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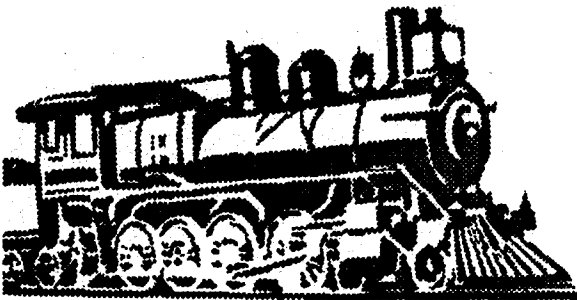
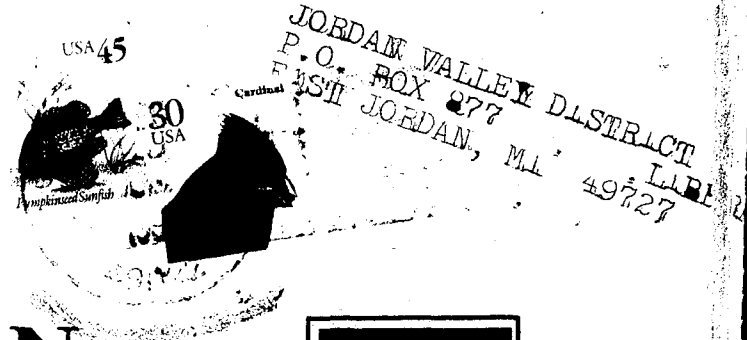
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**The Weather** \* \* \* \* \*

With the official start of winter still a week away, the gap between 1992 and 1993 year-to-date snowfall numbers continues to widen. According to the Antrim County Road Commission, two inches of the white stuff fell in the past week, bringing 1993 totals as of Dec. 13 to 15 inches — almost 50 inches below last year's 63.8 inches by this date. The trend seems likely to continue throughout the coming week, with early week highs rising into the 40s, and no snow predicted until Friday. Temperatures are expected to drop back into the 30s by mid-week.



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## A roomful of reindeer!

The East Jordan first-graders in Karen Sweet's class perform their own unique version of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. The children were featured with other primary classes at the Dec. 9 MAPEX (Music, Art, Phys-Ed Exploratory) Christmas celebration.



## Sheridan switches posts

BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS  
Contributing Writer

The city of East Jordan recently lost the services of long-time Planning Commission Chairman Tom Sheridan.

But in exchange, the city gained the services of Tom Sheridan, newly elected president of the city charter commission.

Sheridan, a 28-year veteran of the planning commission, resigned to avoid a conflict of interest between the two posts.

Sheridan was elected in November, along with eight other commissioners, to draft a revision to the antique city charter.

"We're hard at work and things are getting underway," Sheridan reported to the city council at the Dec. 7 meeting.

The commission has been meeting for several weeks already and is forging ahead with the complex job.

At an organizational meeting Nov. 16, the commission determined that a consultant would be necessary to establish duties and focus for the group and assure strict adherence to a schedule.

According to Sheridan, the consultant will be hired after the first of the year. Several candidates have already been interviewed.

"We thank Tom for his many years of service to the community," said Mayor Russ Peck. Peck extended his good wishes to the commission as they take on the difficult task of rewriting the charter.

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# 'Michigan Snowmobiler' an East Jordan original

BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS  
Contributing Writer

Twenty-six years ago in East Jordan, a publication was born that became the prototype for an industry.

Since that first issue in 1967, *Michigan Snowmobiler* has gained the respect of experts in the many aspects of the sport.

And if imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, then *Michigan Snowmobiler* has the gratitude of many copycat publications.

But the *Snowmobiler* was the first regional magazine devoted to the sport and industry of snowmobiling.

"We are the first and only publication that covers all the aspects of snowmobiling; racing, recreation and legislation," said editor Lyle Shipe with pride.

The *Michigan Snowmobiler* has another first as the only official publication of the Midwest International Racing Association for the past 25 years.

East Jordan News-Herald owners Marshall and Wilma Sayles published the first issue of *Snowmobiler* in October 1967.

The idea came to them via Tom Galmore, Sr., East Jordan's venerable snowmobile enthusiast and dealer. The Sayles sold the News-Herald to finance the new project.

Sold for a mere 25 cents, the infant publication was distributed to manufacturers, dealers and Chambers of Commerce. By the early 1970s when the snowmobiling craze peaked, the magazine was published every month of the year and distributed across the United States.

Lyle Shipe joined the staff as an advertising and sales associate in 1972. His wife Nancy had been an employee of the Sayles' publications since the days of the News-Herald.

Before joining *Michigan Snowmobiler*, Shipe was a production manager at East Jordan Iron Works.

The Shipe family moved to East Jordan in 1965, refugees of Detroit, where Lyle served as a police officer on the vice squad.

Shipe, also a snowmobile enthusiast, enjoyed the magazine work enough to take on more responsibility with the firm. He worked as advertising manager, editor and finally in his position today, editor/publisher.

For convenience, the Shipes moved the magazine out of downtown East Jordan into their home several years ago. The publication layouts are done in-house, while Shipe jobs out typing, coloring, and printing.

*Michigan Snowmobiler* is issued six months a year, from September to February. The magazine has grown from 20-25 pages in the early issues to 70-75 pages today.

Production values have increased in sophistication. The cover is printed in four colors, as well as several four-color advertisements in each issue.

*Snowmobiler* employs several free-lance writers, but the main contributor is Karen Holcomb of Traverse City. Writers chase all over Michigan and the Midwest, covering races, conventions, even fashion shows.

Nancy Shipe is vice-president and general manager of the publication. The Shipes and daughter Patti Tison, circulation manager, put together the magazine in their basement.

By the looks of the Shipe's well-organized and relatively uncluttered office/basement, the impression is of a small operation.

But the magazine has a circulation of 29,000, with subscriptions to Japan and Germany, Hawaii and Florida.

And a short visit to the office will reveal how Shipes spends most of his time.

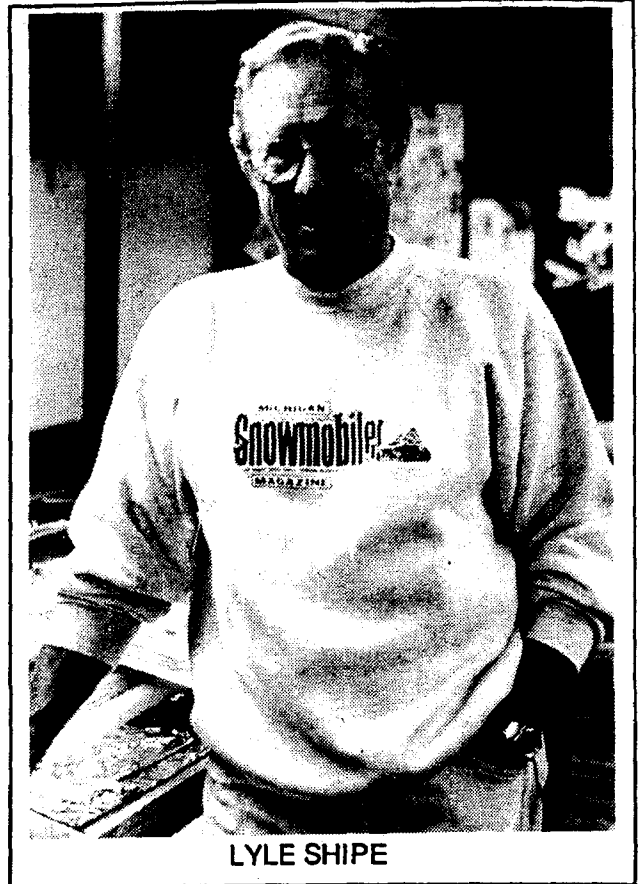
"The phone rings from 6 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., seven days a week during the season," said Shipe. As if to prove his point, the phone rings.

During the hour-long interview, Shipe sells several hundred dollars worth of advertisements, including some high-priced four-color layouts to Grand Traverse Resort.

"If we go away on Saturday, we'll have 20 messages on our answering machine when we get back," grinned Shipe. He calls their phone bill "humongous."

Shipe is proud that, at \$1.50 a copy the magazine is below the price of most competitors, in both subscriptions and advertising.

"I like to keep the prices down, so regular people can buy it, especially advertisers. Mom and Pop businesses are our bread and butter, so I wouldn't want to



LYLE SHIPE

push them out."

Shipe is also proud the magazine runs all original copy. He explained that several of the competitors just pick up stories from an industry press service.

Shipe thinks that the other magazines copy *Michigan Snowmobiler* because the style works so well.

After the hectic and intense publication season, the Shipes like to get away to Las Vegas for several weeks. They also spend time in Florida before head-


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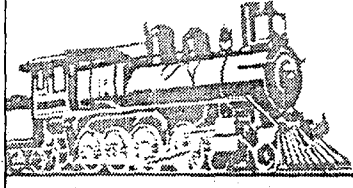
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**Banks Township News**  
By Linda Record

# The Banks Account

☛ Tradition at the

Postmus residence is for Mike and Natalie to host Thanksgiving dinner. This year they entertained

25 guests from near and far. Natalie thoroughly enjoys the holiday and company.

your retirement, you earned it!

☛ Drivers on the west-end of Toad Lake Road should take precautions. There are no solid shoulders. If you venture near the edges you will find your car in the muck of the lake or marsh, as several have found out recently. The road is a two track. Stay in the center, drive prudently, and good luck.

☛ We need folks to call with news for this column. If you are entertaining, the in-laws are visiting, or have been on a shopping expedition, share it with us.

Seasons Greetings

☛ Toad Lake has been moaning and groaning as ice begins to form.

☛ On the clear nights be sure to step outside and view the starry skies. It has been beautiful!

☛ Thinking of changing occupations? Consider weather forecasting. You can be consistently wrong and get paid for it, what a deal!

☛ We all wish a speedy recovery for Esther Dewey.

☛ Congratulations to the recent General Telephone retirees. Enjoy

## Radiologists join staff

Since early December, radiologists from Burns Clinic Medical Center in Petoskey have been on the staff at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

imaging studies such as ultrasound in order to diagnose illnesses and injuries.

"We are pleased to have this experienced radiology team join us at Charlevoix Area Hospital," said Richard L. Krueger, president. The radiology department will be under the administrative management and direction of Charlevoix Area Hospital as in the past, Krueger said.

Seven radiologists from the clinic are sharing in the provision of radiology and ultrasound services at the hospital. These physicians will provide clinical supervision and interpret x-rays, mammograms and other

## Death Notices

### Joshua Michael Westphal

Joshua Michael Westphal, 7-month-old son of Timmy J. and Antoinette (Hoganson) Westphal of Central Lake, died Thurs., Dec. 9, 1993, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Funeral services were held Sat., Dec. 11, at the Central Lake Bible Baptist Church. The Rev. Thomas Hunter officiated. Arrangements were made by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

### Bessie E. Hosler

Bessie E. Hosler, 84, of East Jordan, died Dec. 5 at Boulder Park Nursing Home in Charlevoix. She was born Dec. 28, 1908. Funeral services were held Dec. 8 at Paullin Funeral Home in East Jordan. Burial took place in Lakeside Cemetery, South Arm Township.

### Robert L. Carl

Robert L. Carl, 66, of East Jordan, died Dec. 5, 1993, at his residence. He was born Dec. 2, 1927. Funeral services were held Dec. 9 at Paullin Funeral Home, East Jordan. Burial was at Morehouse Cemetery, Echo Township.

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

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## "Michigan Snowmobiler"

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ing back north to East Jordan in time for Mother's Day.

Shipe believes *Michigan Snowmobiler* has been successful because he treats each customer individually. He is one a first name basis with most of his advertisers, inquiring about family, activi-

ties and such.

"We've stayed in business because we're personal," he added.

Ironically, the Shipes don't get out on the trails much to enjoy the sport they have devoted their life to.

"Anytime, we're just too darn busy during the season," Shipe confessed.

## Reader writes . . .

### Reader questions paper's sensitivity

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Barbara Shafer  
Central Lake

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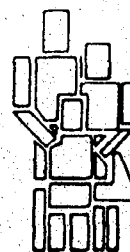
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## Local children to perform in Ellsworth gymnasium

The public is invited to attend the Ellsworth Elementary Christmas Program, Mon., Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Featured will be singing, dancing and special guests from Disneyland!

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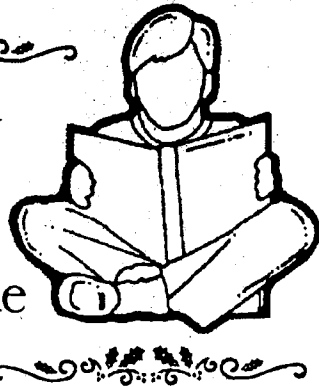
... Smiths Grocery stood on the corner across from *The Torch* office? It was a general store offering clothing, shoes, bedding, and a full line of groceries and meats. Many people benefited from the kindness of Martin and Ruth Smith. Those who cared for your needs could have been Mr. O'Dell, Harold Sage, Mrs. Erickson, Mrs. Harriman, and also Mrs. King, Mrs. Somerville and Violet Art, all were a part of Smiths' store.

What I regret was not attending the open house to the "ball room" upstairs, not too long before the store burnt down.

Other articles have been published about the ball room, where plays and operas took place once upon a time.

Ivan Byard

## Christmas fun at Central Lake library



Library director Christine Bachmann will entertain the kids at the Central Lake Township Library this Sat., Dec. 18, from 10 to 11 a.m.

Bachmann will read *Apple Tree Christmas* by Trinka Hakes Noble and *An Early American Christmas* by Tomie dePaola. Christmas poems, songs, and a special film will also highlight this holiday story hour.

Please call 544-2517 if you need more information.

## Elementary Christmas program scheduled

Central Lake Elementary will be presenting their annual Christmas program to the community Mon., Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

This year's theme is "A Country Western Christmas." The students and teachers invite everyone to come and enjoy a fun-filled evening of holiday spirit.

## Snowmobilers sponsor Sunday breakfasts

The East Jordan Sno-Mobiler Club will again sponsor their "All you can eat" breakfasts at the Alba Road Club House on Sunday Mornings from 7 a.m. to noon, now through March. The clubhouse is also open on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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— Philippians 4: 7



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# A word fitly spoken: Christmas versus X-mas

*And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins. KJV Matthew 01:21.*

As an observer of the human condition, and with a heart full of love for my Saviour Jesus Christ, it grieves the spirit to see the word Christ, as part of the spelling of the word Christmas, being substituted by an X as a short cut.

Whatever the reason, let us champion for a return to the original Christian spelling depicting the Birth of Christ. Let us be rid of the "X" which looks like Christ being displaced. Christ is the heart of Christmas. Without Jesus Christ, Christmas would have no significance.

Remember too, that gifts were brought to the Christ child as a blessing and through the centuries it has

evolved into a present, greedy, commercialized holiday. Enough, already, our economy is more "iffy" and the 1990s seem to be a decade dedicated to nostalgia and re-evaluating the substance of our lives, let's begin rectifying this glaring dishonor to Christ.

I know no one knows the exact date of Jesus' birth for certain, but we surmise it was on a cold winters night when the star shone brightly and the angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds tending their flocks in the cold still air.

There is great significance in Jesus' name as stated in the Holy Bible and in an endearing and reverent hymn, *His Name Is Higher*, (author unknown).

"His name is higher than any other,  
His name is Jesus, His name is Lord;  
His name is higher than any other,

His name is Jesus, His name is Lord.  
His name is Wonderful, His name is Counselor,  
His name is Prince of Peace-The mighty God.  
His name is higher than any other  
His name is Jesus, His name is Lord."

To me this name is comforting for it means "God is our Saviour." It is the only name by which we can, and must be saved.

Celebrate the holidays with family and friends. Have fun, be merry, and remember the true meaning of Christmas and praise this mighty name and give thanks for all things He has done for you.

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

## JO'S NEWS

by Jo Somerville  
544-6347

☞ Bruno and Virginia (Duffie) Steinweg returned for a short weeks stay at home after visiting for six weeks with sons and friends in Colorado, even Oregon and Washington., driving a car lent to them. Philip and wife invited former associates from Latin America to a luncheon of which he made a video. Ann flew out from Chi-

ago, making it the first in 16 years that the family had been together.

☞ John & Laurie Springstead and mother Lodema and friend Jo Somerville and their two sons Josh and Brandon and two friends enjoyed a spaghetti dinner at the E.J. Snowmobile Club Tuesday evening. It was sponsored by the Rotary Club. A good Rotarian member gave all, a ticket and was very delicious with lots desserts. The

ride over was so pretty with all the decoration out at this season.

☞ Rev. and Mrs. E. Clark enjoyed lunch last Sunday evening with Lloyd and Ella Burns. Lloyd Burns joined other musicians and singers from Fife Lake and Manton area last Saturday afternoon. Playing for the Kalkaska County Fair Grounds in the Exhibition Building. A fun evening was enjoyed by the group.

☞ Doris Danielson is spending 4 days visiting in Jackson with her daughter Debbie Enhis and family—a pre-Christmas visit.

☞ Allan McKay returned to his home Wednesday from a week stay in the hospital. Mary has a different cast on and both are doing better.

☞ Dick Wilson spent Thursday afternoon visiting Miller and Frances Young. Lodema and Jo Somerville spent Monday afternoon with Frances, while Miller kept a Drs. appointment.

☞ News is scarce as so many ill with colds or not home as call, as out shopping.

## Bridge tournament update

Off to an early lead in the East Jordan Bridge Tournament are Barbara Adams and Barbara Worgess with a three-month point total of 17,120 points.

Evelyn Gidley and her partner, Marge Smith, hold second place with 16,290 points. In third place are Jean Pardee and newcomer Barbara Peterson, with 15,710.

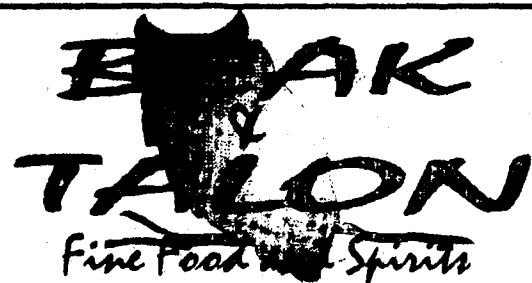
Finishing out the top 10 are: Gayle Gotts and Pat Ruhlman, 14,760; Phyllis Malpass and Hope Tyrrell, 13,990; Ruth Bell and Deanna Hurwitz, 13,830; Esther Porter and Betty Rison, 13,380; Shirley Etcher and Joanne Schenck, 12,930; Muriel Ahlborn

and Lee Ann Eary, 12,630; Barbara Alderton and Jan Bultrud, 12,280.

The tournament will end in April with dues

money being allocated among local non-profit and charitable organizations.

By Club Reporter



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# East Jordan Red Devils are perfect so far

BY S.F. PUCKETT  
Sports Writer

East Jordan began its quest for honors in basketball with a road game in Onaway and a homestand with Mancelona, coming out best in both worlds.

Tuesday in Onaway, East Jordan sprung into the scoring, leading 18-8. Onaway made a dent in the second quarter, trimming the Red Devil lead to 33-27, Todd Loviska with seven points in the second quarter to buoy the East Jordan attack.

The Devils won period three by another 10-point gap, Jim Lord hitting two treys and two regular shots for a 58-42 East Jordan advantage, leading to an 81-54 win.

Balanced scoring was key to the Red Devil attack. Jim Lord finished with 16, Karl Redmer with 11, Steve Wiltfong with nine, Todd Loviska with nine, Cory Chambers with nine, and Aaron Otis with eight.

The JV Red Devils won 52-31, Josh Spears hitting 12 points, Andy Otis with 11, Jim Malpass 10 and Josiah Middaugh eight.

Friday at home with Mancelona, the Devils incurred a difficult time for the first half. Wiltfong and Lord hit early, but foul trouble benched Lord and only late buckets by Cory Chambers, Mike Newkirk and Wiltfong salvaged a 16-16 tie after one quarter.

Chad Raymond's bucket helped keep the East Jordan effort afloat in the second quarter, while Todd Loviska had a sparkling period in middle relief, hitting two shots and a free throw as East Jordan came back from a five point hole to trail just 29-28 at the

half.

Mancelona hit a trey to start the third period, but Wiltfong snapped a three-pointer of his own, Raymond took a great pass from Lord for two, and East Jordan went on a 10-2 run for a 40-34 lead.

Jim Lord's trey started a 13-2 run to end the period, East Jordan up 56-42. From there, the Devils romped to the win, 82-59.

Steve Wiltfong led the parade with 17 this outing, Jim Lord dropped in 12 points, Mike Newkirk with nine, Cory Chambers with nine, Karl Redmer with eight, Chad Raymond with seven, Yaro Middaugh with seven and Todd Loviska with seven.

The East Jordan JV squad almost let a 20-point lead get away, covering at the end with a six point win, 65-59. Andrew Otis had 15 points, Josh Spears with 14, Brenden Ingalls with 13, Josiah Middaugh with 10 and Ed Hittig adding nine.

East Jordan visited Central Lake Tuesday, hosts Kalkaska in Lake Michigan action Friday, then goes to Bellaire Tues., Dec. 21.

## Cash taken from Rowe Inn

The Antrim County Sheriff Department is investigating a Dec. 12 breaking and entering at the Rowe Inn Restaurant in Ellsworth.

Sheriff Dale Roggenbeck said unknown persons broke into the restaurant through a side window, taking a cash box, \$60 in cash and some quantity of liquor.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call the sheriff department at 533-8627.

## Make Sunday Dec. 19 an 'unsilent' night

The Michigan State Firemen's Association (MSFA) is urging Michigan homeowners to buy a new battery for battery-powered smoke and fire detectors this holiday season, and test their systems on "un-silent night," Sun., Dec. 19, at 7 p.m.

The 1992 statistics indicated that there were 14,052 incidents in Michigan. Of those incidents, 12.7 percent of the smoke detectors did not work. All of those failures were caused by human error - a lack of fresh batteries. If homeowners put in fresh batteries (even if the old ones work) and then tested their detectors Dec. 19, at 7 p.m., it may well be the loudest sound ever heard for fire safety anywhere.

Over 50 percent of Michigan homes are now equipped with smoke detectors. Remember smoke detectors save lives, but only if they are properly maintained.

## Son of former resident joins medical staff

Psychiatrist Dwight Stallman has joined the medical staff at Glens Falls Hospital, Glenn Falls, N.Y.

Dr. Stallman's pre-medical education was completed at Michigan State University where he earned a bachelor degree in biochemistry and a master degree in human nutrition. He received his medical degree from Michigan State University School of Osteopathic Medicine and completed a residency in psychiatry at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio.

He and his wife Deborah, and children Cara and Andrew, reside in Queensbury, N.Y.

Dwight is a native of Suttons Bay and the son of Jerry and Vesta (Chapin) Stallman. Vesta is the sister of North of Town writer Francis Young and was born and raised in Central Lake.

## Lancers split with local rivals

BY S.F. PUCKETT  
Sports Writer

Ellsworth kicked off the 1993-94 boys basketball campaign with a pair of close decisions with Central Lake and Bellaire. One was for, the other against, leaving the Lancers 1-1 early on into the season.

With Central Lake in the Trojan base Tuesday, the Lancers came screaming out of the blocks, building a 20-10 lead one quarter in. In the second, the Lancers could manage just field goals by Pat Zeitler and Mike Strange and fell into a tie at 24-all at the break.

The Lancers got control of things in the third, breaking out of a close scoring contest with Mike Strange's free throw and Pat Zeitler's last bucket of the period for a 41-36 lead.

Ellsworth was ahead by six, 42-36, only to have their free throw shooting go bad, just 2 of 8 in the final stanza.

Central Lake, meanwhile, on Chad Pletcher's long jumper midway through the fourth, took a 46-45 lead.

Jeremy Peterson's shot pulled Ellsworth back close at 48-47. Later his jumper cut Central Lake's lead to 51-49, but a final shot by the Trojans went in by Damien Smith, and the Lancers fell 53-49.

Pat Zeitler scored 16 for Ellsworth, Jeremy Peterson ending with 14 and Mike Strange contributing eight.

Chris Eldrington had 14 to lead the Trojans.

Central Lake took the JV contest 57-50, despite the trio of Carl Vanniman, Dominic Brock and Ross Alward, who scored 17, 16 and 10 respectively.

Bellaire visited the Lancers Friday, and they found the going tough as the Lancers defended their turf to the max. The Eagles could manage just five first quarter points and 15 in the first half against the Lancers tally of 19.

Ellsworth pushed the margin to 30-21 after three quarters, and led 40-28 with two minutes to go before Bellaire made its last run, cutting the gap to 42-36 with 28 seconds to go.

A rebound after a Lancer free throw miss led to Eric Seese burying two more free throws, adding two more with four seconds left to ensure the 46-39 win for the Lancers.

Jeremy Peterson scored 18, using four triples in the process, for Ellsworth. Eric Seese finished with 17, including 8-of-10 from the line in the final quarter. Pat Zeitler finished with six.

Bellaire won the JV game 66-43, Steve Osborn with 12, Dominic Brock with 13 and Carl Vanniman nine for Ellsworth.

Leland visited Ellsworth Tuesday, the Lancers going to Vanderbilt for a league contest Friday.

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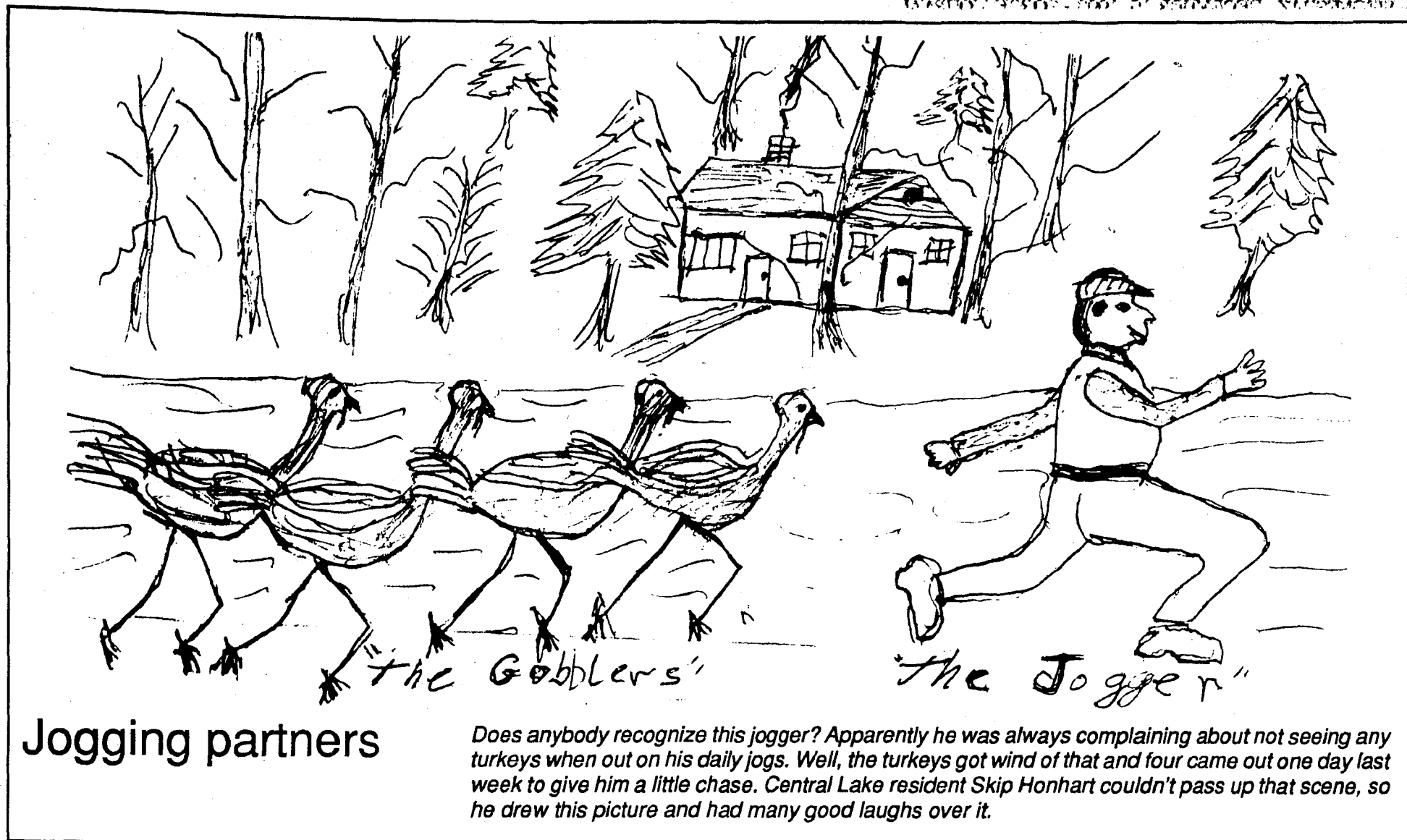


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### Jogging partners

Does anybody recognize this jogger? Apparently he was always complaining about not seeing any turkeys when out on his daily jogs. Well, the turkeys got wind of that and four came out one day last week to give him a little chase. Central Lake resident Skip Honhart couldn't pass up that scene, so he drew this picture and had many good laughs over it.

## Trojan hoop team starts season with upset

BY S.F. PUCKETT  
Sports Writer

Central Lake's young Trojan hopefuls pulled off a minor upset to start the basketball season, then ran into reality Friday night with Elk Rapids.

Tuesday, the visiting Lancers led with a lusty 20-10 gap.

Central Lake regrouped, focused on the task at hand, and began to carve their way back into the game, Chris Eldrington with two treys, Chad Pletcher

a triple, and David Henry four key points as Central Lake held the Lancers to just four points and made it even at the half, 24-24.

Eldrington and Pletcher popped some nice shots in the third, the Lancers doing a little better to post a 41-36 lead with eight minutes to go. Central Lake began the comeback with Damien Smith's flip shot back at the basket. David Henry added two free throws, then a jumper, and when Pletcher nailed a long two pointer, Central Lake had the lead.

Cain Derenzy's steal and lay-in made it 46-43. With two minutes to go, an Eldrington trey kept a 51-47 lead. Damien Smith's lay-in with 48 seconds made the final score as Central Lake won 53-49.

Chris Eldrington topped the scoring charts with 14, David Henry and Chad Pletcher scoring a dozen each, with Cain Derenzy adding six. Pat Zeitler scored 16 for Ellsworth.

The JV Trojans were victorious, 57-50, behind John Trojanek's 20, Brad Klooster with 18 and Tom Ernst accounting for 10.

Friday with Elk Rapids started off well for the Trojans. They led 18-14 and seemed to have a grasp of how to win the game.

"We had a great first quarter, playing really well," commented coach Quinn Barry. "After that, we still got the shots we wanted, we just didn't make them. We're a young team, when we got down it was tough to regain our composure."

Elk Rapids made it as tough as possible, romping to a 35-25 halftime edge. A 20-point difference in the third led to a final score of 81-46 for Elk Rapids, and allowed each team to work its bench personnel into the game.

Damien Smith and Chris Eldrington each scored 11 for the Trojans, Chad Pletcher finishing with eight and David Henry six.

The JV Trojans pulled out a gritty 64-63 contest behind John Trojanek and his 27-point game.

Central Lake hosted East Jordan Tuesday, then visits Forest Area on Friday to begin Ski Valley action.

## Volleyball team awaits opener

BY TERRI ERNST  
Student Writer

Just into the first few practices, sore muscles are what the 14 girls on this year's Central Lake varsity volleyball team are trying to get used to but their anticipation of a successful upcoming season makes it all worth it.

Last year's team made it to district finals and though they lost two all-conference players and one honorable mention to graduation, according to coach Mike Velding, the new season still looks promising.

"Kids will step forward and the program will continue," said Velding, who is entering his fifth season as head coach.

This year's team includes: seven seniors - Tammy Bordeau, Sarah Shay, Kerri Wolgomott, Andrea Majcher, Samantha Chapman, Lisa Orcutt and Liz Reeser; five juniors-Jennifer Kemnitzer, Julie Aenis, Elissa Wagner, Laura Murray, and Melanie Eckhardt; and two sophomores Army Shay and Brooke Oliver.

Throughout their season, the girls will compete in 18 matches and three tournaments. They will play against a wide variety of teams ranging from Class A to Class D.

Their first game will be the "Early Bird" tournament Sat., Dec. 18, at 9 a.m. Their first home game is against Forest Area on Mon., Jan. 10, at 6 p.m.

"It's a little early yet, but I think we will hold our own," commented Velding.

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# SIDEROADS

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Since we're an important part of the newspaper family known as Up

North Publications, Inc., we've got the inside track on a story featuring one of Central Lake's foremost citizens - Central Lake Township Fire Chief Don Smith - that will appear in our "big brother," the *Antrim County News*, this week. Look for him under the new Antrim County Originals heading.

Speaking of Don Smith, the yearbook he shared to provide the *News* with his senior picture will add special sparkle to the pages of *The Torch* in the coming weeks, too. Why?

Hey, we can't tell you *all* our secrets! Suffice it to say that when you see what we've done, you'll be as tickled as we were to lay hands on that major piece of the past!

Our thanks to East Jordan's Viola Hoover, who added a special touch

to her recent subscription request by enclosing the form and payment in a pretty card. Brightened our day considerably ...

Don't forget about Community Night in East Jordan from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday! Following the Santa parade, kids can go

to the Senior Center to give him their wish lists. Come enjoy the town's open house as they ring in the Christmas season during the Festival of the Bells. Shop locally!

gize for the error!)  
Who's that behind the wheel in that nice white car in Central Lake? Why that's our own Jackie Thier zipping around in her new wheels. She misses Elizabeth (her pet name for that faithful Pontiac), who usually got her where she needed to go, but the old girl's still in the family. Jackie sold the car to her brother, so she can visit it anytime she wants.

About those Window Night winners in Central Lake... First place for home decorating in last week's *Torch* should have read Doug McGuire, not Davey McGuire. (Your house looks great and we apolo-

## Spring nuptials slated

Douglas and Penny Johnson of Ellsworth announce the engagement of their daughter Heather Marcene Christienne Johnson to James Eugene Pickard Jr., son of James

Pickard Sr. and Jeanne O'Conner of Traverse City. The bride-to-be is a 1989 Ellsworth High School graduate and attends Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. She is currently employed by Sara Lee. The future groom attended Traverse City High School and spent two years in the United States Marine Corp. He attends NMC with plans to become a civil engineer. He also is employed by Sara Lee. A spring wedding is planned.

## Our people in service

### Area grad completes basic

Navy Seaman Recruit Lyman J. Harris, son of Lymn Harris of East Jordan and Susan Harris of Charlevoix, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

Harris was among the last graduates of the 70-year-old San Diego boot camp. The Navy is closing two of its three Recruit Training Centers to save money, leaving the facility at Great Lakes, Ill., as its sole boot camp.

The recruits are taught general military subjects, including seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid, designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields.

Although the Navy is getting smaller, the state-of-the-art ships, aircraft and high tech systems in today's fleet require bright, talented young men and

women to operate them. The Navy still has over 60,000 job openings this year, most of which include guaranteed training.

Harris is a 1993 graduate of East Jordan High School.

### Marine from area joins battalion

Marine Cpl. Scott A. Papineau, son of Barbara A. Shooks of Central Lake and Christopher Papineau of Charlevoix, recently reported for duty with 5th Battalion, 10th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The 1990 graduate of Central Lake High School joined the Marine Corps in September, 1991.

### Pvt. Fant completes training

Marine Pvt. Eric J. Fant, son of John A. Fant and Gail D. Fant of Central Lake, recently completed recruit training.

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A 1993 graduate of Central Lake High School, Fant joined the Marine Corps in June 1993.

### Officer receives high distinction

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Koni J. Redmer, daughter of Gary R. and Margaret L. Redmer of East Jordan, was recently selected as Bluejacket of the Year at Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center, Battle Creek.

Redmer was chosen as the top performer from among all the sailors assigned to the command and was cited

for outstanding professional accomplishment, proficiency, leadership, initiative and military bearing.

The 1986 graduate of Eben High School of Chatham, Mich., joined the Navy in August, 1988. Redmer is a 1990 graduate of Ferris State University with a BS degree.

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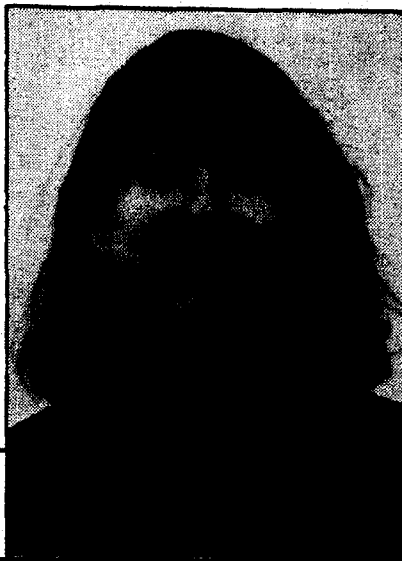
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# CAR TALK

The Column . . .

BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS  
Contributing Writer



I lead a complex life - probably because I wear so many hats.

I'm a mother, wife and daughter, teacher and newspaper reporter, student and musician. In each of these roles I must meet others' expectations. Because of all this, I need my car.

Cars, those wondrous contraptions that I love to hate! My imperative use of that machine corresponds (inversely) to the level of cooperation I get from it.

In other words, if I really have to be somewhere, no matter what the cost, that is when my car chooses to be useless.

No, worse than useless. It will decide to be useful until it transports me to the exact place that is the furthest point from my home and also the furthest point from my destination.

Most certainly, this location will require a walk of several miles, mostly uphill.

Of course, I'll be wearing my good shoes.

And it will be raining. Or sleeting.

The wind will be blowing from the proper direction to hit me square in the face.

And I will have forgotten my gloves.

Oh, yes, I certainly believe that cars do these things on purpose. They have feelings, you know.

For example, one must be very careful what one says within the vehicle's earshot. One must not be insulting in any way and must never use the terms "trade-in," "junk" or "bomb." Such insensitivity will always be punished.

And if you're planning on introducing a shiny, new reliable brother or sister vehicle to the family, get ready for temper tantrums.

I speak from whence I know, my situation right now. A brand new 4WD is about to join our household. It's on order and is expected around the first of the year.

But we weren't cautious enough in our discussions and the other cars got wind of the situation. So now we have a rebellion on our hands.

First, it was the old Dodge. Its heyday gone, this decrepit example of 70s technology should long ago have been recycled into roofing material.

But it still chugged semi-faithfully along until we drove it to Traverse City

for a trade-in inspection.

We were hoping for \$500, but they offered (with a smirk on their faces) only \$100.

This deeply offended our old friend, (I use the word loosely) and on the way home, the alternator went out.

But the Rally STX full-sized van - our other vehicle - still ran like a dream even with 130,000 plus miles on her.

The dream has changed to a nightmare.

In the instant she realized we seriously intended to bring that Jeep in her driveway, the radiator sprang a leak.

We fixed that too easily, so she began a torture campaign that continues as I write. In the past two weeks she has required four new tires, shocks, ball joint replacement, a wheel alignment and a new ignition.

Since she has found a comfortable berth at the local repair garage (I believe she prefers it there), I am not yet sure what major and very expensive repairs she still desires.

As I explained my predicament to the people that I have let down over the past several days, I began to see a pattern emerge.

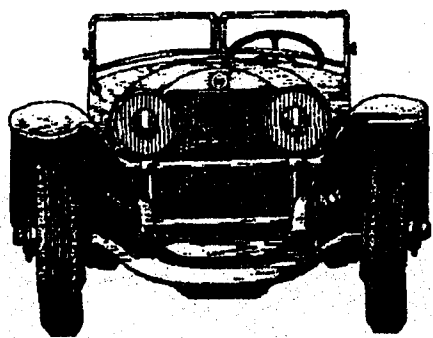
There seems to be some kind of car virus going around. My neighbor was recently wheel-less for four days while her car communed with the other shirking vehicles at the repair shop.

EJ Middle School secretary Lynn Sweeney reported several staff members with cars in for diagnosis.

Torch office manager Jackie Thier has been relying on her husband's pickup truck to survive her car's disloyalty.

Need I present more evidence? I think the message is clear ... these people have not been careful in their comments while in the presence of the enemy.

So take my advice and speak softly, or at least carry a walking stick!



## Designate a driver this holiday season

For millions of adults, the holidays are festive times, filled with tradition. Unfortunately, one of those traditions is drinking, sometimes excessively, and driving an automobile.

"If you're planning a holiday party, at the office or at home, or if you

### Schanhals wins buck pole contest

Two Central Lake men were awarded the top prizes in the Alden buck pole contest, which ended Dec. 1.

The grand prize winner is Jerry Schanhals, who won a Remington 30.06 semi-automatic rifle for his 10-point trophy with a 19.75-inch inside spread.

Second prize went to Central Lake hunter John Oliver, who won a hard gun case for an eight-point buck with a 16.75-inch inside spread.

Terry Stites of Kewadin took home a Browning hunting knife for his third-place entry, an eight-point buck with a 16.25-inch inside spread; and Bellaire resident Doug Langdon's seven-point buck with a 17-inch inside spread brought him fourth prize, a folding hunter's chair.

Twenty-one additional prizes were awarded to successful hunters in a drawing.




go out to celebrate this New Year's Eve, use common sense and designate a driver who will stay sober and get you home in one piece," Antrim County Sheriff Dale Roggenbeck urged.

Football games and a family gathering on Jan. 1 may be part of many family plans, but those plans can be ruined in one fatal instant. Over 50 percent of all fatal traffic crashes involve the driver who is under the influence of alcohol, and New Year's Eve is one of the most lethal nights in that respect, statistics show.

Alcohol relaxes inhibi-

tions, slows reaction time, decreases coordination and impairs judgment and vision. National, state, and local campaigns have spread the word against drunk driving, yet many lives are still lost on our highways.

"You can help reduce the statistics instead of becoming one," said Sheriff Roggenbeck. "Use a designated driver and promote the use of one with family and friends. 'Better yet,' he continued, 'volunteer to be the designated driver and save a life - what better gift could you give your family and friends?'"

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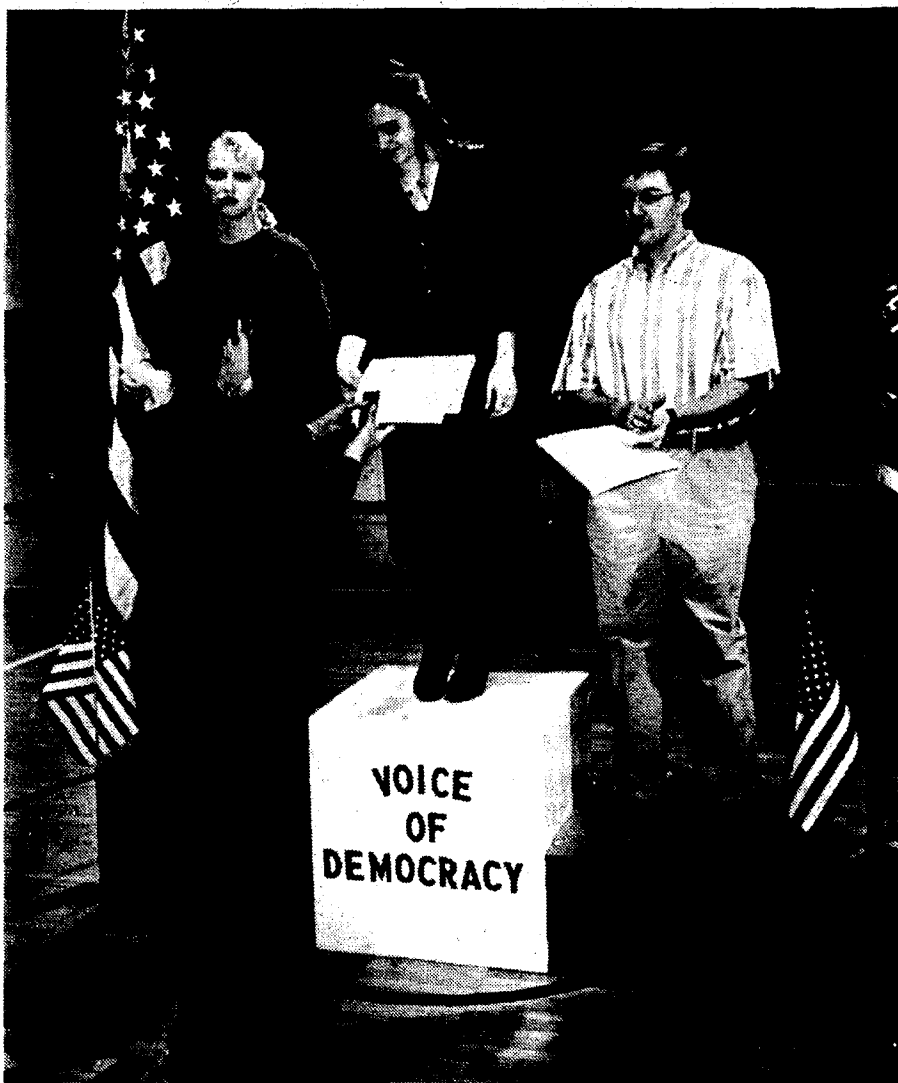
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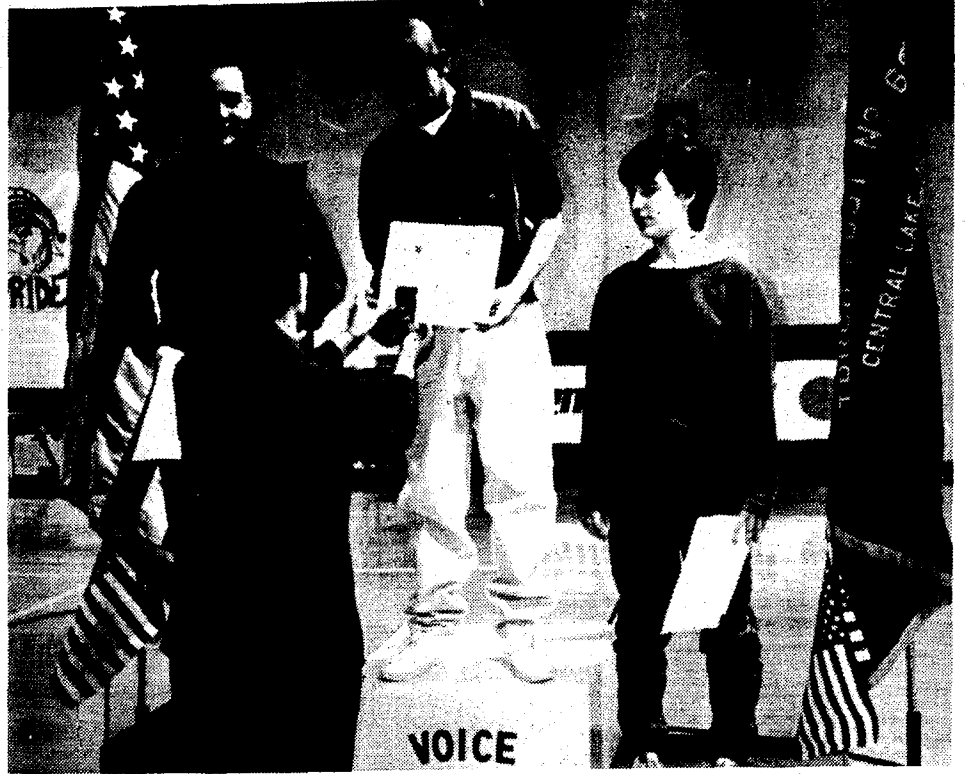
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# 1993 Voice of Democracy winners



**CONGRATULATING ELLSWORTH** junior Jennifer VanderArk on her first-place essay is VFW Torch Post 6985 Ladies Auxillary member Martha Moore. Taking second-place honors was junior Kari Sizema (far left) while junior Joshua Wieland (far right) placed third.



**CENTRAL LAKE JUNIOR** Damian Lockhart accepts his first-place award from Martha Moore as second and third-place winners, CLHS sophomores Brad Klooster and Elissa Wagner, look on.

## Area students get national recognition

Students from three area schools are included in the 27th edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. The students are nominated by principals and counselors based on scholarship performance of extracurricular activities. The final selection is determined by academic achievement, leadership, athletics, or community service.

Named to the list from Central Lake are Samantha Chapman, Jennifer Terpstra, Sarah Shay, and Kari Wolgamott; from East Jordan: Kellie Barber, Jennifer Burr, Jennifer Cook, Sarah Gallup, Cathleen King, Todd Louiska, Sarah Nyland, Angela Scott, Michael Sierocki, Celeste Townsend, Christopher Weidlich, Arthur Wood, Catherine Bowerman, Paula Carter, Theresa Lorraine Cutler, Ryan Hoeksema, Sarah Knapp, Angela Massey, Chad Raymond, Kristen Shank, Amy Smith, Solomon Townsend and Mandy Wittinger; and Ellsworth: Carrie Heeres, Eric Seese, Daniel Weemhoff, Scott Heeres, Neil Vanniman and Josh Wieland.

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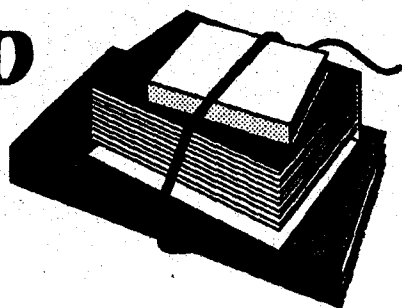
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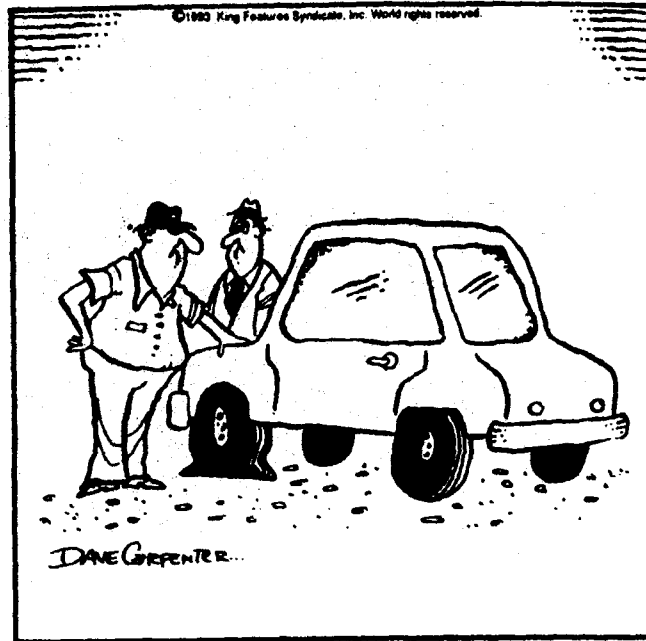
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**Public Notices**

**NOTICE OF OFFICE CLOSING**

Public offices closing for the Christmas Holidays as follows:

- Antrim County Building & Courts
- General County Offices & Courts
  - Dec. 24 & 27, 1993
  - Dec. 31, 1993
- Antrim/Kalkaska Mental Health
  - Dec. 24, 1993
  - Dec. 31, 1993
- Public Health Dept.
  - Dec. 24, 1993
  - Dec. 31, 1993
- Social Services
  - Dec. 23 & 24, 1993
  - Dec. 30 & 31, 1993
- Sheriff & Jail
  - No closing
- Bellaire Village Offices
  - Dec. 24, & 27, 1993
  - Dec. 31, 1993

c/151-17-1tc

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

A Public Hearing will be held Tuesday, December 21, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Hall at Eastport to receive public comments on a proposed addition to the Zoning Ordinance.

It is proposed to add a new section under General Provisions which will read as follows:

**"Section 2.23 - Use of a Private Garage as Living Quarters**

The use of the area above either an attached or detached private garage for living quarters or other residential purposes is permitted by this ordinance."

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held following the Public Hearing.

John Berst, Chairman  
Doris Leech, Recording Secretary

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# Cowboys of the year



Ellsworth's  
own  
Boys of the Rodeo



BY LYNN GEIGER  
Torch/Journal Editor

The two brothers were dressed and ready for a rodeo, although there was none that day. But there was a chance to talk about how they got involved in riding "rough stock" rather than playing as running backs on the football team or guards in basketball, and that was enough.

Jake and Caleb Wiltse of Ellsworth are two young men who have a spirit for riding broncs and bulls. Wearing their black cowboy hats, colorfully patterned shirts, and resting their thumbs in the belt loops next to the shiny, silver belt buckles, they spoke of their young rodeo days.

Caleb, 12, holds the runner-up state rodeo title of "Cowboy of the Year." Competing in the Junior Novice age division (10-12) for Region I of the state, which covers the entire western half, Caleb finished the season with a first place in bull riding and a second place in bareback bronc riding. That first-place finish in bull riding earned him the highly prized belt buckle that lit up his eyes when he talked about it. His overall standings in the state this year were second in bull riding and sixth in bareback.



"MARKING" THE HORSE as it leaves the gate, Jake Wiltse competes in one of the year's first rodeos.

Although Caleb rides both animals, it is clear that he enjoys bull riding more.

"It's a thrill!" he explained, in a voice filled with enthusiasm.

Jake, 13, moved from the Junior Novice division up to the Junior division this past year. Competing against 13-to-15 year-olds exposed him to some more seasoned riders, but he still was a force in the field. His final rankings were third for Region I and fourth in the state in bareback competition only. And even though he earned his belt buckle last year as "all-around cowboy" for Eden County, he still remembers all the effort it took to receive it.

To make a successful bareback ride, Jake must "mark" the horse and stay on the bucking animal for six seconds. "Marking" involves having the rider's spurs in front of the animal's shoulders

and touching the horse when its front feet hit the ground from the first jump out of the chute. There is a wide rope tightly wrapped around the back of the horse that helps in scoring points. "That irritates the horse," said Jake. "It makes it buck."

How many points Caleb scores while on the bull, also for six seconds, depends on his body control and position regardless of what moves the bull makes. It is very important to have an animal that bucks well, because bucking ability is figured into the point total awarded to the rider. Dull spurs and a bell that hangs underneath the bull are both used to keep the animal agitated.

Two judges can score up to 25 points for the rider and 25 points for the animal in evaluating the rides on both broncs and bulls.

The boys have made amazing strides in their short rodeo careers, considering they have had to make opportunities for themselves rather than have opportunities offered to them. The closest 4-H rodeo club available was just formed in Misasaukee County two years ago. Jake and Caleb were two of its first members. And because Region I includes the entire west side of the lower peninsula, rodeos are scattered all around.

"We do a lot of traveling with the rodeos," said the boys' mother Ranelle.

"We want to show Antrim County the talent that they have here," said Wiltse.

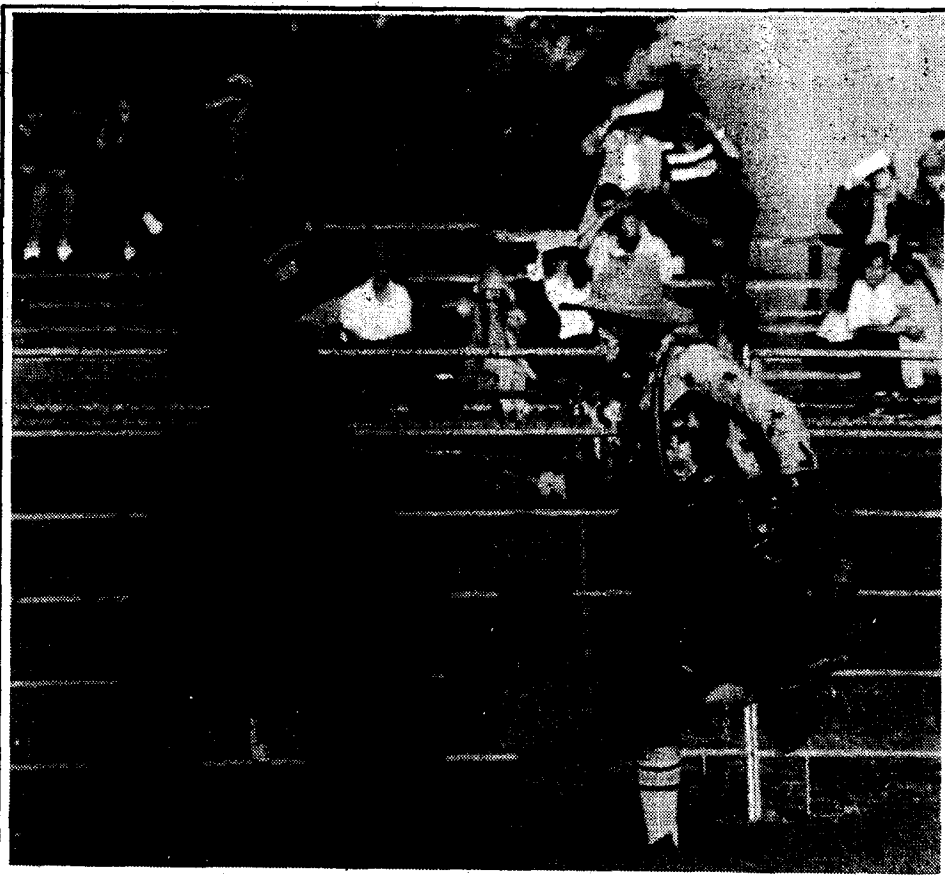
According to their father Bill Wiltse, there are a lot of area kids who would be interested in such a program here in Antrim County and they are hoping to get one formed at some point.

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In addition to 4-H rodeos there are amateur rodeos around the state that anyone can enter, and the boys do. By the end of the four-month season (from June to the end of September), they have competed in nearly 15 rodeo events. This schedule gives them a lot of experience with the stock as the same stock is used in the amateur rodeos as in the 4-H rodeos. And even though it is "small" stock, the boys are still attempting to handle bucking animals between 500 and 600 pounds.

"What these kids ride is not easy," commented Wiltse. "It is a smaller stock, but they still turn and twist and buck and slam."

It takes a lot of practice, as with any sport, and the boys look to one another for discipline. They have a "bucking



AS THE BULL turns, Caleb Wiltse attempts to ride out the bucking pattern with his arm stretched for balance. Always close by and ready to interfere if Caleb should fall is a rodeo clown.

barrel" in their barn which they use to imitate the real thing. They also have grown up riding horses which gave them a feel for riding early on.

There is also some natural riding talent that Jake and Caleb inherited from their father, who spent many years as a pro rodeo rider. Mom provides inspiration, too, as she enters barrel racing in amateur rodeos with Caleb.

"I think we are all hooked on it," she commented.

It is important to have that kind of family support in a sports activity that definitely involves an element of danger. Not to say that the Wiltses don't worry about their children when they are riding, but they have a lot of faith in their sons' abilities.

"They are like little pros," remarked the boys' father. "We've had the usual bumps and bruises but nothing serious."

In order to compete in 4-H rodeos, the boys must complete three seasons of training that coincide with their first three years of participation. These clinics put a lot of emphasis on safety. The boys know the right way to fall. They know to never get off a standing bull because it could easily cause an injury with a quick turn of its head. And they know that the clowns and "pick-up"

men are in the circle to protect them. When the rider falls, they are right there between them and the animal to prevent any charging.

Both Caleb and Jake are sharp on their rules and regulations and understand the animals deserve a great deal of respect.

It is an anxious time of year for these boys as they are already anticipating next year's competition. So they study pictures and videotapes from the year's rodeos to see how they can improve. And they of course they watch the pro rodeo competitions on television whenever they can.

"Riding has been very rewarding for them," their mother said. "It has taught them a lot."

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JAKE AND CALEB WILTSE

