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Gentle, warm waves and Lake Charlevoix sunsets pull beachcombers and boaters to the water one more time before the lazy days of summer fall away.



Moving from summer's lazy days to fall's color



A fiery palette of fall color is well on its way to the hills and valleys of East Jordan and Boyne City thanks to the sunny days and cooler nights of September.

And now that the waters of the Pacific Ocean are entering a cooling down phase following one of the strongest El Niños on record, many forecasters are predicting we will have below normal temperatures this winter and higher than average snowfalls.

But don't strap on the snowshoes just yet. The trees have only reached the tip of their coloring potential and should be peaking around Oct. 8-10.

Although some folks noticed leaves changing earlier, according to Mel Koelling, professor at the Department of Forestry at Michigan State University, those changes were due to stress brought on by things like drought, insects, root injuries caused by the installation of sewer lines, or perhaps from the winter road salt seeping into the roots — not because of an early fall or warm summer.

The official start of the color change comes at about the same time each year — around Sept. 1 — taking its cue from the length of the day. The intensity or brightness of the leaves is influenced by the weather in September and October at the end of the growing season.

Three different colored pigments — green (chlorophyll), yellow (xanthophyll) and orange (carotene) — make up the color of leaves. But the chlorophyll masks the other two pigments during the summer because it is present in a much greater proportion, giving the leaf its green appearance.

The light sensitive chlorophyll is produced in bright light and decomposes in dark light. And even though the days become longer from May to August, the amount of light is in fact decreasing — at night the dark periods are becoming longer — Koelling said. At some point the rate of chlorophyll lost is greater than the rate at which it's being manufactured. Eventually less and less is produced and the yellow and orange begin to show through because they are not light sensitive.

Trees such as the willows, aspens, cottonwoods, hickories and lindens will have good, bright yellow coloring this fall, Koelling said.

Redness is more closely related to temperature. Lots of sunshine and fairly warmer days and cooler evenings will produce higher intensity color in maple, northern red oak, black gum, tupelo and dogwood trees.

Evening temperatures in the 40s — but not freezing — signal the trees that winter is approaching. Because of their perennial nature, they prepare for winter by corking off the connective pipes between the leaf and the twig, preventing the sugars which cause the red color to exit the leaf. The higher the sugar content, the redder the leaf. Koelling said the same process occurs in apples, which become sweeter and redder later in the fall.

"This year I would think that we're in really pretty good shape," Koelling said of the tree tops. "We've had some excellent warm weather and very crisp evenings."

Last year's wet and cloudy fall produced muted tones — less reds and more yellows and an early snowfall damaged those leaves before they even fell off the trees.

Most leaves fall in response to a little wind, Koelling said, usually falling from the outside before the inside, probably due to the temperature differential. They'll drop from the tops of trees first, because that's the point where it gets the coldest and where the wind blows the hardest.

at a GLANCE

The pioneer in his own words

After two years of writing, Boyne USA founder Everett Kircher's recently published book, "Everett Kircher — Michigan's Resort Pioneer" is now on book store shelves.

An excerpt from his autobiography about his search for a Michigan mountain can be found on page 12.

Each step of CROP Walk helps fight hunger

One step at a time, CROP Walkers for the 15th annual event will be helping meet hunger needs with their feet.

On Saturday, Sept. 26, at 9 a.m., Boyne City walkers will leave from Whiting Park for the six-mile trek to Ironton where they will meet with East Jordan walkers who started from Elm Pointe at the same time.

Walkers are reminded that they need to arrive early enough to register, don orange safety vests and participate in group preparations including safety reminders and brief prayer.

"We walk because they walk" is the CROP Walk motto, referring to people in developing countries who must walk daily for clean water and to work in fields. In keeping with the motto, the only wheels permitted for the event are such necessary wheels as wagons when used to pull children, strollers, and wheelchairs.

After a snack of hot dogs, soft drinks or coffee, the walkers will be transported back to their starting points.

One-fourth of the money raised by the CROP Walkers will be returned to the food pantries in the three cities to meet local hunger needs.

For more information on volunteering to walk or to sponsor a walker, call Diana Walls in Boyne City at 582-6485 or Margie Teske in East Jordan at 536-3128.

Are we in for a 'real winter'?

After such a beautiful summer and the gorgeous start of fall, are we due to get slammed with a colder and snowier winter than normal?

Maybe, maybe not.

One thing is for certain (as least as certain as one can be when it comes to weather forecasting): This winter is predicted to be snowier than last winter.

But that still leaves the door open, since last winter's snowfall was unusually low.

"I would say it will be snowier than last year," said Chris Leonardi, a meteorologist for the U.S. Weather Service's Gaylord office. "That's my guess."

While there have been predictions of a more severe winter, Leonardi said "it is too early to say it will be

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They ask, and the answer is usually yes

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

"I wish I had 500 years to live," Barb Worgess said. "There are so many careers I'd love."

That being impossible, she'll stick to being an accountant and running her business, Jordan Valley Accounting. Besides, she's getting a taste for what it would be like to be an artist, football player, coach, philanthropist, advertiser and salesperson through Rotarian and Jordan River Arts Council board memberships, and as president of East Jordan's Pop Warner football.

By no means does she lament her career choice, or the path she's traveled to arrive there.

After high school she did a short stint in college. Left college to do what she calls the housework-kids-shopping thing — and loved it. Moved to East Jordan with her family from New Baltimore in 1984. Bought a house on Main Street — site unchosen — where she still lives. Started her own business. Went back to college as a "non-traditional" student and got her a degree in 1990. She still hasn't taken a breath.

Barb thinks for a moment before speaking — these are her breathers. Always concise and deliberate in her answers, she doesn't stray from the question at hand. You can trust that she conveys exactly what she means.

"I recognize, because of the fact that I chose by circumstances to not get my college education until later in life, it doesn't give me the opportunity to financially achieve the way I might have if I had done this 30 years ago. But I don't think I'm any less happy," Barb said.

She is a great organizer. This latent capability, exposed even further through higher education, is part of what has allowed her a fulfilling career after raising a family of four children.

She has two married sons and grandchildren who live in Ellsworth and another son and daughter still in college. "I feel good about having produced responsible members of society." She always instilled in them that it's important to know who me is before you can become a part of a we.



Barb Worgess

And her pragmatism, no doubt, is why her peers seek her out.

There is the presidency of the Pop Warner football program. Two years ago the East Jordan varsity coach Allan Peterson asked if she could attend a meeting on the program, as she was already a figurehead for East Jordan flag football. Next scene: Pop Warner evolves with Barb at its helm.

The most important thing for her is giving youngsters the opportunity to develop lifetime skills. "Football is really just the tool," she said.

"We deal with things like teamwork, being committed to a practice schedule, being accountable — you have to be there — patience, tolerance, disappointment and all those things that involve belonging to a group," Barb said.

"I have a very strong feeling about the lack of ethics in the world today, and I'm not alone," Barb said.

"There's nothing more satisfying than looking in the mirror and saying I feel good about me," Barb said. "These are some of the things we're trying to do."

If you talk to them in a classroom about making them better people, they'll fall asleep, Barb said. "But you can accomplish it on the football field."

"I'm a great spectator sportsman. When it comes to the technical points of the game, I don't know a guard from a tackle. I do know smiles on kids' faces. If you can teach self esteem, you can teach anything."

"I don't do it alone," Barb is forever pointing out. "I have a great staff that helps in different areas. Patty Tison is my right hand person. We work really well together and kind of feed off each other."

And then there was the phone call three years ago from former Jordan River Arts Council president Howard Ellis, asking Barb if she would be interested in being on the council's board of directors.

The answer was "no" if he was thinking Barb had some sort of latent artistic ability, she said. But, again they were looking for a person with strong organizational skills. She serves as their treasurer.

"Unlike Pop Warner where I'm really comfortable leading — in the

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--Barb Worgess

OPINION

A MOM'S LIFE

Witnessing compassion in action is the best way to teach it

By CINDI PLACE

I always used to believe that to be a courageous person one had to accomplish some extraordinary feat, possibly endangering their own life in the process. Like a fireman, or a police officer, the kind of hero that few of us can imagine ourselves becoming. But I have found that these brave, daring people are not the only ones who can display true courage.

Fearless is not the way we would normally describe a person who is battling a life threatening disease, someone facing unbelievable odds with faith and bravery. But I have known people like that. They listen to the medical experts tell them that their odds are not good, but they fight their disease anyway using whatever spiritual weapons they possess. And they comfort those of us who stand by helplessly to understand and sometimes accept the inevitable. That is courage.

Or how about the single parent who has to get up each morning, prepare her children for school, work an incredibly long day and return home to another long night, without the help of another adult to ease the load. That is bravery.

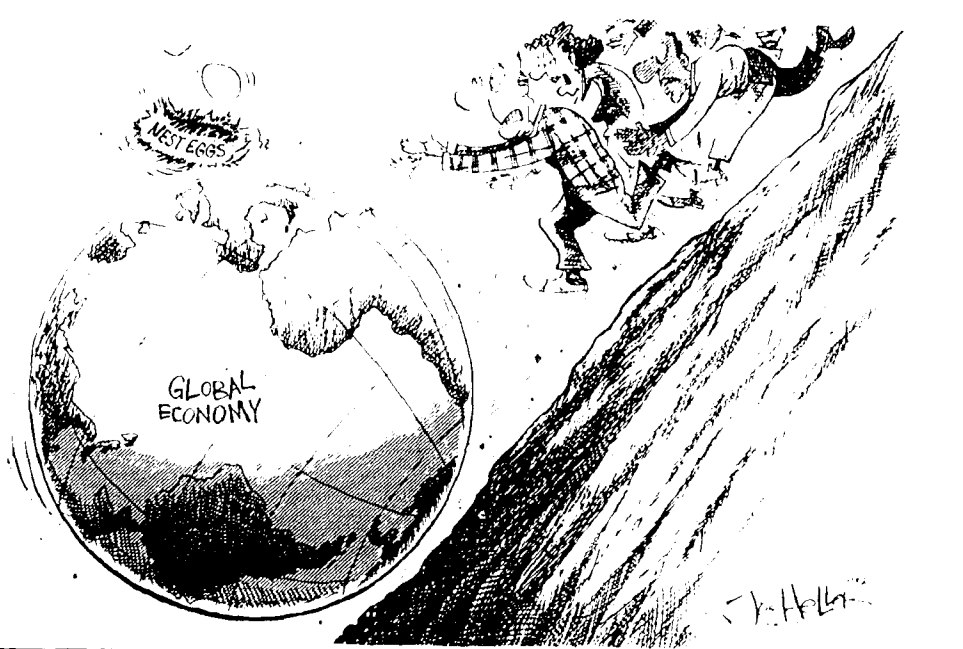
We see instances of gallantry every day, when someone holds a door for us or asks how we are or simply says a pleasant "hello" as they pass. Who knows what kind of problems or worries these folks have. But they still find time to do something to make another person's day just a little better.

Courage isn't something reserved for the extremely brave people who we see as heroes. We can find courage in the teachers who take our children every day and try to make a difference in their lives. We can find it in children from families who are struggling with alcoholism or some other type of abuse. These kids literally fight for their lives every day, just trying to survive.

When our children leave their homes to "seek their fortunes" (which generally involves tapping into their parents' fortunes), they find themselves in strange surroundings, having to make new friends and challenged by higher academic expectations and life-changing decisions. There are those of us who wouldn't dream of leaving our comfortable lives to venture out into a new world, as these young people have done. And I admire them for it.

It takes exceptional courage to take care of a loved one in their final days of life as we know it. I have been blessed to know two such families who have dealt with the unbelievable pain of watching someone they love slowly leave this world, little bit by little bit. And the incredible support that they gave to their parent and father and spouse, when they themselves were dealing with fear, anger and pain is to me the most brave, courageous and unspeakably selfless act that I could ever possibly imagine.

I just hope that our children are watching when they are blessed to observe these acts of love and kindness, because nothing can teach compassion better than seeing it in action.



GUEST COLUMN

Learning one of life's lessons

By CHRIS WINKLER

I have always found it funny how fast things can change. Or maybe it's not so much humor as it is fright.

Take for instance, my life over the last month. On Aug. 10, I told my parents that I didn't belong at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, where I had already been registered. Hope College, in Holland, had been on my final list of prospective schools, but it just seemed too far away to spend my next four years there. But after much prayer and thought, I dropped the bomb on my parents: I wasn't going to be happy at NMC, and Hope was where I needed to be.

That's what I mean by frightening change. And what was even scarier, my parents went along with it, and did everything they could to get me in at Hope. Less than three weeks later, I found myself at Hope College, enjoying life to its fullest.

Even more shocking new revelations have occurred while here. In my political science class, we are learning about the beliefs of the four major

perspectives of American government: conservative, liberal, libertarian, and populist. I had always considered myself 100 percent conservative... without ever taking into account the other views that exist. Now, I don't even know what to call myself. As if it hasn't been made clear, change is scary!

I wrote for The Citizen during my four years of high school. This experience will look good on my resume, but not much creative thinking was involved. So after hearing wonderful things about a Hope poetry professor from Boyne City resident and Hope alum Ken Kutzleb, I figured taking a creative writing class would be good for me. The recommended prof was even better than expected, and he has brought out a side of my writing that has been sheltered for 18 years. I wrote my first ever poem on Sept. 6. When the class ends, my poetry will not.

So I have already learned a life lesson after just three weeks of college: change can be scary. But where would this country, this state, Boyne City, and me, be right now, were it not for change?

BASIC BANTER

Baking up a sweet masterpiece

By HARRIET KENNEY

I hadn't really planned to help this time, until during a visit to our daughter's home in early June, our son-in-law asked, "You're gonna help with the cake, aren't cha?"

Now this cake was no small undertaking; this cake was to be an enormous size. I simply answered that I hadn't planned on it. To which he quite matter-of-factly stated, "I think you are!" That sort of gave me a clue that the die was already cast.

Did we really need such a laborious task for an excuse to spend extra time together? Of course not, we just took advantage of it. You know, most kids wouldn't opt for a homemade wedding cake but these boys know that their mom and I each enjoy a challenge, though we have only the normal homemaking skills. It goes without saying that we amassed enormous phone bills because of our miles apart. However, we readily agreed that she should do the baking and I'd be there to help with the decorating.

Three days before the great event on Aug. 2, the men somehow evaporated and we quickly cleared the counters and tables. Books were laid out, as were several pairs of eyeglasses as well as our tools. The frosting was ready and so were the 18 layers of cake. Wow! Two freezers full of chocolate, lemon, vanilla, and almond disks awaited frills and flourish. We wondered, "Are we ready for this?" Too late to back out now! We had to get down to serious business.

Days quickly dwindled to hours. Many of those hours were filled with questions and indecision. "How does this look? Where should we put the flowers? Which flavor goes on the bottom? How many layers go above the fountain?" Lots of questions. Oh, yes, one more. "What'll we have for dinner?" "Pizza, of course."

Great! But three days in a row!

Wedding morning! I swear, we were more nervous than the entire wedding party. We now needed to transport this partially decorated mountain to the reception room 14 miles away. We accomplished this feat by incorporating the help of our husbands. They fitted a 1 1/2" thick sponge pad onto the bed of the station wagon and strategically placed each cake for the most stability. We gathered up the rest of the necessary paraphernalia to finish the job and we were off. From then on we thought it would be a cinch. It was.

Two hours and a pot of coffee later, we were finished. The layers were placed and decorated to our satisfaction. The pillars connected, the four staircases attached, the flowers affixed, the fountain filled and lit. We each heaved a big sigh of relief for the challenge had been met and we were triumphant! We could soak up all the raves, and we did! However, we're not going into business, so don't ask!

Oh yes! The inevitable question, "How'd it turn out?" Beautiful, of course, and so very delicious. But much more than that was our closeness. At times another daughter joined us and proved to be our most avid supporter, as well as a sorely needed errand girl, plus! Best of all, we were spirited away into earlier youth years and all became kids again. We agreed and disagreed; we laughed until the tears fell, and giggled until we couldn't face each other. We worked well together and we'll not forget. We built memories.

I have voluntarily helped do this for two grandsons now and it turns out to be more fun than a trip to Disneyland. I highly recommend you try it. It's a piece of cake.

(Harriet Kenney writes from her home in Central Lake.)

LETTERS

The news about Joshua is very encouraging

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to thank everyone in our families and our community for their thoughts and prayers for Joshua throughout this past year.

Recent tests have shown that Joshua is Leukemia-free. He is now in the maintenance stage of his treatment and after three years of remaining Leukemia-free, he will be placed back into the standard population.

After 25 trips to Ann Arbor, four hospitalizations totaling 40 days, 245 needles, two



Joshua Lounsbury, shown with Dr. Castle of University of Michigan Medical Center, has overcome Leukemia.

surgeries, four bone marrow biopsies, CT scans, CAT scans, MRIs, x-rays, ultrasounds, EKGs, blood clots, spinal taps, intensive care, home injections, hundreds of pills, intense physical therapy, and enough prayer to move every mountain on the planet, Joshua has triumphed.

His surprise victory party was a huge success. We would like to thank the Tannery for donating the use of their facilities, Glen's of Boyne City for donating the beautiful cake, and everyone who contributed to help pay for the food and Joshua's trophy. Joshua had a wonderful time and loved all the attention - and the presents of course.

Most of all, we thank our God in heaven for sending our Joshua to us. We thank Him for bringing us ever closer as a family. And to anyone who is dealing with a sick child or family member, we offer our hopes and prayers for you. "Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood."

Kevin and Patricia Lounsbury and family

LETTERS

Most of us would look like a mess in the cow pasture

TO THE EDITOR:

Art Soworski seems to be a bit upset about President Clinton. I wonder what would show up in his own life if 20 or so investigating attorneys were given several million dollars and told to "go get him." I think that he, as most of us, would end up looking like a mess in the cow pasture.

I am not known to be a religious person but I do have great faith in the Lord's wisdom and evenhandedness and suspect that when He got around to making fools He made them perfect, too.

Everett Sayles

We welcome your letters to the editor.

The best read letters are short and pertain to a topic of local interest. Our deadline for letters is 10 a.m. Monday. All letters must be signed and include a daytime phone number.

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Smooth landing

Crews began work on the Boyne City Airport runway last week to widen it from 50 to 75 feet and lengthen it by another 160 feet to 4,000 feet, which will allow for commercial aircraft utilization. The total cost for construction will be \$583,900 including lighting. The State Bureau of Aeronautics will pay for 90 percent of the project, the city will fund the remaining 10 percent.



East Jordan Indian Education Program hosts Oct. 3 pow-wow

The Title 9 Indian Education Program at East Jordan Public Schools will hold a free, community appreciation pow-wow on Oct. 3, beginning at 1 p.m., at the Anishnabe Intertribal Council grounds at 1002 Mill St. in East Jordan.

There will be Native American dancing, community sharing, special recognition of the program's supporters and free camping Friday-Sunday.

The education program provides tutoring and support services to the 168 Native American students enrolled in the East Jordan schools.

The grounds are located across the street from East Jordan Middle School. There will be parking at the school and handicap parking is also available.

Jury convicts former coach of lesser sexual assault charge

Former Boyne City High School baseball coach, Steven C. Kehrer, was convicted last week of sexually assaulting a 15-year-old female.

Kehrer, 49, was charged with first degree criminal sexual conduct. The jury found him guilty of the lesser offense of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct after Judge James C. Kinglsey decided there was not enough evidence to charge him with the first-degree offense. First and second degree offenses usually involve using positions of emotional or physical power against a victim.

The jury was asked to decide if Kehrer committed the offense, without the aggravating circumstances, in the third degree which includes sexual penetration, or in the fourth degree which includes touching.

"We thought his position of authority did play a roll in this sexual act," assistant prosecuting attorney Justin McCarthy said. "The judge did not agree with our interpretation of the law."

Kehrer was on trial for a week and a half in July for the same allegations. Judge Kinglsey declared it a mistrial when the jury came back deadlocked after two days of deliberation. The judge did not raise the issue of insufficient evidence at the

first trial, according to McCarthy, who also said that the victim was questioned in much more detail about what took place during the alleged crime during the second trial.

The second trial ran from Sept. 8-14 and jurors deliberated for about 4 1/2 hours before delivering their verdict.

Kehrer was accused of sexually assaulting the girl in June 1997 in his hotel room at the McCalmly Plaza in downtown Battle Creek. Both Kehrer and the victim traveled with the varsity baseball team to Battle Creek where the team was competing in a state tournament. The girl was not a student of Boyne City Schools.

Kehrer was the head baseball coach for three years and also the athletic trainer for Boyne's varsity and junior varsity football teams in 1995 and 1996.

He worked at the Great Lakes Academy in Boyne City during the 1996-97 school year as a court liaison.

Kehrer could serve a maximum of two years in prison. He could have served up to life if he had been convicted of the original charge.

He is currently free on bond and should face sentencing next month.

Boyne City will be in the news on 7&4's 'Your Town' series

Boyne City residents and business owners are invited to attend a town meeting with News Channel 7 & 4 anchor Dave Walker and reporter Amit Chitre as a precursor to the city being featured on the station's Your Town series.

The objective of Your Town is to share the uniqueness, the people, and the workings of smaller towns

with the rest of northern Michigan, and the meeting itself will focus on finding out what stories community members would like to see covered in the program, via a brainstorming session and a questionnaire.

Reporters will cover five of the ideas in the week following the meeting during the 5, 6, and 11 p.m. newscasts, and when appropriate,

other topics discussed at the town meeting will be reported on as well.

The series has already featured Charlevoix, Frankfurt, Kalkaska and Ludington.

The town meeting will be held at the Red Mesa Grill on Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 5-7 p.m. Refreshments will be served, compliments of TV 7 & 4.

Candidates invited to forum

Voters will have the opportunity to question political candidates at a Meet The Candidate Forum at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, at Charlevoix High School.

The forum will feature republican State Senator Walter North and his democratic challenger Kay Chase, and the two political candidates running for State House of Rep-

resentatives in the 106th District being vacated by Bev Bodem: democrat Andy Neumann and republican Phil Ludlow.

The forum is sponsored by Charlevoix Area Hospital, the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce, and the Charlevoix Education Association.

Questions to the candidates will focus on health care issues, business and education. There will be time for questions from the audience. Refreshments will be served afterwards. The public is welcome to attend.

For more information call Mike MacMillan at 547-8604.

Festivals celebrate the arrival of autumn

Smiling scarecrows, winking jack-o-lanterns and burnished leaves, waving in the breeze, will welcome the autumnal season and ensuing celebrations come the first weekend in October.

To catch the fall action, hop on the trolley for a free color tour between East Jordan and Boyne City on Oct. 3 and check out what's going on in the neighboring town. The trolley departs Boyne City at 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 2 p.m., and will drop off passengers at the corner of Main and Mill streets in East Jordan for an hour of shopping and sightseeing before continuing the tour back to Boyne City.

In East Jordan, businesses will play host to special fall sales, snacks and activities during the Leaf Pecker Open House on Oct. 3. The Portside Art and Historical Society will hold "Pioneering Crafting Traditions"

demonstrations at the historical museum at Elm Pointe on M-66 from 2-4 p.m.

Or, enjoy nature's colorful changes up close with a hike through the Jordan Valley. Color tour maps are available at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce office and other locations.

The Oct. 3, Fall Harvest Festival in Boyne City's Veteran's Park from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. will include a historic encampment, Fall Harvest Market, arts and crafts show, pony rides, a petting zoo, and food, cider and donuts. Special guests and entertainers include pumpkin sculptor Ray Villafane, and musicians Sneaky Pete, Song of the Lakes and David Cisco. The action will continue all day Sunday, Oct. 4.

For more information call the East Jordan Area or Boyne City chambers of commerce.

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CALENDAR

A PARENTING WORKSHOP, based on the best-selling book, "How To Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk," starts Sept. 23 from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Women's Resource Center, 423 Porter St., Petoskey.

The six-session workshop is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center and will be led by Joann Townsend, ACSW. The cost of the workshop is \$50 per person; materials are included. The dates of the sessions are Sept. 23, Sept. 30, Oct. 7, Oct. 14, Oct. 21 and Oct. 28. Certificates of Completion will be awarded at the conclusion of the program. Advance registration and payment is requested. Space is limited.

To register, call the Women's Resource Center at (616) 347-0067.

THE EAST JORDAN MISSIONARY CHURCH will hold its first Adventure Club meeting for kindergartners through sixth graders, tonight, Sept. 23 from 6:45-8 p.m. The club will meet each Wednesday. For more information, call 536-2128.

THE EAST JORDAN LIONESS CLUB will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a dinner at the VFW Hall in East Jordan on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 6:30 p.m. Charter, former and present members as well as those interested in becoming members are invited to attend. The cost is \$5. To confirm your attendance or for more information, call Ginny Carey at 582-5680.

THE 15TH ANNUAL CROP Walk is Saturday, Sept. 26, beginning at 9 a.m. Boyne City walkers will leave from Whiting Park for the six mile trek to Ironton where they will meet with East Jordan walkers who started from Elm Point at the same time. Charlevoix walkers leave from the high school.

For more information on volunteering to walk or to sponsor a walker, call Diana Walls in Boyne City at 582-6485 or Marge Teske in East Jordan at 536-3128.

BOYNE CITY HIGH SCHOOL students and their parents are invited to attend the 45th annual College Night at Petoskey High School on Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. More than 50 colleges, universities and trade schools will be represented as well as the Armed Services.

For more information, call Kevin King at 582-6587.

THE LEAF PEEKER OPEN HOUSE is all set for Saturday, Oct. 3 in East Jordan, with businesses offering sales, refreshments and activities. There will be trolley rides from Boyne City to East Jordan, and a Pioneer Crafting Traditions demonstration at the historical museum at Elm Pointe from 2-4 p.m. For more information, call the chamber at 536-73519.

THE FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL will take place in Veteran's Park in downtown Boyne City on Saturday Oct. 3 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and all day on Sunday Oct. 4. For more information, call the chamber at 582-6222.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL 5K RUN will be held on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 11 a.m. The run is sponsored by the Boyne River Brewing Company. For more information, call 582-5588.

THE EAST JORDAN FIRE DEPARTMENT will celebrate Fire Prevention Week with an open house on Monday, Oct. 5, at the Jordan Valley Express in East Jordan from 6-9 p.m. The public is invited to view the two new firetrucks and enjoy refresh-

ments.

THE PETOSKEY REGIONAL Chamber of Commerce and Northern Arrow Train of Mt. Pleasant is offering Color Tour Train Rides on Sunday, Oct. 4. There will be two rides, 1-1:50 p.m. and 2-2:50 p.m. The train will load in front of Stafford's Perry Hotel on Bay and Lewis Streets in downtown Petoskey and travel to the Elmira area. Refreshments will be available on the train.

Tickets are available at the chamber office for \$10 per ticket. If you have any questions or need more information, call the Chamber office at 347-4150.

A GUN SHOW will be hosted by the Jordan River Sportsmen Club on Oct. 10 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Oct. 11 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the new East Jordan Middle School gymnasium. The public is invited to attend. To reserve a display table, call David Gaunt at 536-2748.

DUNMAGLAS GOLF COURSE will hold the Last Chance Scramble golf tournament on Sunday, Oct. 11, at 1 p.m. with all proceeds going to the Boyne City Foundation for Educational Excellence. The cost is \$45 per player. The cost includes chili and hors d'oeuvres. Prizes will be awarded. To register call Becky or Joel at 547-4653 or Bob Bobowski at 582-2408.

THERE WILL BE A 3-year-old Developmental Screening Clinic on Oct. 13 for all Charlevoix County children who will be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2000. If you are interested in attending the clinic, contact Pat Gauthier at 547-9947, at the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District for an appointment or for further information.

OBITUARIES

Julius Joseph O'Brien

Julius Joseph O'Brien, 82, of East Jordan died at his home on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 1998.

His funeral Mass was held on Friday, Sept. 18, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. The Rev. William McKeon officiated. A committal service followed at St. Michael Cemetery in Suttons Bay with the Rev. Wayne Dzeikan officiating and a military service under the auspices of the Little Finger Post #7731 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Lake Leelanau.

He was born on Sept. 26, 1915 in Lake Leelanau, the son of John and Josephine (Denoyer) O'Brien. He graduated from St. Mary's Catholic School in Lake Leelanau. On Nov. 9, 1940 in Suttons Bay, he married Dorothy Kohler.

Julius served in the United States Army during World War II in the 28th Infantry Division Company in the European Theater. He was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery in action. They moved to East Jordan in 1948 where he worked as a conservation officer for 32 years in Charlevoix and Antrim counties. He retired from the DNR in October of 1978. Since retirement, he has enjoyed raising trout in his fishpond. He also enjoyed woodworking, making many grandfather clocks and birdhouses for his family and friends. He loved outdoor life. He also enjoyed the weekly Cribbage Club card game with his special friends.

Julius was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan and a former member of St. Michael Catholic Church in Suttons Bay. He was a lifetime member of the Little Finger Post #7731 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a member of the Rebec-Hosler-Sweet Post #227 of the American Legion in East Jordan. Julius was a



member and past president of the East Jordan Rotary Club.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy O'Brien of East Jordan; one daughter, Bonnie (Ike) Mellema of Augusta; one daughter-in-law, Betty O'Brien of Mackinaw City; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two brothers, Peter (Ann) O'Brien of Salem, Ore., and August (Clementine) O'Brien of Ludington; three sisters, Alice McNeil of Traverse City, Emma Grindstuen of Lake Leelanau, and Rosemary (Robert) Schaub of Lake Leelanau; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Jerry O'Brien in 1986; five brothers, George, Elmer, Phillip, Paul, and John O'Brien; and three sisters, Leona Vransy, Martha Bunek, and Mary McNeil.

Memorials may be given to the Endowment Fund of St. Mary's School in Lake Leelanau.

Trixie Lea Newberg

Trixie Lea Newberg, 56, of Boyne City died on Monday, Sept. 14, 1998 at her home.

Trixie was born on May 14, 1942 to Benjamin and Amanda Sue Pageott Evans, in Muskegon.

She married David Newberg in 1958. She was a homemaker for 30 years and lived in Texas before moving to Boyne City in 1988.

She worked as a security guard for AlliedSignal in Boyne City.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1982 and a son David in 1964.

She is survived by her mother, Amanda Sue Evans; two daughters, Mitzi Newberg and Shelley (James) Raines; one son, David Newberg; five brothers, James (Barb) Evans, Willard (Jan) Evans, Benjoe (Louann) Evans, Conrad (Chris)

Evans and Steve (Deana) Evans; three sisters, Margie (Don) Baxter, Sally (Paul) Fredricks and Chris (Linden) Wiser; three grandchildren, Aris, James and Kayla; and several nieces and nephews.

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BOYNE CITY HALL NEWS

By SUE HOBBS

THREE CITY Commissioners and members of city staff recently attended the Michigan Municipal League Conference in Traverse City. The conference was the centennial conference, celebrating 100 years of service to Michigan Municipalities by the League. A few of the sessions included: "Democracy and Community Leadership," "Tapping the Strength of Our Communities," "Service that Works," "Environmental Issues Update," "Community and Youth," "Development Control and Developer Rights," "Integrity Driven Leadership," and "Legislative Update." Speakers at the conference included Gov. Engler and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Geoffrey Fieger.

INSTALLATION OF an irrigation system at the Boyne City Marina began Monday. This is the first phase of a planned installation of a sprinkler system throughout Veteran's Park.

THE PARKS AND RECREATION Board toured Avalanche Preserve at its September meeting. The October meeting will continue the tour of all city parks in preparation of the creation of a parks plan for the city.

DUE TO THE LATE season for paving and contracts which still need to be bid, the Division Street bikepath/walkway will be a spring 1999 project. The city received a grant from MDOT, Transportation Enhancement Program to partially fund the project.

(Sue Hobbs is city clerk and assistant city manager for Boyne City.)

BOYNE CITY POLICE REPORT

The Boyne City Police Department received 125 complaints last week, which included three arrests, one unlawful entry, one larceny from a building, one non sufficient funds check. Officers issued four tickets and six verbal warnings. Other complaints include:

Sept. 19: Several bikes were reported stolen from the Division and Morgan Street area. One was located and returned to its owner.

Sept. 20: Two assault complaints are under investigation, one from the Tannery and the other on Division Street. Another complaint was reported of property damage to a home from BB gun pellets.

SERVICE BRIEFS

Army Pvt. **DUSTIN R. OLDS** has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo. Olds is the son of Tracy L. Gee of East Jordan. In 1998, he graduated from East Jordan High School.

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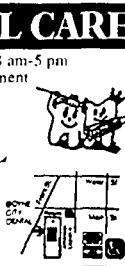
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BUSINESS

Ed Doss will serve as CEO of Great Lakes Energy Cooperative

The board of directors of the new Great Lakes Energy Cooperative recently selected officers for the Board and the Cooperative.

Customer-owners of three electric cooperatives in Michigan approved merger votes earlier this summer to create the new Great Lakes co-op which will begin operating Jan. 1. The three cooperatives are Top O' Michigan Electric Cooperative based in Boyne City, the current Great Lakes Energy Cooperative headquartered in Newaygo and Western Michigan Electric Cooperative of Scottville.

Don Marsh of Sears was named chairman. Marsh has served on the board of the former O&A Electric Cooperative and Great Lakes Energy since 1977.

Howard Carson of Boyne City was named first vice chairman. Carson has served on the board of Top O' Michigan Electric Company for 25 years.

Phillip Eikenberry of Scottville was named second vice chairman. Eikenberry has served on the board of Western Michigan Electric Cooperative for 15 years.

Dale Farrier of Mancelona was named secretary. Farrier has served on Top O' Michigan's board since 1990.

Burton Scott of Ewart was named treasurer. Scott has served on the former O&A Electric and Great Lakes Energy board for 31 years.

The board also named officers of the cooperative.

Ed Doss was named president and chief executive officer. Prior to joining Top O' Michigan Electric as president and chief executive officer two years ago, Doss worked 31 years for Consumers Energy Company in various natural gas and electric positions.

Bob Hance was named executive vice-president and chief operating officer. Hance has worked for Great Lakes Energy for 24 years, including the last 10 years as president and chief operating officer and general manager.

Steve Boeckman was named senior vice president and chief financial officer. Boeckman was recently hired as vice president of finance at Top O' Michigan Electric and is a former vice president at Edison Sault Electric Company.

JV Satellite has new location

Jordan Valley Satellite has moved from M-66 in East Jordan to 106 Mill St. adjacent to B&B Auto, and in the former location of Jordan Valley Accounting.

"We wanted to be downtown, they're doing lots of nice things there," owner Jeanne Fyke said.

With more showroom space, the business has expanded its offerings to include the sales of TVs, VCRs and electronics including surround sound and home theatre products. It will continue to sell and service satellite systems as well.

The hours are from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturday. The phone number is 536-7890.

Investment class offered through Boyne City community education

An investment class, led by David Balok will be held Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m. throughout October.

The class is offered through Boyne City Community Education.

Subjects covered include: hitting homeruns with individual stocks; make more money and pay less taxes; mutual funds; life and long term care insurance; and wills and trusts.

The class is free and materials will be provided. Call Nancy at 582-6765 to reserve a spot in the class.

Teen program begins its third year

The Women's Resource Center's MERIT program begins its third season this fall.

MERIT (Motivation, Esteem and Respect In Teens) is offered to girls 11-16 years old. Topics addressed include decision-making, goal-setting, communication skills, feelings, self-esteem, drug and alcohol education, relationships and sexuality education. MERIT has been popular in schools because of its widespread appeal to students, administrators and parents.

"I believe that when teens possess the skills and the self-confidence to make good decisions, they will opt for healthy behaviors and activities," said program coordinator Rachel Yudin.

Many teens are faced with the issues of substance use, unhealthy relationships, pregnancy and declining self-images, Yudin said. MERIT provides an environment where participants can discuss important issues while also gathering skills.

Students in one Boyne City High School group saw the meetings as an opportunity to talk. "It was helpful and interesting," commented one sophomore. "The activities made me think more about my life," said

another.

Jean Odgers, Boyne City schools health coordinator, has been highly supportive of the program. "It sets up a positive relationship between females," she said. "I have seen the group members handle conflicts better since they started the program."

"As the pressures of adolescence increase, it is great to have a variety of opportunities here in northern Michigan where teens can learn more ways to navigate through the challenges of young adulthood."

For more information about the MERIT program, call Yudin at 347-0067.

The program is funded by contributions from the Youth Funds of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and Petoskey/Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation.

First Baptist hosts Roundup Sunday

The community is invited to attend Round-Up Sunday on Sept. 27 at the First Baptist Church of Boyne City.

The Thren family will sing and prizes will be awarded for the best dressed cowboys and cowgirls for both young and old. All children attending the 10 a.m. Sunday School will receive a free cowboy hat.

Following the 11 a.m. worship service, a pig/chicken roast and dinner will be served. There will also be a pie-making contest, horseshoe pitching and children's games.

For more information or if you need a ride, call Pastor Russell Tharp at 582-9561 or 582-6633.



Finishing touch

The planters on Main Street in downtown East Jordan are being outfitted with a fieldstone finish, as the city's streetscape plan approaches completion between Mill and Williams streets. The finishing touches will include lightpoles and trees. Many of the trees formerly lining the street were transplanted in other areas of the city. Others, too large to be moved, were cut down and chipped. Just up the road, Main Street from Williams to Garfield has been unearthed as underground, street and sidewalk construction and landscaping continues in the final phase of the downtown renovation. The work is expected to be completed by the end of October.

Boyne school board approves Educational Facilities Committee's request for community survey

A request from the Educational Facilities Committee to fund a community survey was approved by the Boyne City School Board at its Sept. 14 meeting.

The board will contract the services of Kathy Feister who has worked with school districts throughout northern Michigan in assisting them to determine a community's support or opposition to a variety of issues, including bond proposals. In recent years, she has worked with Charlevoix and North Central Michigan College.

The Educational Facilities Committee will use the community input to help guide it in making a recommendation to the board on options for solving the district's facilities needs.

The Educational Facilities Committee in recent months has been working with Beta Design Group, a Grand Rapids architectural and engineering firm. The committee's goal is to have a recommendation to the board late this year with an election next spring. The committee's meetings are open to the public and all district residents are encouraged to attend. The committee's next meeting is Thursday, Sept. 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the middle school cafeteria.

The survey is expected to cost approximately \$8,500. Since the board and facilities committee are surveying public opinion and not endorsing a proposal, Feister will be paid through the district's funds.

The board also approved the hiring of Christopher Ames to teach high school history. Ames has a bachelor's degree from Asbury College and formerly taught at Harbor Light Christian School and North-

west Academy.

The board also went into closed session to discuss contract language relating to adding time to the teachers' school day. It did not take any action.

The state's required number of hours students must be in class has increased in recent years from 900 to 1,015 this year. That number is expected to increase to 1,040 hours next year, according to Dave Bauman of the Michigan Education Association. He is representing Boyne City teachers in the dispute.

Bauman contends that in the teachers' current contract there is a mechanism in place that spells out how increases in time are to be worked out. "They (the board and administration) didn't follow that," he said.

According to Superintendent Robert Nakoneczny, the administration and board believe that current contract language, which was negotiated about six years ago, covers the additional minutes.

Since no settlement was reached in the grievance process, the dispute now moves to an arbitration hearing which has been scheduled for Oct. 5 in Boyne City. Elliot Bietner, an attorney and professional arbitrator, will hear the case. A ruling is not expected for at least 60 days.

Gymnastics club meeting to discuss new building project

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation recently approved a grant of \$8,830 for Boyne Area Gymnastics to assist with the development and construction of a gymnastics and dance facility in the Boyne City area.

The grant, which was recommended by the foundation's Youth Advisory Committee, is contingent on the organization raising enough funds to complete the proposed facility. The facility will serve Boyne City and the surrounding communities.

Established in 1981, Boyne Area Gymnastics is a non-profit corporation that provides gymnastic instruction for youth, ages 4-18, in Charlevoix, Antrim, Otsego and Emmet counties. The program is based in Boyne City with satellite programs in Gaylord and East Jordan. There are currently over 240 participants. Instruction includes tumbling, balance beam, uneven bars

and vaulting and caters to beginner through advanced levels.

Boyne Area Gymnastics has outgrown its current facility at Boyne City Elementary School and is searching out a site for the proposed building, including a possible site at Rotary Park. Several fund raising efforts have been completed recently and more are planned.

To date, the group has raised approximately \$46,500 toward its goal of \$160,000.

A general club meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the Boyne City Elementary School cafeteria. Discussion will include fundraising and the formation of a building/site committee. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

For more information about the gymnastics program, call director Kari Streelman at 582-3493. Contributions and suggestions for a possible site are also welcome.

Sportsmen hosting gun show

Gun dealers, collectors, shooters, novices and the public are invited to the Jordan River Sportsmen's Club Gun Show on Oct. 10, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Oct. 11 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the new East Jordan Middle School gymnasium.

Experts will be on hand to identify and value old weapons. Modern cartridge firearms and ammunition to be sold or traded must conform with all state and federal laws. Black powder is not allowed

in the building.

Table rentals for gun, hunting or fishing related items — no glass or flea market items — are \$20 and payment must accompany reservations. Tables not occupied by 10 a.m. revert back to the show sponsors. To reserve a table, contact David Gaunt at 536-2748.

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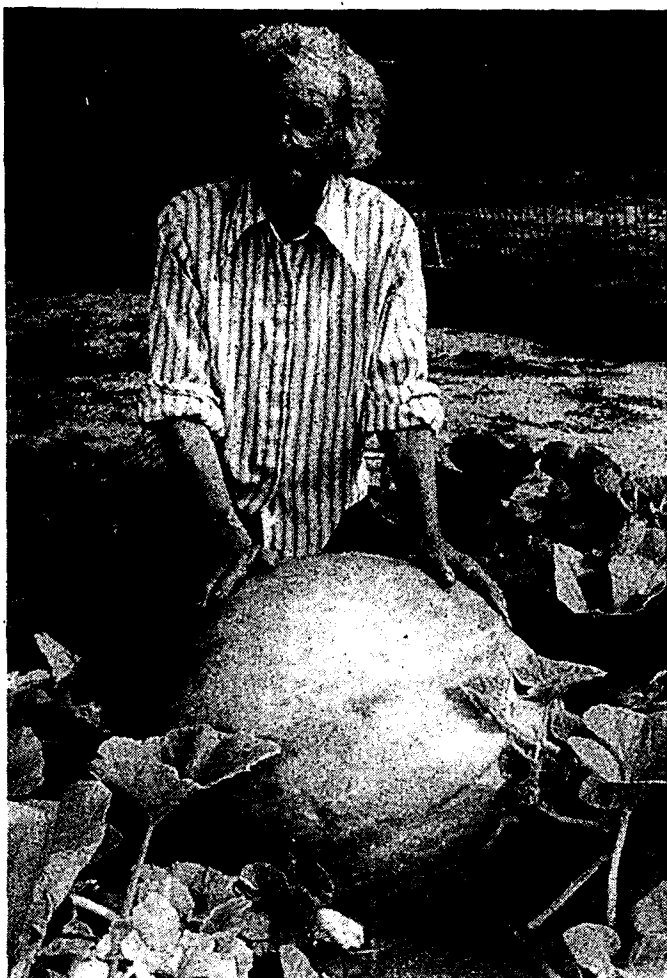
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The pumpkin touch

Anna Skop of Boyne Falls has reason to be proud of her 110 pound pumpkin. Her daughter, Pat, gave her a package of giant pumpkin seeds in May which has produced a large crop of giant pumpkins. This one is almost too large to move. Anna has been growing crops on her farm with her husband Mike for over 60 years. She is 84 and Mike is a young 90 years of age.

Masses at St. Matthew's moved to St. Augustine's during construction

Due to the construction of its new fellowship hall, the masses at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne City will be moved to St. Augustine in Boyne Falls beginning the weekend of Oct. 3-4, until further notice.

The mass schedule will remain the same with services at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, and at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday. Construction was expected to begin this week.

Boyne library hosting storytime program for preschoolers

The Boyne District Library is offering Fall Preschool Storytime for children ages 3-5. Programs are offered on Mon-

days from 6-6:45 p.m. and Tuesdays from 10:30-11:15 a.m. The fall session starts Monday, Sept. 28 and runs through Oct. 27. Register by phone,

582-7861, or in person at the library. The annual Fall Family Fun Night, which is an evening of games, crafts and stories for children of all

ages and adults, is Thursday, Oct. 29, from 6-7 p.m. No preregistration is required. Halloween costumes are welcome.

NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

AN UPDATE on Cebe Gillespie is that he has been transferred from the Charlevoix Area Hospital to room 229 at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

RESIDENTS OF LITZENBURGER Place are saddened by the unexpected death of neighbor, Trixie Newberg, who died on Sept. 14. On Wednesday, following her graveside service, a luncheon for the family was held in the community room and then on Saturday, residents were invited by her mother, Amanda Sue Evans, and family, for cake and coffee and to share memories of Trixie.

GEORGE HUTZLER of Boyne City was the honored guest of a surprise birthday party on Saturday. A gathering of 35 to 40 family members met at Veteran's Memorial Park. Getting him there was quite a task, but he seemed really pleased to see everyone. Amidst banners and balloons announcing an early celebration of his 80th birthday on Oct. 20, he was also crowned and dubbed, "King George!" All enjoyed a luncheon buffet, highlighted by the large beautifully decorated cake, made more personal, with the smiling computerized colored and lifelike photo of "King George," which was done in Gaylord. The party was hosted by his family.

MELISSA ANN CORBIN and Michael David Miner, both of Boyne City, were married before family and friends at the Free Methodist Church, with the Rev. Lane Eddy officiating, on Saturday, Sept. 19. A reception was held at the Hudson Township Hall following the ceremony.

THE ANNUAL SALAD SUPPER of the United Methodist Women was held at the Boyne City church this past week, with an attendance of 40 members and guests. Devotions were given by their president, Ardit Hawley. Entertainment was provided by Pat Wright and Betty Kelts, with their humorous skit, entitled, "The Stages of Friendship." They also sang appropriate songs for each stage. "It

was about the funniest skit I'd seen in my whole life," said my caller.

DR. HYLON HEATON, JR. of Grand Blanc spent the weekend in Boyne City, visiting his parents, "Doc" and Vivian Heaton.

MARGARET HUTTERER was honored with a baby shower on Saturday at the Pleasant Avenue home of Ellen Stanton. Fourteen of Margaret's friends from LexaMar and family members enjoyed a really fun time of games, gift giving, and refreshments. Some of the game winners received intricate hand crocheted prizes made by co-hostess Sally Malkowicz. "The whole afternoon was just a very nice time," said my caller. Margaret and her husband Daniel are expecting the arrival of their first child, a son, on Oct. 17.

ANNE JENKINS returned to the area on Tuesday (without seeing her then unborn grandchild) after spending three weeks on the west coast, where she attended a family wedding, and spent time with her son, Gary Wade and family in Reno and daughter Julie and family in Oak Run, Calif. Over this past weekend, her daughter June Morey of Ionia was here.

GRACE WHITNEY JENKINS was born to Tracy Ann and Gary Wade Jenkins on Sept. 19, 1998 in Reno, Nevada. Grace Whitney weighed 9 pounds 2 ounces and measured 21 1/4 inches long at birth. She has a sister, Brianna, 18 months old. Her grandmother is Anne Jenkins of Boyne Falls.

THERESA AND AL SCHNEIDER and son Andrew of Boyne City attended a downstate family wedding over the weekend.

THE BOYNE CITY FREE Methodist Senior Scamps enjoyed their monthly outing and business meeting in the reserved area of Big Boy this past Sunday. A group of 26 enjoyed the good time of fellowship.

PAUL AND JOYCE HIBBARD of Millington were in Boyne City from Tuesday

until Sunday having a good time with his mother, Adell, and getting her home ready for winter.

NICE TO HEAR the voice of Jean Korhase and know that she's coming along better, after her recent treatments. Her daughter Heidi was here from Grand Rapids last weekend, and Nancy and Bruce Lawson of Rochester were here this past weekend, as well as encouraging visits from other family members throughout the week.

JIM AND JANET FROATS SHEPHERD of Boyne City went to the Big Buck in Gaylord on Friday night to celebrate Janet's birthday. At least, that's where Janet thought they were going as Jim pulled into the VFW parking lot and there, before her very eyes, was a big black hearse, adorned with a banner that read, "Janet is now 60!" Going inside, she was greeted with, "SURPRISE!", from about 100 Antique Auto friends and family. An even bigger surprise it was, when her daughter, Jill Williams of Jacksonville, Fla., walked out of her hiding place in the kitchen. Janet cried, and then it was many, "But, how did you?" All of Janet's children, Jerry, Joe, Jeff, Jill, Janenne Harrington, and Jamie hosted a really fun time, showering their mother with a huge arrangement of 60 carnations, a black and white cake and buffet. She received many other beautiful flowers, gifts, and cards. Also present were her brother Robert Tison and wife Gladys of Missouri, Janenne's husband, David Harrington of Petoskey, her sister, Priscilla and husband Al of Illinois, and parents Phyllis and Joseph Tison. Like her mother said, "It was the first time in Janet's life she didn't know what was going on!"

THE 1998-99 FALL Conference of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel was held in Cheboygan last Thursday. It was well attended by those from Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties. Topics discussed were Medicare and legislative issues.

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS OF CITY/TOWNSHIP OF _____, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN

All electors are hereby given notice that a General Election will be held in _____ City/Township on Tuesday, November 3, 1998.

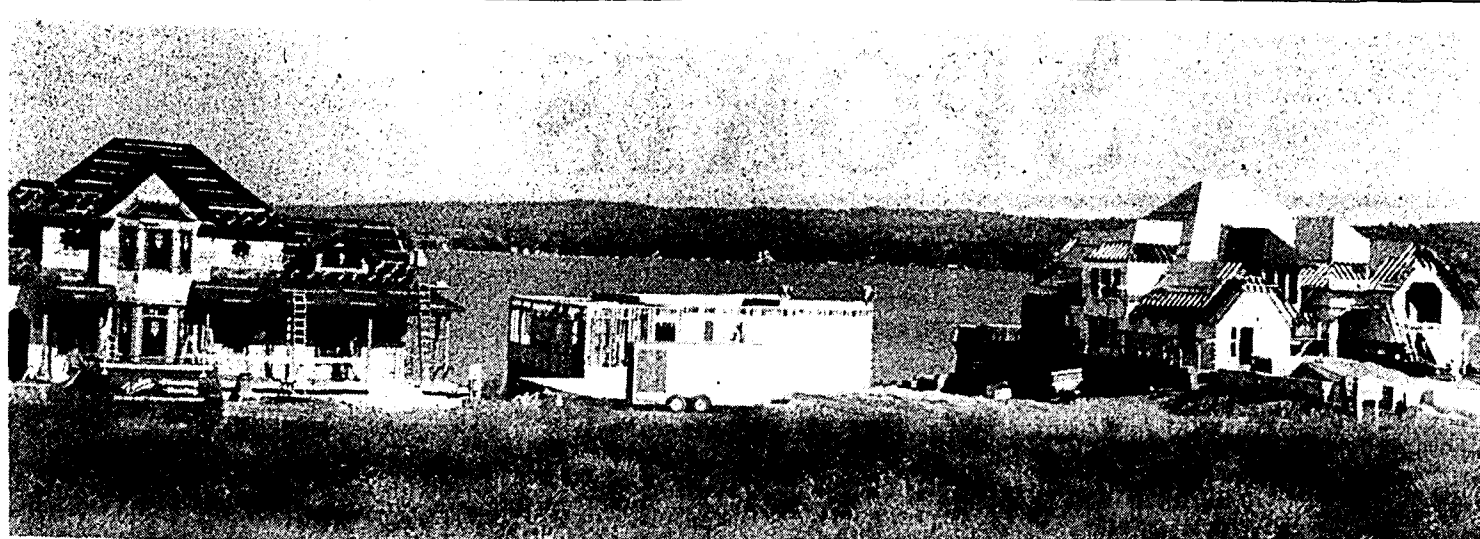
Electors who wish to vote in the general election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 5, 1998. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the county clerk's office or the city/township clerk's office.

Electors who wish to register with the county or city/township clerk are advised to call ahead for location.

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Three homes on the shore of Lake Charlevoix, next to the Harborage in Boyne City, are in various stages of construction.



Building activity around county remains strong

If you have had a hard time finding a builder to build a new home or complete a remodel all you have to do is look at the numbers — from the Charlevoix County Building Department — to know why.

They are busy. The trend of increased building activity in the county during the past few years has continued into 1998.

According to figures from the county building department, the total value of all construction last

year was \$38 million. For 1998, through the month of August, the total value is \$36,727,000. This includes all new homes, condos, modulars, mobile homes, garages, decks, roofs, etc. Commercial activity is not included.

So far the building department has issued 860 permits for the year, and of those, 239 are for new residences.

Ken Doty, Charlevoix County building inspector said he expects "another burst of activity," before the end of the year.

	NEW RESIDENCE PERMITS			TOTAL PERMITS		
	1996	1997	1998	1996	1997	1998*
BOYNE CITY	43	47	21	119	139	95
EAST JORDAN	7	6	5	50	54	40
BOYNE VALLEY TWP	7	3	26	39	29	47
BOYNE FALLS	1	2	1	6	14	8
EVANGELINE TWP	5	9	8	20	24	26
EVELINE TWP	23	27	20	71	80	75
WILSON TWP	29	22	10	84	89	51
MELROSE TWP	15	7	7	43	35	39

* Through August

Figures provided by Charlevoix County Building Department

Ready to soar like an eagle

In just six years, 16-year-old Seth Grutsch has advanced from a Webelo to the highest ranking Eagle Scout status and is probably the first East Jordan Boy Scout to reach that level in 35 years.

The history is a little shaky, because a lot of it has been lost, Seth said. Troop 17 itself has at times struggled to remain active, even while he was moving up through the ranks. "I was troop-less for a while," Seth said. His dad Tom, currently the troop's committee chairman, has also served as pack leader and scout master when needed.

His rise to the top is not the end of scouting for Seth, but only the beginning of plenty more adventures. "Every time I did things, I got something out of it," Seth said.

He carries fond memories of his days in scouting — some remembered because of the inclement weather.

The first time he went winter camping as a Webelo, it was so cold even the eggs froze. He recalls the rain and slush during his crossing-over ceremony in Pellston called The Order of the Bridge, to become a Boy Scout.

But one of his most memorable times was when he was tapped to enter the Order of the Arrow in 1996. A scout is voted into the order by his peers, not by who's "best," Seth said, but by whom they deem worthy. "It's mostly to honor them by saying this guy is a leader, he follows the law, he's unselfish, he's a good example," Seth said.

He is now in the Brotherhood of O.A., and has served as a Nimet, which is a trained O.A. scout who acts as a mentor and guide to O.A. candidates during the "ordeal," which is a



Eagle Scout Seth Grutsch

camp and ceremony. The specifics cannot be known to lay people — not even mothers — said mom Sally.

He has also been through Junior Leader Training (JLT) and served as an instructor this year for JLT week.

Seth credits his seemingly quick rise to the Eagle Scout rank in part due to his Eagle Scout project. Because it's the most difficult part, he said, many scouts put it off.

For his project, Seth and other scouts under his leadership, installed four benches on the Jordan Valley Pathway. "Of course I had a lot of help on it, because otherwise I'd still be out there hauling pieces," Seth said.

Since they have their annual camp out at Piney Bridge, the pathway seemed like the most logical place to do his project. Two of the benches have dedications on them, one to his great grandfather Alfred Brooks and one to "Ted" a young man who died in a tragic accident last year.

"There are so many things you can do. It's not just the troop. You can go on to many other organizations instead of scouting," Seth said. "I've enjoyed it too much to leave."

He plans to check out Explorer Scouting in Charlevoix. "I'll join it because Boy Scouts only go until you're 18 — they go on until 21," he said and it's open to women as well. He's interested in starting a chapter in East Jordan.

There's also the National Eagle Scout Association. "I don't know what they do either," Seth said. "There are a lot of things I want to find out."

"A lot of people think of Boy Scouts as a big thing that their grandparents did," Seth said. "But we do a lot of fun stuff."

An Eagle Court of Honor will be held for Seth on Saturday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in East Jordan. He will also receive the First Palm for earning five merit badges above the Eagle Scout.

Calling all musicians: band ready to practice

The Jordan Valley Community Band will begin fall practice on Thursday, Oct. 1, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the East Jordan High School band room.

If you play a band instrument and would like to participate, you are invited. For more information, call 536-7654.

EJ Rotary Club selling tickets for spaghetti dinner

The East Jordan Rotary Club will hold a spaghetti dinner on Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 4-7 p.m. at the East Jordan Snowmobile Club.

The menu is spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, coffee or milk and a dessert.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12 years of age. Proceeds from the dinner will help fund Rotary's community projects.

East Jordan Rotarians are selling tickets in advance, and tickets can also be purchased at the door. Additional information is available by calling Bob Tambellini at 536-2440.

The Snowmobile Club is a couple of miles south of town on Old 66 (Mt. Bliss Road).

Boyne River's friends find plenty of trash to pick up

Friends of the Boyne River volunteers lugged 440 pounds of garbage from the banks of the Boyne River and Lake Charlevoix on Saturday during the Michigan Coastal Clean-up which was part of the larger International Coastal Clean-up taking place around the world the same day.

The largest concentration of trash was located near the river mouth which included 4,400 cigarette

butts found mostly around public benches.

"That just indicates that we need to deal with some type of ash trays, or receptacles. They need to be placed around where people can put their cigarette butts," said Tom Sheets, president of Friends of the Boyne. "When you're getting thousands, it's a problem that needs to be dealt with."

They also dragged out bottles,

pop cans, candy and food wrappers, straws, metal, rusted cans, paper, chunks of wood and a couple of bicycles.

The organization has also extended its logo contest through Oct. 9. The contest is open to adults and children, entries must be submitted on an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper and sent to Tom Sheets at 445 Pearl St., Boyne City, Mich. 49712. The winner will be awarded a \$25 prize. The

network will become the property of Friends of the Boyne River, Inc.

The group will hold its next monthly meeting on October 14 at 7 p.m. at the Wolverine-Dilworth Inn. The public is encouraged to attend.

Artist hosting autumn show

Watercolorist Penny L. Pepin is hosting an exhibit of her work at her home and art studio on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 1-6 p.m.

Pepin works primarily with water-



Penny Pepin

color, collage and assorted rice paper. Although the theme of this year's show is the fall season, reflecting the beauty of northern Michigan and its surrounding islands in the autumn season, she will also be showing paintings depicting landscapes of the Caribbean, Florida, and Europe.

Refreshments will be served. Pepin's home is located at 3187 Sanderson Rd, East Jordan. For more information, call 547-4963.

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SPORTS

Dunmaglas hosting golf tournament for foundation

Dunmaglas Golf Course will host the third annual Last Chance Scramble golf tournament on Sunday, Oct. 11, with a shot-gun start at 1 p.m. Registration is at noon. All proceeds will go to the Boyne City Foundation for Educational Excellence.

The four-person scramble is limited to 30 teams and the cost is \$45 per player. Those under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

After the round of golf, hot chili and hors d'oeuvres will be served along with prizes for the closest to the pin, and for the longest drives on both the front and back nines. The pro-shop will also sell 50-50 tickets.

To sign up call Becky or Joel at Dunmaglas at 547-4653 or Bob Bobowski at 582-2408.

Ice rink work- bee is Sunday

There will be a work-bee at the Boyne City hockey rink on Sunday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Members of the hockey association looking to earn volunteer hours are encouraged to attend.

The rink is located at Avalanche Park.

SPORTS schedule

Boyne City

Sept. 23 - Golf, Elk Rapids at Ye Nynne Olde Hollis - 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 24 - JV Football, Kalkaska, home - 6:30 p.m.; Golf, Inland Lakes JV Invitational - 12 noon, JV & Varsity Girls Basketball, Elk Rapids, home - 6 p.m.; Girls Tennis, at TC West - 4 p.m.

Sept. 25 - Varsity Football, at Kalkaska - 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 28 - Girls Tennis, Harbor Springs at Boyne Mountain - 4 p.m.

Sept. 30 - Girls Tennis, at TC East - 4 p.m.; Golf, Charlevoix at Ye Nynne Olde Hollis - 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 1 - JV Football, at East Jordan - 6:30 p.m.; Freshman Football, Mancelona, home - 6:30 p.m.; Freshman Girls Basketball, Harbor Springs, home - 4:15 p.m.; JV & Varsity Girls Basketball, Harbor Springs, home - 6 p.m.

East Jordan

Sept. 22 - JV Football, Benzie Central, home - 6 p.m.; Varsity/JV Girls Basketball, Bellaire, home - 6 p.m.

Sept. 25 - Varsity Football, Benzie Central, home - 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 26 - Cross Country, Petoskey Invitational - 10 a.m.

Sept. 29 - Freshman Girls Basketball, at Harbor Springs - 4:15 p.m.; Varsity/JV Girls Basketball, at Harbor Springs - 6 p.m.

Oct. 1 - JV Football, Boyne City, home - 6 p.m.; Freshman Girls Basketball, Kalkaska, home - 4:15 p.m.; Cross Country, Mancelona, Invitational - 4 p.m.



Head shot

Football, girls basketball, tennis, golf and cross country are not the only sports of fall -- there is also Boyne City and East Jordan youth soccer. The action is often intense, as it was here with Skylar MacNaughton bouncing the ball off Isaac Hoaglund's head. Amanda Raphael and Ian Smith anticipate the next bounce. The season runs through the middle of October.

Red Devils lose a wild one

Usually when you score 33 points, gain more than 300 yards and commit only two turnovers, you win a football game.

Unless of course, your opponent has Colin Carr on its team. He accounted for 329 yards in offense and six touchdowns Friday to lead Charlevoix to a 52-35 win over East Jordan.

"We couldn't stop Carr," said East Jordan coach Allan Peterson. "He is a heck of a runner."

Actually, Peterson and his staff thought Charlevoix's passing game was its main weapon coming into the game. "We thought they passed the ball so well that we practiced pass during the week and then they killed us on the ground," Peterson said.

Carr rushed for 263 yards on 29 carries. He scored on two of 28, 3, 8 and 37 yards. He also caught two passes for 66 yards and two touchdowns.

The loss was the first of the

season for the Red Devils, who face another tough opponent this week, Benzie Central, who defeated Boyne City last Friday and Charlevoix the week before, visits East Jordan on Friday.

"They are big and strong and tough," Peterson said.

One bright spot for the Red Devils this week is the return of Chad Muma, who has missed the first three games of the season. "His return to the team will be a big help," Peterson said. "He plays guard and linebacker where we are not very deep."

A bright spot for the Red Devils at Charlevoix was their offense. "Our offense clicked well," Peterson said. "It looked really good. Usually when you look that good you win a game."

The Red Devils looked impressive right from the start. They took the opening kickoff and marched down the field with Nate Swan taking it in. With the extra

point, the Red Devils were up 7-0.

But Charlevoix took the ensuing kickoff and did the same thing. The race was on.

At the half the score was 32-27, and Peterson felt good about his team's chances. But Charlevoix played a near perfect game in the second half to secure the win. "We couldn't stop them," Peterson said. "They did everything right."

For the Red Devils, Tony Prevo gained 81 yards on seven carries, followed by Swan with 78 yards on six carries, Dillon Antaya 67 yards on nine carries and Ben Johnson 61 yards on four carries. Quarterback Chris Murray connected on 3 of 6 passes for 38 yards.

Scoring for the Red Devils were Swan, Prevo, Johnson, who had two, and Antaya.

On defense, Mat Whiteford, Chris Olson, Swan, Prevo and Antaya each had eight tackles.



Chris Lifer hauls in a pass for a 2-point conversion following the Red Devils' final touchdown of the evening.

EJ runners set the pace at Ludington

They've done it again. The East Jordan boys cross country runners have left the competition in the dust, taking first place finishes in the East Jordan Invitational last week and the Ludington Invitational on Saturday.

The girls' team also took first at the East Jordan Invitational, and second in Ludington.

"Naturally we are very pleased to win all three races," coach Dennis Snarey said of the East Jordan Invitational, in which the middle school team took first as well. "Our runners are continuing to improve, but we have so much work ahead. It's only September so we musn't become complacent. Matt (Peterson) and I are both excited and scared about what lies ahead."

On their home course Tarn Leach led the boys with a second

place finish, followed by Micah Middaugh in third, Chris Bearden fourth, and Kevin Penzien fifth. For the girls, Holly Petkewicz was second overall while Catey Moses was fifth, Beth Purvis sixth, and Abbey Carter eighth.

The boys' first place finish in Class C competition also led them to a third place finish overall in the 28-team Ludington Invitational. Again it was Leach leading the boys, while Middaugh, Bearden and Penzien finished fifth, sixth and seventh.

Moses led the girls, finishing seventh, while Purvis was ninth and Petkewicz, who was not feeling well, was 10th.

"Holly wasn't feeling up to par, yet still managed to hang on," Snarey said. "She is a tough competitor."

"Though the boys did very well,

we still need more from our fifth, sixth and seventh runners," he said. "They are beginning to show their potential, but have yet to hit it. They will."

EAST JORDAN INVITATIONAL

Girls results: 2-Holly Petkewicz 22:49, 5-Catey Moses 23:27, 6-Beth Purvis 23:27, 8-Abbey Carter 24:14, 18-Heather Hammond 25:29, 27-Jill Ciszewski 26:49.

Boys results: 2-Tarn Leach 18:01, 3-Micah Middaugh 18:17, 4-Chris Bearden 18:19, 5-Kevin Penzien 18:48, 11-Dustin Tinney 19:22, 14-Matt Shaw 19:37, 17-Brian McNeil 19:47.

Middle School Results: 3-Garrett Romero 13:26, 9-Haley Shaw 14:34, 10-Tiffanie Bearden 14:36, 12-Crystal Birgy 16:22, 13-Melody Bishop 16:24, 14-Lisa Scott 16:58, 17-Rhett Malpass 21:21, 18-Nathan Brewer 25:48.

LUDINGTON INVITATIONAL

Girls results (2nd in Class C): 7-Catey Moses 21:58, 9-Beth Purvis 22:27, 10-Holly Petkewicz 22:39, 21-Abbey Carter 23:59, 22-Heather Hammond 24:01, 36-Shellie Harm 27:10.

Boys results (1st in Class C, 3rd overall): 2-Tarn Leach 16:49, 5-Micah Middaugh 17:27, 6-Chris Bearden 17:28, 7-Kevin Penzien 17:40, 13-Dustin Tinney 18:34, 15-Matt Shaw 18:35, 17-Jeremy Booze 18:39.

JV Boys results (2nd place): 3-Brian McNeil 18:47, 6-Don Priest 19:05, 8-Scott Fisher 19:10, 17-Matt Birgy 19:29, 26-Brian Kirby 19:46, 30-Chris Bacon 19:56, 32-Jeremy Penzien 20:00.

Middle School - Girls (5th place): 2-Haley Shaw 13:33, 12-Tiffanie Bearden 15:12, 15-Melody Bishop 15:20, 47-Lissa Scott 18:13, 70-Brianna Morrison 20:55.

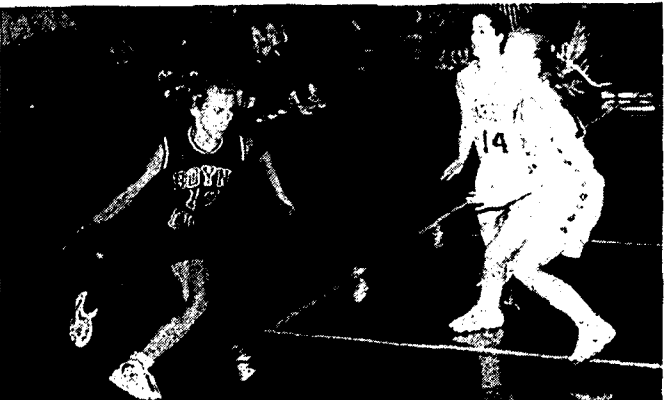
Boys (incomplete team): 8-Garrett Romero 12:43, 121-Nathan Brewer 21:47.

Lady Ramblers learn a lesson at Benzie

Trailing by 16 points at the half at Benzie Central last Saturday, the Boyne City Lady Ramblers mounted a furious comeback, but fell short

losing 52-48.

"We learned that we have to play 32 minutes of basketball not 16 minutes," said coach Tom Neidhamer.



Jackie Cyr drives on two Charlevoix defenders.

"The girls showed a lot of heart in the second half and had a chance to win if a shot or two would have fallen.

"We will learn from this loss and be stronger because of it."

While their sluggish start was too much to overcome against Benzie, the Lady Ramblers were firing on all cylinders in their 80-47 win over Charlevoix on Thursday. They started fast, and never cooled off.

They built a 13 point lead after the first quarter, led 46-24 at the half and outscored Charlevoix 34-23 in the second half.

"We stressed getting a good start against their full court pressure," Neidhamer said.

"The girls responded with heads-up decisions which resulted in a quick lead.

"We played well with a balance of scoring and good teamwork. The

best stat from this game is a team total of 18 assists."

For the game, the Lady Ramblers shot 50 percent from the field and hit 10 of 20 free throws. They dominated on the boards, out-rebounding Charlevoix 53-36.

Four Lady Ramblers were in double figures. Nicole Kurtz had 17 points, followed by Katie Bernthal with 15, April Roberts with 12 and Staci Seelye with 11. Bernthal also had eight rebounds and five assists. Roberts had eight rebounds and Seelye six.

Against Benzie, Bernthal led the Lady Ramblers with 18 points and nine rebounds. Seelye had 13 points and six rebounds. Roberts had seven steals.

The Lady Ramblers, whose record is 3-2, were back in action Tuesday at East Jordan. On Thursday, they host Elk Rapids.

A new start for Ramblers

They're looking to regroup for conference race

Two ingredients to success in football are eliminating mistakes and taking advantage of opportunities.

In last Friday's loss to Benzie Central, the Ramblers did neither.

"The first 15 minutes we did everything wrong we could," said coach Dave Bricker. "Penalties, dropped passes and the inability to take advantage of opportunity. We had the opportunity to intercept five passes and we dropped every one of them."

The result: Benzie led 26-0 at the half and went on to win 38-14.

But after the first 15 minutes, "we played them even," Bricker said. "We started moving the ball, catching passes and we stopped them."

Not all the Rambler mistakes, however, were confined to the first 15 minutes. At the end of the first half, they drove down inside Benzie Central's five yard line. With just seconds remaining they completed a pass only to fumble the ball on Benzie's one. So instead of going into the half down 26-6 or 26-8, it was 26-0. Then at the start of the second half, to make matters worse, Benzie scored on its first possession to increase its lead to 32-0.

"They were a good football team, but I think we could have beaten them," Bricker said.

The Ramblers will face another pretty good football team this Friday when they travel to Kalkaska for its first conference game. Kalkaska lost to St. Francis 36-6 last Friday.

"I think the kids believe and so do the coaches that the season starts this week," Bricker said. "Of course, I wouldn't be saying that if we were 3-0."

"I think emotionally we are still in pretty good shape. No one wants to be 0-3, but last year we were 1-2 at this time, then won five in a row in conference."

"We have a real good opportunity Friday. We have to eliminate mistakes and take advantage of opportunity. That's really the difference between winning and losing."

At Benzie, the Ramblers gained the majority of their offensive yards from the arm of quarterback Josh Bush and the hands of Andy Douglas. Bush connected with Douglas on seven passes for 157 yards, including 50-yard and 43-yard touchdown passes.

"For two games now, Andy has been our go-to guy," Bricker said. "He did nice things after he caught the ball."

Bush was 10 of 27 for the night for 171 yards. After completing his first pass, he threw 11 completions in a row, then got hot and connected on 9 of 15.

Jesse Simon led the team in rushing with 84 yards on 16 carries. Bricker also praised Josh Hall who "was a bright spot on our kickoff returns." He gained 66 yards on three returns. He also recovered a fumble.

Boyne netters defeat Graying for second time

The Boyne City tennis team defeated Graying 5-2 last Thursday.

It was the team's second win over Graying this year and improved their record to 2-1 for the season.

Winning for Boyne City were:

Singles: Becky Lewis 6-1, 6-0; Jessica Hamlin 7-6 (7-3) 6-3. Doubles: Becky Higgins-Tiffany Zavesky 6-0, 6-0; Riley Denison-Carleen Pearsall 6-0, 6-1; Nicole Sulak-Andrea Gerling 6-4, 6-1.

"The heat of the day made it very hard on the singles players," said coach Darlene Wolfbauer. "They had to come off the courts and sit down for 15 minutes before they were able to get up after the match."

Boyne City plays at Traverse City West on Thursday.



Katie Dhaseleer and the rest of the Lady Ramblers had little problem with Charlevoix's full-court pressure.



Benzie Central's running back found a little room around the end, but then the Boyne City junior varsity defense closed in and brought him down.

Boyne jr's hang on to beat Benzie

Kellan Smith rushed for 174 yards and quarterback Jason Grace threw for 165 yards as the Boyne City junior varsity defeated Benzie Central last Thursday, 30-28.

The Ramblers staked themselves to a 16-0 lead at the half, and were up 22-8 at the end of three quarters, but Benzie rallied in the final min-

utes of the game to make it close.

Coach Mark Ameel credited his offensive line — Neil Howie, Nik Rewald, Jason Jasinski, Kyle Price and Nick Dennison — for the Ramblers success against Benzie.

Smith gained his 174 yards on 29 carries. He also scored one touch-

down. Grace and A.J. Spaay connected for Boyne's three other touchdowns. They hooked up on scoring passes of 35 yards, 62 yards and 24 yards.

The Ramblers, 2-1, host Kalkaska Thursday.

(Results of East Jordan's junior varsity game against Charlevoix were not available.)

They jumped out fast and never looked back

The Boyne City junior varsity basketball team jumped out to a 16-4 lead after the first quarter and didn't let up as they cruised to a 48-39 win over Charlevoix Thursday night.

"Our post players had by far their best game yet this year, both on offense and defense," said coach Scott Hausler. "Out of our 48 points, our post had 24 of them."

The Ramblers were led by Brenna Jessup who had 13 points and Ellie Neidhamer with 11. They also led the team in rebounding.

"We tried to push the ball up the floor every chance we got and from this we were able to score 8 to 10 points off layups. This really helped us to jump out to a big scoring ad-

vantage," Hausler said.

The Ramblers led at the half 28-10 and 40-21 after three quarters.

They are 3-1 overall and 1-0 in the conference.

Results of Saturday's game at Benzie Central were not available.

BOYNE CITY FRESHMEN

After trailing 32-30 after the third quarter, Boyne City's freshmen made points when they needed them in the final eight minutes to pull out a 48-45 win over Charlevoix.

The victory kept the girls' record blemish-free. They are now 6-0.

The key to the victory, said coach Michelle Deming, was Boyne City's strong play in the second half.

Wendy Chrysler had 18 points to lead the Ramblers. Kristy Gaither had 12.

EAST JORDAN FRESHMEN

The East Jordan freshmen girls lost to St. Ignace 54-27 last week.

Renee Nowka scored 8 points and Stefanie Skop had 6. Anna Olson and Jackie Haley had 5 rebounds each. The team took a loss against Inland Lakes on Tuesday, 38-26. Andrea Palmrose had 8 points and 12 rebounds, Janelle Doebel had 6 points, Haley had 5 points and Nowka had 2 assists.

Skop, Doebel and Bethany Wilson had good defensive games. The team's season record is 0-6.

Young Rambler team getting experience

The Boyne City Cross Country teams ran in two invitational during the past week.

On Tuesday, the Ramblers ran in the East Jordan Invitational and on Saturday they co-hosted the Boyne Valley Invitational at the Boyne Valley Lodge in Walloon Lake with Boyne Falls and Boyne-Concord.

The boys team is not competing as a full team, however, team members competed for individual places. At East Jordan, the boys were led by Shawn Weisler who finished eighth and John Gibbs 29th. Ben VanDam ran an excellent race followed by Mik Martin, who had just finished football practice prior to the race.

At the Boyne Valley Invitational,

Shawn Weisler ran an impressive race to finish second. "Shawn was in 8th or 9th position after the first two miles and then somehow pushed himself even more to pass several outstanding runners. He was flying the last 200 meters," said Coach Andy Place.

John Gibbs won a medal with his 21st place finish. Mik Martin ran his best race of the season and Ben VanDam ran a solid race to finish 58th.

The girls team finished fifth overall. At East Jordan, the girls were led by freshman Jane Stieber, who finished 12th and junior Emily Bricker, 13th. Charlotte Brandt finished 28th, Emily Roland 31st, and Laura Cassidy 38th.

At the Boyne Valley Invitational, Jane Stieber again led the way with a 9th place finish. Emily Bricker and Charlotte Brandt also won medals by placing 14th and 23rd, respectively. Laura Cassidy finished 40th.

"The girls are all new at this, so every meet is a learning experience. They are becoming competitive with many of the other girls from the area," Place said.

Boyne City had one junior high runner participate in the Boyne Valley Invitational. David Burns finished 14th. For Boyne-Concord, Aaron Smith finished 7th, John Eastwood 10th, Stephanie Wittenmyer 11th, Tasha Wittenmyer 16th, Tiffany McIntire 17th, Lindsay Baic 19th, and Randi McIntire 20th.

Loggers get their season off and running

The Boyne Falls Cross Country team competed Wednesday at their home course at Boyne Mountain and at the Boyne Valley Invitational at the Boyne Valley Lodge in Walloon Lake.

The Wednesday meet was a double dual meet competing with both Wolverine and Alba.

In the home meet on Wednesday, the running Loggers lost to Wolverine 15-50 and Alba 17-38. The Wolverine team finished 6th in the state last year and all of their runners returned this year.

Ryan Fiel was the top Logger finisher with a time of 19:54, followed by Matt Britton 20:03, Jason Giem 20:05, Mike Dunlop 20:52, Chris Crego 22:04, Adam Utley 22:14, Paul Howard 22:15, and Charlie Taylor 29:41. "Many of our runners ran good races. I expect to see some improvement over the season," said coach Andy Place.

The team finished 9th in the Boyne Valley Invitational. Ryan Fiel finished 40th, followed by Jason Giem 53rd, Mike Dunlop 60th, Chris Crego 61, Adam Utley 62nd, and Paul Howard 69th.

"Chris Crego came from a long

way back to catch Mike and Adam," Place said. "It's good to see the team running together like this. This was the first big meet for most of our runners. It was a good experience."

The team travels to Alba on Wednesday.

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on the 6th hole. The winner was Pat Robinson. Golf balls were awarded to the runners up: Jenny Lutterback, Pauline Arnott, Eveline M. Bunting, Norma Lindsay, Maxine Tullar, Sally Byxbe, Betty Jo Strehl, and Shirley Tims.

Point winners for the season were:

Flight A - Sally Byxbe, Elaine Abelson, Pat Robinson; Flight B - Phyllis Korn, Phyllis Childs, Donna Moll; Flight C - Trudy Clark, Eveline Bunting, Pat Nelson. Ringer winners were: Flight A - Shirley Gahn, Flight B - Esther Merrick; Flight C - Pat Nelson.

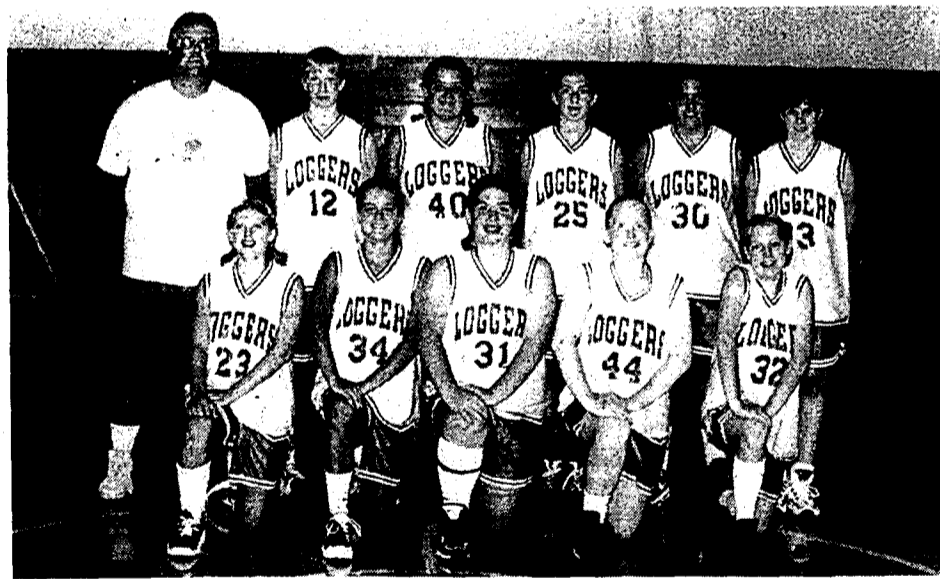
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school board president. The plaque reads: "We, the citizens of Boyne Valley Township, would like to gratefully thank Mr. Everett Kircher, founder and owner of Boyne Mountain Resort. You have generously contributed to our community, especially the fire department and school system. Boyne Mountain has and continues to be a prosperous and thriving business which has enriched our township by providing many employment opportunities and recreational facilities for all. We would like to extend our congratulations on your 50 successful years in business."

Everett Kircher -- Mr. Boyne -- in his own words

(Editor's note: Over the past 50 years Everett Kircher has built Boyne USA into one of the largest individually owned resort companies in the world. Through his recently published book, "Everett Kircher - Michigan's Resort Pioneer," which he wrote over a two-year period, you can read about his triumphs, disappointments and his love of fishing. With Mr. Kircher's permission, in the upcoming weeks we will be printing excerpts from his book. The book is available at Boyne Country Sports stores and area book stores.)

SEARCH FOR A MICHIGAN MOUNTAIN

"Wouldn't it be great if Michigan had a real ski mountain?" This rhetorical question always popped up whenever Michigan skiers got together. Back then, in the 1940s, most of us who wanted a mountain experience had to go to Stowe, Vermont, Mt. Tremblant in Canada, or out to Sun Valley, Aspen was just getting started and Vail hadn't even been thought of.

Going to Sun Valley in those days was a three-day trip by train, or five days by car. We didn't have expressways, so Stowe and Tremblant weren't all that close, either.

One weekend I was sitting around the lodge at the Otsego Ski Club in Gaylord, Michigan, talking to the Booth family about how great it would be if we had a real mountain in Michigan. Like other early ski areas in the state, Otsego's 250 feet vertical was about tops. The Booths, who were

cross-country skiers as well as downhillers, had recently climbed a pretty high peak near Lake Louise, about 25 miles north.

After checking it out, I got pretty excited about the possibilities but the euphoria didn't last long. The property was owned by the Methodist Church which frowned on alcoholic beverages. I couldn't envision a ski area where hooze was outlawed.

Later that winter I met with two ski buddies, John Norton and Jim Christianson. Norton was a civil engineer and Christianson was an executive with the Detroit Boy Scout Council. We had skied together at Otsego, Sun Valley and other areas. We all wanted more skiing challenges. It was then that we decided to get serious about finding a mountain-like slope in Michigan, if indeed there was one.

Norton got the ball rolling. He secured some topographical maps from the state conservation department. Studying them, we determined that the most promising spot to begin hunting was northwest Michigan in the lower peninsula. We pinpointed ten different locations with elevations of a thousand feet or more, most being within 50 miles of the town of Gaylord. There were higher peaks in the upper peninsula, but we figured they would be too far north for travelers from Detroit.

We operated out of a hunting cabin I owned on the Manistee river. Over long weekends that summer we inspected all ten sites. We ran topos of the slopes, checked altitudes, exposures and other things that we

thought would affect skiing conditions. We also wanted easy highway accessibility. The sixth site turned out to be our final choice after inspecting all ten. It was the highest peak on a ridge just outside the crossroads town of Boyne Falls, about seven miles east of Boyne City and 17 miles south of the summer resort city of Petoskey. The elevation was over 1,150 feet with a vertical slightly more than 500 feet, about double that of other ski areas in the state.

Providing we could buy or lease the property, we would clear the main run facing northeast, meaning it would hold snow longer, well into spring. Also, the site lay in the region of the greatest snowfall in the central United States, averaging over 10 feet annually. And because of the proximity of Lake Michigan 25 miles away, we could expect "lake effect" snow: moisture-laden winds off the lake funneled down a gap formed by Lake Charlevoix. These prevailing northwesterlies sweep upward when hitting our mountain range. This drastic change in altitude and temperature causes abnormal precipitation, resulting in heavy quantities of snow, year in and year out.

After settling on the site, our next step was to try and buy it. A man named William Pierson of Boyne City, a former legislator and a fine gentleman, owned the property we wanted. John, Jim and I each anted up \$5,000 seed money we thought would be needed to buy the property. When we told Pierson why we wanted it, he said, "Anybody damn fool enough to want to build a ski hill, well ... I'll give you the property."

So we had an attorney draw up the papers and we bought Pierson's 40 acres for \$1,000, which included the land where the main lodge now stands.

In the spring of 1947, the three of us formed Boyne Ski Lodge, Inc. I became president, John, vice president, and Jim, treasurer.

As soon as we locked up the property we decided to get started. But we felt we needed more land at the base of our property line to locate the lodge we planned to build. That would give us a few more feet of vertical and a longer runout.

This parcel was owned by a family named Skop, who lived in Detroit and worked at the Dodge Brothers auto plant. The family signed a lease with an option for us to buy. When it came time to exercise our option with the Skops, they refused to sell. They were downright belligerent and nasty about it. I finally had to hire an attorney to talk to them and they still refused. After taking the case to court, we figured it would take a couple of years to get a suit resolved and decided to go ahead and build the lodge on the spot where it's located now.

I'm still not happy about it. Had we been able to build the lodge on the Skop parcel, we would have been able to cluster our main buildings closer together and have longer runouts on all of our slopes. I vowed at the time that if I ever started another ski area I'd lock up all the land needed before a single tree was cut.

To be continued

Missionary Church starting Wednesday evening program

The East Jordan Missionary Church is starting up its Adventure Club for the season with action drama, singing, small group time and bible stories on Wednesdays from 6:45-8 p.m., beginning Wednesday, Sept. 23.

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Forecast

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snowier and colder."

Lake temperatures for this time of the year are above normal, he said, which means we may get more lake-effect snow. "The longer the lakes stay open and unfrozen we can definitely expect lake-effect snow longer in the season."

Lake temperatures are in the lower 70's right now, he said. Whereas El Niño had an impact on last winter's weather, the effects of La Niña may be felt this year.

"La Niña is basically the opposite of El Niño," Leonard said. "Instead of warm water, the water becomes colder in the Pacific which gives you a reverse effect."

He describes it as "an intensification of normal conditions," which would mean colder temperatures and more snow.

Leonardi, however, is not convinced La Niña will be felt as severely this winter as some are predicting. He thinks it may be more of a factor next winter.

There is no mention of La Niña in the Farmer's Almanac for 1999 but there is a prediction of a winter that could bring chills to area residents.

According to the almanac, we can expect the following: "Temperatures will average 5 to 6 degrees colder than normal. An arctic blast in mid November will inaugurate the season. Frigid temperatures are also predicted in early and mid December, the later part of January and early February.

"While snowfall will be slightly below normal from November through March, snowfall for the season will be near or above normal. A blizzard is predicted in early December.

"Cold weather is expected to continue in April and May with temperatures about five degrees below normal."

The Farmer's Almanac forecast for northwest Michigan covers an area stretching from central Montana to the west and includes eastern Wyoming, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, northern Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Barb

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arts council. I'm learning to follow," Barb said.

She's in awe and feels privileged to have witnessed the growth of arts in the community, noting one of the council's most significant accomplishments as bringing a series of performances to schools. And again, there are those who contribute so much more than her, she said, such as Jane Diller who commits hundreds of hours to the arts.

Barb said she herself didn't have a great deal of exposure to art as a youngster. "I never realized how exciting it could be."

"I've just gotten a whole world of education about how the arts can develop the total person," Barb said. "Youth theater encourages self esteem — like soccer, football and everything else — it's just another dimension to teach skills.

And probably what she would consider the highlight of her professional life is her membership in the Rotary Club of East Jordan.

"It's the ultimate opportunity to give back to the community," she said. She is president-elect, and will serve next year as president.

"The East Jordan club, like others, is very visible in the community and it tied in with my strong sense of community

responsibility," Barb said.

There are the committees to lead and of course the challenge of raffling a snowmobile during last year's mild winter. Barb was the fundraising chair. It was very successful. "Thanks to my fellow Rotarians," she insists.

She doesn't fail to see the value of a mentor for herself. Rotarian John Smith, she said, motivated her to use her skills to be the best Rotarian possible. "I would never want to offend John in my behavior as a Rotarian."

Of course there's the full-time job running Jordan Valley Accounting with her two regular employees and two seasonal staff in the building she recently purchased on Main Street. She provides accounting, bookkeeping, tax preparation, money management, auditing and consumer services.

Another important component of her business is the statewide computer tax service which tax preparers, from 30 other states, purchase the right to use as a pass-through for electronically filing tax returns. Her transmitter is one of the largest in Charlevoix County.

"With my disposition, the way for me to succeed was to go out on my own," Barb said. "I don't think I would have been so inclined to pay my dues in a large fortune 500 company."

She'd do even more if she could, but she is aware of her limits. "I used to referee. I quit when I couldn't run with the girls." It would be interesting to be on city council should she win an election — but it meets on the first and third Tuesday's — so does the arts council. She is loyal first and foremost to the commitments she makes.

And so those traveling the streets of East Jordan late at night might notice a glow coming from her downtown office. They'll see Barb hunched over her desk way at the back, catching up on her accounting, because her days are filled with the community.

"I learned a long time ago that if you want something done, ask a busy person," Barb said. No wonder they keep asking.

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EJ board tours renovated elementary school

The East Jordan School Board filled vacancies on the district's staff, toured the renovated elementary school and heard a report on the success of Camp EJ during its meeting Monday evening.

The board appointed Carolyn Hardy to a full-time language arts teaching position at the high school, Nancy Danforth to a culinary aide position in the food service department, and Lori Kraemer, Lisa Ernst, Holly Nierman and Millie Kovel to

part-time teacher assistant positions in the elementary and middle schools.

In other business, the board:
•Toured the renovated portions of the elementary school with its principal, Charles Hershberger. The renovations mark the third and final phase of the district's improvements made with funds from the 1995 bond issue.

Phases one and two included the construction of the Math, Science and Technology Center at the high school

as well as the construction of the new middle school. The board made special mention of its appreciation of the extra effort given by faculty and staff members to make sure that the renovated rooms were ready for the students.

•Toured the school playground, which has been dramatically improved thanks to a wealth of grants and gifts from the community and thanks to a dedicated crew of volun-

teer laborers, including many parents, teachers and support staff members.

• Reviewed and approved the 1998-99 athletic and hot lunch fund budgets.

• Heard a report on Camp EJ by camp director Sarah Werth. The camp, a partnership between the school and City of East Jordan, had a 100 percent increase in users from last year, serving 370 campers in its eight, week-long sessions.

Annual Parent Night

The Boyne City Title 1 /At-Risk program will sponsor the annual parent night, 7-8:30 Monday, Oct. 5 at the Boyne City Elementary School cafeteria. This meeting is held to inform parents about the programs and to discuss rules and regulations for the 1998-99 school year. Child care will be provided.