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## at a GLANCE

### Playground to be assembled Saturday

Get out your tools and workgloves — it's time to build the new playground at Boyne City Elementary School. According to organizer Teresa Roberge, the equipment is ordered and on its way to Boyne City. The official installation day will be Saturday, Sept. 23, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Two shifts will be organized for the day, with cement work and "skilled" labor needed in the afternoon shift. The morning shift will concentrate on assembly of the individual components.

Volunteers of all skill levels are needed. Organizers are also looking for equipment, including the following: large cement mixers, builders' ransit, motorized auger, hand-held post hole digger, bobcat with both an auger and a bucket. Those interested in helping may also bring tools of their own for personal use.

For more information, call Roberge at 582-3694.

### BC Library celebrates freedom to read

To celebrate the freedom to read, the Boyne District Library is observing Banned Books Week, Sept. 23-30.

Now in its 19th year, Banned Books Week is endorsed by the Library of Congress Center for the Book.

In honor of Banned Books Week, the Boyne District Library will be displaying books that have been challenged or banned, with their reasons.

During the week a drawing for prizes will be held for those people who have read a banned or challenged book. Entrants must put their name and telephone number on a slip of paper and identify a challenged or banned book they have read. Prizes have been provided by Boyne Country Books and Blockbuster Video.

For more information, call the library at 582-7861.

## No autumn secret

### ■ Area's fall beauty gets plenty of ink

Most folks who live in northern Michigan are well aware of the breathtaking beauty of the Jordan Valley. Now, it seems, those from around the state are taking notice as well.

This month alone, the area is featured for its fall beauty in Midwest Living, Style magazine, and Traverse Magazine, as well as in the Western Michigan Fall Color Tour Guide.

"I know we've made our mark for fall splendor," said East Jordan Area Chamber director Mary Faculak.

While the chamber has worked in recent years to get the word out about the natural beauty the area has to offer, Faculak was surprised recently when she received the call from Style magazine editor Carla Schwartz. The Oakland County magazine, which is also published as an insert to the Detroit Jewish News, was searching for material on fall activities and events, and wondered if Faculak could fax her some information.

Apparently, Schwartz liked what she saw, calling

back immediately and asking for pictures. Faculak contacted local photographer Karen Walker, who was happy to contribute to the project. The item, featuring two of Walker's photos and a write-up of the area's offerings for fall, is in the magazine's Sept. 1 issue.

And though Faculak is pleased with the increasing interest, it doesn't really surprise her. After attending a nature-based tourism conference through the Michigan State University extension program, she, and the chamber as a whole, began to work a little harder to promote the built-in attractions of the Jordan Valley. "Some of the things we're starting to look at are [the area's] fabulous nature-based opportunities," she said. Faculak said that the area has seen an increase in vacationers who come to experience the outdoors.

The campaign has been so successful, in fact, that East Jordan will be the site for the fourth annual

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East Jordan Area Chamber director Mary Faculak, left, and local photographer Karen Walker hold copies of a few of the magazines featuring the area's fall beauty.

## Third World EXPERIENCE

### ■ A year in Papua New Guinea was an adventure for the Peters family

By ANGELA SHULTIS

Kim and Gary Peters and their three children, Nina, Nathan, and Tasha, returned last month from a year-long trip that changed their lives and the way they look at the world.

And though Gary is now back at his teaching job at East Jordan Elementary, Kim is reorganizing the household, and the kids have started a new school year, making the transition to being home again is proving to be a challenge.

"It's been an adjustment," said Gary, sitting in the living room of the family's home outside of Advance. "It's kind of intense living in a Third World country. "But we're glad to be back."

That doesn't mean, though, that they were in any great hurry to come home. The Peters returned home on Aug. 16, after spending just over a year teaching in Papua New Guinea, and, according to both Gary and Kim, they loved every minute of it.

The journey began in 1998, really, when the Peters made the decision, after meeting some representatives of the



The Peters' children made fast friends with many of the nationals in Ukarumpa, as well as with children of many other nations. "They loved it," said mom Kim. "There were always kids for them to play with."

Wycliffe Bible Translators, to take a year and travel to the village of Ukarumpa in Papua New Guinea to teach school to children of the Wycliffe missionaries. Wycliffe is an international, interdenominational organization which has more than 5,300 personnel around the world working in translating the Bible into different languages. The location in Ukarumpa is Wycliffe's headquarters for its work in New Guinea.

Once the decision to go had been made, Gary and Kim then began the monumental task of fund-raising. The Peters were not paid for the work, and were also required to cover their own family's expenses, including housing, food, clothing, and airfare. While fund-

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The Peters family, from left, Kim, Nina, Tasha, Gary, and Nathan, are settling back into their life in East Jordan. Tasha and Nathan are wearing the string bags they've become accustomed to using for school.



This week marks Homecoming at Boyne City High School, with members of the homecoming court waiting to find out who will be this year's king and queen. Members of the court are, back row, from left: Jason Grice, Nick Denison, Waylon MacNaughton, Dylan Hall, Ben VanDam. Front row: Emily Roland, All Swalm, Charlotte Brandt, Kara Perry, Meghann Gerling. The queen will be crowned during halftime at Saturday's game against East Jordan, and king will be announced during the homecoming dance.

## Boyne school bids look 'very favorable'

Bids for much of the construction project at the new Boyne City High School were opened last week.

While the bids are still under review, the amounts are "very favorable" overall, said Boyne City schools superintendent Dana Compton.

"At this point in the project, we're slightly under our budget figure," he said.

The Christman Company, which is serving as the project's construction manager, is currently working to check the credentials of the low bidders, including background and financial stability.

"It will take some time to check contractors through the process and make sure they are everything that they say they are," Compton said.

He expects that it will take about 10 days to complete the process and

have the bulk of the bids assured.

Of the amounts, "some categories were over [what was expected], some were under, so the balance was good in the end," said Compton.

The bids encompass the majority of the work yet to be completed on the project, including masonry, electrical, and mechanical work.

Some items that have not yet been put out to bid are cabling, telephones, landscaping, and some specialty areas, including stage equipment for the auditorium.

The project on the whole is "very much on schedule" right now, Compton said.

"The goal is to have at least some of the walls up, and be prepared to close in some areas and work on the interior, late this fall and winter."

# OPINION

## BETWEEN the LINES

### High school sports are infectious

By ANGELA SHULTIS

This week is homecoming in Boyne City, and, as a high point in the celebration, a classic rivalry football game will be the center of attention on Saturday afternoon. It's got all the elements of great sports drama — crisp fall air, two hungry hometown teams, and loads of community support. But it's not just the much-anticipated Rambler-Red Devil matchup that has me keeping an eye on our local sports teams. I'm finding there's really something special about high school sports.

I didn't participate in high school sports, and I don't have any kids in school old enough to participate in these sports as of yet. I admit, too, that I have not exactly made it to very many games thus far. But I do take pictures at events now and then, and talk to plenty of coaches, and am finding that the whole thing is increasingly infectious.

I'm not a huge sports fan in general. I like football, having grown up in a house where Sunday was game day, where the day would be spent on the couch, flipping channels, trying to follow as many games as possible at one time. I enjoy basketball, though I don't really follow it, and, quite frankly, professional baseball leaves me a little cold.

But at the high school level, there's something different. Sure, it's not so polished, more often than not a bit rough around the edges. But the players at this stage of the game bring something more pure to the court, or the field, or whatever the case may be. It's about personal accomplishment, personal betterment, and truly, I think, about being part of a team.

By the professional level, this stuff is generally forgotten, it seems. Even at the college level, many players have their eyes on a future contract, and have forgotten the more simple elements of the game.

But in high school, it's ultimately a hometown thing. There's not much thought of the future, beyond making varsity, and for a few, college scholarships. But for most, it seems, they just want to be there, to play, to take part. And it's an awful lot of fun for the community, especially small communities like ours, where many folks know the kids playing, and their families.

It engenders a real sense of unity, I believe, and gives us all something worthwhile to do on a Friday night.



### Shoreline cleaning

FOBR members Virginia Heick and Tom Sheets, with Heick's children Mitchell and David, took to the shoreline north of Veterans Park, picking up trash as part of the International Coastal Cleanup.

### Volunteers give beaches a shine

TO THE EDITOR:

Saturday, Sept. 16, many volunteers and members of The Friends of the Boyne River took an active part in the International Coastal Cleanup.

We cleaned about five miles of beaches and gathered 194 pounds of trash that filled 14 bags. (There were too many cigarette butts to pick up; we felt our entire time would be spent on that project alone).

Our goal was to improve and maintain the environmental and recreational quality of our river and surrounding waters.

Because of the cool weather and threat of rain, we shared lunch at Roberts Restaurant; thanks to Karen for making us so welcome.

Good job, well-done to the following:  
Don and Jackie Lockman, Clint and Audrey Etienne, Bud Ellingwood, Tom and Ruth Sheets, Jinny Heick, children Mitchell and David, Leslie Boe, Mary Campbell, son Cameron Jarvis, Carol McCarus, Jim and Helen Truchan.

Thanks also to Joan Strawbridge for her brownies and Marie Zoberski for her moral support (Marie was just home from the hospital).

P.S. Please be aware; during your fall clean up, that whatever goes into our streets, washes into our storm sewers and then into our rivers and lakes.

Co-chairs  
Genevieve Varnum and Tom Sheets

### Blood drive was a community effort

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the patients we serve through our Red Cross Blood Program, we would like to thank the citizens of Boyne City who came to our regularly scheduled blood drive on Sept. 11. We had 74 people present themselves, collected 60 units and welcomed six first time donors to our life-saving program.

Our emergency appeal for blood in the aftermath of the Labor Day holiday was well received. We want to

thank Jim Raber, Boyne City coordinator, Christ Lutheran Church for their hospitality, and all the dedicated people from Boyne City who volunteered to make phone calls, make cookies, load and unload the truck, volunteer right at the drive or gave blood. You are all to be commended.

We look forward to our next community blood drive at Boyne City High School on Monday, Nov. 6.

Carolyn S. Matzinger, and the American Red Cross Blood Services Staff

### Try this yardstick during election

TO THE EDITOR:

Compassion, truth, honor, respect, leadership and knowledge are but some of the words being bandied about by both candidates for the presidency. How can we make an educated choice? They both need the support of their respective parties to do anything. So in fact we must choose the party — not the men. How do we do that? We have but one reliable choice. The party's track record.

Using this yard stick what do we come up with? Every piece of significant legislation dealing with the economic, social, medical and security — plus many, many others — of the working class has been conceived, brought forth and enacted into law by the Democratic Party. On the other hand, the republicans have fought against each and every one of them. They even fight against the minimum wage.

Now given all the above, just why should we believe that George W. will improve anything? They say they are compassionate Republicans. I say their actions speak so loud I can't hear what they are saying.

Someone should tell good old boy George that even though Texas is a fine large state, the jack rabbits, prairie dogs and rattle snakes can't vote. Even his cherished oil wells can't put their "x" on the ballots.

Everett Sayles

## A MOM'S LIFE

### Morning routine gives way to chaos

By CINDI PLACE

Like clockwork, as a new school year begins, so does our attempt to "make mornings work" at our house. The first few weeks of each school year involve lots of transitions (sleeping in to getting up with the chickens) and making lunches, attending school functions and doing homework again. But the one change that seems the most inevitable, at our house at least, is the morning routine.

The first day of school is always a big deal. We all get up early, dress in new school clothes, check our backpacks for all the school supplies we've just acquired, and sit down to breakfast. It's the eating part that is the biggest change for our family.

It's not that we don't eat breakfast during the summer. But we rarely do it together, and we never eat the same thing. Due to various work (and sleep) schedules, breakfast is generally cereal, fruit or (for the teenagers) anything good left over from the night before.

Not so during the school year. The night before school begins, I painstakingly set

out all the nonperishable items (sugar, salt & pepper, donuts) that we will need for the next morning's feast. I have even been known to set homemade cinnamon rolls out to rise so that we can have a special treat the first morning before school (the kids don't get too excited because they know that this is usually a one-time thing!). The table is set and as I turn out the kitchen light, I pat myself on the back for giving our family another great start to their first school day.

Now, fast forward to the second week of school. Our mornings have changed drastically. No longer are clothes laid out ahead of time, or showers taken the night before. And forget about a fancy, hot breakfast together at the kitchen table. Now, we holler for missing socks (they're in the washer), lost backpacks (left on the school bus) and my carefully planned breakfasts have been reduced to throwing a granola bar at each kid as they run for the door after hearing the school bus driver blow her horn again.

Given the choice between a few extra minutes of sleep or eggs and bacon, at least at our house, the sleep wins every time.

## LETTERS

### Proposed trail has support of many teachers

TO THE EDITOR:

As educators in the Boyne City School District and members of the Boyne City community, we would like to share our support of a proposed trail behind the planned Industrial Park.

We have enjoyed the educational benefits that the Boyne Trail offers and have hiked this trail from Dam Road to Boyne City with our students. Last spring our students participated in several Earth Day activities and approximately 100 eighth graders were escorted through this trail with historical and environmental interpreters from Friends of the Boyne River.

It is a great asset to our community and a positive way for us to expose our students to environmental education and the historical significance of our river and our community.

Our students were impressed with the natural beauty this trail and the Boyne River provide. This trail is a valuable Boyne City natural resource and should be protected and nurtured for the benefit of all Boyne area residents and visitors.

Dan Polleys, Susan Martin, Nancy Belford, Val Diener, Amelia Ryan, David Bricker, Pat Towne, Debra Day, Scott Smith, C. Dunne, Katie Bobowski, David Willson, Gale Sheldon, Joe Leach, Rob Bergquist, Susan Douglas, Sharon Willson, Julie Bradford, Carole Hague, Julie Hasse, Mark Ameel, P. Wilcox, Lynn Hall, and Susan Vron dran.

### Remembering the past, 50 years later

TO THE EDITOR:

*Well here we are, the year 2000 at last,  
Fifty short years, as we remember our past.*

*The old school's torn down. The ring of the bell,  
As we raced towards the school door, our legs bent for hell.*

*Some things we forget, others tend to remember,  
As we meet here again, this 16th day of September.*

*Will kids of today have fond thoughts of the past?  
That make up the fun, and memories that last?*

*The old fashioned ways have all gone away,  
And things are much different, from things of our day.*

*Computers, TVs, online and cable,  
And of course all of their clothes, must come with a label.*

*I'm sure they have fun, in their own special way,  
But doubt there is the closeness, we had in our day.*

*Fund-raisers, J hops, skip day, and all sports,  
And always the dreaded, tests and reports.*

*The memories of teachers, gone from our midst,  
Too numerous to name, too great a list.*

*And who shall forget the names that have passed,  
The faces, the laughter, the things that will last.*

*There was Ralph, Leon, Al, Donna, and Jim,  
Who can forget them, though our thoughts may grow dim.*

*There was Jeanie, and Glen, and Victor, and Doris,  
There was Carol and John, Belma, and Dolores.*

*Dwell not with their names, etched forever in sorrow,  
But remember the good times, and go on to tomorrow.*

*So here we are, left to remember,  
The good times and bad, on this day in September.*

*From state to state, from near and far,  
You've traveled to get here, by bus, plane, or car.*

*So treasure this time, that we're spending together,  
And remember the ties, and the friendships forever.*

Mary Pratt Gove,  
Class of 1950

### WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

*The best read letters are brief and on a topic of local interest. Our deadline is Monday at 10 a.m. Letters will be printed on a space-available basis.*

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## Mission trip

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raising was tough, the Peters were able to raise enough to get by. "We had enough to make it," Gary said. "Things were tight," added Kim, "but it was worth it." Really, said Gary, "it was amazing that we did raise enough to go. So many people were a part of it. We're thankful to so many people." While many were not able to contribute financially to the trip, their prayers were given, and, said Gary, made a difference.

The family departed in July of 1999, flying into a town about two hours by car from their destination. "Usually people fly right into Ukarumpa," Gary said. But to the Peters, the drive to the village was an education in itself, giving the family an introduction to the country worthy of National Geographic.

Gary and Kim went through some brief training sessions, and soon were settling into their teaching roles, Kim instructing third grade students and Gary teaching fourth and fifth grade science and social studies. Nina, Nathan and Tasha set about settling into their new classes at the same school, which is operated and staffed by Wycliffe, and which teaches an essentially American curriculum. The kids quickly took to attending school barefoot, a common practice in that part of the world. "They loved [living in Ukarumpa]," said Kim. "There were always kids for them to play with."

The most striking part of the experience, though, was the extent of the family's exposure to people of other cultures, and being immersed in a culture very different from their own.

"We had a fantastic backyard," Kim said, noting that lots of the children there would congregate at their house to play. At one time, she said, they would have kids from 10 different nationalities in their yard, playing together. Visitors included people from Korea, China, India, New Zealand, Australia, Germany, Switzerland, Finland, and Great Britain, as well as local people.

The living was basic, though the Peters enjoyed accommodations in a basic ranch style home, located within a "compound" along with the families of 250-300 other Wycliffe missionary workers. The family found westernized food on the grocery



In Ukarumpa, the Peters enjoyed taking part in a traditional meal, or mumu, with their good friend Petrus and his family.

store shelves, part of a shipment from California that arrived every three months. Between shipments, though, certain items became scarce.

They could always tell when the shipment had come, Kim said, because the talk around the village would be that the store once again had items such as brown sugar, cocoa, and cottage cheese. With no running water, the Peters drank rain water, and bathed in riverwater, which Gary said was purported to be filtered, though by the color of it no one was really sure that was the case.

Though located only six degrees south of the equator, the village of Ukarumpa is located in the "highlands," where temperatures were comfortable, ranging in the 50s to the 70s. In the lowlands though, Kim said, it was always hot. And, she added, the only seasons they noticed were "wet" and "wetter."

The "nationals," or local residents, live outside of the compound area, where, said Gary "it's a stone age culture."

They subsist primarily on what they can produce in their individual gardens. "Their gardens are everything," Gary said. Life is hard, for women especially, to whom falls the responsibility of tending the gardens. "Women have a hard life," he said. "Women go from [age] 20 to 50 in PNG (Papua New Guinea)."

It was, in fact, the nationals that

made the biggest impression on the Peters.

"The people just stole our hearts," said Gary, noting several special friendships they'd made with local residents. One friend in particular, a man named Petrus who worked as a security guard in the compound where they lived, became like family to them. "He took it upon himself and taught us the culture and language (pidgin English, the local trade language)," Kim said. "The color barriers dropped, national barriers dropped," added Gary. The family plans to keep in close contact with Petrus, and hope to visit with him again. "If he was in trouble, I'd be there," Gary said. "I named his first baby. It was gut-wrenching to leave Petrus.

"We'll see him again," he concluded.

Spending time in the local villages also gave the Peters' a chance to experience a way of life vastly different from the one most Americans are accustomed to. "We loved getting out in the village," Gary said. "We learned a lot from them.

"They're good people. If they had the same opportunities we do," Gary said, they'd be living the same lives we are. That's one of the big lessons the Peters' brought back with them. "We're blessed or lucky to be [in America]," said Gary. Most Americans, he said, have no idea how good they've got it.

The Peters would love to return to Ukarumpa some day, but rather than teaching the children of missionaries, they would prefer to work directly with the national children, in their own schools. "The national schools are a mess," said Kim and Gary, noting that much of the money allocated by the government for education doesn't end-up where it's supposed to, leaving the schools with little in the way of supplies and support.

Besides gaining an appreciation and respect for people of another culture, to Gary and Kim, the trip had more far-reaching effects. Gary referred to a Christian song he'd known before the trip, with a refrain that goes "God loves people more than anything." Though noting that it sounds "simplistic," the experiences in Ukarumpa made the meaning of that song clear.

"You go to a place like that, and you realize that God doesn't love just Americans, middle-aged white men and women," he said. And, knowing this, respecting the cultures of others is of utmost importance, say the Peters.

"We have our culture, and we go to other places and try to push it onto people there," Kim said. Her advice to anyone visiting another culture is to "learn their way of thinking."

"And accept it," she adds. "And learn from it."

## Boyne Mountain breaking ground on Grand Lodge

The highly anticipated Mountain Grand Lodge and Spa will move one step closer to reality with a groundbreaking ceremony and reception on Saturday, Sept. 23.

The event will celebrate the beginning of a \$150 million renewal of the Boyne Mountain Resort beginning with a new 222-room condominium/hotel and spa.

Festivities begin at 4 p.m. and run until 9 p.m.

Surrounded by designer golf courses and some of the Midwest's best skiing and boarding terrain, Boyne is re-investing in the resort that started what is now the largest privately held resort company in the U.S.

"Resorts are entering a huge growth phase and Boyne Mountain is in the ideal position to once again become the preeminent four-season resort in the Midwest," said Stephen Kircher, general manager of regional operations for Boyne.

"In the next 25 years, 70 million people are expected to move to and vacation in resort communities. The Mountain Grand Lodge and Spa and the new Boyne Mountain master plan has been developed with this consumer in mind."

With its European charm anchoring a village atmosphere, this four-star condo-hotel will reflect a new era for Boyne Mountain. The renaissance includes a world-class spa and fitness center, specialty shops, a cafe, skating rink and teen activity center.

Additional future enhancements are scheduled to include two additional designer golf courses, expanded convention facilities, enhanced Nordic, biking and hiking trails, upgraded chair lifts, new skiing and boarding terrain and several ski-in, ski-out golf/lake view residential developments.

"The Mountain Grand Lodge and Spa has already seen historic pre-construction sales success with over \$24.5 million in units sold," said Steve Matthews, director of real estate for Boyne Michigan. "We intend to build on this success as we unveil the new penthouse loft units at special pre-construction pricing during the event. Prices range from \$299,900 and up."

The groundbreaking event will be highlighted by the official turning of the earth, fireworks and a special panel discussion moderated by Bill Flemming of ABC Television fame with ski legends Stein Erickson, a 1952 Olympic Giant Slalom Gold Medalist; Othmar Schneider, 1952 silver and gold medalist and long time director of the international Ski School at Boyne Mountain; Warren Miller, the leading winter sports filmmaker; and Everett Kircher, founder and president of Boyne USA Resorts and also one of "the most influential skiers of the 20th century," as recognized by Ski Magazine.

The event will also be attended by various local and statewide government officials.

For more information or inquiries about invitations to The Mountain Grand Lodge and Spa groundbreaking event call 549-6060 or visit the website at [www.boyne.com](http://www.boyne.com).

## Autumn beauty

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Nature-Based Tourism Conference in April of 2001.

Maps of color tour routes for the area are available at the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce and at some local businesses.

Among the upcoming events that mark the fall season is the Leaf Peeker

Open House, to be held on Saturday, Oct. 7, with special fall sales by local merchants, refreshments and entertainment, as well as a new-this-year scarecrow contest. On Thursday, Oct. 19, it will be time for East Jordan's Moonlight Madness sales.

The sixth annual Leaf Peeker Craft Show will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the East Jor-

dan Middle School, featuring arts, crafts, collectables, and the Leaf Peeker Cafe. The Millennium Quilt raffle drawing will be held at the event.

For more information on these or other events, call the chamber at 536-7351 or visit their website at [www.eastjordanchamberofcommerce.com](http://www.eastjordanchamberofcommerce.com).

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Times & Locations Are:

- Tuesday**  
Boyne City - Christ Lutheran Church  
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday**  
East Jordan - Jordan Valley District Library  
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday**  
Alanson - United Methodist Church  
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Friday**  
Charlevoix - Community Reformed Church Nursery  
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Friday**  
Petoskey - Petoskey Public Library  
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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# OBITUARIES

## Junior E. Dean

Junior E. Dean, 86, of Boyne City, died Tuesday, July 25, 2000, at McLean County Nursing Home, Bloomington, Ill.

He was cremated. Inurnment and memorial service was held Saturday, Sept. 16, at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City. The Rev. Milton G. Walls officiated.

Junior was born April 15, 1914, in Boyne City, a son of Purvis Enos and Mattie May Bignall Dean.

He worked for General Motors in Flint for 32 years. After retirement, he returned to Boyne City and resided here until he became ill and moved to Bloomington, Ill., where he was cared for by his family.

Junior graduated from Flint Central High School in 1933. His hobbies included working with tools, locksmithing and light carpentry. He also enjoyed working in his yard.

Junior was fortunate to have known and enjoyed so many kind neighbors and friends during his many years in Boyne City. He always had a keen mind for events and for the people in his life, and enjoyed sharing those memories when asked.

He cared deeply for his niece, Evelyn Henderson, and for his family in Illinois. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by one niece, Evelyn Henderson, of Northbrook, Ill.; two great-nieces, Patsy (Jack) Henderson Bowles, and Genevieve Lynn (Larry) Podgorny; six great-nieces and nephews; and several other family members, all living in Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Veteran's Park Playground in care of the city of Boyne City.

## Sally Ann Frederick

Sally Ann Frederick, 47, of Boyne City, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2000, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. The Rev. Kimon Criner of the Harvest Barn Word of Life Church officiated, with burial in Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

Sally was born on Oct. 3, 1952 in Muskegon, the daughter of Benjamin F. and Amanda Sue Padgett Evans.

On Oct. 19, 1984 she married Paul Charles Frederick. Sally worked as a waitress at various restaurants, including Jordan Inn in East Jordan and Mill Street Inn in Boyne Falls. She was a member of the Harvest Barn Word of Life Church in East Jordan and also managed the church's book-

store. Survivors include her husband, Paul C. of Boyne City; three children, John C. Andrews of East Jordan, Benita S. Loucks of East Jordan and Cherayn Williams of Petoskey; her mother, Amanda Sue Evans of Boyne City; three grandchildren, Conrad, Justin, and one unborn; brothers, Jim Evans of Grand Rapids, Willard Evans of Indiana, Ben Evans of Petoskey, Conrad Evans of Boyne City, and Steve Evans of Boyne Falls; and sisters, Marge Baxter of Boyne City and Christina Wiser of Boyne City. She was preceded in death by her father, and her sister Trixie Newberg.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

## Mark Joseph Goodman

Mark Joseph Goodman, 45, of Boyne Falls, died Wednesday Sept. 13, 2000 at Harper Hospital in Detroit, of cancer.

His funeral was held Monday, Sept. 18 at St. Augustine Church in Boyne Falls. The Rev. Francis Partridge officiated, with burial in Augustine Cemetery.

Mark was born Dec. 3, 1954 in Detroit, the son of Keith and Anna (Kondrat) Goodman. He grew up in Detroit and worked at General Motors, Shedd's and Michigan Bell.

He moved to Boyne Falls in 1988 and worked for Waste Management, Babcock Clutch and Petoskey Manufacturing.

On March 24, 1995 he married Jody Schene.

Mark enjoyed camping with his family, hunting, snowmobiling, and four wheeling. He enjoyed the outdoors.

Survivors include his wife, Jody; two daughters, Rosemarie and Anna; five sisters, Roxane Casper, Theresa Miller, Susan Remmert, Kathy Harvey, and Mary Goodman; grandparents Joseph and Catherine Goodman; four nephews; and two nieces.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made directly to the family to be decided at a later date.

## Bill Beugnot

Bill Beugnot, 77, a former resident of Boyne City died Sept. 16, 2000.

He was born April 1, 1923, and was raised in Boyne City and gradu-

ated from Boyne City High School in 1941.

For the past 43 years he has resided in Elfers, Fla.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## UMC ANNUAL SALAD SUPPER

**Wednesday, Sept. 20**  
The Boyne City United Methodist Women will host their annual Salad Supper at 6 p.m. in the church basement. All ladies are invited and are asked to bring a guest. The meal is provided. Donations of socks, underwear, and mittens, or money for the offering plate for our local elementary school nurse project will be accepted. The church is located at 324 S. Park St.

## BLOOD DRIVE

**Friday, Sept. 22**  
Lexamar of Boyne City and American Red cross Blood Drive will take place from 6-9:45 a.m. and 1-4:45 p.m. at the Lexamar Training Room, 100 Lexamar Drive.

## PERENNIAL EXCHANGE

**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
A perennial exchange will be held at Cindi Franco's Cool Stuff in Boyne City, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. There is no cost; participants should bring labeled plants to swap. For more information, call Cindi Malin at 582-0526.

## FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**Wednesday, Sept. 27**  
The Emergency Food Assistance Program will be available to qualified Charlevoix County residents on Sept. 27 at the East Jordan VFW Hall from 11 a.m. - noon.

## DIABETES PROGRAM

**Wednesday, Sept. 27**  
"Which Weigh to Go?," a program on weight management and diabetes, will be held at the East Jordan Senior Center from 11 a.m.-noon, with lunch to follow. The speaker will be diabetes educator Robin Williams, MA, RD, CDE. Information: Sue Bergmann, 582-7301. Sponsored by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging.

## FARMER'S MARKETS

**Wednesdays and Saturdays**  
The Boyne City Farmer's Market is open from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays through mid-October. Some vendors accept Project Fresh vouchers.

## Fridays

The East Jordan Farmers Market is open from 8 a.m. - noon every Friday through September in the Huntington Bank parking lot. Information: 536-2677.

## BOYNE FOOD PANTRY

**First & third Mondays**  
Food pick-up hours are on the first Monday of the month from 10 a.m.-noon and third Monday from 5-7 p.m., or on Tuesday if a holiday falls on Monday.

## BCFFEE

**First Wednesday**  
The Boyne City Foundation for Excel-

lence in Education meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:45 p.m. at Boyne City High School.

## NEW TOPS CHAPTER

**Every Monday, 10-11:30 a.m.**  
A new chapter of TOPS meets every Monday from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Northern Michigan Hospital Health and Education Center classroom #3.

## VETERAN ASSISTANCE

**Thursdays**  
A Service Officer will be at the American Legion Post every Thursday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Any veteran seeking assistance - financial, medical, disability benefits, etc. - may visit the Post at the corner of Lake and Main streets in Boyne City or call 582-7811 at that time.

## AL-ANON

**Tuesday nights**  
Al-Anon meetings are held at 8 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City.

## AA MEETINGS

**Weekly**  
The Boyne Valley Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the basement of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City. All meetings are closed and non-smoking. Times: Sunday 1 p.m.; Monday 12 noon, 8 p.m.; Tuesday 12 noon; Wednesday 12 noon, 6:30 p.m. (Big Book/Step Study), 8 p.m.; Friday 12 noon, 8 p.m. The first Friday of the month, an "Open Speaker" meeting is open to family and friends.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## BOYNE CITY COMMISSION SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

**Sept. 12, 2000, 7 p.m. regular meeting** - The Commission reappointed Bill Grimm and Russ Oertbin to the Boyne City Airport Advisory Board and appointed Jim Silbar and Rod Cortright as ex officio members of the Boyne City Airport Advisory Board; reappointed David Beek to the Boyne City Compensation Commission; reappointed Mark Crum and Ron Grunch to the Boyne City Zoning Board of Appeals; adopted a resolution observing Sept. 18-24, 2000 as Pollution Prevention Week; proclaimed Sept. 30, 2000 as CROP Walk Day; approved a 15'-20' recreational trail along the Industrial Park Phase II property; and approved an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (tax abatement) for Lexamar Corporation.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### CITY OF EAST JORDAN REQUEST FOR VARIANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the East Jordan Board of Appeals has received a variance request from Richard J. Davidson, owner of 1012 Lalonde Road. To convert an existing non-conforming building into a two story single family residence:

1. The front yard setback in the RA zoned district is 40' from the street right-of-way. The application is for a 20' front yard variance.  
2. The side yard setback in the RA zoned district is 20'. The application is for a 10' 8" east side of the property side yard variance.

A Public Hearing to receive comments on this request will be held on Monday, Oct. 9, 2000 at 5:15 p.m. in City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, MI. A copy of the application and drawing can be examined at City Hall during normal business hours. If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to: Appeals Board, c/o Acting Zoning Administrator, P.O. Box 499, East Jordan, MI 49727.

The Board of Appeals will conduct a meeting immediately following the Public Hearing to consider this request.

David M. White  
Acting Zoning Administrator

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### BOYNE CITY HOUSING COMMISSION LITZENBURGER PLACE LOT IMPROVEMENTS

The Boyne City Housing Commission will accept sealed bids at the Litzenburger Place Office, 829 South Park Street, Boyne City, Michigan 49712, until 3 p.m. local time, Sept. 27, 2000, for parking lot improvements.

The project consists of removing and replacing bituminous parking lot and concrete sidewalks, site grading and drainage, landscaping, site lighting, restoration and other miscellaneous items.

The instructions to bidders and the drawings and specifications will be available by Sept. 11, and may be examined at the Boyne City Housing Commission's Litzenburger Place office, and also at the office of the engineer, Northwest Design Group, Inc., 480 W. Mitchell, Petoskey, Michigan, 49770. Bidding documents may be obtained from the engineer for a non-refundable fee of \$20.

This project is tax exempt due to the nonprofit status of the Housing Commission. The Contractor, Sub-Contractors and suppliers shall coordinate the ability to purchase materials tax exempt with Mr. Todd B. Sorenson, Executive Director of the Boyne City Housing Commission.

All bidders must examine the Drawings, read the specifications, and visit the site of this project to fully investigate the extent and quality of the work required. Bidders shall be familiar with location and access to the construction site, availability of utilities, the condition of the site and any existing construction, and governing regulatory agencies and permit processes.

Submit bids on the forms provided, signed, with all items complete. Address bids to the Owners and deliver to the address on the INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS on or before the day stated. All bids will be opened and read aloud.

Tax Exempt No. 38-6004540

Boyne City Housing Commission, Boyne City  
Mr. Todd B. Sorenson,  
Executive Director

Please see page 8 for more Public Notices

# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

## Evangeline Chapter O.E.S.

Evangeline Chapter No. 95 OES welcomed Edna Burris from Sault Ste. Marie and Alta Brecheisen among the several members seated on the sidelines at the September meeting. Tickets were distributed for the Oct. 7 roast beef dinner. Please remember Betty Upton, Bill Chipman, Marie Zobernski, Leah Waggoner, and Grace Pratt with get well cards.

The annual meeting is Oct. 2, at 7:30 p.m.

## Boyne Valley Garden Club

The Boyne Valley Garden Club will hold its September meeting on Thursday, Sept. 28, at 1 p.m. in the activities room of Litzenburger Place.

The program "Canning and Freezing From Your Garden" will be presented by member Sue Sherk, MSU Extension Children, Youth and Fam-

ily 4-H agent for Charlevoix County.

The club will be taking part in the Fall Harvest Festival, entering a scarecrow in the display contest. The club's cookbook, "Recipes from the Heart," will be on sale at Veterans Park pavilion on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Many club members will travel to Ludington on Oct. 10 to attend the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan District V fall meeting.

Members will soon begin making bows for the club's Christmas wreaths, which will go on sale soon. Dec. 5 is the assembly, delivery, and pick-up day.

Anyone interested in joining the garden club or in attending a meeting can call Betty Shaver at 582-5545 for more information.

## Boyne City Friendship Club

The Boyne City Friendship Club will meet for lunch at Pippins Restaurant on Monday, Sept. 25, at noon.



## Winning Flowers

Sunburst Marine took the honors in Boyne City's downtown flower bed challenge this year. Organizer Chris Carleton poses with managers Tracey and Nigel Sykes and Jill Compton, who tended to the flowerboxes (shown here) as well as the planted tree wells which won the business the honors. Owned by Skip and Nancy Forcier, Sunburst Marine was presented with a \$50 gift certificate from One Water Street.

# MANY THANKS

## Challenge 3 Relay

This is to thank everyone who participated, or contributed in any way, to the success of the Challenge 3 Relay held last weekend at the sports complex. This event, sponsored by the Boyne City Foundation For Educational Excellence, is by far the biggest fund-raiser for the Foundation. But more importantly, it is the only event of its kind, whereby members of the community and surrounding

area can get together for such a fun-loving, enjoyable time.

On my behalf, I especially want to give a special thanks to the walkers and contributors of my team, "The Vintage Voyagers," who put forth the effort in raising the most money, by any team, in the amount of \$3,555 for the sports complex.

Helen Anzell, Team Captain

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## Jordan's friends do their annual fall cleaning

After taking part in last weekend's Friends of the Jordan fall cleanup of the Jordan River, FOJ director John Hummer has a different idea of how to define a successful cleanup.

"We filled a 10-yard dumpster and then some," he said. "Does that mean the cleanup was a success? I would call a cleanup a success if we came up empty-handed. It's unfortunate we found so much refuse out there."

About 15 volunteers participated in the cleanup, with Top Rank Disposal donating a dumpster for the effort. The cleanup was held in conjunction with the Lake Michigan Federation Coastal Cleanup and the Center for Marine Conservation International Cleanup.

The biggest ticket item found was a stove retrieved from state land in the watershed. An airconditioning unit was found at the same site.

"In the six years I've been doing these cleanups, we've now found almost a complete set of appliances," said Hummer.

"I hope we're done with that kind of stuff," FOJ, he said, has also in the past removed a washer, dryer, refrigerator, and a hot water heater from the watershed area.

"There are a few sites we'll be watching for illegal dumping," Hummer said. "There's really no excuse for it."

Other unique items found included baby seats, a file cabinet, and someone's personal belongings, including a box of unused checks, an appointment book, and a filled prescription.

"It's unfortunate we have to clean up after other people, but since we do, we make the most of it," said Hummer. "It's probably a very small percentage of the population who trash the landscape. Those are the people that need to learn a thing or two about being civil, responsible human beings."

## Boyerne City homecoming week is full of activities

It's homecoming week in Boyerne City, with activities on Friday and Saturday for everyone to enjoy.

The "snake dance" will take place on Friday, starting at 7:30 p.m. in Veterans Park, and ending in the same spot in time for the bonfire, which will be at the lakeshore at about 8 p.m.

On Saturday, the traditional homecoming parade will line-up on Main Street. The parade begins at 10:15 a.m., loops through town, and

will end by the Boyerne River Brewery.

The big game starts at the stadium at 1:30 p.m., with the Ramblers going head to head with rival East Jordan. The homecoming queen will be crowned at half-time.

High school students will attend the homecoming dance on Saturday night, from 9-12:30 p.m. with the crowning of the homecoming king scheduled at 10 p.m.

## Commission approves river pathway

The Boyerne City Commission voted to allow a strip of land along the bluff behind the phase II of the Industrial Park to be set aside, as requested by the Friends of the Boyerne River (FOBR), at last week's commission meeting.

The FOBR initially requested a 30' easement on Industrial Park property for the possible creation of a nature trail along the bluff. Rather than creating an easement, the city opted to establish a strip of land running along the bluff which will be city-owned and outside of the Industrial Park property. "It would have been an easement if it would have been placed on the lots going to be sold to private firms," said Boyerne City

manager Eric Strahl.

The decision to establish a separate strip of land was made in the interest of lessening the impact on salability of lots involved. The width of the proposed easement was also altered, with the final plan creating a strip 20' wide behind lots nine, ten and eleven, and 15' wide behind lots seven and eight, which were both shallow lots to begin with.

Platting of the Industrial Park property with the plat line being completed, will the plat line simply being moved back to accommodate the strip of land created in the agreement, according to Strahl.

The next step for FOBR will be meeting to gather more information

and plan possible strategies in creating a trail. "We will be having meetings to determine priorities and next stages of procuring other pieces of land along the old railroad grade," said FOBR co-founder Tom Sheets.

"The purpose of our action at this point was to not eliminate the possibility of ever having trail connection," said Sheets of the FOBR's initial request for an easement.

Had the Industrial Park been platted without the allowance, the possibility for a trail connecting Boyerne City to other area nature trails would have been seriously jeopardized.

"We felt a sense of urgency," said Sheets.

Sheets, along with other members

of the FOBR including Mike Sheehan, chairman of the sensitive lands committee, as well as representatives from the Top of Michigan Trails Council and the Charlevoix County Land Conservancy were on hand at the commission meeting to answer questions and provide information about the easement request.

No timeline has been established for a future trail project, but, notes Sheets, FOBR's action in requesting that the property be preserved indicates "how strongly we feel, how intensely dedicated [we are] to see that this happens."

For more information on the project or FOBR call Sheehan at 582-4030.

## Boswell Stadium will benefit from grant

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation has awarded a \$75,000 challenge grant to the East Jordan Public Schools to benefit the Boswell Stadium Endowment Fund.

The challenge grant is a "dollar for dollar" arrangement that spans three years. "The Community Foundation is very pleased to offer the challenge grant to the school district," said Executive Director Bob Tambellini. "Our trustees see the grant as a true investment in creating a positive future for a marvelous community asset, Boswell Stadium."

"We established the Stadium Endowment Fund to create an opportunity for members of our community to become involved in the project," said school superintendent Chip Hansen, adding, "our intent was to create a permanently endowed fund that would provide future revenues to

assist with the long term care and maintenance of the stadium facility."

The fund currently has assets of nearly \$45,000, and the goal of the challenge grant is to build the fund's permanent endowment to \$200,000.

A gift to the community and the school district from The Malpass Foundation, Boswell Stadium is widely regarded as the finest high school athletic and recreational complex in northwest Michigan. Located on the seven-acre parcel on the campus of East Jordan High School, Boswell Stadium affords students and spectators alike a collegiate-level experience that blends beautiful and functional facilities with the natural terrain. As Steve Hines, EJHS Athletic Director, puts it, "Attending an event at Boswell Stadium is a real highlight for everyone...everything about the complex is first class."

As the name suggests, the Stadium Endowment Fund's goal is to provide interest income that will be used in the future to ensure that Boswell Stadium remains the first class complex that it is today. Income from the fund will be used to offset expenses at the stadium, including turf management, replacement of the all-weather track, and much more. Friends of the Stadium may contribute to the fund at any time. All donations are tax deductible and qualify for a special

Michigan income tax credit as well. The Boswell Stadium Endowment Fund is among nearly 110 funds that are managed by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, which was established in 1992 by a group of local civic leaders.

For more information about the Community Foundation, or to learn more about contributing to the Boswell Stadium Endowment Fund, call the Foundation at (231) 536-2440.

### Historical commission holding drawing

The Boyerne City Historical Commission is holding a raffle as a fundraiser for the commission's activities. Prizes are wooden replicas of four Boyerne City buildings, currently on display at Country Now and Then on Water Street in Boyerne City.

Tickets are available in Country Now and Then and at city hall. The drawing will be held at the Harvest Festival the weekend of Oct. 7 and 8.

For more information call Michelle Hewitt at 582-0335.

## Parents invited to learn more about school district's support program

Boyerne City Public Schools will sponsor the annual Parent Night for Student Success Support Programs on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the middle school cafeteria from 7-8 p.m.

The meeting is held to inform parents about student support programs

available and to discuss program rules and regulations for the 2000-2001 school year.

Refreshments, free materials, and child care will be provided.

For more information, call Karen Jarema at 439-8200.

## NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

**PENNY WELCH** was a guest at the Boyerne City home of Virginia Burns for a couple of days this past week while on a buying trip for her antique stores in Chicago. They hadn't seen each other in a couple of years and it was a very enjoyable visit for both of them.

**A ROSTAR FAMILY REUNION** was held on Aug. 29, at the home of Polly and Ray Lowetz in Murrain. Marvel, Bob, Steve, and Tom Rostar and their extended families, including children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, were among the 50 attending. The weekend gathering included camping, a trip to the casino, a fish sloop, a potluck dinner and lots of stories around a camp fire. "A good time was had by all!" Brandy and Brad Lapeer won the door prize and will be arranging next year's Rostar Family Reunion.

**NANCY AND KEN OAKES** have returned to their home in Denver, Colo. after having spent the past week in Boyerne City visiting her sister and husband, Judy and Don Kenyon and family.

**"HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!"** goes out to Duane and Mary Smith of Litzenburger Place, who celebrated their 43rd on Sept. 15. They enjoyed the day by taking a long ride and visit-

ing Mary's "secret" apple orchard.

**CLARENCE AND SUE MILLER** of Boyerne City and Gerry and Maxine Argetsinger of East Jordan spent a few days of camping in the Upper Peninsula this past week.

**DAVID PADGETT**, son of Norm and Donna, and Terry Foster, both of Boyerne City, were married on Friday, Sept. 14, 2000, on a Charlevoix beach, in the presence of their families. The newlyweds were celebrated by many friends and family with a reception on Saturday at Whiting Park. After a short honeymoon in the Upper Peninsula, they will be at home in Boyerne City.

**HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES** go out to Amanda Sue Evans of Litzenburger Place and her family, in the loss of her daughter, Sally Fredricks, of Boyerne City. Sally died on Saturday, after a lengthy illness.

**THE RLDS CHURCH** Annual Tri-District Women's Weekend Retreat was held on Friday through lunch time on Sunday. There were 55 who gathered at the Park of the Pines, coming from the Upper Peninsula, Canada, and the local areas. This year's theme was "We Answered the Call," and guest speaker was Gloria Crockett (yes, a descendant of Davy) of Mt. Pleasant. Attending from Boyerne City were Sandra Ecker,

Milly LaBrecque, Lenore Landon, Dorothy Peters, Beverly Pearsall, and Anne Jenkins, and those from East Jordan were Thelma McKinnon, Bernice McCarey, and Bonnie Fox.

**ANOTHER REMINDER** goes out about registering on the highschoolalumni web page. After checking, in the interest of the BCHS class of '59, I see there are only four former classmates and myself registered there. It sure would help all reunion committees, if those with home computers would register and keep in touch with all of us. Thanks!

**THE BOYERNE CITY** Free Methodist Church will be celebrating "Homecoming Sunday" next Sunday, Sept. 24. Guest speaker will be Pastor Mark's father, the Rev. Wayne Bullock of Stanwood. A potluck dinner will follow the morning worship service and at about 1 p.m., a short service, "Remember When," is planned.

**HOUSEGUESTS** OF Phyllis Legato of East Jordan for the week of Sept. 17 are her brother-in-law and wife, Herbert and Tony Legato, and their son Patrick, of Detroit. They are here for a visit with the family and to see the sights of the area.

(To submit items to Nancy, call 582-9174 or e-mail her at nanup@mail.unnet.com.)

## Internet classes offered to the community at BCHS

The Boyerne City Public Schools will be offering the following enrichment classes to the community:

Introduction to the Internet, Windows, and Word - The class will be held on Tuesdays, Oct. 3-31, from 7-9 p.m. Participants will learn the basics for surfing the World Wide Web for useful information, and learn to use word processing shortcuts and time savers.

Manage Your Stock Portfolio on the Internet - The class will be held on Thursdays, Oct. 5-Nov. 2, from 7-9

p.m. Participants will examine web sites that provide the best and most accurate information to make investment decisions, as well as create sample portfolios for stocks and mutual funds, and share ideas and favorite financial websites.

All classes will be held at Boyerne City High School. Convenient parking is available.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 439-8153 or 582-6974.

## Photographer's work on display

Local photographer Karen Walker will have her work on display in Mt. Pleasant at the ArtReach of Mid-Michigan Gallery from Oct. 3-21.

In a show titled, "For Better or For Worse," a selection of wedding photos capturing moments both funny and touching will be featured, along with the work of fellow wedding photographer Art Curtis.

An opening reception will be held on Sunday, Oct. 8, from 3-5 p.m. at the gallery in Mt. Pleasant.

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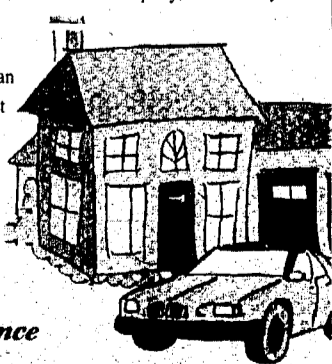
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# SPORTS

## Red Devil sweep

### East Jordan wins on its home course . . .

The East Jordan Cross Country teams both took first place in the nine-team East Jordan Invitational on Sept. 12.

The boys team, led by a first place finish from Tarn Leach (16:59.78) and second place finish from Micah Middaugh (17:27.63), scored 28 points, followed by Charlevoix (54), Elk Rapids (99), Central Lake (111), Boyne City and Kalkaska (135 each), and Harbor Springs (137).

"Micah Middaugh really closed the gap on Tarn," commented Red Devils co-coach Dennis Snarey. "This is what he needs to continue working on."

East Jordan placed four runners in the top ten, including Jeremy Booze (4th-17:54) and Garrett Romero (10th-18:30). Other top finishers for the Red Devils included Jeremy Penzien (11th-18:36), Peter Warnos (20th-19:13), and Brian Kirby (24th-19:52).

"Garrett ran really focused today," said East Jordan co-coach Matt Peterson. "We need him to stay in there mentally if we are to achieve our goals. We still need more help from our sixth and seventh runners."

The Red Devils' girls team, led by Jamie Baker (4th-22:04.56) and Haley Shaw (5th-22:27.49), finished with 35 points, followed by Elk Rapids (71), and Charlevoix (75). No other school fielded a complete team.

"Haley Shaw finally ran a complete race," said Peterson. "With more mileage she should make a big difference to our team."

The girls' team also placed four runners in the top ten; Tiffannie Bearden finished seventh (22:44) and

Heather Hammond placed eighth (22:47). Ruth Elliott (11th-23:47), Krystal Birgy (13th-23:49), and Heather Jones (15th-24:26) rounded out the top East Jordan runners.

"Considering that Heather Hammond and Ruth Elliott were fighting colds, they ran very well," said Snarey.

The East Jordan middle school team also took first place with a 1-2-3 finish from Chris Duff (11:06), Nick Hansen (11:10), and Jim Gee (11:31). Kyle Carson (6th-12:33) and Michael Johnson (9th-12:47) also placed in the top ten. Chelsey Poindexter took second for the girls with a time of 12:59.

"The middle schoolers were great to watch," said Snarey. "They have loads of talent that makes their future look bright."

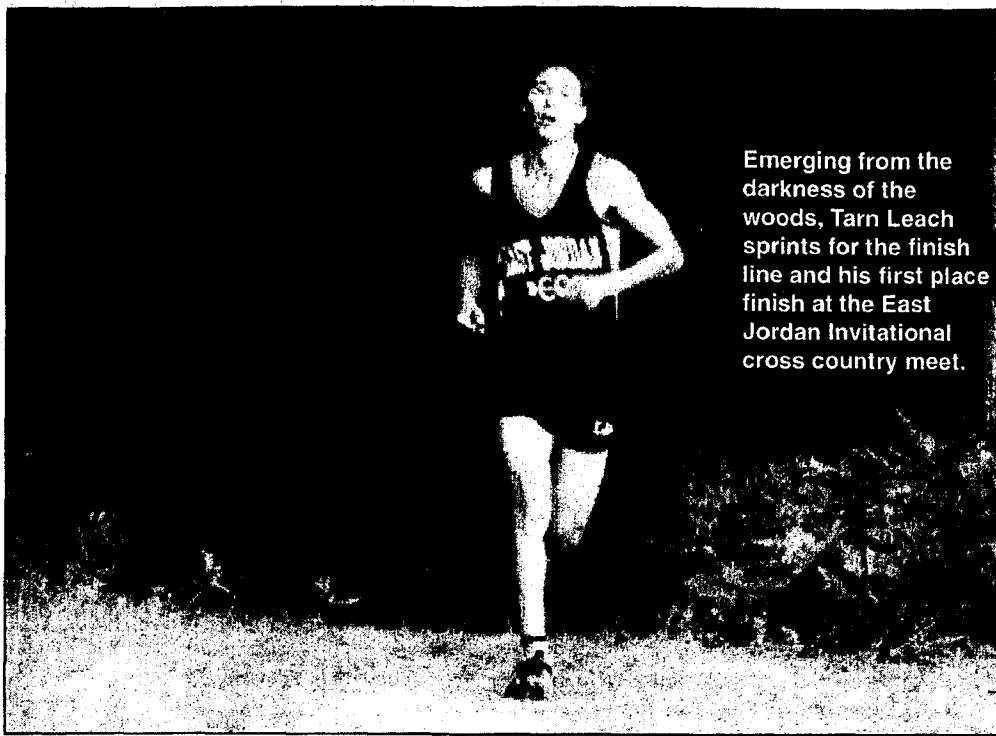
The Boyne City girls' team made a strong showing, despite not having enough runners to field a team. Everyone competing finished in the top 12. Jane Stieber led the way with a third-place finish in a time of 21:41.18. Char Brandt (9th-22:55.46), Mindy McCutcheon (10th-23:00.88), and Brie VanDam (12th-23:48.95) also ran well.

The top finisher for the Boyne City boys' team was Kellan Smith, 16th with a time of 19:02. Brad Winkler placed 22nd in 19:47. Other Rambler runners included Randall Sutton (29th), Justin Conklin (33rd), Brian Miller (35th), Justin Weisler (38th), and Geoff Martin (45th).

Carly Stieber was the lone Boyne City middle school runner, taking first place for the girls and seventh place overall with a time of 12:36.



East Jordan's Ruth Elliott and Krystal Birgy make the push to reach the finish line.



Emerging from the darkness of the woods, Tarn Leach sprints for the finish line and his first place finish at the East Jordan Invitational cross country meet.

## . . . and sets the pace at Ludington meet

The Red Devils took part in the Ludington Invitational on Sept. 16, taking first place in their respective divisions for both boys and girls.

The East Jordan boys' finish was a repeat of the East Jordan Invitational, as Leach ran another excellent race, placing first in a time of 16:51. Middaugh took second in a time of 17:24, and Booze placed fourth in 17:46. Other East Jordan runners included Romero (8th-18:09), Penzien (10th-18:26), Warnos (11th-18:40) and Kirby (23rd-19:45).

The Red Devils placed six of their girls in the top ten, including winning places two through six. Baker once again led the girls' team, as she placed second with a time of 21:55. Baker was closely followed by Shaw (3rd-21:59), Bearden (4th-22:07), Hammond

(5th-22:22), and Elliot (6th-23:12). Birgy placed ninth in 24:01, while Amanda McMichael took 14th in 24:53.

"Our girls ran particularly well," said Peterson, noting that Hammond hasn't been healthy. "We learned a lot today as to what we need to work on in both the boys and the girls races."

Snarey agreed that the girls had done an excellent job. "Tiffannie Bearden ran her usual tough race. She runs well even on her bad days. She reminds Matt [Peterson] and me so much of her brother Chris."

The East Jordan middle school team was led by Duff, Hansen, and Gee, while Poindexter led the girls.

The next cross-country meet is the Petoskey Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 23. The meet starts at 9:30 a.m.



## Soccer action

East Jordan soccer players Darin Bluhm, David Lawson, and Corban Shaw keep the ball in play last week at Boswell Stadium. The Red Devils lost to Harbor Springs. They play Petoskey on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at home.

## Lady Ramblers win their first

The Boyne City Ramblers forgot about their slow pre-conference start, and defeated Elk Rapids 48-37 for their first win of the season on Sept. 12.

The Ramblers used an evenly balanced scoring attack and tough defense to shut their opponent down.

"We stopped their two best players with Ali Swaim, Liz Bargas, and Nikki Peck," said Boyne City coach Tom Neidhamer, adding that the team played "outstanding defense."

Ellie Neidhamer and Kriste

Gaither led the Ramblers with ten points each, while Gaither also contributed ten rebounds. Nine players scored for the Ramblers.

The Boyne City JV team also won, defeating the Elks 61-33. Amber Lehto led the way with 18 points and six rebounds. Mallory O'Brien added nine points and Jessica Raber eight, while Meredith Clemens contributed nine rebounds.

The Rambler freshman team took another lopsided victory, 65-24.

Michelle Metzger had 18 points while Lyndsay Tomkins added 12 points and nine steals. Kayla Eaton had seven rebounds.

On Thursday the Ramblers traveled to Charlevoix, losing 62-44. Boyne City was only down by four points at the half but 28 percent shooting from the field never let them get any closer.

"We had ample opportunities to win the game in the second half," said Neidhamer, "but failed to put the ball

in the hoop."

Gaither led the Ramblers with 11 points, while Peck added nine and Kara Perry added eight. Swaim contributed 12 rebounds and seven points.

The Ramblers are now 1-1 in league action and 1-4 overall.

The JV record fell to 3-2 with a 10-point loss to Charlevoix.

The Ramblers travel to East Jordan on Sept. 19 and host Kalkaska on the 26th.

## Boyne comes from behind to win conference opener

Boyne City varsity football picked up the pace this weekend with a 20-14 win over Kalkaska. "We played very smart football," said head coach David Hills. "We did what we needed to do to win."

A lengthy drive midway through the first quarter gave Kalkaska the first touchdown of the game, with a two-point conversion, setting the score at 8-0. Capitalizing on its momentum, Kalkaska scored again early in the second quarter, taking their lead to 14-0.

With about two minutes left in the second quarter, Boyne City got the ball on their own 30, to drive and score with 12 seconds left in the half on an eight-yard pass from Ryan Amesbury to A.J. Spaay. The teams went into the locker room 14-7, Kalkaska.

Midway through the third quarter, the Ramblers' Jason Rostar took

the ball into the endzone on a 63-yard run. Tim Wellert kicked the extra point to tie the game 14-14.

Things still looked good for Kalkaska, with a lengthy drive in the fourth, but Boyne City stopped them with only five minutes left in the game. Two plays later, the Ramblers scored again with Cole Andrews sneaking around the line for a 43-yard touchdown run, making the final score 20-14.

Head coach David Hills gave Kalkaska credit for a game well-played. "I thought Kalkaska played well," he said. "they did not make the mistakes they've made in the last three ballgames. They didn't turn over the ball, there were very few penalties."

Still, Boyne City was able to gain the upper hand for their second win of the season. "I thought our kids played a good game," Hills said.

"We executed better on both sides of the ball. We matched their intensity in the second half."

"Cole Andrews played very well," he said, also noting play by Jason Grace who "played well on both sides of the ball" and Nick Denison.

The Ramblers' will meet up with rivals East Jordan at this Saturday's homecoming game in Boyne City.

"It's a big rivalry and it's our homecoming," said Hills. "the kids are very excited about playing this game. There are a lot of things going on this week in school, that gets you hyped up to play."

The two teams, Hills said, are equally matched. "We're sitting in the same spot," he said, noting the 2-2 records. "We're both trying to see who can make a run at the conference title."

Game time is 1:30 p.m.

## Benzie too much for EJ

East Jordan put forth a good effort, but couldn't muscle past Benzie Central, losing at home 34-13.

"We played 'em tough right down to the end," said head coach Allan Peterson. "We gave ourselves a chance, but just couldn't get over the edge."

The Red Devils came on strong, scoring first on their second drive, on a 65-yard touchdown pass from Ken Slough to Jeremy Bartlett. Missing the extra point, East Jordan set the score at 6-0.

The rest of the first quarter saw the teams evenly matched, with Benzie finally scoring late in the second quarter. They went into halftime

4-6.

After strong pushes by both teams early in the second half, Benzie gained the upper hand with a touchdown late in the third, giving themselves the lead 12-6, and scoring again, with a two-point conversion, leaving East Jordan playing catchup with a 14-point deficit.

Early in the fourth quarter, Robert Grover made a five-yard touchdown run to bring the Red Devils back into the game, with Grover kicking the extra point to take the score to 20-13. But despite some strong drives, East Jordan was unable to make up the difference, with Benzie scoring two touchdowns late in the

fourth, taking the final score to 34-13.

"[Benzie] found a hole there and kept pounding at it," said Peterson of Benzie's offensive attack in the second half.

Mistakes were the Red Devils biggest foe in the game. "We lost a couple of fumbles in there," Peterson said. "We hurt ourselves a little bit."

Leading in rushing for East Jordan was Bill Bavers with 73 yards on 14 carries, followed by Ken Slough with 42 yards on four carries, and Grover with 41 yards on 12 carries and one touchdown.

Please see FOOTBALL on page 12

## A sweet win for Boyne's junior varsity

The fourth time was a charm for Boyne City's JV football team, which chalked up its first win of the season last week against Kalkaska, 14-8.

Coach Dave Bricker called it a "team victory," noting that "everyone stepped up and played even when we were down."

Kalkaska made a strong start, taking an 8-0 lead. The Ramblers came back with a touchdown in the second quarter, on a 19-yard pass from Beau Detcher to Anthony DeNike.

"Boyne dominated the second half offensively and defensively," Bricker said, with Boyne scoring its second touchdown with 4:30 left in the game, on a one-yard run by Chris Grice. Ben Hausler made the two-point conversion on a three-yard run.

Hausler and Dusty Marquardt led the defensive game. Freshman Brenton Rozycski had Boyne's lone interception.

Bricker credited the win to "a great practice week and our scout team."

## Eighth graders open with win

The eighth-grade Rambler girls' basketball team opened its season with a 14-13 victory over Elk Rapids.

Stephanie Vroman and Jennifer McIntire lead the scoring with four points each while Ashli Hancock, Tori Crum and Caitlin Hager each added two points. Courtney Shulick and Jessica Trojanek played excellent defense and added four steals.

### SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### East Jordan

- Sept. 21: Girls Basketball, Bellaire, home, 6 p.m.; JV Football, Boyne City, home, 6 p.m.;
- Sept. 22: Golf, Gaylord Invitational, 9 a.m.
- Sept. 23: Cross Country, Petoskey Invitational at Boyne Mountain, 9:30 a.m.; Varsity Football, at Boyne City, 1:30 p.m.
- Sept. 26: Golf, Harbor Springs, home, 4:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball, at Elk Rapids, 6 p.m.; Freshman Girls Basketball, at Elk Rapids, 4:15 p.m.
- Sept. 27: Boys Soccer, Petoskey Freshmen, home, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 28: JV Football, at Harbor Springs, 6 p.m.; Golf, at Mancelona, 4 p.m.; Freshman Girls Basketball, Charlevoix, home, 4:15 p.m.; Girls Basketball, Charlevoix, home, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 30: Varsity Football, Harbor Springs, Homecoming, 3 p.m.; Cross Country, Carson City Invitational, 9 a.m.

#### Boyne City

- Sept. 20: Freshman Football, Mancelona, home, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 21: JV Football, at East Jordan, 6 p.m.; Girls Tennis, at T.C. West
- Sept. 23: Cross Country, Petoskey Invitational at Boyne Mountain, 9 a.m.; Varsity Football, East Jordan, Homecoming, 1:30 p.m.
- Sept. 25: Girls Tennis, at Grayling;
- Sept. 26: Girls Basketball, Kalkaska, home, 4:15 p.m.; Girls Tennis, T.C. East, home, 4 p.m.; Golf, at Elk Rapids, 4:30 p.m.
- Sept. 27: Freshman Football, Pellston, home, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 28: JV Football, Elk Rapids, home, 6 p.m.; Girls Basketball, at Rogers City, 4:30 p.m.; Girls Tennis, T.C. East, home, 4 p.m.; Golf, JV Inland Lakes Invitational, noon
- Sept. 29: Varsity Football, at Elk Rapids, 7:30 p.m.

#### Boyne Falls

- Sept. 22: Girls Basketball, Leelanau St. Mary's, home, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 23: Cross Country, Petoskey Invitational at Boyne Mountain, 9 a.m.
- Sept. 26: Girls Basketball, at Johannesburg, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 27: Cross Country, Conference Jamboree #2, home
- Sept. 28: Girls Basketball, Wolverine, home, 6 p.m.

## Red Devils use press to defeat Ellsworth

The Red Devils earned an easy looking victory over Ellsworth, 57-45, on Thursday behind an excellent game by senior Linda Slough and great play from the bench. Despite some cold shooting, East Jordan never trailed, leading 32-15 at the half.

"We started rather cold shooting, but our press seemed to take Ellsworth out of their game and forced a number of turnovers," said head coach Dan Pepin. "Two main factors in the outcome of the game were reduction in turnovers (13) and great play from Anna Olson, Andrea Palmrose, and Renee Nowka off the bench."

Slough led the Red Devils with 29 points, five rebounds, six steals, five deflections, and three assists while running the offense the entire game. Courtney Hammond added 13 points. Olson contributed four rebounds, three steals, and seven deflections, while Palmrose had five rebounds and six points and Jackie Haley added six points.

Earlier in the week, East Jordan led Traverse City St. Francis 27-25 at halftime but couldn't stop a 21-point Gladiator fourth quarter, as they lost 60-54. The Red Devils had the lead at the end of every quarter but the one that counted most as they lost their opening conference game.

"We played them even in the first half and had an 11 point lead late in the third," said Pepin. "It was still a two-point game with one minute to play but we could not convert. We were forced to foul but they responded by going 8-8 from the line in the fourth."

The Red Devils only shot 35 percent from the line, while St. Francis shot over 50 percent.

Hammond led East Jordan with 17 points and 7 rebounds. Kristen Haley had a double-double, adding ten points and ten rebounds, while Slough contributed 15 points.

East Jordan hosts Boyne City on September 19, while Bellaire comes to visit on September 21.



Sprinting off the starting line, runners jockey for position before heading into the woods at the Boyne Valley Lodge course. The Ramblers' Kellan Smith, number 199, had a step on the pack, a lead he was able to keep to win his first varsity race.



Midway through Saturday's race, Boyne City's Jane Stieber was far ahead of the pack and well on her way to an impressive victory.



Boyne Falls runner Jenny Kuhn sprints to her second place finish.

## Mistakes costly for Red Devil jv's in loss to Benzie

East Jordan jv football suffered a tough loss to Benzie Central last week, 36-0.

Crucial mistakes early in the game left the Red Devils trailing 28-0 at the half, with the Benzie defense keeping East Jordan at bay.

In the second half, Benzie scored a touchdown with a two-point conversion to wrap up the game's scoring. East Jordan gained only 136 yards of total offense for the game.

"The Red Devils were hit with some key injuries and tough turnovers in the game, but still battled the entire game," said head coach Todd Derenzy.

Matt Huver led in rushing for East Jordan with 65 yards on 13 carries. Bryan Diller contributed 21 tackles. Chris DeCamp, John Reese, and Josh Sheridan were also noted for outstanding play.

"This was a tough loss for our kids, but I think we learned quite a bit about ourselves and the need for reducing mistakes against quality competition," Derenzy said.

"The kids know we need to work hard this week and prepare for the next challenge, which just happens to be a fantastic rivalry."

East Jordan faces rival Boyne City on Thursday in Boyne.

"With the proximity of the two schools, combined with the fact that I teach in Boyne City, this next game has all the ingredients of being a remarkable evening," said Derenzy.

"With this being Boyne's homecoming week, I'm sure their kids will be looking for a big win."

Game time is 6 p.m.

## Rambler girls win Boyne Valley Invitational

The Boyne City girls took home top honors at the Boyne Valley Cross Country Invitational last weekend. Boyne City boys came in second, with Boyne Falls boys taking fourth place.

The Lady Ramblers had the top score of 19 points, followed by Wolverine, who had 69. The two were the only schools with enough girls to field a team.

Jane Stieber took top honors, with a time of 19:55. Charlotte Brandt came in third with a time of 21:01. Mindy McCutcheon placed fourth with 21:17; Brie VanDam, fifth, with 21:47; Hannah Decker, sixth, 21:48; Katie

Martin, seventh, 22:27, and Kelsi Brewer, 10th, 22:38.

In the boys race, Boyne City took second with 61 points. Kellan Smith took the first place spot, with a time of 17:00, slipping by Harbor Springs runner Jacob Kloss by one second.

Brad Winkler made a good showing in seventh place with a time of 18:22, as did Randall Sutton in eighth, at 18:23. Also placing for the Ramblers were Brian Miller (22nd), Justin Conklin (23rd), Justin Weisler (26th), Geoff Martin (33rd), Sam McVannell (35th), and David Burns (47th).

Boyne Falls boys came in fourth with 104 points. Adam Utley set the pace for the Loggers, finishing in third place with a time of 17:18. Other runners placing for Boyne Falls included Chris Crego (11th), Mike Dunlop (18th), Chris Reynolds (31st), Seth Zimmerman (41st), Mike Matelski (42nd), and Aaron Stackus (44th).

Lady Logger Jenny Kuhn took second for the girls, with a time of 20:41.

Boyne City and Boyne Falls will compete at the Petoskey Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 23, at Boyne Mountain.

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## Football

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Quarterback Slough was four of seven in passing, with 99 yards and one touchdown. Bartlett caught two passes for 88 yards, including one touchdown.

Evan Chappius led on defense with 14 tackles. Grover and Nate Diller each contributed nine, and Pat Bearden, Bob Huffman, and Joe Cooper had eight apiece.

East Jordan will travel to Boyne City on Saturday, for the Ramblers'

homecoming game. "It's hard to go to Boyne City for us anytime," Peterson said. "It's a rivalry. "It's always a pretty good ballgame."

With both teams sitting at 2-2, Peterson feels the game will be evenly matched, but said that records don't

necessarily make a difference in this type of hometown rivalry. "We'll throw the record out the window and play the game," he said. "We'll throw it all on the table and go for it." Game time is 1:30 p.m.

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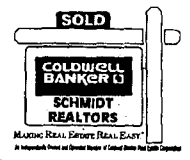
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APPLE CROPS ARE DOWN, BUT PLENTY WILL BE AVAILABLE LOCALLY

## It's harvest time at area orchards

While fall weather is expected to be normal, strange weather earlier in the year has put a damper on this year's harvest, with apple crops coming in much below average.

"We're down," said Denny Graham of Sherman Orchards in East Jordan. "It was the goofy spring we had." The orchards' biggest problems, said Graham, were frosts and the early warm-up combined with the up and down temperatures throughout the summer. "Nothing's been uniform," he said. "It all takes its toll."

Sherman is expecting production to be about 50 percent of normal. Most of the apples produced in their orchard are shipped out for processing rather than retail sales.

Richard Friske of Friske Orchards agrees that the year is not shaping up to be one of the best. "Our apples are down," he said, noting that they expect to pick about 20,000 bushels this season, as opposed to an average 50,000. It was the spring that did the damage, said Friske, noting especially a hard freeze late in May.

Still, he notes, they will "have plenty for retail. We just won't be shipping out as much as usual."

Friske noted that recently they had been picking some early varieties like Paula Red and Ginger Gold, and both orchards started picking their "true fall apples" in the last week, including MacIntosh and Jonamac. Friske said they normally pick until the end of October.

## Weather may be "normal" this year

While discussion of the weather for the last couple of years has been filled with references to El Niño and La Niña, with most seasons being not quite what's expected, this fall will be a refreshing change for most. Temperatures and precipitation are predicted to be right around "normal" for this time of year.

According to meteorologist Pat Bak of the National Weather Service, indicators are providing "no strong signal much above or below normal, either in temperature or precipitation." Typically, September in northern Michigan means high temps in the 60s and 70s, with the lows sitting in the lower 40s. By the end of September and early October,

the area is looking at the lower 60s for highs, with temperatures falling rapidly through October. By the end of October, normal highs are in the lower 50s, with lows in the frosty lower 30s. After that, the area generally sees a "pretty steady fall through the rest of the year," said Bak.

For the time being, though, the situation is fairly neutral, with no strong weather trends on the horizon. That doesn't mean there won't be any surprises, though. A roller-coaster of highs and lows is not out of the ordinary for this month, meaning some days may be very warm, and some very cold, while still falling into the "average" range. "It's typically a real transition time" in northern Michigan, Bak

said. "September can have highs in the 40s or 50s, or highs in the 80s. We saw that last year." Bak compares September in the area as being much like our May, with rapidly fluctuating temperatures and conditions, being quite normal. "It kind of stabilizes in October," he said.

Though the region has recently enjoyed a few balmy days with temperatures in the 70s, in the next week the area will likely be struggling to get out of the 60s, which, Bak notes is a "little below normal." Temperatures will likely continue in the normal range to "a little cooler than normal," over the next week or so, with the area being on the "drier side" for the next month.

## Season has potential for excellent color

The air is crisp, with brisk breezes and blue skies; with all the signs of fall's impending arrival, residents and tourists alike know that another spectacular color show must be right around the corner.

Though a dry stretch mid-summer was deceiving to many, the area actually enjoyed a fair amount of moisture, resulting in a good leaf-growing season. According to Michigan State forestry professor Melvin Koelling, the summer's increased moisture means a potentially beautiful fall. "More and larger leaves, plus few pockets of drought and a low gypsy moth population give us the basis for potentially excellent color," Koelling said. "It's bright sunny days and cool nights in September that we need. Last year it set up well, but stayed warm and color was muted. Often, when you see that pattern, however, the following year is good."

Other factors, though, contribute to the type of color show residents and visitors will enjoy. Lake-effect warming along the Great Lakes and inland water shorelines can delay peak color. The decrease in daylight hours of the season also play a part, with shorter days causing the leaves to stop their chlorophyll production. Summer rain means bigger and

healthier leaves, and while Autumn rain is desirable, continuous cloudy weather is not, since that would stop the sugar production that creates the brilliant reds and golds found in oaks and maples, Michigan's most prevalent tree species.

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species of trees in its 18.6 million acres of forest, including the more showy colors of hardwoods such as aspen, maple, birch, sumac, and oak.

Fall color tours are big business for many northern Michigan towns. An estimated 2.9 million state residents will take a trip to view fall color this year. According to AAA Michigan, Michigan businesses catering to fall color watchers can expect to reap about \$2 billion in the 45-day span of the fall color season, from mid-September to late October. The season represents about one-quarter of the state's \$10 billion tourism industry.



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