver for Detroit Newspapers ran over one union picket and struck another outside a distribution center early today, police said. The driver drove off but returned and was arrested. Afterward, pickets threw rocks at company guards, and four pickets also were arrested, police said. Picket James Mikonczyk, 38, of Detroit was in serious condition in the emergency room at Henry Ford Hospital, hospital spokeswoman Kelly Brady said. She and police had no description of his injuries, but television station WDIV said they apparently included a broken arm and leg. Another picket, identified as a 35-year-old man, was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital, police spokesman John Leavens said.

Hearing set for slaying suspect

SOUTHFIELD — A judge will hear evidence Oct. 12 on whether Kenneth Tranchida should face a first-degree murder trial in the slaying of a college student he met through an escort service. Southfield District Judge Bryan Levy met with attorneys Monday and scheduled a preliminary examination for that date. The exam is to determine whether there is enough evidence to order a trial. Tranchida, 41, is accused of murdering Tina Biggar, 23, an undergraduate at Oakland University.

Lottery numbers

Detroit — Here are the winning numbers selected Monday in the Michigan State Lottery: Daily Lottery, 7-5-0; Daily-4, 3-5-6-1; Cash-5, 11-14-16-24-33; Keno, 3, 4, 6, 7, 13, 18, 19, 22, 29, 30, 32, 37, 40, 44, 45, 48, 57, 64, 66, 69, 71, 79.



Hammering out a home

Petoskey High School building trades class members nail and glue down the flooring of the project house being built this year. The entire home is being built on site at the high school and has been leveled on timbers with help from J & R Building movers, so it can be moved to a

permanent site when completed and sold. To give other classes some real life experience, the architecture class has helped redesign floor plans and the electronics class will do the wiring. (NEWS-REVIEW photo by G. Randall Goss)

Petoskey moves forward on dredging

By NEIL STILWELL
News-Review staff writer

Petoskey moved ahead with dredging its marina and building new boat dock spaces at city council's meeting Monday.

Council approved spending more than \$580,000 with the low bid, Divtec Corp., of Romulus.

Dredging will be from the entire marina, including material from the channel between the shore and the diversion wall at the mouth of the Bear River. Spoils will be trucked to the hole between Lewis and Rose streets.

Dock improvements call for installing 10 finger piers, 30 feet long each, on the east side of the river mouth diversion wall to create 18 dock spaces; installing four 30-foot finger piers on the west side of the main dock to replace existing floating piers; and reconstruction of half the length of the main dock to extend promenade features onto the dock.

A grant will cover \$250,000 of the project. Work could begin in three weeks, be suspended for the winter and completed by mid-May 1996.

In other business:

— Council supported a rails to trails resolution requested by Top O Michigan Trails Council, calling for the conversion of former railroads into a rails system, in and outside of Emmet County.

— Councilman Sam Milstein said an unsafe design exists in the new street project. He told city manager George Korthauer that the Mitchell Street crossing at Howard Street, on the J.C. Penney Co. and chamber of



Petoskey Mayor Jeremy Wills (left) greets Japanese student Noriko Shobu, from Petoskey's sister city, Makino. Noriko speaks little English, but nevertheless delivered, from memory, a speech in English to council Monday. (NEWS-REVIEW photo by Neil Stilwell)

commerce side of Howard, is dangerous because pedestrians aren't crossing at the right spot due to a design flaw, and cars are pulling up over the crossing. Walkers want to cross where the pedestrian signals line up, but the actual crosswalk is farther east. He said as long as brick rework is planned for that area, the intersection should be changed.

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Emmet planners have easy agenda - for a change

By BRIAN MCGILLIVARY
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The Emmet County Planning Commission faces an unusual and somewhat rare agenda when it meets 7:30 p.m. Thursday. It's called smooth sailing.

There are no major or controversial projects on the lengthy agenda and more cases slated for passage than tabling. Several cases with past problems have been remedied and approved at the township level.

The biggest project on the agenda is the Bay Harbor Resort, which is expanding its second lake with boat access to Lake Michigan.

According to county planners, Bay Harbor ran into some unanticipated soil condition problems in the village area when it discovered buried coal and other building debris as it was excavating the proposed Quarry Lake. As it continued to remove the coal and debris, it took out a big chunk of the village home area slated for 76 homes. Instead of filling in the new hole, Bay Harbor decided to expand Quarry Lake.

The lake was originally designed as a long, narrow, and somewhat shallow lake running behind the village homes between the public park and village commercial area. Now the

lake looks more like an "L," with the short end of the L jutting into the village home area. Instead of 76 small lots in a traditional city block layout with 18 lakefront homes, the new design has 43 larger lots. All but four are waterfront lots. Quarry Lake now shows a series of boat slips and docks for homeowners.

In addition, the public fishing platform has also been downsized on the new plans. The original platform was designed on the three foundations of the old cement silos, with the two outlying foundations connected by a walkway. The walkways have been eliminated.

Developer David Johnson could not be reached for comment this morning.

Bay Harbor has also requested approval of a site plan for attached homes totaling 40 units surrounding the golf course in the Preserve area. The request is as shown on previous plans.

Other issues on the agenda approved at the township level include:

— Two issues tabled for alleged zoning violations are looking for approval. Latavis Auto Wash's request to expand its oil change and lube facility and Robert Wilson's attempt to rezone a lot on U.S. 31 north of Barney Road in Bear Creek Township from local

business to general business have both been approved by the township. Wilson controls the adjacent two lots zoned for general business, and he would like to lease all three for auto sales. Cars for sale parked outside the designated area in violation have been moved by Wilson's tenant. Latavis has taken down signs in alleged violation of zoning and is working on a plan to meet county sign requirements.

— Request from Karen Foster for a special use permit to build a four-cabin recreation resort in conjunction with the Bear River Canoe Livery on 60 acres at 2517 McDougal Road. Planners had questions about the zoning because the property involves two lots under different ownership. Foster has since filed an affidavit stating she and the other property owner, David Fettig, are full partners in the venture.

— Request from Poquette Leasing Co. for a resource mining permit of 15 acres of a 70-acre parcel on Bellmer and Burke roads has raised the most public comment. Neighbors at the Bear Creek Township meeting said truck traffic on Bellmer Road is deteriorating the condition of the road and they want to know who will repair the road. The Emmet County Road Commission also has a gravel pit in the area. The issue was approved by the

township planning committee.

— Site plan review of an office building for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the Mitchell Commercial Park was approved by Bear Creek Township with conditions which have been met.

— Request from Nadine Baker to operate a craft and floral items shop as a home occupation at 4009 Brutus Road, Maple River Township.

— Request from Phillip D. Smith to divide his property between Lake Grove Road and Indiana Avenue in Resort Township into five lots, three via the condominium process. All lots exceed minimum zoning requirements.

Several issues will be tabled.

— Brown Motors and Healthshare Group are not ready to proceed with their projects.

— Wayne Rose's request to add 150 campsites to his KOA Campground on U.S. 31 North and SRR Properties' request to sell manufactured homes from a site on U.S. 31 North have both been tabled under Bear Creek Township's 30-day waiting period rule.

— Request from Newberry Ventures for a special use permit to develop a professional office complex on 4.4 acres in a general residential district on U.S. 131 South between Rotary Park and Calico Crafts has been tabled due to an incomplete site plan.

Boyne City ponders fate of middle school gym

By BETSY BLONDIN
News-Review staff member

BOYNE CITY — The school district is still dribbling the middle school gym issue around the court.

A town hall meeting was held Monday night so the joint community construction and school board finance committee could make its recommendation and obtain comments from the community toward a solution to rebuild or renovate the ailing gym.

The recommendation to totally renovate the gym at a cost of \$1.3 million was presented by moderator and school board member Ron Mills. Renovation was chosen by the committee because it would cost less, and that's what people said they wanted at last year's town hall meeting, said board member Bill Hawkins.

The few people present Monday, however, were mostly in favor of the opposite option — to demolish and then construct a new gym for \$1.9 million — because renovation costs were higher than expected.

About 30 people, including school board, administration, committee members and a handful of parents and teachers, gathered at the elementary school cafeteria to discuss again what to do with the building. The two-story cafeteria/gym doesn't meet the American with Disabilities Act requirements, it presents asbestos abatement issues, and it has been found to be structurally unsound.

According to the construction/finance committee, if the gym were renovated, it would stay about its current size, which is below standards for a 450-student middle school in terms of gym and cafeteria space. The committee's recommendation was made based on a long-range plan for the building to be used as an elementary school, which would not require as much space.

If the existing building were to be demolished, a newly constructed gym/cafeteria would have more gym space and more cafeteria seating in a one-story facility, extending onto the middle school grounds.

Floyd Wright of the construction committee said a new gym would have the capacity for middle school sports events.

Everyone present was reminded nothing occurs in a vacuum, and decisions aren't always a simple one-step process. The decision about the middle school gym depends upon what the middle school complex will be used for in future years, and that decision is based upon long-range planning for the district.

The committee is looking at the renovation or new construction of the middle school gym as phase one of a two-part project. Phase two would be a combination of new construction, additional classrooms or whatever will meet the space needs of the district.

Toward that end, the construction committee is still looking for volunteers to help make those long-range decisions, hopefully in time to initiate a bond issue early next year.

Paul Stauder's company helps school districts with bond issues, and he provided an overview of possible millage packages, including options for funding \$1.4 million for the gym renovation and options for funding the gym plus about \$5 million for phase two.

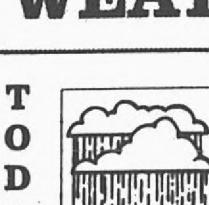
He said it would be reasonable for the Boyne City school district to fund the middle school gym and additional construction for a total of \$6.7 million for 1.5 to 2 mills with a five to 15- or 20-year payback. It would be possible to fund only the middle school gym for 2-3 mills over a four to six-year period.

A mill is \$1 in tax for every \$1,000 in taxable property valuation. On a \$30,000 valuation, it would be \$30 per year.

Questions and issues raised included:

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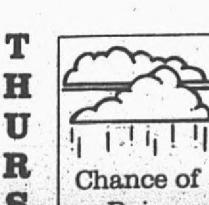
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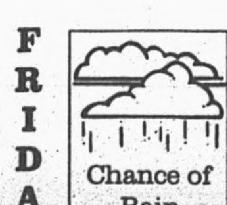
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Hights around 70.
Lows around 50.

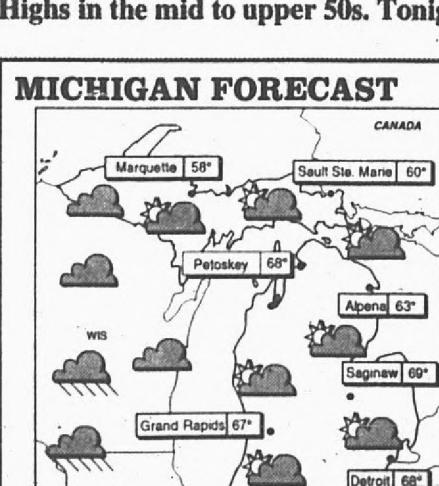


Hights in the 60s.
Lows 45 to 55.



Hights 55 to 65.
Lows in the 40s.

MICHIGAN FORECAST



LAKES FORECAST
Lake Michigan: East winds 10-20 knots becoming southeast. Occasional rain. Waves 2-4 feet.
Lake Huron: Showers likely. East winds 10-20 knots. Waves 2-4 feet. Wednesday, west winds 10-20 knots.

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City	High	Low	City	High	Low	City	High	Low
Alpena	54	50	Muskegon	61	53	Baton Rouge	89	70
Detroit	78	48	Pellston	57	47	Boise	67	34
Escanaba	53	38	Saginaw	72	51	Boston	71	46
Flint	73	50	S.S. Marle	49	44	Buffalo	69	61
Grand Rapids	69	50	Traverse City	53	51	New Orleans	88	73
Houghton	45	40	Akron, Ohio	53	51	Charlotte, N.C.	84	57
Houghton Lake	60	54	Albuquerque	75	53	Chattanooga	82	57
Jackson	73	46	Altentown, Pa.	81	47	Cheyenne	57	34
Lansing	73	46	Anchorage	53	39	Chicago	78	50
Marquette	46	39	Atlanta	81	65	Cincinnati	76	50
						Cleveland	78	52
						Concord, N.H.	82	30
						Corpus Christi	89	76
						Dallas-Ft. Worth	66	55
						Denver	60	38
						Evansville	81	49
						Fairbanks	51	34
						Fresno	89	54
						Great Falls	57	31
						Honolulu	91	79
						Indianapolis	82	46
						Jamestown	50	45
						Knoxville	74	52
						Las Vegas	87	58
						Little Rock	87	63
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some that have been brought up in the past, such as people not wanting to pay more taxes, the lack of trust, communication and involvement in the school district by parents, teachers and community members.

Elementary teacher Stephanie Moody said part of the problem

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— Mayor Jeremy Wills and city council welcomed a contingent of 12 young Japanese students and two adults who are visiting Petoskey as part of the Michigan-Shiga Sister City exchange. This is the first time in the 20-year program history that school-age students have come. Most of them do not speak English, but they all introduced themselves in English and expressed their appreciation for the Native American dream catchers presented to them by the city. A Japanese teacher presented to council a fine wall hanging depicting a scene of their hometown, Makino, in the spring.

Also, one of the students, Noriko Shobu, gave an extended greeting in English to council. She did it from memory, having accidentally left her prepared text elsewhere. Council and the audience applauded her effort.

The students are middle school to high school age.

A number of Petoskey families, including the city manager's, are hosting the students in their weeklong stay.

could be seen by looking around and seeing how few people were at the meeting.

Superintendent Bob Nakoneczny said trust in the school board should exist because of the district's financial status. The district currently carries only 0.9 mills for debt and will be debt-free in four years.

Robin Hissong Berry, board president, added that at the same time the board has worked hard to become debt-free, it has made capital investments in buses, mainte-

nance and computer technology without additional millage requests.

No decision was reached Monday night. No matter what decision

is reached in the near future by the construction committee and interested volunteers, it will require a new millage election.

Peter Friedrich, parent and

Boyne City resident, said it's time to do something when people are leaving the community and taking their kids to other schools.

The options: take a time out to

determine short- and long-range goals and then shoot for the millage to fund them, or take the ball now and run for the \$1.3 million renovation or the \$1.9 million new gym.

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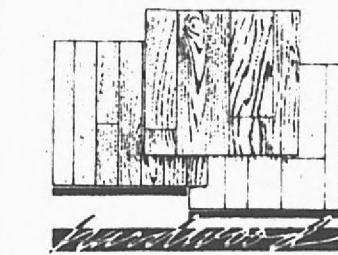
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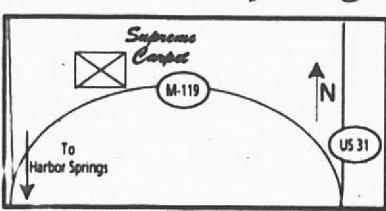


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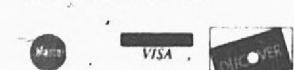
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