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Ghosts, goblins come alive for Halloween

Put the finishing touches on your little ghosts and goblins, Halloween is nearly here. Trick or treat hours in both Boyne City and East Jordan will be on Sunday, Oct. 31, from 5-8 p.m.

Sheriff George T. Lasater reminds parents and children, "There are things you really need to watch for when allowing your kids to go trick or treating."

Here are a few of the tips he offers to make Halloween safe and fun:

- Young children should be escorted by an adult, and should go out before dark.
- When designing or purchasing a costume, use reflective or light colored material.
- Encourage children not to eat their treats while trick or treating, wait until they bring them home so it can be inspected.
- Discard any unwrapped candy or anything that looks as if it may have been tampered with.

East Jordan leaf pick up is this week

Yard waste pick up in East Jordan is scheduled for Oct. 25-29.

Only biodegradable yard waste originating from property within the city will be collected. Items are limited to grass, leaves, shrubs and tree branches. All waste must be free of dirt, paint and metal, such as nails or wire.

Grass clippings and leaves must be placed in biodegradable bags available from the city. Unbagged items can be dropped off by residents at the transfer station.

Shrubs and tree branches cannot be more than eight inches in diameter and cannot be more than six feet long and must be stacked neatly in one direction for easy pickup. Do not put them in bags.

Set the yard waste adjacent to the street, not in the street.

The following will not be picked up: stumps, roots, stones, dirt, garbage, metal, glass, plastic, broken concrete, lumber or building materials.

For information call City Hall at 536-3381.

Don't forget: Time falls back Sunday

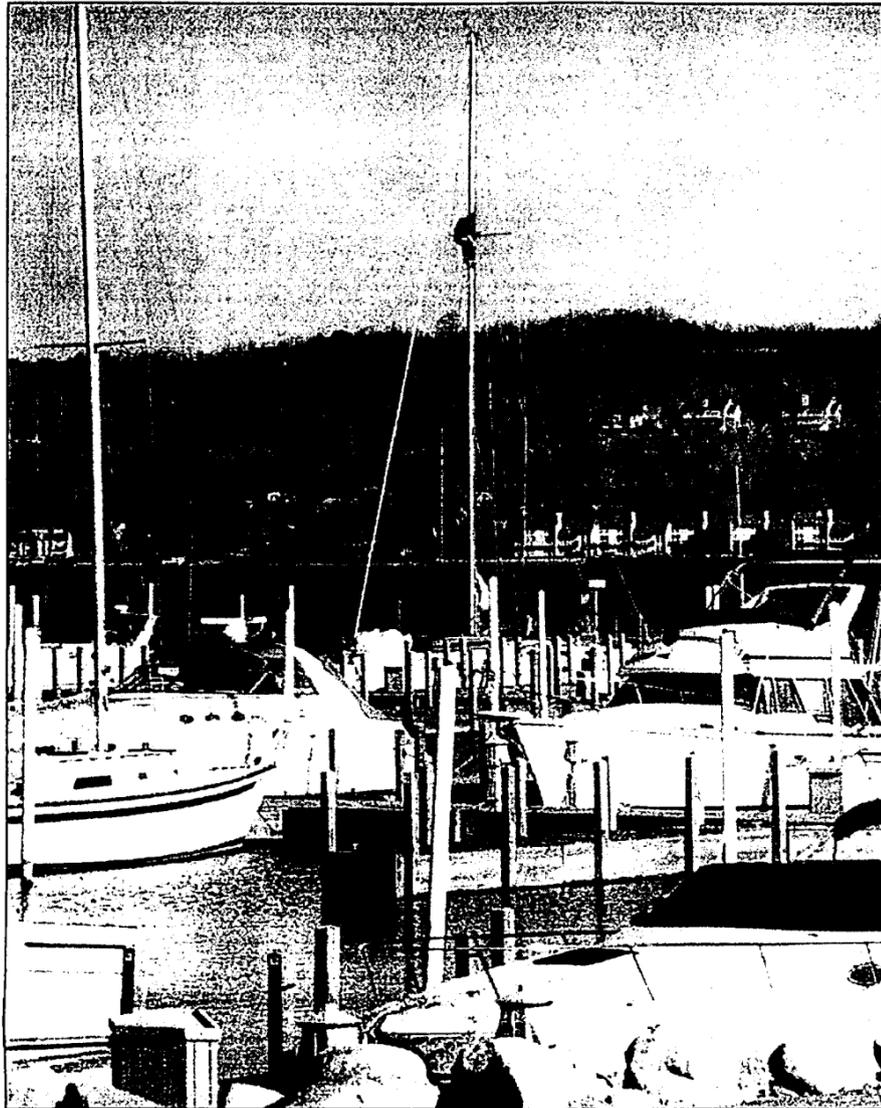
Turn back your clocks an hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31, for Daylight Savings Time. Or do what most people do, and set back timepieces before retiring to bed.

The time change falls on the last Sunday in October each year. In the spring, clocks will be moved ahead an hour on the first Sunday in April.

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Lofty perch

The top of a 55-foot mast provided Larry Thorman of Boyne City with a great view of Lake Charlevoix. He and co-worker Dave Mosser of Van Dam Marine were "fixing a jammed car on a roller furling" at the Harborage Marina.

Boyne hockey skating on refrigerated ice

Although hopes of skating under a dome this season have been deflated for Boyne Area Hockey members, a refrigerated rink at Avalanche Park will allow more skating time at home for the first time.

"This is a significant step for our program because we're going to be able to skate all winter long. We're not going to be at the mercy of Mother Nature," BAH president Al Aown said.

The league struggled and failed in the past to maintain a consistent skating surface at Avalanche, forcing their teams to go out of town to frozen facilities.

When American Recreational Structures (ARS), a downstate investment group with ties to the Boyne

Area, made plans in the spring to build a domed rink in conjunction with Boyne Falls, at a site next to the new Boyne Falls School, the league thought its ice problems were solved. Boyne Area Hockey would be its primary tenant with some management duties. A potential November opening date has now been sidelined.

"The expectation is that the rink will be built in Boyne Falls eventually," Aown said.

In the meantime, ARS and Boyne Area Hockey have funded the refrigeration equipment to keep the ice at Avalanche frozen. The equipment would be reinstalled at the dome when it is built.

"The biggest benefit to everybody is that we can play at home. Parents

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This is a significant step for our program because we're going to be able to skate all winter long.”
-- Al Aown, Boyne Area Hockey president

don't have to drive all over," Aown said. He expects games will be played every weekend until the season ends in February.

Equipment to keep the ice chilled, even on 50 degree days, should be installed within the next few weeks.

A frozen rink will also allow the group to actually join a league this

year as well. In the past it played club hockey, trying to find games from week to week. Its competition this year will include teams from Charlevoix and Emmet counties, Gaylord, Cheboygen, St. Ignace and Mackinaw. A schedule has already been assembled for the season which begins Nov. 20.

So far, around 120 kids have signed up to play. Last year there were 140 players.

About seven miles of pipe under the rink will be required to refrigerate the ice which will maintain a frozen surface even in warm winter weather. In temperatures above 50 degrees, its power consumption would increase greatly and maintaining ice would not be possible.

"Between the ice and having an actual league — those are two big steps to raise the level of play," Aown said.

The hockey group and the city are expected to meet before the start of the season to establish hours for open skating outside of the hockey schedule.

Ballot full for city elections

City commission elections will be held next Tuesday, Nov. 2 for East Jordan and Boyne City candidates.

Polls are open in East Jordan at the Civic Center from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

There are six candidates vying for four seats. They are Jerry Cihak, Bernard Hammond, Tim Hoffman, Russ Peck, Brian Sweet and Shane Williams.

In Boyne City, voters can head to City Hall from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Seven candidates are running for three seats.

Thelma Behling, Vicki Standen, Sandra Stanley, Michael Wolf and Charles Vondra are vying for two, four-year seats. Running for a two-year term are Ron Grunch and Shirley Howie.

Turn to page four for profiles on the Boyne City candidates. East Jordan candidates were profiled in last week's Citizen-Journal.

A new direction

Foundation for Educational Excellence focusing on fine arts and vocational education

It's been four years since the Boyne City Foundation for Educational Excellence first began raising funds for school enhancements and with work closing in on phases two and three of the sports complex, it is extending its scope to cover fine arts and vocational education.

"We've accomplished a lot of our goals," Foundation president Pete Friedrich said.

The Foundation had planned to focus on fine arts and vocational education eventually, "but saw an opportunity to branch out earlier," Friedrich said.

The group's first mission was to build a sports complex and it raised close to a half million dollars toward that end through community donations.

A football field, track and other projects comprised the first phase. The football field was completed in 1996 and the track was ready in the spring of 1997. Phase two, which encompasses building new rest room facilities outside the stadium, is nearly complete.

In the third phase, the group looks to build basketball courts, tennis courts and add lighting, sidewalks and ticket booths to complete the project. Funds have not yet been raised for the third phase.

"Much will still have to be done and be coordinated with construction of the new school," Friedrich said.

In the meantime, fine arts and vocational education will also receive the group's attention.

Already, 40 or so community members have shown interest in helping with the fine arts portion.

With a new auditorium included in construction plans for the new high school, the group will look to raise funds to upgrade equipment to "fine tune and enhance it," Friedrich said.

With its focal point on arts and culture, it will also look to provide funding to bring in entertainers, art exhibits, even educational and motivational speakers.

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Saving wide open spaces

Charlevoix County Land Conservancy celebrates its one year anniversary

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

Jo Anne Beemon can quote statistics. She points out that Michigan is losing 100,000 acres of farmland annually to development. Cities and towns are spreading out 800 percent faster than the population growth.

What that means, she said, is that even though Michigan's population is expected to grow a relatively small amount, the rapid move of people from urban spaces to rural spaces is putting the state under great developmental pressure.

"What makes me so sad is that we will soon be a nation living on five acre parcels of land throughout the country all trying to get to work on a web of roads, and the country and the beauty will disappear," Beemon said.

But instead of throwing up her hands, she sees hope. As executive director of the Charlevoix County Land

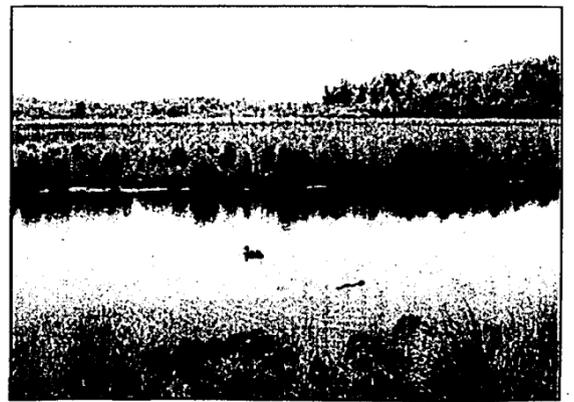
Conservancy (CCLC), she has good reason. Beemon points out that whereas most conservancies don't acquire land for two to four years — and some don't have any land to protect at all — in only its first year, CCLC has brought three parcels of land under its protective wing.

The plots, all donated by private citizens, lie in ecologically significant areas along the Boyne and Jordan Rivers and on the shore of Lake Michigan.

THE BEGINNING

While Beemon runs the day to day operations for the group, headquartered in Charlevoix, she describes its formation last June as a "kind of critical mass."

"Basically a group of us found ourselves standing under a beautiful apple tree here in Charlevoix with the home that



A portion of marsh where the Jordan River meets Lake Charlevoix is protected through the Land Conservancy.

had been slated to be torn down, and had been talking about forming a conservancy for a long time. It was the right place and the right time," she said. The home, the third oldest in Charlevoix, is now under renovation and has

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OPINION

LETTERS

Community needs to stop and reflect

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to respond and add to the letter written by Patricia Fall and posted in the Oct. 20 issue. I empathize with her feelings about our infamous news attention concerning the Boyne City School system. However, I hail this as a warning to our community! Before we embark on "witch hunts" we as a community need to stop and reflect.

I fully agree that a COMMUNITY should not stand by any domestic violence, sexual abuse or neglect of any person, especially our YOUTH. If the teachers and administration of Boyne City were directly involved with or had prior knowledge that crimes were being committed then yes seek disciplinary justice. But if these teachers were concerned with the gray areas of the justice system, then educate them and help them heal as well as the whole COMMUNITY.

Ms. Brilinski helped with very many positive programs like the Foundation for Educational Excellence and our new sports complex. I only know Ms. Brilinski through the positions she held at the Boyne City High School and never had occasion to doubt her abilities at her job. However, I do not condone any abuse to this youth. I do not know the victim (only from what I have read in the papers), but I am truly sorry that the community of Boyne City let you down at a time when you were a youth. Your story is awakening a community. Unfortunately laws to protect children and victims of domestic violence, child abuse and neglect have been slow to develop. The past decade has brought some change. We need to continue to fight for victim's rights, educate and heal our community.

To the Boyne City School Board and community, please take time to reflect:

Where were you when this child was not at home (six or so days)?

Where were her parents? Relatives? Friends?

If someone would have called 911, the Charlevoix County Sheriff, state police, prosecuting attorney's office, Women's Resource Center, Child Protective Services, Dept. of Social Services, any hotline, could this child have been helped sooner?

How do we educate our community?

How do we heal our community?

Do we know any other children in crisis?

This story reminds me of a cut, if treated might have healed sooner, but allowed to go untreated, festers, infection and gangrene set in, then you are left with a huge scar. Please seek treatment, help heal. Educate to prevent abuse. These are tough issues to face. Our children are our future. Boyne Pride lives on in those who dare to care!

Lenore Senter

School supporters would like to know

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to go on record as agreeing wholeheartedly with the letter written by Patricia Fall that appeared in last week's Citizen.

How about it, teachers? Do you have enough courage to tell us who you are? Or is this another dirty little secret you want to keep behind locked doors?

The supporters of the Boyne City schools would really like to know.

Leanna McCarty, Elinor Dubin and Eileen Belleau

Well-trained 'smoke eaters' do a great job

TO THE EDITOR:

Saturday evening, Oct. 23, a fire broke out at 430 Pearl St. in Boyne City. No one was home except two cats and a dog. Next door neighbor Fran Bray spotted flames coming from the second floor window and her daughter, Pat, dialed 911.

In a matter of minutes, police and five Boyne City fire trucks with well-trained volunteer firemen responded. A back up fire truck and rescue vehicle from Boyne Valley arrived also.

Anxious neighbors huddled in 38 degree rain at the scene and were awed by the efficiency of those brave firemen as they raced inside the burning house, defying harrowing flames, trailing huge hoses of water.

They saved the animals and fought the fire from inside and out. Soon they scampered up ladders and treading perilously on slippery roofs, created vents over the burning attic.

We're all proud and very grateful to Fire Chief Henry Erber and his courageous "smoke eaters!" Citizens of Boyne City can all sleep better knowing these brave fire fighters are on the job.

Joan Strawbridge



A MOM'S LIFE

Sooner or later, conversation returns

BY CINDI PLACE

Communicating with our kids has always been a complicated matter.

When they were babies, we simply didn't understand the gibberish that made up their daily vocabulary. Then, when they became toddlers, so much of what they wanted to communicate began with the word "no" that we found ourselves becoming dictators in our own home. For every one of their "no's" we had an "oh yes you will" ready and waiting.

Of course, once the children reached first or second grade, we found ourselves longing for those quiet earlier years. At least for our kids, once they learned the art of communication there was no stopping them. Silence was a thing of the past in our house. I never realized that there were so many knock-knock jokes out there and that we would be treated to each and every one of them.

I can remember trying really hard to listen to a conversation that one of our children was having with himself just before going to sleep. He literally talked himself into oblivion. And all during this time, I would never have guessed that soon we would be treated to the silent years once again.

You see, the gift of gab that was so prevalent during our children's pre-adolescent years would

simply disappear once they entered teenhood. One syllable answers and grunts replaced all the incessant talking.

When once the question "what did you do today?" would have been answered with an hour long session including stories about recess, gym class and the antics of some classroom pet's hygiene habits, we have to now be satisfied with the standard "nothing" that is now the preferred response to our queries.

If our teenage children were to be believed, absolutely nothing important happens in their lives from 7:30 in the morning until they come home again in the afternoon. Unless we are lucky enough to accidentally listen in on a conversation with classmates, then we are treated to more information than we really needed to have.

But I would have to say that the most enjoyable stage of communicating with our children would have to be in their later teen years. All of a sudden their philosophical views of life and pending adulthood seem to open their minds and their thoughts to all the possibilities that the world is offering. Not that we, as their parents, are any smarter or any more right. But, they love to argue and we seem to be comfortable targets.

Not that I mind. At least they're talking to us again.

LETTERS

Mallard goes the extra mile for EJ golf team

TO THE EDITOR:

The owners of the Mallard Golf Course in East Jordan, Dave and Carol Smith, deserve a huge thank-you for allowing the East Jordan High School golf team to call the Mallard their "home course." The golf team practiced an average of five days a week and played several meets there free gratis.

Many business owners feel that the "school portion" of their property taxes is an ample contribution to that school district. My husband and I own a business in a small town downstate and we, too, pay a substantial amount in "school taxes." Apparently the Smiths are the kind of people who give more than is expected or re-

quired.

That's what makes them so invaluable to the East Jordan community.

Thank-yous are always appreciated and nice to hear, but the best thank-you any business can receive is being patronized by the residents in and around your community.

So, the next time you golf, play the Mallard, and let the Smiths know their generosity is truly appreciated.

I have never met the Smiths personally, but feel their goodwill needs acknowledging - people always criticize but seldom take the time to commend.

Grateful parents,
Kim and Marcia Forster

More fond memories of Boyne bandshell

TO THE EDITOR:

I was very moved by Christy DiMartino's letter in your Oct. 20 issue regarding saving the bandshell.

I, too, grew up in Boyne in the late 50s and 60s and I remember the wonderful Wednesday night summer concerts very well. It was definitely a time when... Boyne families got together on warm and starry summer nights on the lake to enjoy the music and each other's company." There was nothing like it and I will always cherish those memories. I'm so grateful I was able to grow up in such a caring and close community!

Although I now live in Payson, Az., my brother Kent Ruback (and his wife Janice) have retired in Boyne and

kindly send me the paper each week so I can keep up with what's happening. I enjoy it very much and the bandshell issue also parallels what is going on in our community. Payson's rodeo is known as the "World's Oldest Continuous Rodeo." This year was the 115th year. It's a lot of hard work, but the whole town tries to help in any way they can. Preserving our western heritage is extremely important and requires the efforts of many volunteers.

My hope is that everyone will get behind all the caring people who are fighting to preserve the bandshell and do anything you can to help. Christy, thanks for such a heart-warming letter! Best of luck to all of you.

Lynelle (Ruback) Keyworth
Payson, Az.

BETWEEN the LINES

We're slaves to our screens

By ANGELA SHULTIS

Lately, I've noticed a lot of people waxing nostalgic about their old computers. Well, maybe not so much nostalgic as incredulous, disbelieving that we ever were so impressed with such limited machinery. It puts me in mind of my family's first "computer," a relatively useless Atari, good for some primitive games and a few other tricks. And I had difficulty even figuring those out.

After that, I spent several years actively opposing computer-dependence, preferring to stick to my pen-and-paper roots and my trusty calculator. The highest form of technology that saw the inside of my dorm room during college was an electric typewriter. And that was all I needed. Or so I thought.

Three or so years ago, though, my husband got the computer bug and so I gave in, reluctantly, but by then somewhat intrigued, too. I haven't been the same since. Truly, you can never go back.

If you ever wonder how dependent you are on your personal computer, try going without for a few days. Sure, it sounds easy. Maybe you frequently go without it for a week at a time anyway. The problem is, as with many things, as soon as it's gone, the need for it increases in epic proportions.

Now, my home computer is not the center of my universe. I am not overly attached to it, really, at least not on a daily basis. I often don't have the time or the need to use it for days on end. So, when it must go to the repair shop after one of its inexplicable temper-tantrums, why does its absence bother me so?

I don't go on the Internet more than once a week on average, usually no more than an hour or so at a time. And, more often than not, I leave the keyboard more frustrated and less informed than when I sat down.

So you'd think that I wouldn't miss that so much, perhaps make better use of my time when the opportunity presented itself. Yet, oddly, I have this sense of being somehow "disconnected" without at least the option of hooking up to the Internet. I feel as though, somehow, I'm cut off from something vaguely important; that, somehow, if too much time passes, I'm going to miss out on Something Big. Not that I've ever found anything the least bit Big in my limited surfing experience, but I'm certain that I'm just not looking in the right place...

And I do use the computer for a semi-practical reason - writing. While there was once a time that I balked at the idea of actually composing on the computer, convinced that the creative flow could not be conducted through anything but ball-point ink, I have become a slave to the screen. Sitting with a pen and paper is too time consuming, messy, unfocused; I think so much faster than I can write (I like to tell myself).

So, when the computer is gone, whatever is a writer to do? I mope, I grumble, I stare wistfully at the space it once occupied. God forbid I should actually search out a pen and a clean sheet of paper - in the end I'd have to settle for a crayon and the back of a MichCon envelope anyway. Besides, if I actually did find a pen, I'd have no excuse for having nothing interesting to write.

So, when the computer returns from the shop (temporarily, I'm sure), it will receive as warm a welcome from my family as any long-lost relative could expect. And I'm sure I'll be on the Internet first chance I get - if I can remember what it was I so desperately needed to find there.

'They held their heads high and never gave up'

TO THE EDITOR:

Rambler fans, picture this... Saturday night, wind blowing, raining, sleet, and cold. A muddy field in Traverse City for Boyne's final game of the season going up against the conference champs Traverse City St. Francis (remember, we're still the only conference team who has ever beaten them!). So, how did they do, you ask? Even though they made some mistakes, they held their heads high and never gave up. We were proud of them all.

Thank you and good luck to the seniors and best wishes to the juniors and next year's team. To the Rambler coaching staff, thank you for teaching our kids pride, respect, and love of the game.

Frank and Connie Shaler

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Conservancy encourages involvement in preserving critical lands

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become its headquarters.

Board members include East Jordan residents president Cheryl Hofweber and Keith Matheny, Boyne City's Tom Sheets, and Charlevoix residents Richard Joseph, treasurer Sulane Hamilton, Ron Winchester and vice president Tim Matchett.

"The Charlevoix County Land Conservancy was initiated to encourage greater local involvement in protecting and preserving the most beautiful and ecologically critical Charlevoix County lands," Beemon said.

In a nutshell, the natural, agricultural and scenic value of properties donated to the Conservancy will not be developed and will be held in perpetuity.

"We protect land forever," Beemon said.

PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS

Its first donation, a 25 acre parcel with 1,300 feet on the Boyne River, came last fall from Boyne Falls resident Peter P.

Faskey who has hunted and fished the river for more than 30 years. The property had been in his family since 1921.

"It's a wonderful fishing stream," Beemon said. "It's wetlands and lowlands. It's a wonderful area to protect the water quality and the fish habitat of the Boyne River."

When he made the donation, Faskey said it was something he had wanted to do for a long time. "It's a real nice wild piece of land, lots of fish and game, and I wanted to know that down the line kids will be able to still walk there and go down to the river and catch fish."

In the spring, a second parcel on Beaver Island, called the Margaret P. Erber Nature Preserve was donated by Tom and Sue Erber of Charlevoix. It is located on Little Sand Bay at the mouth of the little Jordan River where the river meets the sugar sand beach.

Funds to purchase the third parcel, 100 feet on the Jordan River and part of an island, were donated by Elizabeth Hoffman, a Charlevoix resident, 1948 graduate of East Jordan High School, and a retired East Jordan Elementary School teacher.

Dubbed the Sedge Marsh Preserve, it is home to eagles and osprey. Located near where the mouth of the river flows into lake Charlevoix, the piece acts as a giant filter and a sponge to help control flooding.

Beemon described it as one of the most "beautiful, serene and ecologically critical places in Charlevoix County."

She was especially pleased that the property borders the new Jordan River Watershed Center, the future

headquarters of the Friends of the Jordan River.

"Almost every successful land protection project is initiated by people who live close to that project," Beemon said. "When people wait for someone else to do it for them, it doesn't happen."

Though other conservancies, with headquarters outside the area, work in and around Charlevoix County, Beemon said it's not practical or responsible to expect others to protect land for us.

"I think that we would all like to think that there's someone who's going to do the work for us and we need to take the responsibility for ourselves locally," Beemon said.

Since the Conservancy got up and running, Beemon said land protection has increased significantly in Charlevoix County across the board, pointing out that the last really large project was protection of Mt. McSaubia in 1981.

Putting land into a conservancy not only protects the resource, but can provide a tax deduction as well.

Beemon does point out that the Conservancy cannot protect land that is not significant in a conservation or historical sense.

Other ways the Conservancy works with landowners to preserve land is through conservation easements which means the property will never be developed. It leaves the land in private ownership but can reduce the income tax.

A property owner can also donate a remainder interest in the land which allows them to continue living on the land, and at their death, it becomes the Conservancy's property.

Folks can also donate property in their wills. Because of the value of land, Beemon said it's impossible for some people to inherit land because of the tax burden. Donating easements or development rights, for example, can help reduce the burden.

"I think more and more people are becoming aware of what we're losing every day and there are people who really care about this area and their community," Beemon said. "What I find is that there are people who want to share what they have. A conservancy is a wonderful way to do that."

She pointed out that the largest preserve in the Charlevoix County area is the 193 acre St. Clair-Six Mile Natural Area. The money for the purchase was raised in the Ellsworth area by "just regular people who love their place," Beemon said.

Relationships with other conservancy groups such as Friends of the Jordan, Friends of the Boyne River and the Lake Charlevoix Association, are critical.

"We work closely with them because those are the people who care about the natural resources of the area," Beemon said.

Together they have hosted watershed tours and education programs in an effort to bring on a new way of thinking about watersheds.

CONSERVANCY COMMITMENT

"We are committed to a 'we can' not a 'you can't' stewardship effort," Beemon said.

"We don't have to save everything. We can't save everything," she said.

Unfortunately farmland has been the most difficult resource of all to protect "because it's worth so much money," Beemon said.

She talks of keeping as much farmland as possible in farm production and looking at purchasing development rights to protect significant tracts of land.

"You can't expect a farmer to just give his property to you and you can't expect them to farm if they can't make a living," she said.

Another key component to preserving the vacant land is to have vital cities "because people have to feel good about living in cities so we don't cut the countryside up into little pieces," Beemon said.

The Conservancy has led the effort by restoring its headquarters and is also working to encourage cities to create pathways that aren't dependent on cars, for people to get from the city to the country.

"Sprawl is real, real expensive. It takes a lot more money for a community to support a home out in the country and sometimes townships are reluctant to put their foot down to protect land," Beemon said. "But the reality is, if the city wasn't subsidizing water, gas and roads, it would be almost prohibitive to building in the country. If we can make our cities beautiful and keep them accessible for people, that is really making a difference in the world. That's the kind of thing that we want to do and we can do it."

In the coming year the conservancy looks to encourage local businesses to become benefactors.

"We call ourselves the plain brown wrapper conservancy," Beemon said. Much of the budget has gone toward expenses associated with the purchase and acquisition of land. Funding has come from community support.

"We really had a jump start having people that were so supportive of us," Beemon said.

They would like to continue their educational efforts, concerts and those things the community has responded positively to.

FUTURE HOLDS HOPE

"We're finding that in caring for the land there is an ethical component," Beemon said.

She feels the community has come to a place where it must make conscious decisions about if it wants species to survive. "If we want bears to survive, we must leave a habitat for them. If we want loons to survive we must leave a habitat for them. They will die by the hand of our indifference."

"I see a whole lot of hope," Beemon said. "I'm certainly not a doom and gloomer and now that we can see what's happening, we have a wonderful opportunity to heal the earth and turn around and begin to care for the things that really make things rich and rewarding and wonderful for our children."

To find out more about the Charlevoix County Land Conservancy call 237-9335.



Conservancy board member Tom Sheets, left, and JoAnne Beemon seal the Boyne River deal with Peter P. Faskey.

Foundation

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"We want to make that auditorium very functional for the school as well as the community," Friedrich said.

Foundation member Pat O'Brien described the group's future work as "enhancement, enrichment and seed money for bringing programs in" including groups of the caliber Interlochen attracts.

"Once we do that, the auditorium will sustain itself," O'Brien said.

Vocational education will get a boost as well.

The goal, Friedrich said "is to have every student who graduates from Boyne City get a job and have experience."

Not every student goes on to college, he said.

A community group can help pinpoint what the market needs and raise funds for upgrading corresponding equipment.

"That doesn't mean there's not a group interested in the sports complex, there is," said Friedrich. "The sports complex is still very important."

"It's a bigger umbrella," O'Brien said, pointing out that it will attract individuals interested in spending time, money and effort in areas other than sports.

"We're getting a bigger pool of people to do more for the city of Boyne City," O'Brien said.

Now when the Foundation has a fundraiser, benefactors can designate one of the three areas for their dollars to go. If not, it will be split equally between the three and go toward the general operating budget as well.

The money the Foundation raises is "designed to enhance what the school currently provides," Friedrich said, explaining that it sees an opportunity to help and funds it.

The Foundation was an offshoot of the Boyne City School Boosters and focuses on "bricks and mortar," said O'Brien, also the Boosters president.

He explained that the Boosters hone in on raising money to enhance classroom studies, looking at requests from teachers who see an opportunity to bring a good learning tool into the classroom which isn't in the budget.

With an end in sight for completing the sports complex, vocational education and fine arts "were the reasons we had to keep the Foundation alive," Friedrich said.

For those interested in joining the vocational education or fine arts committees, or in learning more about the Foundation, call Friedrich at 582-3100.

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CANDIDATE PROFILES

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION

FOUR YEAR TERMS

Thelma Behling

What is your background?

Thelma Behling was born and raised and graduated from high school in Boyne City. She is a registered nurse with a BS degree in health and a minor in community development receiving her degree in the 1970s. She has been a member of the Boyne City commission since 1976. She was an army nurse during World War II.

"I came here to be school nurse. I stayed there so long I raised three generations in Boyne City."

Why are you running for city commission?

"I'm running for the commission because we have a lot of projects I'd like to see through and I'd like to pass the knowledge I've acquired to some of the new people."

What skills do you bring to the commission?

"Most of the people know they can call me and I'll give them a truthful answer. I learned a long time ago you don't kid small town people. They don't like to be buffaloed into something."

They know if they ask me to find out something, I will find it out for them. I will get back to them. I just plain love Boyne City, that's why I came back here, that's why I stayed."

What are the strengths of city government and its weaknesses?

"It always depends on the commission and the city manager and the people. If your public comes out and wants something bad enough, they help you and work with you."

I think one of the strongest things we have is the public. But I don't like it when they just criticize and don't come out and try to help."

What are the major issues facing the city and what ideas do you have to address them?

"Infrastructure, road improvements, sidewalks and the things we've been working on."

We are trying to set aside enough money for the land next to city hall, if it ever comes up for sale. We can't buy it until it's for sale and you can't buy it for nothing. It's going to take a lot of money. But we want it. We hope to eventually add (city property to) where those two factories are."



Thelma Behling

As far as the bandshell, I can live with it either way. I know that most of the past bandmasters haven't liked it, because it was too windy, the air currents were wrong, and the music changes with the wind. It's not an antique. I know because I'm an antique collector. It was a community project. If they want to save it, they can improve it."

If elected, what else do you hope to accomplish as a city commissioner?

"To continue to see the improvements. To get the people and public involved like they are in the different organizations such as the DDA and the Chamber of Commerce. I think the more people who are interested, the more improvements we're going to find and the more satisfaction."

What is the City of Boyne City's greatest strength? Please explain.

"Its greatest strengths are its people. They constantly surprise you. They'll go out and work, on something like the bandshell and it will be an improvement whichever way they go. It will happen."

I was real happy to see so many people who were interested in buying the land next to us, because we may have to ask for money from the citizens. If the public really wants it, then they'll help us fight for it and help us raise the funds for it."

One of the first things when I got on the commission was to fight for the master plan. We don't treat it like a bible, but use it as a guide."

I think we get smarter. We still make mistakes, but we're trying."

About the election

WHAT: Boyne City City Commission election. Seven candidates are running for three seats on the city commission. Running for the two, four-year terms are: Thelma Behling, Vicki Standen, Sandra Stanley, Michael Wolf, Charles Vondra. Running for the two-year term are: Ron Grunch, Shirley Howie.

WHEN: The election is Nov. 2. Polls will be set up at city hall from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Michael Wolf

What is your background?

I was born in Saginaw and have been living in Boyne City for the past nine years. I have been visiting the area for over 30 years and I'm divorced with two young boys. I am familiar with the retail business in and around Boyne City. I owned Gocha's Women's Apparel until its closing two years ago. I am currently on the Downtown Development Authority, past president of the Chamber of Commerce, past president of Boyne City Rotary and was a member of the Boyne City Support Group.

Why are you running for city commission?

"I am running for City Commission with a view to improving the communications of the citizens and government of Boyne City. I bring with me the experience of being on the DDA, where we are trying to make needed improvements and upgrades to the area. I am not afraid to voice a dissenting opinion if appropriate, and I am willing to listen to new ideas."

What skills do you bring to the commission?

"I have operated a retail business in Boyne City and know the problems that a small business faces in today's competitive market. I have participated on boards that have made and continue to make improvements for the enhancement of business, the preservation of our natural surroundings and the quality of life here."

What are the strengths of city government and its weaknesses?

"The strengths of city government are that they must represent a cross section of its people and must pay attention to every reasonable idea put forward. The weakness is that government is sometimes not on the 'same page' as some of the other



Michael Wolf

commissions and/or boards and it is too easy to just listen to the loud voices and ignore 'The Quiet Little People.' If elected I will listen and consider all views before making a decision as to how I will vote on any given issue."

What are the major issues facing the city and what ideas do you have to address them?

"I think the city faces a multitude of issues. I feel one of the major issues is how our town is perceived by its visitors and how it reacts to its citizens. Our natural resources are our first priority. We are fortunate enough to have at our disposal many acres of beautiful parks and the natural beauty that is Lake Charlevoix. Growth for growth's sake may not be in the best interest for all concerned. More jobs and continued cooperation with the Economic Development Corporation. Tourism is flourishing and we need to be competitive as well as innovative. Nevertheless, I will support growth only to the extent it does not adversely affect our natural resources."

If elected, what else do you hope to accomplish as a city commissioner?

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Sandra Stanley

What is your background?

"I have been a licensed insurance agent in Boyne City at the family owned business, Rueggegger-Stanley Insurance Agency for 38 years. My husband Bill Stanley and I plan to retire Dec. 31, 1999, so I will have more time to devote to city needs."

Why are you running for city commission?

"I've always enjoyed being involved, and actually LIKE going to meetings and educational seminars. I want to be part of the solution to the many challenges facing this growing community."

What skills do you bring to the commission?

"Thirty-eight years of office management, 15-plus years of service on various city boards -- Parks and Recreation, City Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals. I'm just completing my eighth year on the County Planning Commission and my 12th year as City Commissioner."

What are the strengths of city government and its weaknesses?

"A small city like Boyne City can be more responsive to the request of the community. Although you can't satisfy all the individual requests, they are given individual consideration. To me, equal fairness to everyone is the most important thing, followed by an open mind to consider suggestions on procedures for making things work better. **Weakness:** I'd like to see more people attend meetings as visitors. It helps us to know if you feel we are taking the town in the right direction."

What are the major issues facing the city and what ideas do you have to address them?

"Protection of the waterfront. Expansion of the boat launch area. Continuing replacement of water and sewer lines and road repaving. Good jobs. Solutions: The city is currently revising its entire zoning ordinance to give more ability to control growth. The 1980 Master Plan was



Sandra Stanley

updated last year. They are attempting to purchase the Big C-former Boyne Products property to add to the launch ramp area. There is a five-year Capitol Improvement Program to address infrastructure. This program is reviewed annually by the Planning Board and City Commission, after the annual Community Goal Setting session. Land was purchased this year to add to the Industrial Park. Grants have been applied for to develop the roads and infrastructure in this addition."

If elected, what else do you hope to accomplish as a city commissioner?

"Beyond the major issues described in #5, we need to be flexible in addressing the needs and goals established by the community. If a grant becomes available for a project listed as an intermediate or long term goal, we have to be ready to rearrange financial priorities."

What is the city of Boyne City's greatest strength? Please explain.

"The major strength is in its people. Working together with community groups of concerned citizens and with the school, we are developing recreation facilities jointly at Rotary Park and Avalanche. We are blessed with volunteers giving both a sense of community and the most bang for the buck available finances. The availability of grants make a big difference in what can be accomplished in any one year."

TWO YEAR TERMS

Ron Grunch

What is your background?

"Retired Boyne City businessman, owned and operated Western Auto and Sears Catalog stores."

Why are you running for city commission?

"Maintain the integrity of Boyne's 'Small Town Feel, Home Town Appeal.'"

What skills do you bring to the commission?

"Positive leadership skills evidenced by 25 years of community service with the Boyne Valley Lions Club, Boyne City Chamber of Commerce, and St. Matthew's Church. I have a master's degree in environmental liability and have a good working knowledge of environmental issues that could effect our quality of life."

What are the strengths of city government and its weaknesses?

"Boyne City has been blessed with strong visionary leadership. The



Ron Grunch

only weaknesses I have observed is the lack of public input on what seemed to be minor issues that had far-reaching consequences. When major issues exist, there is good public representation."

What are the major issues facing the city and what ideas do you have to address them?

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Charles Vondra

What is your background?

"I am a graduate of Boyne City High School, currently employed as a deputy sheriff for the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department. I have been involved in the community since high school. I have coached flag football, Little League for six years, and am currently coaching junior varsity football."

Why are you running for city commission?

"I believe young people need to step up and take on some responsibilities in their communities. I have been involved for several years and think it is now time to move on to the next step and get involved in local government."

What skills do you bring to the commission?

"Through my job as a deputy sheriff and through coaching I have learned and become a leader in the two most important qualities needed for a city commissioner: problem solving and team work."

What are the strengths of city government and its weaknesses?

"Every city can address its needs and issues as decided by the people of each city. That too can also be a weakness if local government becomes focused on a personal agenda. This is why change can be positive from a new perspective."

What are the major issues facing the city and what ideas do you have to address them?



Charles Vondra

"I am concerned about the recent loss of business in the Boyne City area with the Big C Corp. leaving. F.C.I. has recently relocated to another state, and Allied has laid some people off. We need to attract good paying year-round employers/businesses. We have a nice air industrial park with room for expansion. We can use our community as a draw for business because of our location and people's desire to live here."

If elected, what else do you hope to accomplish as a city commissioner?

"I will be an unbiased representative to address the city's needs."

What is the City of Boyne City's greatest strength? Please explain.

"The people and their pride in their community. I think it's a real asset for the city that people speak out about what they believe in, and their concerns for the City of Boyne City."

Vicki Standen

What is your background?

"I moved here in 1992 and opened a business, the Beardsley House Bed and Breakfast. I am married to David, an engineer with Daimler Chrysler. We have two adult children, Robert in Boyne City and Staci in Ann Arbor. I was a member of the 1968 World and Olympics Figure Skating Team and taught skating until 1989."

Why are you running for city commission?

"Boyne City is at a pivotal time in its development. I'm making a commitment to the community by offering fresh ideas and a new approach to city management."

What skills do you bring to the commission?

"I have been on the Boyne City Planning Board for the past year. It has been enlightening to me giving insight into how city government functions. I work on the Historical Commission to develop a Historic District in Boyne City and was on the board of directors of Friends of the Boyne River in its first year. I am also vice-president of Eta Nu, a service sorority."

What are the strengths of city government and its weaknesses?

"Boyne City has a strong master plan for the future. It is important to listen to the citizens at the goal setting sessions held each year. The city needs to be more aggressive in its decision making and more flexible in



Vicki Standen

accepting new ideas."

What are the major issues facing the city and what ideas do you have to address them?

"Waterfront development is at the heart of the most critical issues facing us. We need to protect our lakes and rivers from overdevelopment so that we can continue to enjoy them. Affordable housing and city services also need to be addressed."

If elected, what else do you hope to accomplish as a city commissioner?

"Staying in touch with the city's history while we plan for the future is very important. I would help to bring private and government agencies together to move Boyne City ahead."

What is the City of Boyne City's greatest strength? Please explain.

"People are the greatest asset of Boyne City. We need to bring them together with their different talents and move Boyne City into the new century."

Candidate Forum:
Wednesday, Oct. 27
7 p.m. at City Hall.

ABOUT THE PROFILES: Each candidate running for the Boyne City City Commission was sent a questionnaire. Their answers are printed as they were returned. There was no editing for content or length.

CANDIDATE PROFILES

Ron Grunch

address them?

"Major issues that should be closely monitored are capacity issues of our water treatment facility. Is our water supply system adequate for our future needs, and is it safe to consume? Also preserving the water quality of Lake Charlevoix, and saving what little shoreline and view property we have."

If elected, what else do you hope to accomplish as city commissioner?

If elected, my major goal is to preserve our city's resources by being vigilant, and personally checking out any issue that could effect our quality of life.

What is the City of Boyne City's greatest strength? Please explain.

Boyne City's greatest strengths are the caring attitudes of many social and civic volunteers, and ecumenical efforts of our local churches helping people during times of need.

Shirley Howie

mission?

"I believe that if you really care about your town, then get involved in it. I believe in growth but not at the expense of the people of Boyne City. I would hope that I could help Boyne City accomplish growing but to keep our small town atmosphere and friendliness. I believe that the City Commission should be for the citizens of Boyne City. The people!"

What skills do you bring to the commission?

"I wouldn't call it a skill. But in working with the public through the schools and other organization for so many years I know most of the people in Boyne City and I think it is important that you listen to the public and I have heard them voice their opinion on different subjects. I also believe that if you get involved in something, then you better plan on working very hard and doing your

best for everyone."

What are the strengths of city government and its weaknesses?

"The people are the greatest strengths. We have a board of commissioners and city administration staff who have done a great job. It would be very hard to fill any of their shoes. What are their weaknesses? I don't think they listen to the people enough. Boyne City is growing and we need the help from all the people to help us grow in the right direction."

What are the major issues facing the city and what ideas do you have to address them?

"We the people of Boyne City are losing more and more of our view of our great lake and the use of the land around it. We need to save some of our lake frontage for the citizens of Boyne City. Our lake is what draws the tourist to Boyne City and we need to save some of it for the use of the tourist as well as the citizens. My ideas on this is to buy the old United Technologies (Boyne Essex) building and land for the use of the citizens of Boyne City. I have already started on this by getting over 500 signatures saying that this is what the people want. I also think we need more shops downtown for the people to spend their money in Boyne City and not have to go out of town to get what they want. What would my ideas be on that? I don't know right now but that would be something that I would look into if I got on the city commission."

What is the City of Boyne City's greatest strength? Please explain.

"As I said before the citizens of Boyne City are our greatest strength. If it wasn't for the people of Boyne City, our town would not be what it is today. Our growth in people that have moved to Boyne City has been astronomical and that has been because the people of Boyne City have made our town into a place where everyone would like to live. They like the small town friendly atmosphere."

Michael Wolf

"I would put forth an effort to get all of the input I can towards what the people feel to be in the best interest of the city. That would include better communications between the various boards and the public. I feel that a more comprehensive Web presence would be very helpful to everyone. More and more people are accessing information through the Internet, and they may not know about us unless we tell them via the Internet. There should be a 'marketing study' done of the area to assess our needs. That would not just benefit visitors to our area but could be of interest to our citizens as well. Local business and services, as well as 'city services' can 'tout their wares' for everyone to view. They should have easy access to the multitude of information that is necessary to make a knowledgeable business decision. We need to be ready for the information age -- it is here now. What better way is there for someone who is considering moving here to gain easy access to all of the necessary information? It is not the quantity of people but the quality of people who live here. A clean safe community is in everyone's best interest. We have a lot to offer and also a commitment to make 'our area' the best that we can."

What is the City of Boyne City's greatest strength? Please explain.

This would include maintaining our 'small town feel' as well as working on producing a comfortable atmosphere for the next century. It is the people who live here and have invested their time and money with the hope of improving our area for everyone who are our most valuable asset. Also, the great amount of civic pride and enthusiasm that continues to 'grow our city' is amazing. People here care what happens and are willing to try to affect change. I care and would like to try to affect a change for the better.



Road work

Grading on Lake Street in Boyne City will be followed by paving which is slated to get underway by the end of the week. Concrete work continued earlier in the week, with curbing nearly complete as well.

High bid takes DDA property

Property at the corner of East and Water streets, owned by Boyne City's Downtown Development Authority, was sold to the highest bidder last week.

Lou Awodey, owner of Connections North in Boyne City, bought the property for \$139,670.

Bob Mather's Ford was the other bidder coming in at \$135,319.

The property at 230 and 232 Water St. was originally put out for bid last spring and three bids were received: one from Awodey for one of the houses; one from Cindi Malin, owner of Cindifranco's Cool Stuff for the other house; and one from Bob Mathers Ford for both houses.

The DDA voted to recommend the city commission award the bids to Awodey and Malin, but when the issue was brought to the commissioners, Malin withdrew her bid and the city commission awarded it to Mathers.

Awodey and Malin's bid combined were \$132,650 and Mathers bid \$133,009.

Following the commission's action, however, City Manager Eric Strahl discovered that a city ordinance gave authority to the DDA to buy and sell property, without the commission's approval.

In response, the DDA passed a motion to re-open the bidding process to two of the three original bidders with the lone deciding factor being price.

Planning commission okays site plan for Boyne library

Construction and upgrades to the Boyne District Library are a go after the Boyne City Planning Commission gave its site plan approval last week. Construction is slated to begin in the spring.

The project also received zoning approval with a restriction that space be reserved for nine parking spaces on the building's east side for potential future parking.

The library will grow from 3,300 square feet to 12,800 and hold 31,000 books. Currently an estimated 15,000 to 16,000 books line its shelves.

A new entrance will open up toward Park Street and an addition will extend north to a vacant lot. Doors from the existing entrance will be moved to the Park Street entrance.

The upstairs will include an all adult section and the existing lower level will serve as mainly a children's

area. There will also be a young adult area, enclosed conference room, computer and reference area and public use computers with Internet and word processing access.

A community room in the lower level will have access through a separate entrance for use outside regular library hours.

The entire project is estimated to cost around \$2 million, and will be funded by the Mary K. Peabody Foundation which expressed an interest in paying for the addition a year ago in September.

Actual costs won't be known until it goes out to bid in the near future.

"It's going to make such an incredible difference particularly because the school millage passed," said library director Nannette Miller. "The two together are an amazing

thing for this community."

To cover extra costs associated with the expansion, the library will kick off an endowment campaign coinciding with construction.

Miller said the project would not have been possible if it wasn't for the facility receiving its district library status and a millage being passed nearly four years ago, thanks to the hard work of the former board and community members.

"That really was the important first step," she said.

She explained that the Mary K. Peabody Foundation would not have proposed the project if the library didn't already have a source of funding.

"They (foundation) were not going to burden the community with a big gift," Miller said.

EJ accepting nominees for top citizen

It's time to cast a vote for that special someone in East Jordan who you think contributes to the community in a positive way.

Nomination forms for the East Jordan Citizen of the Year are available at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce office and will allow you to get in

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OBITUARIES

LaBerta "Estella" Martin

LaBerta "Estella" Martin, 80, of Boyne City died Sunday, Oct. 24, 1999 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan. The Rev. John Spohn officiated.

She was born on July 29, 1919 in Charlevoix, the daughter of George and Alba (Nowland) Holm. She was the founding member of the Busy Bees at Litzenger Place in Boyne City. She was also active in the volunteer organization in Petoskey, R.S.V.P. She enjoyed all kinds of crafts.

She is survived by one daughter, Diane (Victor) Ayers of Boyne City; four grandchildren, Calvin Ayers of

Boyne City, Tracy (Melissa Alstead) Ayers of East Jordan, Angela (George Grundner) Ayers of Boyne City, and Terry (Shannon) Ayers of Petoskey; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Harold Holm of Charlevoix; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Martin; one daughter, Darlene Dougherty in 1959; one special friend, Wesley "Abe" Howard; one brother, Louis; one sister, Helen; and one step-brother, Jack.

Memorials may be given to the donor's choice. The family was served by the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

Thomas Knebl

Thomas Knebl, 84, of East Jordan, died on Thursday, Oct. 21, 1999 at his home. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30, 1999 at 2 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Wilson Township. Gary Sumerix will officiate.

Tom was born on March 28, 1915 in Pennsylvania. On Oct. 29, 1938 in Detroit, he married Anne Rajskub. She preceded him in death on Nov. 8, 1998.

He moved to East Jordan in 1977 from Redford. He was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses and a preacher of the good news for over 60 years. He was an

avid reader.

Thomas is survived by six children, Sandra (Jack) Fuson of East Jordan, Diane Bezaninalla of Livonia, Darlene (Les) Staley of Pinedale, Wyo.; Thomas (Carol) Knebl of Howell, Timothy (Linda) Knebl of Boyne City, and Tony (Beth) Knebl of East Jordan; 23 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Robert Knebl of Texas. He was also preceded in death by his father, Joseph Knebl and his stepmother, Pauline Knebl.

The family was served by the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

BOYNE POLICE NEWS

The Boyne City Police Department received 55 complaints last week, including:

Oct. 19: A report of larceny from the Wenonah St. area was made; the incident is under investigation. Officers responded to a report of property damage to a vehicle on Cedar St. and one on Pleasant Ave.

Oct. 20: Officers were called to Parkview Apartments for a property damage report. One person was arrested and transported to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department.

Oct. 21: The Boyne Valley Garden Club reported one of their scarecrows was taken from the downtown area of Water and Park Streets. Carter's reported a shoplifting com-

plaint with the person running out of the store. A juvenile runaway was reported, later located, and transported to a detention home.

Oct. 22: A city worker reported a larceny of 800 feet of 1-inch copper tubing from a north Boyne work site. Anyone with information call the Boyne City Police Department. Officers responded to a two-car accident in the high school parking lot. There were no injuries.

Oct. 23: Officers assisted at a house fire on Pearl Street. The incident is still under investigation. Officers responded to a domestic complaint on Groveland Street.

Oct. 24: An assault complaint was reported from Boyne Avenue. One person was arrested on a warrant.

BOYNE FIRE & AMBULANCE

Boyne City Ambulance made 10 medical runs, attended six automobile accidents, had two standbys for other communities and one standby

for the fire department last week.

The Fire Department attended two fires and received assistance from the Boyne Valley Fire Department twice.

AL-ANON
Tuesday nights
Al-Anon has moved, with meetings held at 8 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City.

NMC CONCERT BAND
Friday, Oct. 29
The Northwestern Michigan College Concert Band will perform at 8 p.m. in the Milliken Auditorium of the Dennis Museum Center at NMC in Traverse City. Admission: \$5 for adults; children and students are free. Information: Jan Shockley (231) 946-0360.

CASUAL SINGLES
Friday, Oct. 29
There will be a meeting of Casual Singles Organization at 7 p.m. at La Senorta Restaurant in Petoskey. All singles who want to meet other singles are invited. Information: Jim Elzinga at 347-2892, Nancy Staley at 547-4867, or Terri Claven at 548-5390.

GHOST SHIP
Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 30 & 31
The Coast Guard Cutter *Acacia* will host a ghost ship from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The Coast Guard Wives Club will be holding a bake sale and canned food drive in conjunction with this event. Canned food donations will be provided to the Charlevoix County Food Shelf. Cost: free.

HARVEST PARTY
Sunday, Oct. 31
The Boyne City Free Methodist Church will be hosting a harvest party from 6-8 p.m. There will be games, prizes, and candy for the children who attend. The child who brings the most friends gets a chance to put a pie in the pastor's face. The church is located at 839 State St., Boyne City. Information: Call Pastor Mark Bullock 582-6843.

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
Beginning Nov. 1
The Crooked Tree Arts Center will offer a variety of music, dance, and art classes and lessons for adults and children at the Arts Center, 461 E. Mitchell, downtown Petoskey. For a schedule, call 347-4337.

NMSAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, Nov. 1
A meeting of the Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services Board of Directors will be held at 10 a.m. in the Baraga Meeting Room at the Offices of NMSAS, Inc. in Gaylord. For an agenda and details call (517) 732-1791.

HIRING & EMPLOYMENT SEMINAR
Tuesday, Nov. 2
A seminar for business owners and managers on the latest information about employment laws and hiring practices will be held in the Rey Craft Room at Stafford's Perry Hotel in Petoskey from 8:30-10:30 a.m. with doors opening at 8 a.m. Cost: \$5 per person. The local Michigan Employer's Council (MEC) and the Petoskey office of the Unemployment Agency (UA) are sponsoring the seminar.

FREEDOM FROM SMOKING
Mondays & Wednesdays in Nov.
The Community Health Education will hold "Freedom from Smoking" courses on Nov. 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 22 and 29 from 7-8 p.m. at 360 Connable Ave. in Petoskey across from the main entrance to Northern Michigan Hospital. The sessions are structured to offer group support during quit-smoking efforts. Cost: free. Information: HealthAccess at 800-248-6777.

DIABETES PROGRAMS
Tuesday, Nov. 2
A grocery store tour designed to help people with diabetes will take place from 7:30 p.m. at Olsson's grocery store in Petoskey. The program is sponsored by the Community Health Education Center and TIPDON. A registered dietitian from the Community Health Education Center will lead the tour. Cost: free. To register, call HealthAccess at 800-248-6777.

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23
A series of classes offering strategies for self-management for diabetes will be offered from 10 a.m.-noon at the Community Health Education Center at 360 Connable Ave. in Petoskey. Cost: \$25. Information and to register: HealthAccess at 800-248-6777.

Thursday, Nov. 4
A live satellite broadcast of "Diabetes Dialogue 1999: Living Smarter, Feeling Better" will be presented from 7:15-8:15 p.m. in classroom B at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. Visitors are welcome to come at 6:15 p.m. to gather information and view displays; a question and answer session will follow the broadcast. Registration is required. Call HealthAccess at 800-248-6777.

NMC CAREER TRAINING
OPEN HOUSE
Wednesday, Nov. 3
North Central Michigan College in Petoskey will hold an open house from 5-7 p.m. for all prospective students and employers to bring awareness to many career training programs offered by the college. Those attending will be able to talk and meet with advisors and faculty, as well as see the nursing, tech, and Learning Support Services labs. Cost: free. Information: (231) 348-6605.

COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM
Thursday, Nov. 4
Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency (NMHSA) in Petoskey will distribute food from 8:30 - 10 a.m. at the Boyne City Senior Center under the monthly Commodity Supplemental Food Program. Information: 347-9070.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY LAND CONSERVANCY MEETING
Tuesday, Nov. 9
The Charlevoix County Land Conservancy will hold its annual meeting at 6 p.m. at the Weatheravane in Charlevoix. Information: 237-9335.

NMC OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, Nov. 9
Northwestern Michigan College will hold an informal open house between 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the Dennis Museum Center. Visitors will meet NMC students, faculty and staff. Information will be available about programs offered, admission, financial aid, job preparation, and more. Campus tours are available by calling ahead to (231) 922-1135 and going to the Welcome Center at 3:30 p.m. Cost: free.

MASONIC LODGE MEETING
Thursday, Nov. 11
The Boyne City Masonic Lodge will hold its monthly meeting at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge on Lake Street. Election of officers will be held.

LISTENING SKILLS WORKSHOP
November 12-14
A workshop to develop and enhance listening skills will be held in Boyne City at St. Matthews Church basement. The presenter will be Joseph Elwart, a Christian

psychologist. Cost: \$100/person, \$175/couple, or \$75/student. Cost includes all workshop materials and some meals. Information: Debbie Martin at 582-5525.

CHORAL CONCERT
Nov. 13, 14
The Little Traverse Choral Society is hosting a concert called "A Collage of Twentieth Century Choral Music" on Saturday, Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Petoskey and on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 4 p.m. at the First Congregational

Church in Charlevoix.

HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS
Tuesday, Nov. 16
Hospice of Little Traverse Bay is hosting "Handling the Holidays" from 7-9 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Petoskey, for those in the community who have experienced a loss due to death. Cost: free. Information: 487-4825.

To submit an item for the calendar call 582-6761.

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Firefighters kept busy over weekend

A fire spotted by a neighbor at a two-story home at 430 Pearl St. in Boyne City brought the Boyne City Fire Department to the scene on Saturday at 7:40 p.m.

Firefighters worked until midnight to control the fire, according to fire chief Henry Erber. The blaze resulted in extensive damage to the upstairs and water and heat damage throughout the rest of the home.

Tenants were not home when the fire broke out, but firefighters rescued two cats and a dog. The homeowner is Craig Walts of Birmingham.

Erber said the cause of the fire is unknown and still under investigation.

Boyne firefighters were assisted by Boyne City Ambulance, Boyne City Police Department, the firefighters auxiliary, Boyne City's Department of Public Works and the State Fire Marshall.

A suspicious house fire at 350 Vogel St., nearly two weeks ago in Boyne City, is still under investigation.

The fire caused a considerable amount of damage to the inside of the unoccupied rental home. Its owner is Jean Chapp. Erber said he understood the house to be between renters.

When firefighters arrived flames were coming through the roof of the single-story brick and wood structure according to Erber. They stayed on the scene until around 7:45 a.m.

They were assisted by the Boyne City Police Department, Boyne Valley Fire Department, Boyne City Ambulance, the firefighters auxiliary and the State Fire Marshall.

The State Fire Marshall is calling the fire suspicious and is offering a reward up to \$5,000



Residents of this house on Pearl Street in Boyne City were not home when it caught fire over the weekend, although firefighters rescued two cats and a dog from the structure. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of responsible parties. If you have information regarding the fire call 1-800-44-ARSON or officer Ken Schrader at the Boyne City Police Department.

A CHIMNEY FIRE in East Jordan Saturday afternoon caused considerable damage when it spread to the attic and roof of a home at 6921 Chula Vista Dr. in Eveline Township. When the East Jordan Fire

Department arrived on the scene around 2:40 p.m., smoke was coming out of the roof, and homeowner Lyle Harper was dousing the fire with his garden hose.

"He probably saved the house from burning to the ground," fire chief Glen Thorman said.

Thorman said the homeowners built a fire in their wood burning stove, opened the damper, and left the home for breakfast. While they were gone, the fire overheated the

chimney, which needed to be cleaned, and started a fire which spread through the roof and attic.

Firefighters stayed on the scene for about three and a half hours.

They were assisted by the Boyne City Fire Department and a few Boyne Valley firefighters.

East Jordan firefighters also assisted the Banks Township Fire Department late Monday night in Ellsworth at a fire at the Village Market.

This time of year, Thorman

reminds people to check their chimneys for cracks or leaks which could potentially cause carbon monoxide poisoning, as well as check for anything that could be blocking the smoke passage which could lead to chimney fires and more disastrous situations.

He also warns to be sure there is adequate ventilation when using kerosene and space heaters as improper ventilation puts people at risk.

NEWS BRIEFS

Boyne business receives sheriff's appreciation

S & K Food, Marathon Station in Boyne City was presented a Certificate of Appreciation Award by Sheriff George T. Lasater for making every effort not to sell tobacco products to minors. The awards are presented to stores for training their employees on the law which forbids sale of tobacco to those under 18 years old.

The sheriff and the Tobacco Reduction Coalition of Charlevoix County concur that when stores violate this statute they should be cited, and likewise when they do a good job they should be acknowledged.

Amateur writer's short story earns first place award

Boyne City resident Mandy Boden captured first place in a short story contest with her work titled "Stranger in the Woods."

The contest was part of the recent Hemingway Festival in Petoskey. More than 20 amateur writers submitted entries which had to be 1,000 words or less and feature a northern Michigan setting. Boden won in the 18 and younger category.

The contest was promoted at schools and libraries throughout Michigan. Judges were from North Central Michigan College and McLean and Eakin Booksellers.

Boden won a framed certificate and a copy of The Nick Adams Stories by Ernest Hemingway.

EJ pool offering adult lessons

East Jordan Community Pool is offering adult swim lessons.

The four-week class will meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. from Nov. 1-29. The cost is \$20 for East Jordan School District residents and \$25 for non-residents. For information and pre-registration call 536-2250.

Flu shots available at medical center

Flu shots will be available for adults for \$10 each from 1-3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at Boyne Area Medical Center, 223 N. Park St., Boyne City.

Anyone interested in receiving a flu shot is asked to call 582-5314 to reserve an appointment.

Arts council plans holiday craft fair

The Jordan River Arts Council will hold its ninth annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, Nov. 13, at the East Jordan High School, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The juried fine arts and crafts show will feature the work of over 50 artists.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Salon celebrates anniversary

Sunny Side Up Tanning in East Jordan is holding a grand opening to celebrate its first anniversary from Nov. 1-13.

Specials during the celebration include a free five minute trial in either a Suncapsule or the Tanning Bed for any new tanners from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday or from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturdays.

With each package purchased during the first two weeks of November, customers will receive their choice of Jolt Moisturizing Lotion or Sunblast Shower Gel.

A door prize of a five session tanning package will also be given away.

Debbie and Duane Chappuis are owners and other employees are Gloria Waller and Maria Bacon.

Sunny Side Up Tanning is located in the courtyard behind the Computer Center at 124 Main St. in East Jordan.

Hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. or evening hours by appointment, and on Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon.

Business After Hours on tap

THE BOYNE CITY Chamber of Commerce will hold Business After Hours at the Tannery Saloon on Thursday, Oct. 28, from 5-7 p.m. A Halloween theme beckons guests to dress up in costumes for the holiday.

Chamber members, friends and associates are invited for an evening of great food, prizes and a 50/50 drawing.

Sponsors are Bank One and the Tannery. The cost is \$5. For more information, contact the chamber at 582-6222.

EAST JORDAN Area Chamber of Commerce is holding its Business After Hours on Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Ansted's By the Lake at 115 Main St. in East Jordan.

Sponsors are Galmore's and Smith and Hoffman Excavating. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The cost is \$3 for chamber members and \$5 for all others.

Humanitarian relief will benefit from roller skating at civic center

An evening of roller skating on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 5-9 p.m. at the East Jordan Civic Center will help Jordan Valley Humanitarian Relief send medicine and medical personnel to needy areas around the world.

The cost is \$3 at the door and includes skate rental. Refreshments will also be available.

The relief organization, headquartered in East Jordan, sent 3,000 pounds of medicine and hygiene items to Kosovo this summer and also sent doctors and nurses to work with the Tennessee National Guard in a four-day humanitarian mission for needy in the Appalachian Mountains.

The group is preparing for another mission to Cuba and Honduras. If you are a doctor or nurse interested in finding out more or getting involved in the group's efforts, call Jay at 536-3413.



A portion of 3,000 pounds of medicine were shipped to Kosovo by local volunteers, including Glenna Haney, left and Peggy Mahafey at right.

Red ribbons symbolize schools intolerance of drugs and alcohol

Boyne City Schools is participating this week in the Red Ribbon Campaign in an effort to show intolerance for the use of drugs and misuse of alcohol in schools, work places and communities as well as to celebrate the drug free lives of youth in the country.

The Boyne City Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Committee is sponsoring several activities in support of the cause during the week of Oct. 23-31.

They include asking the City of Boyne City to proclaim Oct. 21-31 as Red Ribbon Week, asking local

churches to make their congregations aware of this national campaign, hosting activities in schools where students can pledge their commitment to being drug free and have age appropriate educational programs at school.

Charlevoix Hospice offering program on dealing with stress of the holidays

Being alone during the holidays can be agony. For those who have lost a loved one handling the holidays is no small burden.

The Charlevoix County Hospice, Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, and Charlevoix Area Hospital are presenting a program at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, at Charlevoix Area Hospital in the lower level classroom that will give some suggestions on how to "Handle the Holidays."

The Rev. Milton Walls, hospice spiritual advisor, will talk of "The Griever's Holiday Bill of

Rights," and C.O.P.E. - a simple plan for handling some of the stresses associated with the holidays.

Available to participants will be a booklet "Handling the Holidays" which contains a holiday planner, among other things. The program is open to anyone who feels the need for help in getting through the holidays.

Following the program there will be a time for sharing and refreshments. There is no fee.

For more information call the Charlevoix County Hospice office at 536-2842.



All wrapped up

Michael Jason gets the treatment from fellow East Jordan Middle School students, from left, Elliott Roberts, Aaron Meads and Cody Cook, during Navigate North Central College Day held for area schools' seventh and eighth graders.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne City

NAME: Lura Towns
PARENT: Denise Conde
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Volleyball, softball, bowling
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: 4-H, horseback riding, sports, exercise, hanging out with friends, rollerblading
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I would like to be a cosmetologist, work for a small shop, then later start my own."



Lura Towns

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Lura is a very nice hard working student who is always on task in my elements of art class," said Lee Ewald. "Lura does quality work, and is always a pleasure to have in class."
 "Lura shows great leadership qualities and is very self-motivated," said Linda Simpson. "Lura is a compassionate and caring student who is a great asset to the sophomore class. Good job Lura."
 "Lura is a delightful student and a pleasure to have in class," said Tom Neidhamer. "Lura strives to do quality craftsmanship and is making a coffee table to match her end table that she made last year in woodworking class. Keep up the good work Lura."

NAME: Terri Rose
PARENT: Waneta Purol
GRADE: Sophomore
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Swimming, boating, collecting stuff
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: College, family, job
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Terri greets each class with a smile on her face," said Rick Fowler. "She's very diligent about due dates and wants to know how to do things accurately. It is a pleasure to have her in my class."



Terri Rose

"Terri has been working very hard this year and her grades show it," said Margo Kuhns. "You're doing a great job, Terri, you should be proud of yourself."
 "Terri has done a wonderful job for me this marking period," said Mr. Rice. "Keep up the good work."

NAME: Russell VanHorn
GRADE: Junior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: President of junior class
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Art, creative writing (poetry), BMX biking
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: Attend Ferris State then go on as a graphic artist
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Russell is an outstanding leader," said Steve Beyer. "His work at homecoming, motivating and exciting his class to put forth extra effort deserve high praise. Our world needs Russell's leadership energy to help make our community a better place."



Russell VanHorn

"Russell has shown good leadership working with his class as president," said Debbie Neidhamer. "He is easy to work with, communicates well with his peers and adults. Keep up the good work, the class of 2001 is proud to have you represent them."
 "I have had Russ in art classes since the ninth grade," said Lee Ewald. "Always a super student, Russ is the kind of person that makes my job a pleasure. He did a great job as the driving force behind the 11th grade class during Homecoming Activity Day. I saw a side of Russ that I didn't know existed. Nice work, Russ."

Boyne Falls

NAME: Luke Simon
PARENTS: Valerie Simon, Mark Simon
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Football, basketball, art
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Hockey, card collecting
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: Be an architect and football player
FAVORITE COLOR: Blue
FAVORITE HERO: Barry Sanders
FAVORITE MOVIE: Matrix
FAVORITE QUOTE: "If you want to leave footprints in the sands of time, wear work boots."



Luke Simon

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "I enjoy having Luke in my classes this year," said Jane Rozycki. "He always comes to class with a smile and brings with him the motivation needed to do his best while in class. He is very serious about his art and he has been doing a very detailed painting which has required a great deal of patience on his part. As a student of Spanish, Luke has a good average and also brings his good sense of humor to the class. I find Luke to be very sincere, honest and liked by his peers. Luke is also proud to be involved with the Boyne City junior varsity football program."

Boyne library hosting craft classes

Boyne District Library is offering two craft classes to help you get a jump on Christmas.
 On Monday, Nov. 8, from 7-9 p.m. Roxanne Zell, a representative of Creative Memories, will present "Introduction to Scrapbooking." Registrants are asked to bring six to eight photographs on a common theme and will be provided instruction and materials to create a scrapbook page.
 Cost for the class is \$10, which must be paid by Nov. 1, and qualifies registrants for a free gift.
 On Tuesday, Nov. 16, from 7-9 p.m. Ginny Carey will present "Introduction to Rubber Stamping." The cost for the class is \$10, which must be paid by Nov. 8. Participants will learn to make Christmas cards and holiday gift tags. Carey owns JOY Unlimited in East Jordan, and has been teaching rubber stamping techniques for over 10 years.
 Pre-registration is required. The fees charged are for the instructors to cover the cost of material provided.
 Call the library at 582-7861 to register.

4-H MEMBERS HONORED FOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND SERVICE

Recognized for a job well done

Charlevoix County 4-H held its Achievement and Recognition Banquet recently to honor its members and volunteers.

Honored seniors in East Jordan were: Sara Boyer, Valerie Derenzy, Jessica Dunlop, Carolyn Elliott, Ruth Elliott, Adam Fuller, Cody Fuller, Quinci Anne Fuller, Eric Greenman, Bobby Huffman, Matt Sokolowski, Brandy Thompson, John Thompson, Cody Thayer.

Honored seniors in Boyne City were: Elizabeth David, Hannah David, Jacob Fair, Erin Haley, Hannah Hausler, Molly Hausler,

Matthew Haver, Jonathon Haver, Diana Hellstrom, Amanda Howard, Tamara Howard, Bobby Lahti, Katreana McPherson, Keever McPherson, James Notestine, Rocky Peters, Eric Sweet, Katie Sweet, Jasmine Thayer, Joshua Thayer, Kayla VanAlstine, Lacey VanAlstine, Allison Wright.

Special recognition went to East Jordan's Sara Boyer who won the 4-H Council Scholarship; Katreana McPherson of Boyne City was named Farm Bureau Outstanding 4-H member; Jasmine Thayer of Boyne City was named Charlevoix County

4-H Ambassador.

Fifth Year 4-H volunteers were: Rhonda Dunlop - Boyne City, Denise Graham - East Jordan, Debrae Hammond - East Jordan, Pat Haver - Boyne City, Paul Haver - Boyne City, Sheri Huffman - East Jordan, Ella McPherson - Boyne City, Joy Greenman - East Jordan; 10th Year 4-H volunteer: Lenore Senter - Boyne City; 15th year 4-H volunteer:

LeaAnn Elliott and Bill Thompson - East Jordan; Boyne Area Soccer volunteers honored were: Susan Conklin, Gretchen Crum, Cindy Grice, Tim Kendall, Gina Kendall, Rob Dunne, John Nagle, Bob Houser. East Jordan 4-H Soccer volunteers honored were: Danielle Baier, Lori Kraemer, Laura Hansen, Debbie LaCounty, Clara Morris, Lynn Meads, Melissa Deltoan.

4-H recruiting volunteers for Challenge program

The Charlevoix County 4-H Youth Program is looking for adults who enjoy the outdoors and also have an interest in working with young people.

An open house is being hosted in Boyne City on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Boyne City City Hall Building at 319 North Lake St. Guest speakers will be Dee Williams, state 4-H Challenge coordinator, and Rudi Edell, a current 4-H Challenge volunteer in Otsego County.

Williams will focus on the training necessary to become certified as a volunteer while Edell will provide the background on how to make the local program successful.

The 4-H Challenge program became popular in the late 1970s and has had continued interest over the past 20 years of the history of the program. It includes such areas as canoeing, backpacking, orienteering, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, wilderness survival, as well as rock climbing.

The open house will be an opportunity for those interested to learn how to get involved in the training that will allow adults to earn the title of a 4-H Challenge volunteer, said Charlevoix County 4-H Youth Agent John Wurm. The training helps adults develop or improve their outdoor skills. It also teaches them how to work with youth in a setting to develop a variety of life-skills and an appreciation for the out-of-doors.

"Many of the relationships that have been developed through the 4-H Challenge program have lasted a lifetime," Wurm said. "Our objective is to assist people interested in this common area of interest and then help provide them with the kind of training necessary to impact our area young people."

Contact the Charlevoix County MSU Extension office at 582-6232 for more information. Refreshments will be served.

Boyne Nursery Center has openings

The Boyne City Nursery Center has openings this fall for 3, 4, and young 5 year olds.

To be eligible, children must be 3 years old by Sept. 30, 4 years old by Nov. 30, or 5 by Jan. 31, 2000.

If you're interested in enrolling your child, bring their immunization

card, insurance information, and doctor's name to the nursery center, located at 1030 Roosevelt St. or call 582-7131 or 582-3176 for more information.

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NEIGHBORS

By **NANCY NORTHUP**

SIX FORMER BOYNE City telephone operators met at Robert's Restaurant for brunch recently to share memories of the old days when they manned the switchboards in the local office until it converted to the dial system in early 1952. They also exchanged news of other former operators who are no longer here or couldn't be reached for the reunion. Those attending were Helen (Lick) Lyons, Doris (Wicker) Hocquard, Leanna (Sutliff) McCarry, Ruth (Colley) Hawkins, Ruth (Wilson) Stark and Eula (Earl) Martin.

ANN AND JERRY BREMER of Shreveport, La., were recent visitors of her mother, Evelyn Stebbins, and sister Marilyn and husband, Fred Brown of Boyne City for a week. While here, they all visited Evelyn's granddaughter, Sheri, and her husband, Mike Bates, at Grand Marais in the U.P., who recently purchased a home, moving from the Lansing area. Grandson Tom Carpenter also visited mid-week. "We were so thankful Mother Nature put on a beautiful color show for the 'southerners' while they were in the area," said Marilyn.

BOB AND PHYLLIS TRUMBLE, former favorite residents of Boyne City, returned to their home in Williams, Minn. on Monday after having spent the week here visiting the East Jordan home of their daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Terry

Sierocki.

DAWN HOBBS of Huntington Beach, Calif., the daughter of Helen and Ron Hobbs, was here for a visit with her aunt and uncle, Sue and Morrie Hobbs in Boyne City, and Aunt Joan Burnett of Charlevoix. They spent a day at Bronner's in Frankenmuth and also a family dinner with cousins, Kim and Brittany Matelski, and Jeff Smith and daughters.

JEAN KORTHASE spent Sunday at the Korthase Farm. Her daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Bruce Lawson of Rochester were here with her for the weekend. It was Jean's birthday. She received beautiful red and white roses from her daughter Sherry from Georgia and her son and daughter, and a lovely basket of flowers from granddaughter, Brianna Korthase, a student in Oakland, Calif., as well as many other calls and cards. Nancy and Bruce also attended the Saturday wedding of Brandon Stadt and Wendy LaCroix.

EVELYN STOCKER of Litzzenburger Place spent Wednesday to Saturday as a medical patient at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

HATTIE DANA, former Boyne City resident might appreciate cards from area friends as she recuperates in a health care facility. Address cards to: Hattie Dana, c/o Courtland Health Care Center, 23020 Main Street, Courtland, Va., 23837.

JOHN AND KERRY TAPPER (formerly Kerry Harvey) of Paw Paw, welcomed the arrival of a son, Charlie Russell, born at Lakeview Hospital on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1999. Charlie Russell Tapper weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and measured 20 inches. Proud grandparents are Carol Harvey of Detroit, and John and Linda Tapper of Paw Paw.

RESIDENTS OF LITZENBURGER Place extend heartfelt sympathies to the family of long-time former resident LaBerta Martin. LaBerta died Sunday at Charlevoix Area Hospital. A graveside service was held in East Jordan on Tuesday.

A REMINDER goes out to Advance Board of Commerce members. The Christmas potluck dinner will be held (weather permitting) on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 5:30 p.m. An exchange of gifts, \$5 is suggested, or a exchanging of Christmas goodies will be part of the evening's fun. If weather is bad, please call Susie Walley at 582-2242, who might have an alternate meeting place closer to town.

THE NORTHERN SLOPES Farm Bureau held its October meeting at the Lakeview Village home of Jean Korthase with 11 members attending. A good discussion was the result of watching a video on New Farming Bills. Pig Farming and Farming in General. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

PETER AND BETH INMAN of East Jordan were among other area relatives attending the final farewell service in Elk Rapids on Thursday for their son-in-law, Jason Wilson. Jason, the husband of their daughter Hope, died unexpectedly late last Sunday evening.

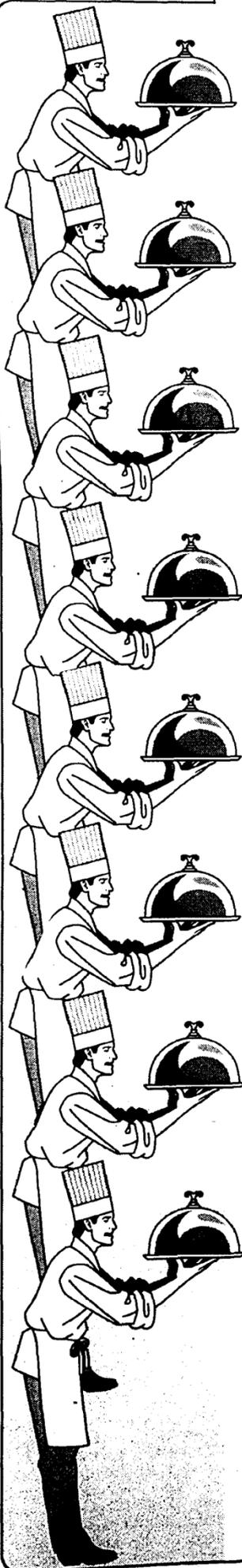
MOLLY BRICKER, a sophomore at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, is home for a week of fall break with her family, the Dave Brickers in Deer Lake. Molly has just returned from an Aquinas program, a study of Montana's Black Feet Indian Reservation, under the auspices of Montana's Browning Community College. A group of 15 spent from mid-August to mid-October visiting various camps there, learning their culture and way of everyday life. Molly, who has many interesting stories to tell, says, "I loved it and hope to go back there someday!"

A BIRTHDAY LUNCH was enjoyed on Friday at Pippins. Gathering for a good time were Jean Grimm, Jean Korthase and Loma Leslie, the celebrants being Jean Korthase and Loma. All were pleased by the surprise visit of dear friend, Phyllis Trumble, here from Williams, Minn.

(If you have an item for Nancy's column, please call 582-9174 or e-mail her at nanup@mail.unnet.com)

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CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Grandvue Auxiliary

Grandvue Auxiliary met Oct. 14 at Grandvue. President Helen Deming presided.

The following officers were installed by Lucille Dolwick: Helen Deming, Boyne City, president; Mary Glenna Malpass, East Jordan, vice president; Ardeth Hawley, Boyne City, secretary; and Jean Korhase, Boyne City, treasurer.

President Deming reported that the whisper glide swing had arrived and was set up.

A discussion was held on the memorial fund. All memorials sent to Grandvue Auxiliary are deposited in the memorial fund; this fund is designated for the education and travel expense of the staff at Grandvue. All donations are welcome.

Cheryl Sothard presented a program with a video on the Eden Alternative.

For further information, call Cheryl at 536-2286.

American Legion

Ray Moore, Veteran's Service Officer, will be at the American Legion Post at the corner of Lake and Main Streets in Boyne City, on Thursday, Oct. 28, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Any veteran seeking assistance, whether financial, medical, disability benefits, etc., may consult with Moore during those times.

VFW Auxiliary serving Swiss steak dinner

The Smelt City VFW Auxiliary #3675 will hold this year's last Swiss Steak Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 5-7 p.m. at the post home located at 1108 E. Division St. (M-75) Boyne City.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, children 5-12 are \$3, and under 5 are free. A salad and dessert bar is available for \$4.

The auxiliary's Swiss Steak Dinners will begin again on Jan. 29, 2000.

The auxiliary meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 3, at the post home in Boyne City. Members are reminded to wear their uniforms.

If any member of the Smelt City VFW Auxiliary knows of anyone who has been in the hospital, past or present or anyone who is ill, call Sue Weir at 582-7402.

COLLEGE NEWS

ANDY DOUGLAS, a Boyne City High School graduate and freshman at Albion College, is a member of the Briton football team this fall. He is playing as a wide receiver.

SARA A. ROACH of East Jordan graduated from Central Michigan University in August with a bachelor of science degree.

MARK PENZIEN of East Jordan, a sophomore at Alma College, appeared in the college's production of Anton Chekhov's "The Three Sisters." The play ran Oct. 14-17, and was directed by Joe Jezewski, associate professor of theatre. Penzien played the part of "Andrey Prozorov."

EJ middle school football team beats Charlevoix

The East Jordan middle school football team defeated Charlevoix 42-16 last week.

East Jordan scored on its first play when Alan Amott ran 74 yards for a touchdown. Luis Beeler scored on a 25 yard run and Josh Sheridan caught a pass from Matt Huver for the 2-point conversion.

Az Ahmed ran for a 39 yard touchdown. Beeler ran 21 yards for a touchdown. Richard Bjorem ran for 2-point conversion. Huver had a 24 yard run for a touchdown and Amott went 39 yards for a touchdown on a punt return.

Steve Goodwin had an interception while Greg Grose, Chad Hoppe, Teddy Slough and Goodwin were cited for their defensive play.

East Jordan finished the season 3-1 with wins against Pellston, Petoskey and Charlevoix.

Testing the waters



Photos by Melissa McKenzie

Continuing in the MST tradition, East Jordan High School students Renee Nowka and Kevin Curtin continued water quality testing on the Jordan River. This is the third year students have worked with the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed to monitor the water. Data collected will be used for projects in which students learn the process of statistical analysis.

ENGAGEMENT



Heather Silbar-Kevin Rice

James and Patricia Silbar of Boyne City announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Anne Silbar, to Kevin John Rice, both of Sanibel Island, Fla. Kevin is the son of Raymond and Rose Rice of Cape Coral, Fla.

The couple recently visited northern Michigan to take part in the wedding of Tammy Kossel and Philip Hutchison. During the wedding reception, Kevin privately proposed marriage to Heather and presented her with a ring.

Kevin Rice is the general manager of the Beachview Inn on Sanibel Island. Heather Silbar is employed by Tween Waters Resort on Captiva Island, Fla.

Wedding plans are indefinite, although the setting will be tropical on a small island west of Fort Myers, Fla.

NEWS FROM CITY HALL

By SUE HOBBS

NORTHLAKE STREET is scheduled for paving late this week. Sidewalks are being poured along the street and in front of city hall and the drive in front of city hall will be resurfaced. This will be the final project during the 1999 construction season.

ROBINSON STREET has been reopened with a gravel surface and will be paved as soon as H & D can schedule the work this fall. This will make it much easier to take leaves and small brush to the North Boyne compost site. This site is open at all hours for your convenience. Please make sure you pile brush on the brush pile and leaves on the compost pile.

THE CITY RECEIVED encouraging news regarding funding for expansion of the industrial park. A pre-application for a grant from the federal Economic Development Administration and a pre-application for a loan from the state Economic Development Corporation have both been accepted. The city must now file full applications by Nov. 16 and 24 respectively. The city is being assisted with these applications by Wade-Trim, Inc. and the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance. If the grant and loan are approved, they will total \$1,690,000, with funds being available after Jan. 1.

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



Making memories

Peg Crozier of Boyne City, right, was the second highest fundraiser at the Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association 1999 Memory Walk, bringing in \$1,100 for the cause. She won a television for her efforts. She was joined at the walk by Penny Drury, a chapter board member and administrator at Grandvue Medical Care Facility. Nearly 500 people participated in the walk held in five northern Michigan towns.

Camp Grayling honors David Wilson

David Wilson of Boyne City was among those honored at the fourth annual Hail and Farewell dinner and program for soldiers retiring from the Camp Grayling unit.

He joined 11 other retirees representing 260 years of military service

to our state and nation.

The event was held Oct. 2 at the Camp Grayling Officers Club, with 150 family members and guests in attendance.

Wilson is retiring as a staff sergeant with 25 years of service.

More BF students are Great Lakes Scholars

Additional Boyne Falls students have been named Great Lakes Scholars. They are Carissa Reynolds, Melissa Anthony, Nicolas Sevenski, Aaron Brown, Amanda Fish, Elisha

Fiel, Jonathan Mauchmar, Joshua Blackwell, Kayla Reynolds, Megan Pernicano, Annie Pernicano, Caleb Brown and Shane Gerred.

The Boyne City Sports Complex has a newly expanded restroom/concession stand facility thanks to generous donations from community members. Foundation treasurer Steve Baker is pictured here with Ed Barden, Sr. of F.O. Barden and Son, and Ed Woelfert of Bank One, who recently each made donations of \$1000 toward the complex.



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Sat & Sun at 4:15
American Beauty -R (115 min) Starring Kevin Spacey & Anette Bening
At 7:00 & 9:15 Nightly
Also Sat & Sun at 2:00 & 4:15
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SPORTS

EAST JORDAN HOSTS PLAYOFF GAME SATURDAY

First round: Red Devils vs. Rudyard

Life couldn't be finer for the East Jordan Red Devils.

They're in the playoffs. They will host their first-round game at beautiful Boswell Stadium and they are playing an opponent they feel they can beat.

"I'm excited," said head coach Allan Peterson. So is his team. They joined Peterson at his home Sunday evening to watch the playoff drawing and they were one happy bunch.

"We had a blast," Peterson said. "It was a lot of fun and there was a lot of whooping and hollering."

But now its time to get down to business. The Red Devils play Rudyard at home Saturday with kickoff at 1 p.m.

Peterson and assistant coach Ted Sherman took a

crash course on Rudyard early in the week studying tape. "There's nothing we haven't seen before," Peterson said. "In fact they run the same offense as a team in our league and we played well against it."

The Red Devils finished the regular season with a 7-2 record while Rudyard has a 5-3 record.

Coming into the season, Peterson knew his team would be good, since he had his entire offensive line returning. "We knew going in we had a nice team," he said. "We had our whole line back. When you have a line you have an offense."

"But I don't know if any of us thought we'd be in the playoffs or hosting a game but some things in life are strange."

While the Red Devils haven't been to the playoffs since 1994, this is the third time in

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We will work hard
and we'll be
prepared.”

--Head coach Allan Peterson

Peterson's seven years as head coach East Jordan has earned a berth. "That feels good," Peterson said. It will feel even better if East Jordan wins Saturday. If they do, they will play the winner of the

Onaway-Stephenson game and very likely could host that game as well.

"This is a team we should beat," Peterson said of Rudyard. "I've watched tape after tape and I just really feel this is a team we can beat."

"We will work hard and we'll be prepared."

The Red Devils closed out their regular season last Friday with a 35-8 win over Elk Rapids. Scoring for East Jordan were Kyle Bjorem on a one-yard and nine-yard run, Nate Swan on a 51-yard run, Brandon Healy on a two-yard run, and Ben Johnson.

For the evening Swan had 87 yards on five carries, Bill Bavers had 75 yards on six carries and Johnson had 65 yards on seven carries.

CONFERENCE CHAMPS

EJ boys capture title for second year in a row

It was nearly a repeat performance for East Jordan runners who captured the conference championship for the second year in a row last week.

East Jordan scored 17 points, followed by Charlevoix with 44, Kalkaska with 90 and Traverse City St. Francis with 101.

The boys once again swept up the top three spots with Tarn Leach taking first place for the second year in a row with 17:02. Micah Middaugh repeated his second place finish with 17:22 and Chris Bearden captured third place, up from his fourth place finish last year, with 17:34. Kevin Penzien was fifth with a time of 17:50, Matt Birgy 12th at 18:28 and Corban Shaw 13th at 19.

"Our boys did well, but they are going to have to improve in order to do well at regionals and, hopefully, state. We sure aren't there yet," coach Dennis Snarey said.

Coach Matt Peterson agreed, saying the boys have a way to go "to meet their lofty goals."

East Jordan girls were third with 88 points. Boyne City was first with 44 and Charlevoix second with 45.

Heather Hammond finished sixth with 21:44, Jamie Baker was 15th with 22:58, Krystal Birgy 19th with 23:52, Ruth Elliott 20th with 23:53 and Amanda McMichael 23rd with 25:23.

Earning All-Conference honors were Leach, Middaugh, Bearden, Penzien and Hammond.

"Heather finally ran her first tough race. She'll be ready for regionals," Snarey said.

"Congratulations to both Boyne and Charlevoix girls for giving us a great race" Peterson said.

Junior varsity runners finished

first through seventh. Score was not kept.

"Our marvelous jv's proved once again what quality runners they are," Peterson said.

Don Priest was first 18:38, Garrett Romero second 18:42, Brian McNeil third 18:55, Chris Bacon fourth 18:56, Peter Warnos fifth 19:01, James Gee sixth 19:23, Jeremy Penzien seventh 19:28.

THE BOYS TEAM turned around and won the Elk Rapids Invitational over the weekend scoring 34 points. Traverse City Central had 50 and Traverse City West 66.

"Considering the wind and rain, we were surprised just how good the times were today," Peterson said. "We felt it was a great tune up for Saturday's regional on this course."

Leach led the Red Devils again with a first place finish running 16:42. Middaugh was fourth at 17:19, Bearden eighth at 17:38 and Penzien ninth with 17:39. Birgy finished 20th and Priest 23rd.

"To win against a ranked class A school shows our depth, but our sixth and seventh runners need to give us more at regionals," Snarey said.

The girls finished sixth out of 13 teams. Heather Hammond finished 22nd, Jamie Baker 23rd, Ruth Elliott 41st, Krystal Birgy 47th and Amanda McMichael 44th.

"Amanda ran particularly well today. The future looks good for her," Snarey said.

Times for the middle school girls were: Haley Shaw 13:56, Tiffanie Bearden 14:32, Nina Romero 18. Middle school boys: Chris Duff 14:11, Jim Gee 14:38, Rhett Malpass 17:42, Caleb Priest 18:34.



Boyne City defenders Kristy Gaither and Ellie Neidhamer close in on the Red Devils' Mary Ann Brooks as she tries to break the intense defensive pressure. The Red Devil defense also stepped up in East Jordan's 48-26 win.

EJ wins round 2

■ Defense keys Red Devils win over Boyne City

East Jordan defeated Boyne City 48-26 last week, splitting the wins between the two teams for the season.

"It was a great win because we lost to them the first time around and we were coming off a disappointing loss in our last game," East Jordan coach Steve Hines said. "We were finally able to finish a game and did so with a great team effort."

East Jordan jumped ahead in the first quarter 16-4, but the Ramblers managed to keep it a six to eight point game for the next three quarters.

"The score doesn't indicate that it was a pretty intense game for three quarters," Boyne City coach Tom Neidhamer said.

"To East Jordan's credit, they held that lead and at the last two minutes took it out to a 20 point win," Neidhamer said.

Both coaches attributed East Jordan's defense as key to the Red Devil win.

But Neidhamer added "we're not going to win shooting 17 percent."

"We split as we usually do, and we may meet in districts again, so it could be a heck of a game in districts," Neidhamer said.

Neidhamer said neither Boyne City nor East Jordan are contenders for the league title, but the district title is up for grabs.

"Our focus is going to be getting ready for districts," Neidhamer said.

For East Jordan, Suzi Malpass scored 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Linda Slough had 10 points and four steals. Rachel Boss scored eight and had 10 rebounds. Jennifer Doebel snagged five rebounds and had three assists and steals.

Nicole Kurtz had 13 points for the Ramblers.

IN JUNIOR VARSITY action, Boyne City defeated East Jordan 37-33. Liz Bargas had 21 points for the Ramblers.

THE FRESHMEN team also won its match, outscoring East Jordan 59-31. For Boyne City Jenna Roland had 12 points, Katie Grice had 10 and Meredith Clemens had nine points. East Jordan's Claire Niewendorf had 16 points.

Clemens, Jessie Raber and Bobbie Zavesky had eight rebounds each and Roland had seven. The team boasts a 6-0 conference record and is 10-3 overall. They face Inland Lakes at home on Wednesday at 6 p.m..

BC girls set the pace

The Boyne City Girls Cross Country team used a solid team effort to nip Charlevoix for the Lake Michigan Conference title. The conference championship meet was hosted Oct. 19 by East Jordan High School.

"We had been beaten by Charlevoix all season and they are a good team," said Coach Andy Place. "We have not had all our runners compete in the same race until today. It took a team effort to sneak one in on them. Coach Plude always has his Charlevoix teams ready at this time of year."

Boyne City edged Charlevoix by one point 44-45.

Dramatic finishes by Jackie Cyr and Kelsi Brewer were highlights for the Ramblers. Brewer finished less than a half second ahead of Winter Kyvik of Charlevoix in a race to the finish line.

For the Ramblers, Jackie Cyr finished third, Jane Stieber fifth, Kelsi Brewer eighth, Mindy McCutcheon 12th, Charlotte Brandt 16th, Emily Bricker 17th, and Brie VanDam 22nd.

Cyr and Stieber earned All-Con-

ference honors, while Brewer and McCutcheon earned honorable mention. Stieber was also All-Conference last year, as a 13-year-old freshman.

Sophomores Brewer and McCutcheon received their honors and then suited up for the played Boyne City junior varsity basketball team which played later in the evening.

Brandt, Bricker, and VanDam, Place said, are the fastest fifth, sixth and seventh place runners in the Conference. "This depth has helped the running team all season."

Shawn Weisler repeated as All-Conference performer as he finished sixth in the highly competitive boys' race. East Jordan took five of the top seven places in the race. Kellan Smith finished 22nd, Brian Miller 25th, and Brad Winkler 32nd.

The team was short a team member and therefore did not score as a team. Place is looking forward to next year when the four eighth grade boys, who ran for the middle school, will run for the high school team.

Please see **RUNNERS** on page 13

Mistakes plague Ramblers to the end

If there is any consolation for the Boyne City Ramblers as they look back on their season, it's the fact that five of the six teams they lost to are playing this weekend in the opening round of the high school football playoffs.

Glen Lake, Rogers City, East Jordan, Harbor Springs, and Traverse City St. Francis all have a date to play this weekend. The Ramblers' other loss came against Benzie Central, which would also have earned a ticket to the playoffs if it had won last Saturday.

As he looked back on the season, head coach Dave Bricker was reminded of a quote. It goes like this: "Football doesn't build character it is just a great place to show character."

Bricker believes his team showed character throughout the season.

"I think our kids had every reason to break down and want to quit and lose control along the way," he said. "But they hung in there, practiced to the end, played hard till the end and didn't back down from anyone."

"It is sad to have a feeling we didn't have a good season. In our hearts we know we are a good football team."

While there were many challenges along the way for the Ramblers, their stiffest test came last Saturday evening when they faced St. Francis at wet, windy and muddy Thirby Field in Traverse City. The Ramblers lost 39-0.

"I thought our kids played pretty well," Bricker said. "I thought we played them real respectable."

"It was difficult for our kids to know the season was coming to an end and to see we were not going to pull the upset. But we survived. That game was like our season. We would make a mistake and the

other team takes a big chunk of you."

Penalties and turnovers were costly for the Ramblers and against a team like St. Francis it is a hard enough struggle even playing error-free. As a result, the Rambler defense spent a lot of time on the field and its offense struggled. Boyne gained only 116 yards. Jason Grace rushed for 58 yards on 13 carries and quarterback Josh Bush rushed six times for 42 yards.

Defensively, Noah Stanek led the team with 12 tackles, followed by Anthony Wormell and Bush with nine, and Joe Hellebuyck with eight.

"St. Francis is a good football team, you can't that away from them. They weren't trying to be nice to us and we played them as tight as anybody."



Head coach Dave Bricker makes a point to Rob LaVanway on the sidelines Saturday in Traverse City.

GOOD LUCK IN THE PLAYOFFS

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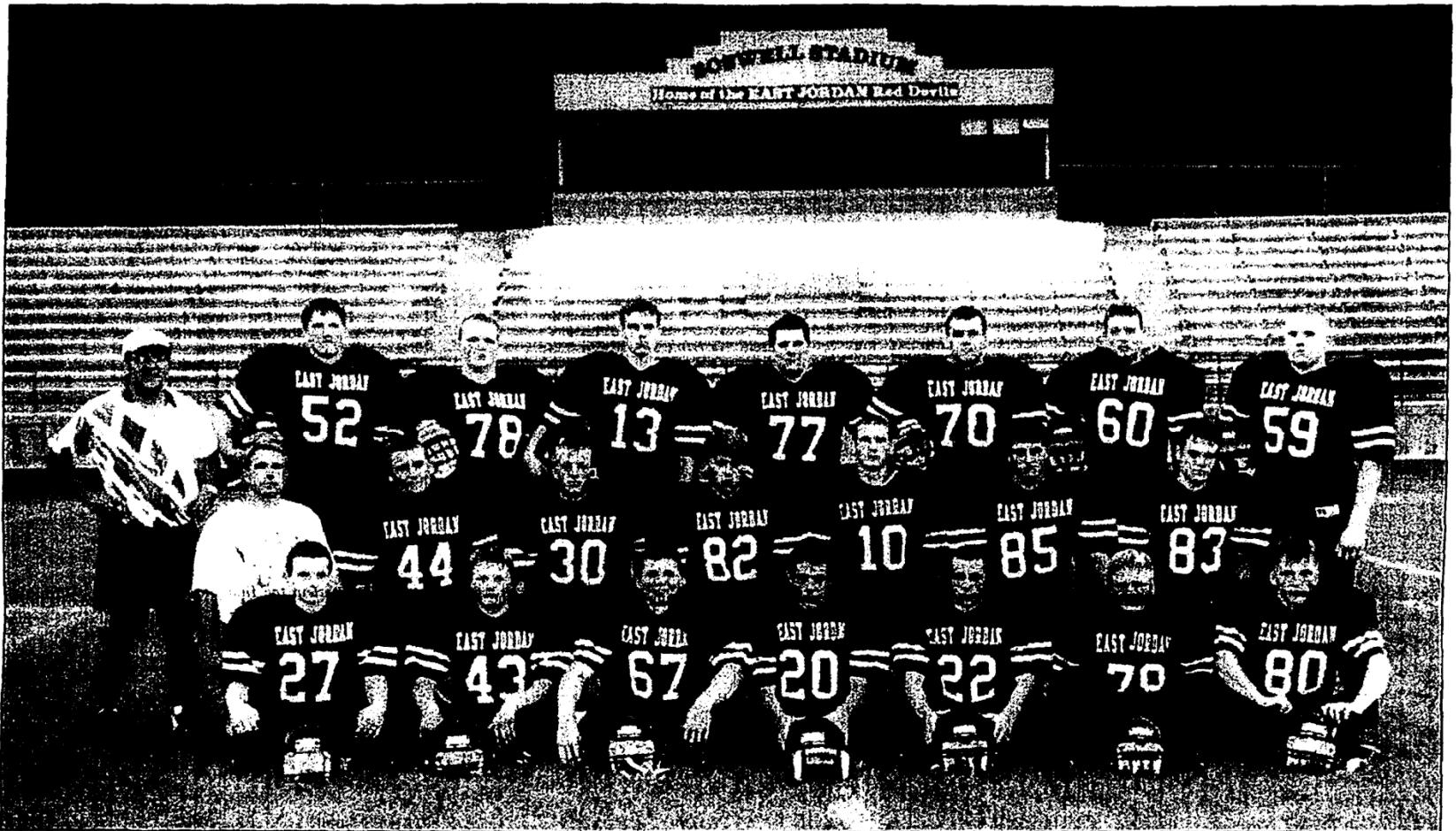


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Members of the East Jordan High School Varsity football team are, front row from left: Branden Healey, Bill Bavers, Evan Chappuies, Robert Grover, Justin Whisler, Tyson Potter, Mike Whiteford. Middle row: Coach Ted Sherman, Kyle Bjorem, Ben Johnson, Kris Lifer, Mike Wladischkin, Matt Paquette, Joe Lansing. Back row: Coach Allan Peterson, Bobby Huffman, Chris Mills, Ken Slough, Chris Olson, Jeff Kraemer, Russ Steinhoff. Not pictured: Nate Swan

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Go Red Devils!

Shooting hoops and clocking miles

■ Three Boyne athletes double up on fall sports

You only have four years in high school, so why not do as much as you can," said Boyne City High School sophomore Kelsi Brewer.

She and classmates Wendy Chrysler and Mindy McCutcheon are certainly giving it their best shot in the sports arena.

The trio play junior varsity basketball — their primary sport — and run cross country. It's not an unusual feat for athletes to participate in more than one sport — just when it's in the same season.

In fact, Brewer and McCutcheon ran in the cross country conference meet last Tuesday, then turned around to face East Jordan's basketball team the same evening.

Their team grabbed first place in the conference meet and went on to defeat East Jordan by two points.

Whereas running 3.2 miles as fast as possible might be enough exertion for most people in one day, the duo couldn't wait to get on the court to face the Red Devils.

"I've never been so excited for a basketball game," Brewer said.

"I felt really pumped up too," McCutcheon said. "I think a winning conference really boosted us," Brewer added.

Both Brewer and McCutcheon were on the state-qualifying 3,200 meter relay team for track last year along with Jackie Cyr and Jane Stieber. Brewer, McCutcheon and Chrysler have all been running track since sixth grade.

"We were good at track so we decided to do cross country too," McCutcheon said.

They spend more time practicing basketball, but describe themselves as natural runners, making their less frequent cross country competitions manageable. Basketball workouts, they admit though, are good training for distance running.

McCutcheon has competed in six cross country meets, earning medals in four out of five races. Chrysler and Brewer have run in three, with Brewer medaling in all three. Illness and late starts contributed to their participation in fewer races.

"We're doing awesome," Chrysler said of the cross country team. And of basketball "it's a really fun sport and keeps me in shape for hockey."

Brewer is the team's starting point guard. Chrysler is starting center and McCutcheon is a point guard.

Chrysler describes her basketball talents as rebounding and aggressiveness. McCutcheon's teammates say she is quick. Brewer excels at dribbling and is strong defensively.

And while as freshmen their basketball foes weren't too fierce, this year, experienced rivals have stiffened the competition a bit. It's not intimidating they say, but more motivating. And Brewer believes that coach Michelle Deming, who moved up with them from her freshman position, has a lot to do with the team's cohesiveness. She could be right as the team posts a 9-4 record and have gone 7-2 in the conference.

Switching gears between the two sports means going from a team mindset to more of an individual



Athletes, from left, Wendy Chrysler, Mindy McCutcheon and Kelsi Brewer take playing basketball and running cross country in stride.

focus, although Brewer points out that cross country is now officially a team sport for the first time with eight on the squad.

Chrysler describes the adrenaline rush at the starting line as "so unbelievably high."

"It's a really tough mental focus," Chrysler said. "It's good for you."

Next up for them is the regional cross country meet.

"We're just going to run," Brewer said.

"Even if we don't make it (to state) we have two more years," Chrysler said. Regardless, their win at conference means a banner in the high school gym

— a first for cross country — and a proud accomplishment for them.

All three plan to try out for varsity basketball next year. Chrysler said she's going to run more this summer in preparation for cross country.

In the meantime, all three will run track next spring. McCutcheon will hit the slopes with the ski team this winter. Brewer will join the cheerleading squad and Chrysler will play hockey and volleyball.

"Sophomore is a tough year," Brewer said. And stamina built up in the fall will prepare them for a competitive winter and spring

Rambler jvs win eighth straight

With a 21-6 win over St. Francis last Thursday, the Boyne City Ramblers closed out an impressive season with an 8-1 record.

Its only loss came in the first game of the season against Glen Lake.

The game was tied 6-6 at the half and it remained close until the fourth quarter when Kevin Paul scored on a 56-yard run.

Cole Andrews led the Ramblers, rushing for 136 yards on 14 carries and scoring one touchdown.

Quarterback Ryan Amesbury connected on all three of his passes including an 11-yard toss to Cass Dolbow for a touchdown.

Defensively, the Ramblers as they have been all season, were rock solid. Boyne City allowed only 78 points for the entire season.

Mike Bingham led the Ramblers against St. Francis with 13 tackles while Damien Contin had seven.



Cole Andrews rushed for 136 yards and scored one touchdown for the Ramblers against St. Francis.

Lady Loggers win a thriller

With three seconds on the clock, Boyne Falls Julie Korthase sank two free throws to clinch the team's come from behind win against Vanderbilt last week.

Although they posted a 46-44 win, the Lady Loggers started out slow scoring only three points in the first quarter. They put nine more points on the scoreboard in the second, but were still behind 23-12 going into the third.

Boyne Falls half court trap in the second half kept Vanderbilt to scoring 11 and 10 points in the second and third quarters, while the Loggers scored 21 in the third and 13 more in the fourth to help clinch the win.

Korthase was a leading scorer

with 11 points. Rene Fiel and Jennifer Boyer each had 12 with Boyer also grabbing 17 rebounds.

Boyne Falls couldn't come back against Harbor Light Christian School later in the week losing 73-42.

Another slow start in the first quarter combined with only 15 percent at the free throw line didn't help the Logger's cause.

Harbor Light's Stephani Hass had 34 points and is the leading scorer in the state averaging 38 points per game.

Fiel scored 12 for the Loggers and Boyer had nine.

The Lady Loggers post a 8-7 season record and are 3-5 in their conference.

Boyne frosh beat East Jordan

The East Jordan freshman girls basketball team fell to Boyne City 59-31 on Oct. 19.

Top scorer for the East Jordan was Claire Niewendorp with 16 points and top rebounders were Niewendorp, Lisa Talboys, and Kandra Carson. Scoring for Boyne City were Katie Grice with 10 and Meredith Clemens with 9.

East Jordan suffered a disappointing loss to Elk Rapids on Thursday, after having led at the end of each of the first three quarters. The final

score was 48-44.

Talboys was the top scorer for East Jordan, with 13 points, followed by Rebecca Thorman and Niewendorp, with 8 and 7 points, respectively. Niewendorp was the top rebounder with 11. Cayla Tinney and Megan Luck made a good showing with 5 assists each. The team shot 8 of 27 from the free throw line; Elk Rapids shot 15 of 34.

East Jordan's record stands at 3-10 for the season.

Runners —

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A few brave runners ran Saturday in the rain and gale force winds in Elk Rapids.

Shawn Weisler finished seventh in the Boys Class C-D race in a time of 17:38. Brad Winkler finished 61st in 20:43 and Brian Miller finished 64th in 20:56.

In the girls' Class C-D race, Jane Stieber finished seventh in 20:56, Mindy McCutcheon 17th in 21:56, Kelsi Brewer 50th in 23:59, and Brie VanDam 51st in 24:01. The race gave the runners an opportunity to run the course that will be used for this week's regional race.

The Elk Rapids Invitational was also the last race of the season for the Boyne City Middle School runners. Justin Weisler finished 15th in a time of 14:27 to earn a medal. Sam McVannel just missed a medal by placing 21st overall in a time of 14:38 and David Burns finished 48th in a time of 16:16. Burns ran this year's race nearly two full minutes faster than last year despite the weather.

The running Ramblers will be competing in the MHSAA Regional meet on Saturday in Elk Rapids.

ELECTION NOTICE CITY OF EAST JORDAN

NOTICE OF GENERAL CITY ELECTION

TO BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1999
IN THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN
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To the qualified electors of the City of East Jordan: Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1999 at the Civic Center, for the purpose of electing four (4) City Commissioners for four-year terms.

The Polls of said election will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. of said day of election.

Kathy O'Rear, CMC
City Clerk

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

CITY OF BOYNE CITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a City General Election will be held in the City of Boyne City, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan on

TUESDAY, NOV. 2, 1999

at City Hall, 319 North Lake Street, Boyne City, MI for the purpose of electing the following offices:

Two City Commissioners for four-year term, to expire November, 2003 and one City Commissioner for a two-year term, to expire November 2001.

The polls of said election shall be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and shall remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. of said day of election.

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