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## At A Glance

### Ramblers souvenir section inside this edition

Check out the special keepsake section inside this issue of The Citizen-Journal for an overview of the Boyne City Rambler football team's dream season, from the season opener to the trip to the state semi-finals.

### EJ Lions to hold annual tree sales

The East Jordan Lions Club will hold its annual Christmas tree sales every weekend through Dec. 16. The sales will be held at the corner of Mill and Main streets on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7-8, and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Dec. 14-16. Hours on Fridays will be from 3-5 p.m., Saturdays from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 16 from 9:30-5 p.m.

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### Holiday craft show set for Dec. 1 in Boyne City

The 23rd annual Holiday Hobbycraft show will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1 in the Boyne City High School gym, and will feature 85 crafters and artisans this year, with all manner of crafts, ornaments, home decorations and more for sale.

The Child Study Club will be on hand with free giftwrapping in a classroom across from the high school media center. Donations are welcome.

The event is sponsored by the Boyne City Foundation For Educational Excellence. For more information, call Shirley Howie at 582-7087.

### Hunter lost in Jordan Valley turns up unharmd

The United States Coast Guard along with other local search agencies were called out Nov. 20 to search for a downstate man who became lost while deer hunting near the Jordan Valley.

The Antrim County Sheriff's Department was called at approximately 6:20 p.m. that evening by Glenn Maples of Ironton who said his son, Timothy Maples, also of Ironton, had failed to return to their designated meeting place after dark. After a two hour search Timothy was found by a passing motorist walking north on M-66.

He was found to be unharmed.

## 'Tis the season

Though the snow is apparently still on order, the holiday season arrived in Boyne City on Friday anyway, with the annual Santa Parade.

Afterwards, kids lined up for a chance to visit with St. Nick at the Wolverine-Dilworth Hotel. Here, Zachary Legato of Boyne City is clearly delighted to have a face to face moment with the jolly old elf.



## Investors take interest in EJ property

Just as the Dalquist and Bernier properties in East Jordan were being slated for demolition, recently renewed interest may have granted the buildings a reprieve.

As the Downtown Development Authority has, in recent months, begun to move seriously towards planning the demolition of the deteriorating buildings located on the corner of Main and Mill in the hopes of making the property more marketable, viable investors turned up with proposals that just may give the buildings new life.

According to East Jordan city administrator David White, reporting at the recent regular city commission meeting, two investors have been seriously pursuing the properties, with one, Bob and Liz Kroondyk of Boyne City, having already submitted an offer with the intention of creating retail space with apartments above. The second proposal, put forth by Boyne City builders Floyd and Todd Wright, has not yet culminated in a monetary offer, but is serious enough to have lined up potential tenants for retail/business space.

Through either proposal, total investment in the property could total approximately \$1 million, said White.

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## A new chapter

### Local resident Scott MacKenzie hired as the new director of the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce

After an extensive search which included statewide advertising and turned up more than 90 applicants, the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce board of directors has hired a familiar local face as the organization's new executive director.

Last week, the board offered the position to Scott MacKenzie, who many will recognize as the chairperson of the recent successful Boyne Creative Playground project. MacKenzie accepted the job, and is due to start full-time on Jan. 7, replacing former director Debbie Thompson, who in September resigned after ten years on the job.

"He's a great people person," said board president Nannette Miller. "He's sharp, he's got good communication skills. I think he's going to do a great job."

Hiring MacKenzie came as the culmination of the efforts of a committee formed for the specific purpose of a director search.

The committee, which included chamber members Miller, Greg Blackall, Bob Huff, Pete Friedrich, and Liz Kroondyk; DDA member Jody Adams; and Boyne City assistant city clerk Josette Lory, reviewed 97 resumes, some coming from as far away as Hawaii and South Carolina, narrowing the field down to seven viable applicants. From there, the committee pared the list down to three candidates who were interviewed in early November. Narrowing the list down to "the seven was easy," said Miller later. "To the [final] three was hard."

The board is, though, "100 percent" behind the decision to hire

MacKenzie, said Miller. "I think we're all very excited about the possibilities that are there."

In addition to going through the actual hiring process, the committee actually worked also to revise the job description for the director's position. "What we did was gather job descriptions from other chambers," Miller said. They were, she added, "all over the place" in terms of what they required; the committee simply "picked the things we felt were important here. Approved by the chamber board, the job description calls for a director to be "more out in the community" now than previously. "Scott's job is going to be more face to face contact with members," said Miller. "There will be more working with groups, attending other groups' meetings." The intention, she said, is "to make it a more proactive, viable position."

MacKenzie, for his part, is no stranger to working in the public eye. Currently employed at Wagbo Peace Center in East Jordan as the coordinator of the center's Multi-Farm Community Supported Agriculture program, MacKenzie has a long history of community outreach. A native Michigander, MacKenzie returned with his family to his home state in 1999, after living and working for several years in North Carolina. There, he was the director of education and student services at a children's home and worked as a program coordinator for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club; he also gained valuable experience in entrepreneurship, purchasing a "fledgling" antique shop and nurturing it into a

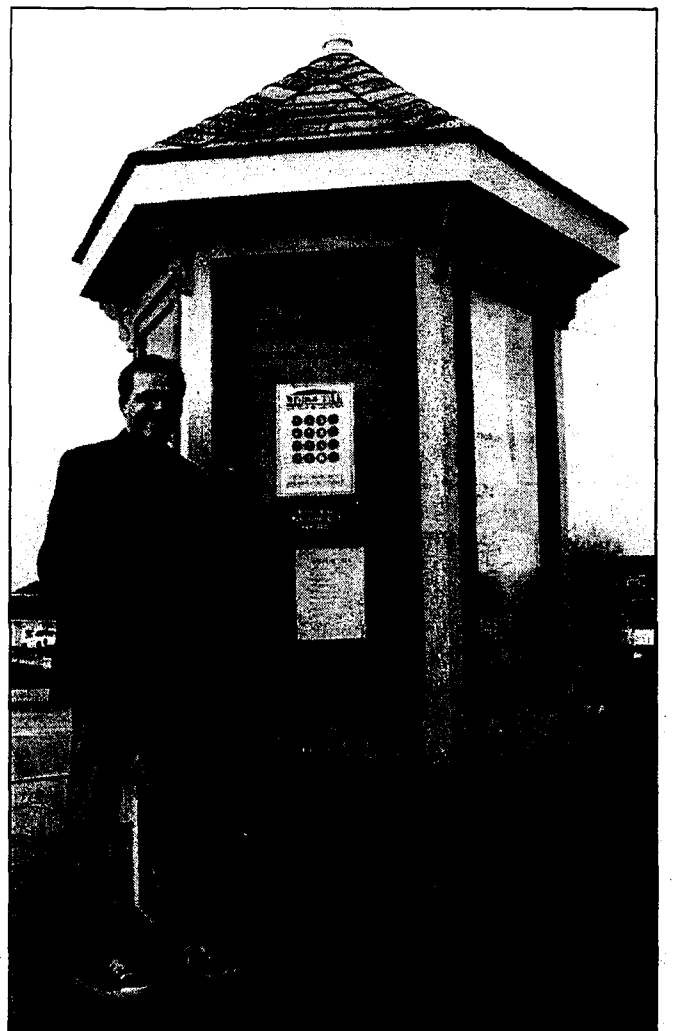
successful antique business, producing over \$250,000 in annual retail sales.

It was in North Carolina, too, that MacKenzie became involved in grassroots community organizing through neighborhood organizations, culminating with a stint as president of the Glenwood Neighborhood Association. The experience opened the door to involvement on the steering committee and later chairperson for the Greensboro Civic Entrepreneur Initiative, which worked to bring together community leaders from diverse backgrounds in order to facilitate understanding and conflict resolution.

In 1999, MacKenzie's wife, Jane, took a position as the executive director of Northern Homes Community Development Association in East Jordan, bringing the family north. Settling in Boyne City, MacKenzie pursued avenues that kept him in community outreach, including working as the Charlevoix Area Community Pool's pool auction coordinator and chairing the Boyne Area Playground effort, as well as his position at Wagbo.

And though he hadn't specifically targeted working in a chamber of commerce position, when the job of director opened up in Boyne City the time just seemed right.

"There's such a wonderful potential for this chamber with all the assets of the environment, industry and business," said MacKenzie, "and the strong, proud community we've got. There's a great history in the Boyne area." The goal, he said, is to "pull it all together, strengthening business



Gathering and disseminating information will be a big part of Scott MacKenzie's job as director of the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce. Pictured here at the chamber's Window Talk feature, MacKenzie said that he plans to conduct a thorough survey of area residents and businesses.

and the community."

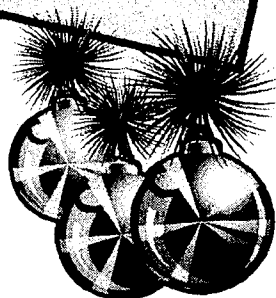
Though the chamber position puts a lot on his plate, MacKenzie has specific steps in mind to move forward, including conducting a thorough survey of chamber members, non-chamber members, and the community at large. It's crucial, he said, to build

consensus with various populations involved before projects are undertaken, and at the present time, he feels that there will soon be much to be undertaken.

"We really want people to get on see CHAMBER on page 7



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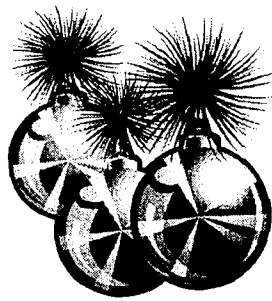
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## LETTERS

### True patriots have always been around

TO THE EDITOR:

Since Sept. 11, it has been encouraging to see so many new American flags in front of homes and businesses, on vehicles and clothing and just about anywhere you want to look you see our flag being shown by our new patriotic citizens all over our great nation. But isn't it sad that the events that prompted the new patriotism had to be a catastrophe?

Where were our new patriots Sept. 10 with their flags and slogans? I'll tell you where. They were going about their mundane lives avoiding involvement, interested in only what directly affects their lives, not voting and being satisfied to let someone else carry the responsibility of protecting their way of life, their rights and their freedoms.

And where were the true patriots? They were all around you, in every town, in every state and where ever our military was deployed around the world. That's where you can find the true patriot. They are our veterans who have served and are now serving their country to protect our way of life, our freedoms and liberties. They are those citizens who take an interest in their communities and nation, who are not afraid to become involved in the affairs of their communities and nation and are willing to give their all, even their lives, for freedom and their country rather than be enslaved by some dictator or new world order.

These are the patriots whose patriotism comes from the heart. They have been here and they are here now as they always have been since our country was formed over 225 years ago. Where does your patriotism originate? Is it a part of your being and radiating from your heart? Or is it only awakened by a Sept. 11 catastrophe, fueled by anger or indignation and worn on your sleeve? Would you be willing to give your life for your country and freedom? I would.

Jerry Evans

### Looking for someone to help outfit the BCHS marching band

TO THE EDITOR:

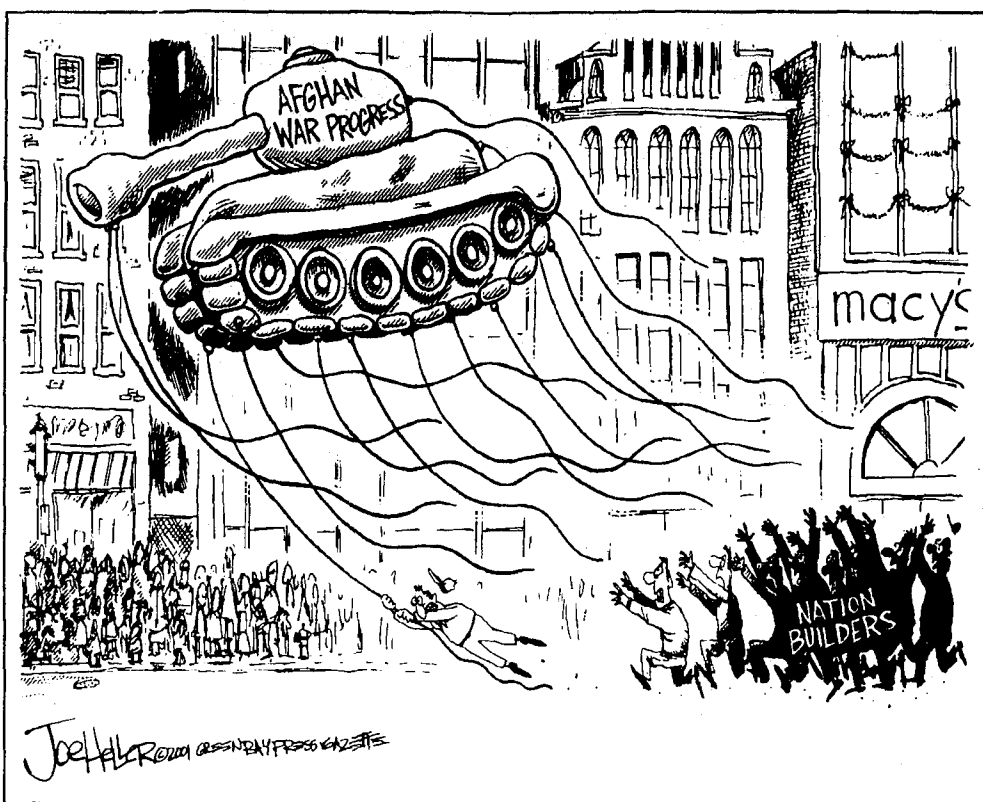
On Friday, Nov 16, I was privileged to participate in putting together 59 jackets for the Boyne City High School band. The grandmother of one of the band members decided that the band needed jackets to be warm and to look presentable at the football game in Big Rapids. So on Monday, Nov 12, she drove several hundred miles rounding up material. Many women cut, pinned and sewed all week and area restaurants provided food for them while they worked. The task was completed late Friday evening before the trip to Big Rapids. What a wonderful community of caring people!

The jackets, however, are just a temporary fix. The band needs uniforms. They are expected to take part in parades and participate in generating enthusiasm at sporting events as well as performing at the football halftimes. In this area, this can be a very cold task. A large part of a performance is in the presentation. The band represents our community and they should be able to present themselves with pride.

The Charlevoix band obtained their uniforms from funds provided by the band boosters and the community. The East Jordan band obtained their uniforms from funds provided by the band boosters, school district and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

How about it, band members, parents, band boosters, and Boyne community? There certainly must be a way that uniforms can be obtained for the Boyne City High School band.

Sharon LeBuda



## LETTERS

### Bypass a spending boondoggle

TO THE EDITOR:

Shakespeare named his comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing." Around Petoskey, the current comedy could be called the bypass carnival, complete with hearings, studies, proposals and arguments. All the while, the Michigan Department of Transportation pushes ahead with its spending boondoggle. Isn't there any hope for a reasonable and practical approach to what boils down to be a few-blocks long bottleneck through Bay View on a few summer days of the year? One that won't involve spending multi-millions of tax dollars and paving over acres of rolling farm land. I happen to think there is a logical and common sense solution to this less than overwhelming problem.

The first thing you do is look at the map. No, not the map of Emmet County but the map of Michigan. Then pose two questions: Where does most of the unwanted traffic originate? What is the simplest way to route it to I-75?

There are only two highways into the city from the south, US-31 and US-131. As we look south along US-31, there is no significant population center above the Traverse City area so the key to diverting West coast traffic is a big green and white roadside sign at Acme pointing to State 72 as the fast way to Mackinaw via US-131. An added benefit would be saving these tourists from the real congestion in downtown Charlevoix, not to mention the predictable hourly delays at the drawbridge.

Now that we have all that north bound traffic on I31, we'll need another big sign pointing the way to miss all the distraction businesses and the traffic of Petoskey by taking the fast way to Mackinaw. This time we can choose from a couple of places to put the sign. One is at State 32 where that road goes east through Elmira and on to I-75 at Gaylord. The other place is at Boyne Falls, using C-48 (Thumb Lake Road) to pick up I-75 at Vanderbilt.

Sure, these routes will need to have some work done on them but the rights-of-way are clear and the roadbeds are in place. No farms will disappear and no rolling countryside will be buried under concrete. And, wonder of wonders, we might even save us taxpayers some money. That is where the MDOT money comes from, isn't it?

The last question, of course, is, "Would these routes be used?" Who can answer such a hypothetical question? My guess? About as much as any of the State's proposed routes would be. Which is to say, "yes, some, but not an awful lot." It wouldn't cost very much to try just the signs alone for a summer or two.

This letter is also being sent to Mr. Jose Lopez, MDOT Public Hearings Officer, Post Office Box 30050, Lansing, MI 48909 (by fax at (517) 3739255 or e-mail at lopezjos@mdot.state.mi.us). Why not add your voice to this quixotic attempt to force a little sanity into bureaucratic decisions? The deadline for letters is Jan. 15 but you can add the power of your presence at the public hearing on Dec. 5 at Petoskey Middle School. See you there.

Ira Breneman

### Hard work of band jacket makers is greatly appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank Mrs. Anne Thurston and anyone who helped out in making the Boyne City High School Band jackets. I know this was a lot of hard work and all of you deserve a big pat on the back for pulling this together in such a short

time.

To all of you, the band jackets looked great and your hard work is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

As a community, we definitely need to work together and see if we can get our band some band uniforms.

Shelly Weir

### Jacket helper missed last week

TO THE EDITOR:

Oops! In last week's letter to the editor, I omitted Eleanor Sutliff's name from the long list of those who

helped make the band jackets. I am truly sorry, as she was one of the most faithful workers.

Anne Thurston

### WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Letters must be signed and include a daytime phone number; the deadline is Friday at 5 p.m.

## A Mom's Life

### Moms have a special list of things to be thankful for

By CINDI PLACE

In this season of thankfulness, I know we all feel stronger about what we see as our blessings. Family, health, freedom top our list. But, as I was thinking about how important all of these things are to us, I couldn't help but think about all the smaller, often forgotten blessings that I am thankful for as well.

When our children were little, I know I was thankful for disposable diapers, Sesame Street and Cheerios. The first because it made my life inestimably easier, the other two because without them I may never have had a peaceful moment. Mommy-time, now that was something to be thankful for indeed. I wasn't lucky enough to have had babies during the onesie revolution, but know that those little one piece undershirts would have definitely been added to my list!

Legos, timeout, even play groups hold a special place in my mommy-heart. Over the years the friendships I have sown during times spent with other moms have kept me, and possibly my children, happy and sane during some pretty difficult times. I give thanks every day for the friend who understood that I really didn't want to babble like a child, it was just the lack of adult contact that made me that way.

Of course, a mom's thanking list would never be complete without all the coaches, advisors, mentors and teachers who always seem to know just what to say when a teenager of mine has left me speechless. That someone else could see some talent or spark in another person's child, and nurture that spark is nothing short of a miracle to me. Especially when that child is thirteen. And a girl.

Super capacity washers and dryers, macaroni and cheese, discount department stores that sell name brand blue jeans, and mandatory bedtimes have all made my life as a parent easier and richer. Trust me. As has having a husband who knows when it's time to clean the bath; room and who isn't afraid of just tossing that laundry in the washer, sorted or not.

But mostly I am thankful for that special instinct, that mother's feeling, that told me to keep a teenager home from a party, or ask a few more questions before handing out the car keys, or even offering, no insisting, on chaperoning a school dance even at the last minute. Because no matter what my children think, there is nothing ever that will be more important to me than they are. Not even finger jello.

## MANY THANKS

### Area business gave big to support Rambler soccer

Once again, Boyne City's finest comes through! I'm writing to thank a few local businesses that have once again, unselfishly donated to yet another youth organization, the new Ramblers soccer team. Boyne City's Glen's Market, BC Pizza, and Carter's Food Center in Boyne are those businesses that donated various services, merchandise, and supplies.

BC Pizza donated \$1,000 toward the uniforms, Mike Davis and his crew at Glen's Market were the driving force behind a very successful sub sandwich sale that netted approximately \$1,350, and last but not least, Carter's donated the use of their concession stand that was used to help raise \$319.

It's our local businesses, like these, that continually donate to support our community youth and various organizations.

Please shop your local businesses.....they deserve it!

Sincerely,  
Liz Kroondyk  
A soccer mom

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# Looking forward

■ Despite national uncertainty, local resorts and retailers are optimistic about projections for the winter

In northern Michigan, tourism is big business. Nationwide, the tourism industry is feeling the effects of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks; closer to home, though, it seems that things are business as usual.

At Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls, for instance, all factors point to a good winter season. According to general manager Ed Grice, there has been "absolutely no decline" in either reservations or season pass sales. "The encouraging thing is, we've actually seen an increase," he said.

Noting that while any relation to Sept. 11 is pure speculation, Grice ventured to guess that Boyne Mountain, and by extension the surrounding area, may see less of an impact due to the fact that for most regular visitors the area is "a driving destination." With the current skittishness regarding air travel and busy airports, folks may be more likely to get in the car and drive.

According to AAA, despite the fact that road travel this holiday season is expected to be down 1.6 percent from last year, the highest proportion of people ever will be choosing to take to the roadways, with more than 87 percent of travelers choosing to drive.

That trend, combined with forecasts predicting a cold and snowy season, could make for a "very favorable recreational winter" said Grice. Though recent unseasonable temperatures have kept the Mountain from its hope of opening by Thanksgiving, the forecast calls for a dip in temperatures by the end of the week.

**THE RETAIL** climate is, likewise, looking good for northern Michigan. The fact that many folks are staying

closer to home or choosing to visit places within driving distance rather than taking an airplane is "a boon for this area," said East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce director Mary Faculak. Recent weeks have seen area residents and businesses decorating for the holiday even earlier than usual, said Faculak, indicating an enthusiasm for the upcoming season. An enthusiasm that Faculak believes will mean good things for retailers.

"Customers [in East Jordan] are very loyal to the business community," said Faculak, "but I think even more so this year. People are really supporting the local businesses."

"There's a very strong sense of community," she said, adding that, as a business owner (Faculak owns the E.J. Shoppe in East Jordan), people were asking for the wishbook as early as two weeks ago; "people are shopping earlier."

From a chamber standpoint, Faculak has noticed that merchants are "really excited about the upcoming season, and are working closer together as a unit." For instance, the Children's Christmas Tree program many downtown East Jordan businesses are participating in is a new joint venture this year in the business community, and plans are underway once more for a Community Night to be held on Dec. 6 as the kick-off for the annual Festival of the Bells event. Promotions are "geared towards the family and community," said Faculak, "showcasing the finest East Jordan can offer."

But it's not just local business that will find its way to East Jordan this year; tourism is expected to play a part in the winter's economy. "What we're finding here [is that] we're becoming



Though Boyne Mountain is looking forward to a healthy winter season, these idle snow guns and bare slopes tell the current story, with temperatures remaining too warm to make snow. Current forecasts, however, call for cooler temperatures and maybe even a little of the white stuff.

a destination point," Faculak said. Consumers are "not only local residents, but also from out of town." East Jordan's push towards nature-based tourism in recent years will still pay off this year, Faculak believes, as, weather permitting, the area has become a hub for snowmobiling, snowshoeing and winter rafting. These activities are not likely to be affected, she surmises, by the recent national events.

"They're timely now," Faculak said. "Nature-based tourism activities [can be] enjoyed as a family," and, she added, also can provide an opportunity for solitude and meditation, "a safe haven."

On the whole, concluded Faculak, the mood heading into the holiday season in northern Michigan is "very upbeat. There's a lot of energy right now, a lot of togetherness."

## EJ investors

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The Kroondyk proposal, which was presented at last week's meeting of the DDA, has been tabled for review at the Dec. 3 meeting.

According to White, both proposals will entail about a 12-month building window.

White also noted in his administrator's report that, as part of the redevelopment project for the Dalquist and Bernier properties, the

City, under the Brownfield Redevelopment Act, can apply for funding to address any environmental issues. White said that the funding can be used for a baseline environmental assessment and any remedial cleanup required, but cannot, however, be applied for until a developer has committed to the site.

"The ability to receive grant funding greatly enhances the total incentive package for a developer," said White.

## Applications available for annual Zonta award

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is accepting applications for its annual Young Women in Public Affairs award, which awards \$500 to an outstanding young woman living in Charlevoix County and currently enrolled in a secondary school.

The recipient of the local award will also have her application forwarded to the District which awards an additional \$500 to the district winner.

Last year's winner was Heather Jones from East Jordan High School.

The Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award competition is designed to encourage women to pursue decision-making positions in their

communities in order to impact the policies that affect the lives of women. Zonta is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women.

Applications are available at the counselor's office at all Charlevoix County high schools or may be obtained by calling Maura A. Snabes at 547-9969. The deadline for receiving applications is Feb. 1, 2002. Applications can be submitted to the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club c/o Maura A. Snabes, P.O. Box 175, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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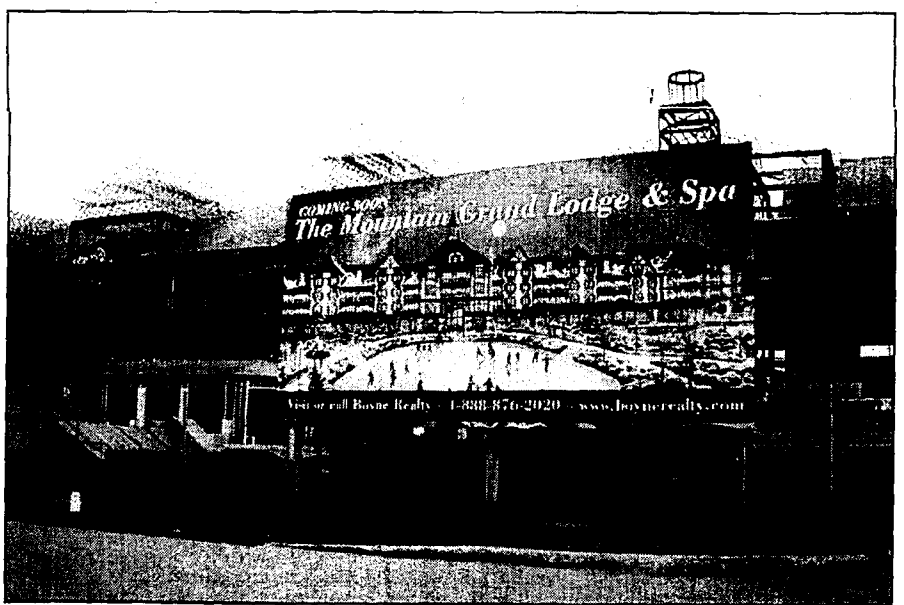
## Construction on Boyne Mountain hotel and spa stopped until spring

After a grand groundbreaking in the fall of 2000 and almost a year of steady construction, work on the new Mountain Grand Lodge and Spa at Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls has been temporarily suspended.

"Work has stopped," said Boyne Mountain general manager Ed Grice, adding that "we hope to begin again in the springtime."

The recent stay on construction is, though, purely temporary, according to Boyne Mountain representative Julie Ard, who confirmed that construction is planned to resume in the spring of 2002, with the opening tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2003.

The \$150 million project, which encompasses a 222-room condominium hotel as well as a bar and restaurant area, spa, fitness center, specialty shops, and skating rink, was originally slated to be completed in the summer



Financial reorganization has resulted in a temporary halt on construction of the Mountain Grand Lodge and Spa at Boyne Mountain.

of 2002.

"The recent halt in construction has required us to create a new timeline," said Ard.

The decision to suspend construction for the winter was made, said Ard, in response to the "reorganization of financing on the project."

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## NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

**THANKSGIVING DAY** dinner guests at the Boyne City home of Vic and Diane Ayers were their daughter and her husband, Angela and George Grundner, granddaughter Aisha, grandson Bernie Forwald of Royal Oak and a son-in-law, John Mally of Northville, and also Irene Grundner of Boyne City. "Of course," said Diane, "too much food and we all over-ate!"

**SCOTT AND KELLY** Howard of Boyne City welcomed the arrival of their daughter on Oct. 30, 2001. Cassidy Lynne Howard weighed 4 pounds 4 ounces and measured 17 1/2 inches in length at birth. Siblings are Jeffrey, age 6, and Brandon, 2 1/2. Grandparents are the late Shirley Howard Kile and Don Kile of East Jordan, John Massey of Boyne Falls, Kathy Giem of Trout Lake, and Ken Giem of Boyne Falls.

**JANET (MUNSON)** Smith of Boyne City, all her children and grandchildren gathered at the East Jordan home of Rocky and Sherry Clark on Thanksgiving Day, making it 25 people in all, who had a great time!

**A FOND** farewell goes out to my next door neighbor, Dawn Peters, who moved to 1501 Crest View Dr. in Petoskey on Sunday afternoon, to live closer to her daughter. She was a good neighbor.

**DIANE HAUSLER** celebrated her 50th birthday on Saturday. Although Diane didn't want a big "bash," she did take the time to spend an evening away with husband Mike. They made it back just in time for their grandson Max's baptism and granddaughter Sydney's first birthday.

**CHLOE HEALEY**, the six-month-old daughter of Kathy Van Hoosier of Boyne City, spent Monday to Wednesday at the Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids this past week, for testing.

**IT MUST** truly have been one of the greatest "Blessings of Thanksgiving" ever, for the family of Boyne City's Betty Bradley. Betty suffered a stroke earlier this year and has really struggled through many debilitating effects but

with much therapy at Charlevoix's Boulder Park Terrace, she made it home for Thanksgiving and is now able to live back in her own apartment here at Litzenger Place. Welcome home, Betty!

**ÁRVILLA DIXON** of Boyne City is enjoying an extended visit at the home of her son and his wife, Jack and Karen Dixon, in Howell.

**MIKE AND JOYCE** Northup of Eastpointe celebrated Thanksgiving in Boyne City with his mother, Edna May. She also enjoyed drop-in visits of her granddaughters Lynnell and Jenny and their children and phone calls from other family members.

**THORNETA ROWE** enjoyed several days of the holiday in Troy. On Thanksgiving Day, at the home of her daughter, Susan and Dusty Rhodes, with all the family, including the grandchildren, there were 14 gathered there for sharing of the special time of Thanksgiving. Shopping days were enjoyed also, before her return.

**HILDA REINHART** of Boyne City hosted a Reinhardt family gathering on Sunday afternoon, in honoring her granddaughter Jamie Dobrowski and infant daughter Jaelyn of Alpena with a baby shower. All 25 attending enjoyed passing Jaelyn around, playing games, refreshments and the unwrapping lovely gifts for her.

**THE REV. WAYNE** Bullock, retired, and wife Arlene of Stanwood and their daughter Shirley and Mark Hunter and family of Ludington were all here for a few days of Thanksgiving with his son, Pastor Mark Bullock, Cindy and their son Cody. Some also enjoyed hunting while here. The Rev. Wayne delivered the sermon on Sunday at the Free Methodist Church. The elder Bullocks will leave on Tuesday to spend the winter in Texas.

**SYDNEY HAUSLER**, daughter of Luke Hausler and Melanie Hubble celebrated her first birthday with friends and family at B.C. Pizza on Sunday, with 30 guests attending. Judy Lindsay, Sydney's grandma, was able to make it home

from Florida for the party as well as aunt Michelle Hubble from St. Louis.

**NELS AND LOUISA** Northup entertained their children, Lynnell and Denny Wakley and two sons of Marshall; Lori and Bill Bailey and son of Grand Rapids; Jenny and Tony Witer and four children (and one on the way!) of Ohio; Kim and Rich Martin and two children of Grand Rapids and Nels' sister Nancy with a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner at their "Red House" in Deer Lake. Included in the great time was a pre-birthday cake and ice-cream celebration for the Witer's daughter, Allison, to be four years old on Nov. 30.

**JOANNE BRITTON** of Boyne City enjoyed sharing Thanksgiving Day dinner with her son Bill and Lori from Traverse City, her mother, Thelma Williams of East Jordan's Havencrest, and her grandsons, Will of Grand Rapids, and Levi of Chicago.

**THE KELTS** Family gathered at Justin and Lori Kelts' home on Thanksgiving for dinner and included celebrating the birthday of sister and daughter, Janet Massey of East Jordan, and spent an enjoyable afternoon playing games.

**ABOUT 18** of the Boyne City McGeorge Family shared the Thanksgiving Day dinner and good time at the Steve and Jan McGeorge home in Petoskey.

**ELEANOR DETCHER** of Boyne City was stunned and nearly overwhelmed, receiving over 150 (and more still coming) beautiful birthday cards on her 75th birthday of Nov. 19! Enjoying the ones including shared memories, she said, "I just don't know how I can ever thank folks, especially my Litzenger Place neighbors. I surely do appreciate it!" The idea of a card shower of at least 75 cards for her 75 years, instigated by her daughter Nancy and Randy Cain of Charlevoix, surely did snowball into many many more coming from those who know and love a very kind hearted Eleanor!

(To submit an item for Nancy's column, call her at 582-9174 or e-mail her at nanup@nmo.net)

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### Boyne City

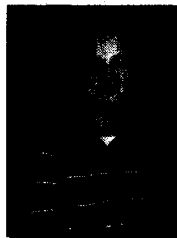
**NAME:** Ben Place  
**PARENTS:** Andy and Cindi Place  
**GRADE:** Sophomore  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Soccer, cross country, drama, and band  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** Reading, skiing, and working with computers  
**FUTURE PLANS:** "I plan to graduate and go to a college to study engineering."  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "Ben is an outstanding individual as he makes sure he thoroughly understands the material we cover in class," said Elizabeth Hemming. "Ben is quick to volunteer and/or participate in discussions and activities. He is polite, friendly, and genuinely nice. I enjoy Ben's humor and outgoing personality. I believe Ben is a fine man very deserving of this accomplishment. Congratulations, Ben!"



Ben Place

### East Jordan

**NAME:** Bethany Wilson  
**GRADE:** Senior  
**PARENTS:** Ken and Angie Wilson  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** National Honor Society, senior class president, Book Club  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** Volleyball  
**FUTURE PLANS:** Attending Central Michigan University and earning an accounting degree or a teaching degree  
**FAVORITE CLASS:** World History  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "Bethany works hard," said Roxanne Zell. "Her work ethic and thinking skills are evident in each assignment she submits."



Bethany Wilson

"Bethany is an independent thinker, which makes her a valuable asset to the rest of the students in class," said Jennifer Richardson. "She is very adept at sharing her opinions in a way that invites constructive discussion."

"Dedicated student who is concerned about producing quality work at all times," said Becky Miller.

### Boyne Falls

**NAME:** Alyssa Kasper  
**PARENTS:** Rosemary Kasper and Russ Yardley  
**GRADE:** Third  
**FAVORITE CLASS:** Social Studies  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** Climbing trees  
**FAVORITE SPORT:** Soccer  
**FAVORITE COLOR:** Blue  
**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Dark Angel  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Step-Mom  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Pizza  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "Alyssa is a very thoughtful person who puts others before herself," said Mrs. Glezman and Mrs. Grams. "She is very conscientious about turning in beautiful and complete work that she can take pride in! Alyssa has also shown maturity in situations requiring conflict resolution."



Alyssa Kasper

## 60TH ANNIVERSARY

### Walter and Dolores Goebel

Mr. and Mrs. Walter and Dolores Goebel Sr. of East Jordan celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Jordan on Oct. 27. Best man was Harold Goebel, brother of the groom. Maid of honor was June Killingbeck, sister of the bride.

A reception for family and friends was hosted by the couple and their children following the ceremony.

Walter Goebel Sr. and Dolores Sheridan were married Oct. 25, 1941. Mr. and Mrs. Goebel have lived in East Jordan and Zepherhills, Fla. most of their lives. Walter retired from Dura Automotive and Dolores was a homemaker.

They are the parents of five children, Walter Jr. and Marilyn Goebel of East Jordan, Robert and Barbara Goebel of Flushing, Mich., Cathy and Dale Everett of East Jordan, Tim and Peggy Goebel of Bellaire, and Pat and Roger Sutton of Apache Junction, Ariz. Mr. and Mrs. Goebel also have 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



The Goebels 60 years ago, and today.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### BUSINESS AFTER HOURS CHRISTMAS KARAOKE

Thursday, Nov. 29  
The Boyne City Chamber of Commerce will host a Christmas-Karaoke themed Business After Hours from 5-7 p.m. at Boyne City Lanes. There will be a door prize and 50/50 drawing. The cost is \$5 per person. For information, call 582-6222.

### BOYNE AREA HOCKEY DINNER

Friday, Nov. 30  
Boyne Area Hockey will kick off its 11th season with a spaghetti dinner from 5-9 p.m., followed by a euchre tournament at 9:30 p.m. Prices for the dinner are \$6 adults, children 5-12 \$3 and children under 5 are free. Euchre will be \$5 per person to play and no partner is needed. Both events will be at the VFW Hall in Boyne City.

### HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Monday, Dec. 3  
A holiday Business After Hours will be held by the Central Lake and East Jordan Chambers of Commerce from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Murphy's Lamplight Inn in Central Lake. The event will feature a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Cost: \$3 for chamber members and \$5 for non-members. The event is sponsored by Citizen's Banks of East Jordan and Central Lake; East Jordan Iron Works, Inc., and Murphy's Lamplight Inn.

### NMHS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Thursday, Dec. 6  
Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency (NMHS) in Petoskey announced the following time and place for December food distributions under the monthly Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): 8:30-10 a.m., Boyne City Senior Center. The Commodity Supplemental Food Program targets nutritionally at risk mothers, infants, children and senior citizens.

For more information about income guidelines and qualifying for this program, call NMHSA at 347-9070.

### SNO-LOVERS BREAKFAST

Sundays  
The Sno-Lovers Breakfast will begin Dec. 2 and go through March of 2002. The breakfast will be held at the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse on Mt. Bliss Road from 7 a.m. until noon. Cost: Adults \$5; Children 5-12 \$2 and under 5 are free.

### EAST JORDAN FOOD PANTRY

Every Monday & Thursday  
The East Jordan Food Pantry is located at 601 Bridge St., in the basement of Health Center. Pickup or donation hours are Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

### 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.

### EJ ADULT OPEN GYM

Tuesdays  
The East Jordan Community Education Adult Open Gym will meet every Tuesday, Nov. 6 through March 26, from 7-9 p.m. at the East Jordan Elementary School gym. \$1 admission. No students will be permitted; participants must be at least 18 years old to participate. For more information, call 536-2250.

### BCFFEE

First Wednesday  
The Boyne City Foundation for Excellence in Education meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:45 p.m. at Boyne City High School.

### IN GOOD COMPANY

Thursdays

A group for single, divorced, or widowed individuals meets at Ansted's by the Lake in East Jordan every Thursday at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 for hors d'oeuvres. For more information call 231-544-2014.

### VETERAN ASSISTANCE

Thursdays  
A Service Officer will be at the American Legion Post every Thursday from 3-6 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.

### BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP

Fourth Monday  
A Tip of the Mitt Brain Injury Support Group will be held the fourth Monday of each month at the Community Health Education Center across from the hospital in room #4 at 7 p.m. The meeting is for brain injury survivors and family members. Transportation may be possible if needed.

### AL-ANON

Thursday nights  
Al-Anon meetings are held at 6:30 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 (Big Book Study); Thursday 12 noon, 6:30 p.m. (Big Book/Step Study); 8 p.m.; Friday 12 noon, 8 p.m. The first Friday of each month, an "Open Speaker" meeting is open to family and friends.

## CLUB & ORGANIZATIONS

### East Jordan Garden Club

The East Jordan Garden Club met on Monday, Nov. 19, at the Jordan Valley District Library. Member Shirley Vollbach showed a film on care of sick or injured wildlife. Shirley worked for several years at the Lichterman Nature Preserve in Memphis, Tenn., a 65-acre preserve where injured animals were rehabilitated. Hostesses were Carolyn Downton and Kate Kretschmann who served treats.

Garden Club members are busy preparing for the upcoming Greens Workshop to be held on Monday, Dec. 3 at the Civic Center. Orders for hand-decorated Green Wreaths are being taken by garden club members to be picked up on Monday, Dec 3, between 10 a.m. and noon at the Civic Center. If you have not been contacted by a garden club member and would like to order a wreath or have one delivered as a gift, call Marge Best at 536-9220 or Ginny Carey at 582-5680.

On Friday, Dec 7, the Craft and Bake Sale will be held in the lobby of Huntington Bank downtown East Jordan. The East Jordan Jazz Band, under the direction of Steve Emery, will perform from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Hand-made items and baked goods will be on sale to make the holidays a little easier. Call Evelyn Gidley at 536-7522 for more information.

Anyone interested in joining the East Jordan Garden Club can contact president Jean Pardee at 544-6988 or Ginny Carey at 582-5680. The East Jordan Garden Club is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan and the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

### American Legion Post 228

At the regular meeting of Ernest Peterson Post 228, held Nov. 1, a letter was read thanking the Post for its

donation to The American Legion National Emergency Fund and an announcement of the Dec. 9 District meeting at the East Jordan Post.

Commander Evans, Fred Leyh, Bob Taylor, Jim Bates, and Howard Crozier advanced and retired the colors during fall conference at Boyne Highlands and the delegates gave reports. The adjutant reported that bingo attendance was down and that the public should be aware that we have restrooms on both levels of the building and that the lower level is smoke free.

The list of veteran's graves was updated by Maxine Hough and she presented the Tabs for Tots plaques to the area schools.

Adjutant Mathers stated that we need seven members to remit their dues to attain 100 percent and that Jeff Wicker was called to active duty and the post will pay his dues according to Post policy.

Information for publication was sent to the area newspapers regarding Veteran of the Month Dale Lee Rober. The Veterans Day Open House and Chapel Service and an over view of the October regular meeting. There were 58 in attendance at the 81st Post Birthday Party Oct. 27. The Post incorporation papers are to be submitted to the state.

The Commander stated the he is about to order jackets for the Post, Unit and Squadron and anyone wanting a jacket should contact him at the Post on Tuesdays.

The Post received a request from Jacquelin Neill, BCHS, and from Concord Academy to provide veterans to speak to classes regarding Veterans Day and its meaning.

The Christmas Party date will be Dec. 30 with final plans to be made at the Dec. 6 regular meeting.

To have news of your club or organization listed, please submit items to P.O. Box A, Boyne City, MI 49712 or e-mail to citizen@voyager.net



# HOLIDAY Calendar

## Boyne City

### BUSINESS AFTER HOURS CHRISTMAS KARAOKE

**Thursday, Nov. 29**  
The Boyne City Chamber of Commerce will host a Christmas Karaoke-themed Business After Hours from 5-7 p.m. at Boyne City Lanes for chamber members, friends, and business associates. There will be a door prize and 50/50 drawing. The cost is \$5 per person.

### HOLIDAY HOBBYCRAFT SHOW

**Saturday, Dec. 1**  
The annual craft show and sale will be held at Boyne City High School from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, Dec. 1**  
Boyne Avenue Greenhouse, located at 921 Boyne Ave. will hold an open house from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

### UMC CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**Saturday, Dec. 1**  
Boyne City United Methodist Church, 324 S. Park St., will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., lunch from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cost for the luncheon is \$4 for adults and \$1.50 for children up to 10 years old.

### HAT & MITTEN TREE/TOY DRIVE

**Dec. 3-14**  
Studio One, located on Water Street, will sponsor a Hat & Mitten Tree and toy drive. All items will be donated to the Boyne Area Community Christmas. For more information, call 582-6547.

### COOKIE WALK AND HOLIDAY SALE

**Saturday, Dec. 8**  
First Presbyterian Church, Cookie Walk and Holiday Sale, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., located at 401 S. Park St.

### LIGHTS OF LOVE

**Wednesday, Dec. 12**  
The Eta Nu Sorority Lights of Love will be held in the parking lot adjacent to Dairy Queen downtown.

### TROLLEY TOUR OF LIGHTS

**Dec. 14-23**

Take a tour of area lights with a tour at 7 and 8:30 p.m. Pickup at Boyne Country Books.

### JUDY KUHEANA MEMORIAL BREAKFAST

**Saturday, Dec. 15**  
The fourth annual memorial breakfast will be held at the Red Mesa Grill from 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the Boyne City Food Pantry.

### CHRISTMAS RETAIL WINDOW JUDGING

**Friday, Dec. 15**  
Sponsored by the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce.

### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL

**Sunday, Dec. 16**  
This Christmas carol program for all faiths will be held at St. Matthew's Church on Boyne Avenue at 3 p.m.

### BOYNE AREA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BASKETS

**Dec. 21**  
Christmas baskets for families in need will be packed at the Knights of Columbus Hall on M-75 S. Food and donations can be dropped off at 9 a.m., packers are needed at 10 a.m., deliveries begin at 1 p.m. Anyone with names of individuals or families in need can call Ardith Hawley at 582-7880 or Thelma Behling at 582-6870. Checks can be mailed to Rev. Buzz Walls, 320 Bay St., Boyne City, 49712. Donations of food and gifts can also be dropped off to local churches and schools, or can be picked up by committee members if necessary.

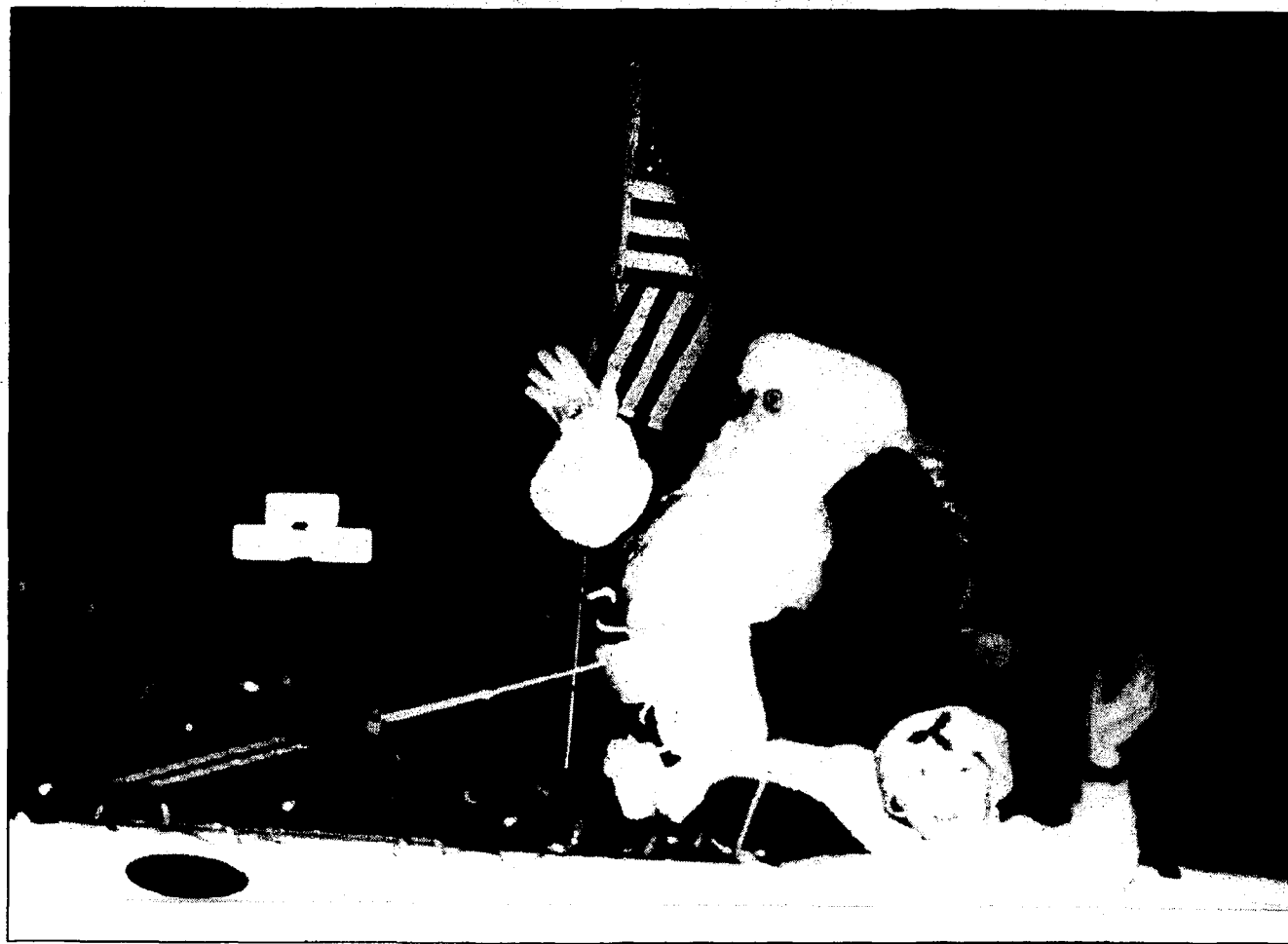
## East Jordan

### LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

**Every weekend through Dec. 16**  
Located at the corner of Main and Mill St. Local delivery is available. Information: 582-2770, 536-7534, or 536-7679.

### SNO-LOVERS BREAKFAST

**Sundays**  
The East Jordan Sno-mobilers will



With a lack of the white stuff to travel on, Santa Claus and his helpers arrived in Boyne City on a boat for the Santa Parade last week. Kids had a chance to let Santa in on their Christmas wishes at the Dilworth Inn after the parade.

hold a Sno-Lovers breakfast every Sunday, Dec. 2 through March 2002 at the clubhouse from 7 a.m.-12 noon. Cost: adults - \$5, children 5-12 \$2, and under five eat free.

### MAKE AND TAKE AT RAVEN HILL

**Saturday, Dec. 1**  
Make and Take Gingerbread Houses will be the project at Raven Hill from 10 a.m.-12 noon, and 12:30-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$15.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE PROMOTION

**Dec. 1-24**  
Participating businesses will have a special "Children's Christmas Tree" on display for children 12 years and under to purchase gifts for family and friends. All gifts will be \$10 or less.

Sponsors include Karen Walker Photography; Custom Frame and Photo; Plaid Petunias; E.J. Shoppe; Busy Bridge Gifts and Antiques; The Quilt Cottage; Vanity Fair businesses - Nail Nook, Sunnyside Up Tanning, Tinea's Hair Connection; Jordan Valley Outfitters; Jordan Valley Floral; Lumber Jack's Restaurant; Jordan River Arts Council; Raven Hill Discovery Center; Gatherings: Galmore's; Sacred Sparks.

### ADVENT HAPPENING

**Sunday, Dec. 2**  
The First Presbyterian Church will host an "Advent Happening" at 10:30 a.m., following the 9:30 a.m. service. Adults and children are invited to take part in creating Christmas projects, followed by lunch served by the Men's Group. Those interested can also participate in the "Hangin' O'tha Greens" in the church. The church is located at 207 Williams St.

### BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

**Monday, Dec. 3**  
A joint Business After Hours will be hosted by the East Jordan Area and Central Lake chambers of commerce from 6-9 p.m. at Murphy's Lamplight Inn in Central Lake. Sponsors are East Jordan Iron Works, Citizens Bank, and Murphy's Lamplight Inn.

### DECORATING CONTEST JUDGING

**Friday, Dec. 4**  
Judging of the Merchants and Residential Decorating Contest, sponsored by the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held. Winners will be notified by phone. Prizes will be gift certificates redeemable at sponsors of the "Holiday Happenings" promotion.

### FESTIVAL OF THE BELLS

**Dec. 6-8**  
Participating stores and restaurants will have extended hours and offer special deals throughout the event. For more information, call the chamber at 536-7351.

### COMMUNITY NIGHT

**Thursday, Dec. 6**  
Celebrate the holidays with family and friends in downtown East Jordan. Participating businesses will be hosting open houses from 4-9 p.m. Groups and individuals are encouraged to join caroling. Babysitting will be available at the Jordan River Art Center from 4-8 p.m.

### TROLLEY RIDES

**Thursday, Dec. 6**  
Leaving from the Senior Center on Main Street at 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Sara Schroeder and Mike Stark of Century 21 Up North. For more information, call Sara at 582-6554.

### HOLIDAY MALL

**Thursday, Dec. 6**  
Sponsored by the East Jordan High School Spanish Club from 4-9 p.m. at the Senior Center.

### MEMBER ART FOR SALE

**Dec. 6-8**  
Exhibit and sale to be held at the Jordan River Art Center, 301 Main St., 1-8 p.m. on Dec. 6 and 7, and from 12 noon-4 p.m. on Dec. 8.

### GREENS MARKET, CRAFT, AND BAKE SALE

**Friday, Dec. 7**  
The East Jordan Garden Club will hold its annual Greens Market, Craft and Bake Sale from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the parking lot of Huntington Bank's downtown branch. Information: 536-2855.

### JAZZ CONCERT

**Friday, Dec. 7**  
East Jordan Jazz Band will perform from 10:45-11:30 a.m. at the downtown Huntington Bank parking lot.

### SANTA PARADE AND VISIT

**Saturday, Dec. 8**  
Santa will swing into town with special friends at 10 a.m. The jolly old elf will be available for visits and a photo with Santa from 10 a.m.-12 noon at the Senior Center on Main Street. Fire truck rides will be held from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. The event is sponsored by the East Jordan Lions Club. Stocking supplies are courtesy of the East Jordan Lions.

### CRAFTS AND BABYSITTING

**Saturday, Dec. 8**  
Crafts and babysitting will be available at the Jordan River Art Center from 12 noon-4 p.m.

### COMMUNITY BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT

**Sunday, Dec. 9**  
Jordan Valley Community Band will play at 2 p.m. at the East Jordan High School auditorium.

### K-1 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**Monday, Dec. 10**

The East Jordan Elementary kindergarten and first grade will present their Christmas program, "Christmas Ornaments," at 7 p.m. at the elementary school gym.

### 2-3 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**Tuesday, Dec. 11**  
EJES grades two and three will present "Christmas Deliveries" at 7 p.m. in the elementary school gym.

### 4-5 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**Wednesday, Dec. 12**  
EJES grades four and five will present "Christmas Carols (with a twist)" at 7 p.m. in the elementary school gym.

### SIXTH GRADE BAND WINTER PERFORMANCE

**Thursday, Dec. 13**  
The sixth grade band will present their winter performance at 7:30 p.m. at the East Jordan Middle School gym.

### GIRL SCOUT CAROLING

**Friday, Dec. 14**  
Girl Scout Troop #363 will be caroling in downtown East Jordan.

### LIVE NATIVITY SCENE

**Sunday, Dec. 16**  
A live Nativity will be held at the Presbyterian Church, 207 Williams St., East Jordan.

### DINNER WITH SANTA

**Tuesday, Dec. 18**  
Dinner with Santa will be held from 4:30-7 p.m. at the East Jordan Elementary School cafeteria. The cost is \$2 per person.

### 7th-12th GRADE BAND

**Wednesday, Dec. 19**  
The 7th-12th grade band concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the East Jordan High School auditorium.

### CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

**Sunday, Dec. 23**  
The Lighthouse Missionary Church will hold a Christmas Musical at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Pastor Jim Jordan at 536-2128.

### CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

**Monday, Dec. 24**  
A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at the United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m.

To have items listed in the Holiday Calendar, contact The Citizen-Journal by noon Friday to be included in the next issue.



"Chamber Elves" were among those bringing some Christmas cheer to onlookers at the Santa Parade on Friday. Businesses added to the festive atmosphere, offering holiday treats and special deals in open houses all around town.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in the active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brent Knapp also known as Alan Brent Knapp and Amie J. Knapp husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., mortgage, dated Aug. 5, 2000, and recorded on Sept. 15, 2000 in Liber 396, on Page 911, Charlevoix County Records, Mich., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE AND 96/100 Dollars (\$1,565,149.96) including interest at the rate of 9.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11 a.m., on Jan. 4, 2002.

Said premises are situated in the CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a 1 1/4 inch iron pipe at the Northwest corner of fractional Section 8, Township 33 North, Range 7 West, Eveline Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, also being the Northwest corner of Government Lot 1; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 35 seconds East (recorded as South 0 degrees 03 minutes 54 seconds West) on said West section line a distance of 245.76 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod at the true point of beginning; thence North 88 degrees 06 minutes 48 seconds East 548.48 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod meander point on the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence South

24 degrees 45 minutes 29 seconds East (recorded as South 24 degrees 45 minutes 36 seconds East) on a meander line along said shore a distance of 74.92 feet to a corner monument meander point; thence South 0 degrees 37 minutes 43 seconds East on a meander line along said shore 58.24 feet (recorded as South 0 degrees 26 minutes 36 seconds East 58.30 feet) to a concrete monument meander point; thence leaving said shore South 88 degrees 34 minutes 56 seconds West (recorded as West and South 88 degrees 32 minutes 10 seconds West) a distance of 580.72 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod on the West line of said fractional Section 8; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes 35 seconds West (recorded as North 0 degrees 03 minutes 54 seconds East) on said West section line 122.88 feet to the point of beginning. Together with easements for ingress, egress and utilities as recorded in Liber 168 on Page 58, Liber 236 on Page 901 and Liber 318 on Page 795, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: Nov. 14, 2001  
For more information please call: Falcons 248-593-1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200127539 Falcons

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of mortgage made by Robert Cyr and Jennifer Cyr,

husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated June 30, 2000, and recorded on Jan. 10, 2001 in Liber 404, on Page 877, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., Assignee by an assignment dated Oct. 3, 2001, which was recorded on Oct. 15, 2001, in Liber 439, on Page 114, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 03/100 dollars (\$121,934.03), including interest at 11.950% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11 a.m., on Jan. 11, 2002.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF BOYNE CITY, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 4 and 5, Block 5 and Westerly 4 feet of Lot 3, Block 5 Chapman and Addis Addition to the Village of Spring Harbor, Now City of Boyne City, according to the plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: Nov. 28, 2001  
For more information please call: Falcons 248-593-1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200124223 Falcons

## Places of Worship

**East Jordan  
United Methodist Church**  
Corner of Fourth & Easterly  
Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

**Rev Eugene L. Baughan**

CHURCH OFFICE: (231) 536-2161  
M-F 9:00 a.m. - NOON  
Parsonage: (231) 536-7596

**Trinity Fellowship  
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582-2551

Pastor: Paul Wise  
Associate Pastor: Bryan Shook

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Family Night 7:00 p.m.  
*Everyone is Welcome!*

# SCHOOL BOARD UPDATES

## Boyer City Board of Education

The Boyer City Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on Nov. 12.

The board accepted a gift of \$290 from an anonymous donor to benefit the high school choral program and also accepted the donation of two flag

poles from the Boyer City Foundation for Educational Excellence.

The board also approved the addition of contract language for a second parent-teacher conference to be held each spring; hired Robert Billideau as the network administra-

tor/technology coordinator for the district; and approved non-affiliated support staff and administrative contracts for this school year.

The board also held a second reading and then adopted a revision of board policy.

## East Jordan Board of Education

The East Jordan School Board held its regular meeting Nov. 19.

The board heard an informative presentation focusing on a variety of initiatives at the middle school from faculty members.

Appointments made at the meeting

included: Jaime Kinney, special education teacher at the middle school; Kent Stoddard, half-time social worker, Title IX Native American Education Program; Molly Gee, media center/technology teacher assistant at the high school.

Coaching staff assignments for winter sports include Regina Brown and Holly Wells, middle school cheerleading; Elizabeth Huyck, eighth grade basketball; Margaret Skop, middle school skiing; and Paul Nachazel, varsity volleyball.

## Boyer Falls Board of Education

The Boyer Falls Board of Education held its regular meeting on Nov. 19.

School superintendent Mark Parsons reported that the school's enrollment count had been filed with the state of Michigan, with a total of 326 students. Parsons announced that a

board inservice will be held on Jan. 15 with Mike Washburn of the Char-Em ISD, from 5-8 p.m.

Principal Bill Aten reviewed MEAP results, and reported that teacher evaluations were nearly complete.

Aten also announced that a teacher

inservice on inclusion will be held the afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 5, which will be a half-day for students.

In other business, Allan Gasco was hired as softball coach for 2002; Doug Tippett as baseball coach for 2002, and Ruth Ann Wilson as school-to-work coordinator.

# Chamber director

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board right now," said MacKenzie. "The next six to eight months of decision-making will be mapping the future." In fact, he added, that may be the first big challenge he faces. "I'm worried that we're going to take off too soon," he said. "We want to be sure everybody [knows that they can be] part of making an exciting future."

He's also got plenty of other ideas in the works for moving Boyer City forward, including the possibility of pursuing a regional Charlevoix County coalition of chambers to help

promote the county on the whole.

Though he won't be in the position full-time until January, MacKenzie is very much already on the job, planning to make the Thursday, Nov. 29, Business After Hours event his first official function as chamber director, and putting in hours as he can. And while he's easing into the job, getting to work is clearly something he's anxious to do. "I'm excited about getting to know a great community even better, and I'm excited about the potential of our chamber, business, industrial, and civic community."

The board is likewise eager to see what MacKenzie can do for the community. "He's worked in a lot of collaborative efforts," said Miller, "getting people behind a project, not

only here but in North Carolina as well. He had those skills [the board was looking for] to get the chamber more involved in other aspects of the community."

"It's hard to put into words," MacKenzie concluded. "There's so much potential for so much good for this area."

CHAMBER MEMBERS are also reminded that the deadline for applications for open positions on the chamber board are due by Friday, Nov. 30. Ballots will be mailed out early next week. For information, call the chamber at 582-6222.

# COLLEGE NEWS

ABBEY CARTER of East Jordan has been awarded a \$500 scholarship from Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) for the 2001-02 school year.

Carter, a junior at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Robert H. Carter of East Jordan.

## Parents get a look at new BCES programs

Parents of students at Boyer City Elementary School were given opportunities recently to learn about their children's educational process, with presentations on the school's new literacy block and math curriculum.

During the presentations, sponsored by the school's Parent Teacher Organization, parents were given the opportunity to choose "breakout" sessions regarding various aspects of these new programs, conducted by staff and faculty. Afterward, parents received free books and materials. The programs were provided free to parents and interested community members.

Fourth grade teacher Mary Jo Powers talks with BCES parents about the writing process.



# NEWS BRIEFS

## Char-Em ISD to host first Discovery Time activity night

The Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District will host a Boyer City Family Discovery Time on Thursday, Nov. 29, from 6:30-8 p.m. at Boyer City Elementary School. All families with children ages birth-5 are welcome to attend this event sponsored by The Stepping Stones to School Network.

The evening will be full of fun and information for families of young children with information and activities planned from the following individuals and organizations: Boyer City Preschool; Boyer City Fire Department; Boyer City Police Department; Boyer City Ambulance Department; MSU Extension; Char-Em ISD; local dentists Dennis Kirkby, and Robert Polleys; Head Start; Charlevoix Area Hospital; local eye doctors Gary Mellon and Steve Hufford; Boyer Area Rehabilitation; and more.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department will be on hand for fingerprinting children, and the health department will be conducting vision and hearing screenings. The Boyer

District Library will have information on getting a library card, and will also conduct an activity. From Boyer City Elementary School, gym instructor Stephanie Moody will give kids a chance to check out the new climbing wall in the school's gym, and student success coordinator Wendy Thomas will make keepsake buttons from photos parents provide.

The Boyer City Rambler football team will also put in an appearance, with uniforms available for kids to try on and maybe have their picture snapped with team members. For parents of children ages birth-5 who have not enrolled in the Stepping Stones to School program, registration will be available during the event. Stepping Stones members receive a welcome visit, birthday packets until children are five, newsletters and invitations to playgroups and Discovery Time events.

For more information, call the Char-Em ISD early education office at 582-8070.

## Christmas Cookie Walk on tap at Boyer church

A Christmas Cookie Walk and Holiday Sale, sponsored by the Boyer

City Presbyterian Women, will be held Saturday, Dec. 8, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the church, located at the corner of Park and Pine streets in Boyer City.

For the Christmas Cookie Walk, shoppers fill containers with various kinds of Christmas cookies made by church members. The Holiday Sale will include used holiday decorations, winter clothing, and winter sports equipment. Refreshments will be available at the Cookie-Coffee Corner.

Proceeds from the Cookie Walk will benefit the mission and outreach programs of the Boyer City Presbyterian Women. The Holiday Sale proceeds will go towards the Building Fund of the First Presbyterian Church.

## Challenge Mountain to host regional Special Olympic events

Challenge Mountain of Walloon Hills, Inc. has been chosen as the site to host this year's regional Special Olympics Winter Games.

The games are scheduled to be held on Friday, Jan. 25, 2002.

During a meeting on Saturday, Nov. 9, the decision was made to hold the regional Special Olympics Winter Games at the mountain located on Springbrook Road in Melrose Township.

This is the first time the event will be held at the Challenge Mountain facility. According to Challenge Mountain's President, Mike Hurchick, "This is a culmination of a long time dream for all those involved with the organization. We are very excited and anxiously looking forward to hosting this important event."

Founded in 1982, the volunteers of Challenge Mountain instruct those with physical and mental handicaps to ski as a form of self-esteem, recreation, and fun.

All family members are encouraged to join the individual as they learn to ski and work with them as they become confident skiers.

After they learn the skills, they may borrow the equipment for use on other local ski hills. These services are offered free of charge.

Numerous volunteers and sponsors are needed to make the event a success.

Anyone interested in giving the gift of time or who would like to make a financial donation or sponsorship, please call the executive director's office at 582-6966 or 535-2141.



### 2002 Dog Licenses

**On Sale at the County Treasurer's Office ONLY**

Applications are available at local treasurer's offices - All dogs 4 months and older must be licensed -

Male or Female Dogs	\$6.00
Unsexed Dogs	\$3.00

**Fee AFTER February 28th For ALL dogs...\$12.00**

Rabies Vaccination Proof Necessary  
Joan L. Balch, Charlevoix County Treasurer

### ATTENTION DEER HUNTERS

The Department of Natural Resources will have the following offices open to the public for deer check during the Rifle Season:

<b>Boyer Falls Check Station</b> Village Park @ M-75/US 131 November 15-30, 9am - 4pm <b>Indian River Field Office</b> 6984 M-68 November 15-30, 9am - 4pm Monday through Friday <b>Pelliston Field Office</b> 304 Stimson November 15-30, 9am - 4pm Monday through Friday <b>Gaylord Operation Service Center</b> 1732 W. M-32 M-F 8am - 5pm November 13-18, 8am - 6pm November 19-30, 8am - 5pm
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ALL OFFICES CLOSED NOVEMBER 22 AND NOVEMBER 23. Department of Natural Resources Offices and deer check stations will also be open prior to the November 15-30 Rifle Season. Please contact the Gaylord Operation Service Center for further information at 989-732-3541.

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**Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone** - PG (159)  
Starring Daniel Radcliffe  
Mon thru Thurs at 7  
Also Fri at 7 & 9:30, Sat at 2:30, 7 & 9:30 & Sun at 2:30 & 7  
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Starring Robert Redford & Brad Pitt  
At 7 & 9:15 Nightly  
Also Sat & Sun at 2 & 4  
**Black Knight** - PG-13 (95)  
Starring Martin Lawrence  
At 7:15 & 9:15 Nightly  
Also Sat & Sun at 2:15 & 4:15  
**Shallow Hal** - PG-13 (113)  
Starring Gwyneth Paltrow & Jack Black  
At 7 & 9:15 Nightly  
Also Sat & Sun at 2 & 4:15  
**Monsters, Inc.** - G (95)  
Voices of Billy Crystal & John Goodman  
At 7 & 9 Nightly, Also Sat, & Sun at 2 & 4  
**Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone** - PG (159)  
Starring Daniel Radcliffe  
Mon - Thurs at 7, Fri at 7 & 9:30, Sat at 2:30, 7 & 9:30 & Sun at 2:30 & 7  
**November 30 - December 6**

### Boyer City School Boosters 300 Club Drawing

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## Sandy & Steve Clausen

### November 24

Thank you for your support.  
- All proceeds benefit the Booster project -  
Tickets still available for next drawing - Call 582-9555

### WEEKLY Health Tips


By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist



### HEALTH TIPS FROM MEDICAP PHARMACY

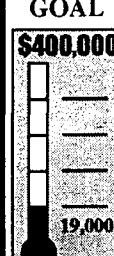
## DEPRESSION AND DIABETES LINKED

People with diabetes are two times more likely to suffer from depression. Those with depression are twice as likely to develop diabetes. Diabetes causes an imbalance in brain chemicals and hormones that can increase resistance to insulin. Recent studies state that treating the depression improves both quality of life and blood sugar levels (reducing the effects of diabetes and its complications). Persons with diabetes and depression need to treat both and both should improve.



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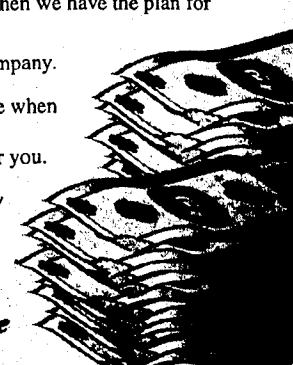
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VENDOR OPEN** house, Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Home Interiors, Mary Kay, Avon and more. Products on hand and all orders delivered by Christmas. 203 E. Mary St., East Jordan. Call 536-0968 for more information. 11/21-28

**LOST BLACK** lab. Please call 582-1148.

**BOYNE RIVER** Storage, 980 Division Street (behind Sunburst Marina). The contents of the following units are to be sold at public auction, at the above address, on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001 at 10 a.m.: Unit 86, Fineout, misc. household items; unit 116, Liahti, misc. household items; unit 146, Sage, misc. household items; unit 202, Melzer, misc. household items. 11/28-12/5

## AUTOS FOR SALE

1996 **DODGE** Caravan SE, one owner, 70,700 miles, still on extended warranty, new tires/battery. \$8,000. H. Hamlin (231)582-9201. 11/21-12/5

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**OPENING SOON** Deer Meadows Apartments, Boyne City. Now accepting applications, 2 bedroom units, 55 years or older, barrier free available. Many amenities, rent starts at \$366 based on income, all utilities included. Call Susan 616-942-6553 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity, TDD 800-649-3777. enc

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Deborah J. Houck, a single woman, to United States of America, acting through the Farmers, Home Administration, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture now known as USDA, Rural Development Mortgagee, dated Aug. 21, 1984, and recorded on Aug.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

21, 1984, in Liber 174, on page 938, Charlevoix County Records, Mich., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy two thousand four hundred twenty six and 21/100 dollars (\$72,426.21) including interest at 11.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix Mich., at 11 a.m., on Dec. 14, 2001.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF BOYNE CITY, Charlevoix County, Mich., and are described as:

Lot #32, Bailey and Wilson's addition to the Village of Boyne (now City of Boyne City), according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: Nov. 7, 2001  
USDA, Rural Development, Mortgagee

**ATTORNEY FOR:** Mortgagee Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. 401 South Old Woodward Avenue Suite 300 Birmingham, MI 48009-6616 For information please call: (248) 540-7701

## PUBLIC NOTICES

assigned to Calmco Servicing LP, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred Nine & 93/100 (\$76,509.93), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Friday the 4th day of January, 2002 at 11 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main lobby Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 10.875% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees

allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land situated in the Township of Melrose, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, and described as follows to wit:

Lot #23, of Plat of Springbrook Hills No. 1, according to the plat as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated Nov. 21, 2001  
Mortgagee: Calmco Servicing, L.P. FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. JONATHAN L. ENGMAN (P56364) Attorney for Calmco Servicing LP 888 W. Big Beaver, Ste. 1470 Troy, MI 48064 (248) 296-8684

## BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

#### REGULAR MEETING - November 8, 2001

Acceptance of Treasurer's report. Approval to pay Township obligations totaling \$49,525. Appointment of W. Randolph Frykberg as Zoning Administrator. Amended General Fund Budget for year ending March 31, 2002. Received report on Zoning Permits issued. Established 2002 Poverty Guidelines. Next regular Planning Commission meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001 at 7 p.m. Next Board of Trustees regular meeting to be held on Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001 at 7 p.m.

## BOYNE CITY COMMISSION

### SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

**Nov. 13, 2001, 7 p.m. meeting** - Newly elected City Commissioners Dan Adkinson, Ron Grunch, and Eleanor Stackus were sworn into office; the Commission elected Eleanor Stackus as the Boyne City Mayor and Vicki Standen as Mayor Pro-Tem; the Commission directed the City Department of Public Works to perform sidewalk snow removal service for specified sidewalks in the Central Business District; approved an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate amendment for LexaMar Corporation; authorized proceeding with a public hearing to vacate two alleys between Court and Silver Streets; amended a motion of September 1997 regarding the naming of Taylor Street; authorized a City Commission salary adjustment as recommended by the Compensation Commission; authorized the purchase of ambulance service equipment; and accepted a portion of the Boyne Mountain (Boyne USA) sanitary sewer system.

# BULLETIN BOARD

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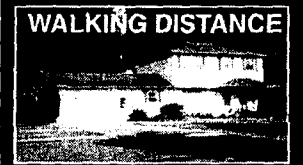
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ricky C. Bowman, a married man and Eileen M. Bowman, his wife (original mortgagors) to Republic Bank, A Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 17, 1999, and recorded on March 24, 1999 in Liber 360, on Page 179, Charlevoix County Records, Mich., and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated April 21, 1999, which was recorded on July 28, 1999, in Liber 368, on Page 684, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT AND 73/100 dollars (\$116,948.73), including interest at 7.375 % per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11 a.m., on Jan. 4, 2002.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF CHARLEVOIX, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, Michigan, and are described as:  
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The redemption period shall be 1 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless an affidavit of occupancy or intent to occupy is recorded in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(d), and given to the mortgagee, in which case the redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale.  
Dated: Nov. 21, 2001  
For more information please call: Mustangs-B  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael Scott Merrill, also known as Michael S. Merrill and Jennifer Lynn Iser, also known as Jennifer L. Iser, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship (original mortgagors) to Amerifirst Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 8, 1999, and recorded on July 15, 1999 in Liber 367, on Page 852, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., as assignee by an assignment, dated July 8, 1999, which was recorded on Oct. 4, 1999, in Liber 373, on Page 496, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THREE AND 37/100 dollars (\$75,503.37), including interest at the rate of 8.000 % per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged

premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11 a.m., on Jan. 4, 2001.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF EAST JORDAN, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:  
Lots 8, 9, & 10; Block 2 Nettleton's Addition to the Village of South Arm (Now City of East Jordan), according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2, Page 27 and 28, Charlevoix County Records.  
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard W. Noeske and Diane L. Noeske, husband and wife, to United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee, dated Jan. 30, 1989, and recorded on Jan. 30, 1989 in Liber 206, on Page 0770, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Six and 23/100 dollars (\$66,646.23), including interest at the rate of 9.5 % per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11 a.m., on Dec. 14, 2001.

The premises are located in the Township of Wilson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

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Dated: Oct. 31, 2001  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy L. Carey and Stephanie L. Carey, husband and wife (original mortgagor) to Fremont Investment and Loan, Mortgagee, dated Aug. 7, 2000, and recorded on Aug. 16, 2000 in Liber 394, on Page 526, Charlevoix County Records, Mich., and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Bank One, National Association, as Trustee, Assignee by an assignment dated Sept.

17, 2000, which was recorded on July 9, 2001, in Liber 426, on Page 657, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND EIGHTY-FOUR AND 73/100 dollars (\$180,084.73), including interest at 10.250 % per annum.

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Said premises are situated in TOWN-

SHIP OF MARION, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 10 of Loeb Creek Estates No. 2, According to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 376 through 378, Charlevoix County Records.

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For more information please call: Panthers 248-593-1305  
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### PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met in Regular Session, Nov. 20, 2001 at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Klooster presiding with all members of the City Commission present. Minutes were approved and acknowledgement was given to paid bills in the amount of \$433,579.16.

Further Commission Action: acknowledged receipt of funds on hand report; acknowledged receipt of EMS monthly report; acknowledged receipt of letter of resignation from Dorothy Riley; approved Jordan Valley Freedom Festival request for use of Civic Center and approved Concord Academy Boyne request for use of Civic Center.

A copy of the minutes of the above meeting is posted in City Hall for review during normal office hours.

### PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BOYNE CITY

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to rules and regulations as outlined in the Streets and Alley Vacation Ordinance A-42, a Public Hearing will be held at the City Commission meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2001, 7 p.m., in Commission Chambers, 319 N. Lake Street, Boyne City, to review and consider the following:

A request to vacate an alley in Chapman and Addis Addition, Plat of Spring Harbor, bordering lots 17, 18, 19, & 20, said alley measuring 16' x 241'; also an alley, in the same Plat, bordering lots 15 and 16 and 1 through 14, said alley measuring 16' by 180.5'. Both alleys running north and south between Silver and Court Streets.

More details and location map of the alley in question are available for review at the Boyne City Planning Department during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. on the day of the public hearing or at the public hearing. For further information, contact the City Planner's office at 319 N. Lake Street, Boyne City, MI 49712 or call (231)582-0337.

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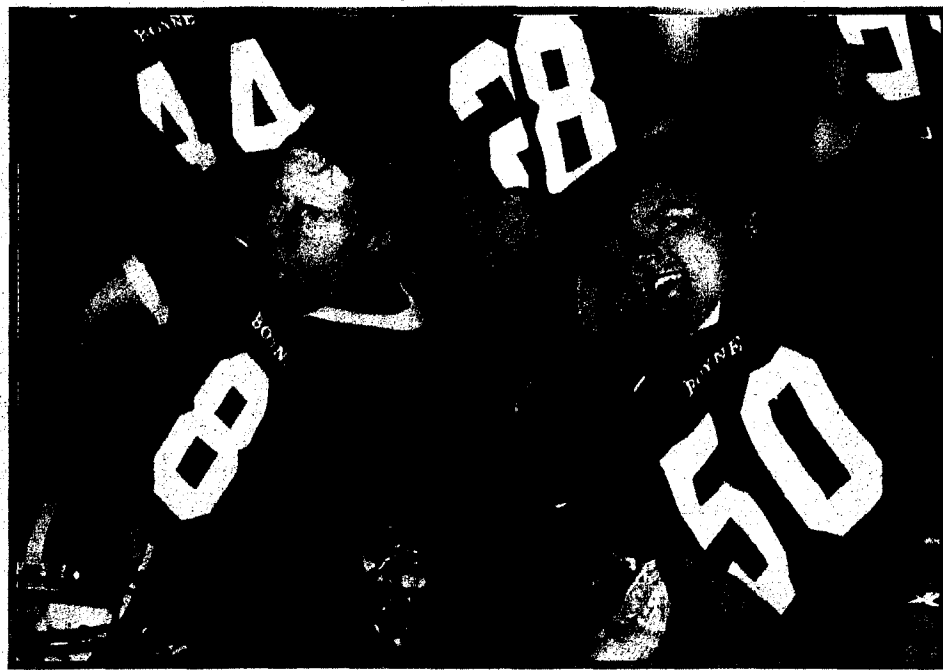
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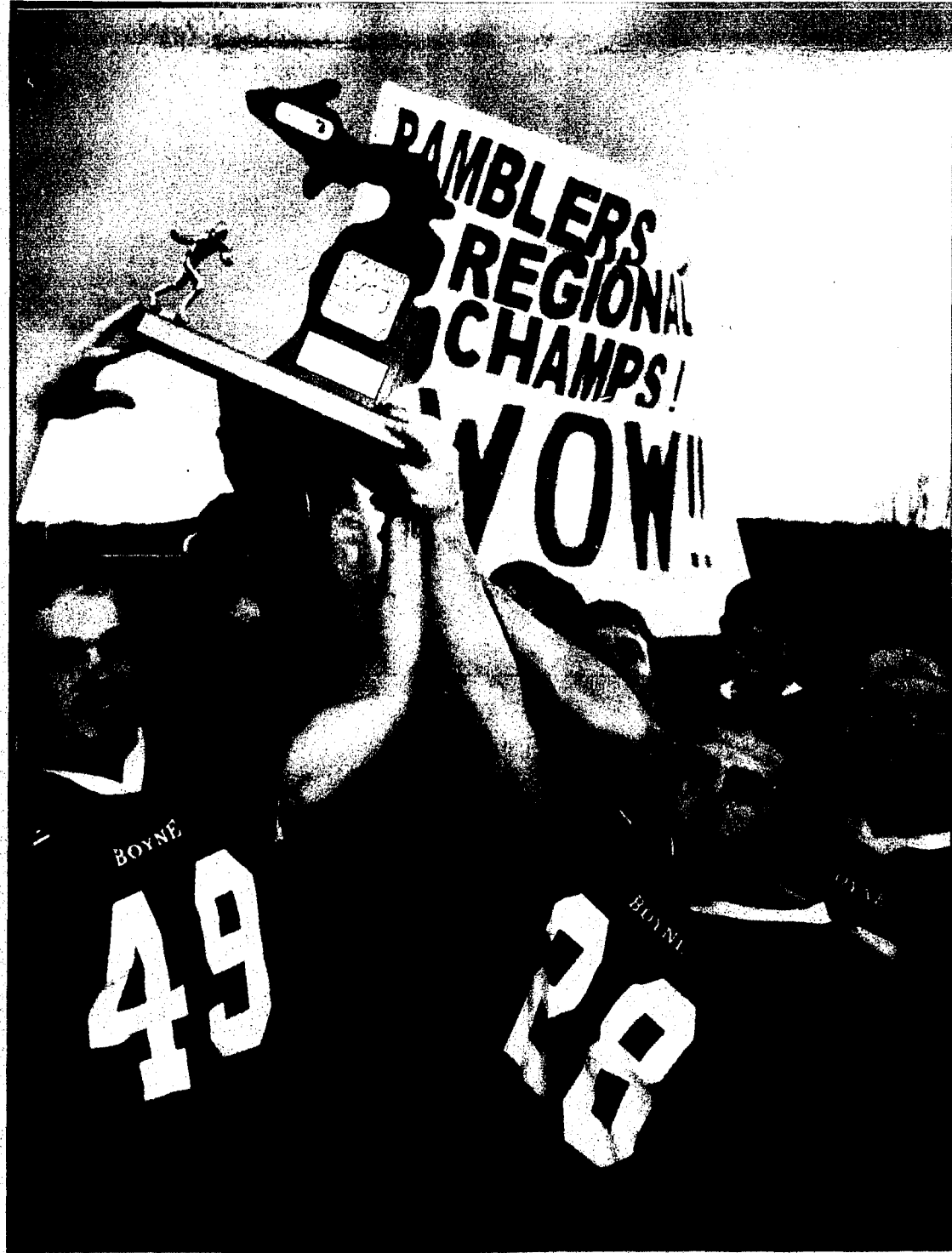




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Number	Name	Position	Grade
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28	Cole Andrews	RB/DB	12
69	Tim Follette	OL/DL	12
54	Mark Gaudard	OL/DE	12
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Dustin Moore, above, and Ryan Amesbury, at right, were key components of the Ramblers' offensive and defensive backfield.



### WEEK ONE — Boyne City 33 - Newberry 0

A long road trip to start the season may not have been the ideal situation for Boyne City, but coach David Hills took the visit across the bridge to Newberry in stride and came home with an emphatic 33-0 win.

The start of the game wasn't too promising. The Ramblers bobbled the opening kickoff back to Newberry. The tide turned soon after as Newberry, in the spirit of giving, fumbled the ball back two plays later.

Unwilling to wait for a good turn of events, the Ramblers decided to make their own luck, striking for a score on their third offensive play.

Dustin Moore delivered a 66-yard touchdown to start the 2001 Rambler scoring. Tim Wellert added the point after and Boyne led, 7-0.

Continuing the make-your-own-luck theory, the Ramblers kicked off short, recovering the ball to keep the offense on the field. The good deeds continued to be rewarded as just a few plays later, Ryan Amesbury tossed an 18-yard scoring pass to Kyle Gibbons. The Wellert PAT raised the margin to 14-0.

In the second quarter, A.J. Spaay did seven yards better, breaking off 73 yards for a score. With the PAT,

the Ramblers were up 21-0 at the half.

The defense played real well, according to head coach David Hills, and in example cited a quick stop of the Newberry squad to start the second half when Moore returned an interception to the Newberry five-yard line. Three plays later, Chris Grice went the last yard for the Rambler score and a 27-0 lead.

Cole Andrews finished the Rambler scoring with a 30-yard run, sending the team home with yet one more happy memory of their visit to the northern side of the bridge. Moore had a good game with two

interceptions. A.J. Spaay had 11 tackles and Paul Simeri had 10. Hills was also pleased with Bob Courtright's defensive work, leading the squad to two fumble recoveries.

The Ramblers stay on the road with a visit to Rogers City Friday, Aug. 31.

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## WEEK TWO — Boyne City 35 — Rogers City 20

The Boyne City Ramblers make their home debut this Friday when they host Benzie Central, and if the Ramblers like their own field as much as they do the road, home fans should be in for a treat.

A quick start and a strong finish gave the Ramblers a 35-20 non-conference win against Rogers City last Friday and a 2-0 record heading into the final key warm-up before they start Lake Michigan Conference play.

The Ramblers wasted little time in scoring. A 50-yard Ryan Amesbury to Kyle Gibbons pass staked the Ramblers to a 6-0 lead. Rogers City turned the tables and scored on its next possession from 30 yards away, tying the game.

A Boyne City pass was intercepted and returned for a Rogers City score, and with the extra point Rogers City led 13-6. It was the same song and verse a short time later when Rogers City intercepted another pass and returned it for a touchdown and a 20-6 lead.

"It was the turning point of the game," was how head coach David Hills described the next score, a five-yard Ben Hausler jaunt followed by Amesbury's successful two-point

conversion just before the half, cutting the lead to 20-14.

Out of the locker room for the second half, Dustin Moore bolted for 45 yards, deep into Huron territory. A trading of turnovers kept the ball in Boyne City hands, and moments later, Kyle Gibbons was in the end zone once more, this time from 19 yards out.

Amesbury added the PAT and Boyne City was back on top, 21-20.

After pinning the Hurons back deep with the kickoff, the Ramblers used the ensuing field position to set up a 43-yard touchdown by Moore. Tim Wellert's extra point gave the Ramblers a 28-20 lead.

The final score came from Gibbons once more, this time a 77-yard punt return with the key block delivered by Gregg Ordway to spring the run. Wellert's extra point gave the Ramblers their 35-20 victory.

Moore ran for 108 yards, and had two interceptions. Ben Hausler had 58 yards rushing, and Gibbons had 89 yards on four catches.

Defensively, Paul Simeri had 11 tackles, as did Hausler, with A.J. Spaay and Wellert collecting nine.



Cole Andrews followed Tim Follette and the rest of the Rambler line all season.

## WEEK THREE — Boyne City 35 — Benzie Central 6

If there was any doubt about how good the Boyne City Ramblers are, it was erased Friday night when they dominated Benzie Central in every aspect of the game on their way to an impressive 35-6 victory.

It was all clicking for the Ramblers.

The offense, particularly in the second half, was dominating. In the third period they put together a 19-play scoring drive that took nearly 9 1/2 minutes off the clock and the life out of Benzie Central. It also gave the Ramblers a 21-0 lead.

"That was the most impressive drive we have had since I've been here," said second year coach David Hills.

The defense was also at the peak of its game. The Ramblers held Benzie scoreless until very late in the fourth quarter and they held the visitors to only 40 offensive plays, compared to Boyne City's 81.

Boyne City's special teams were also impressive. The kicking game kept Benzie trapped deep in its own territory for much of the first half, and Tim Wellert was 5 for 5 kicking extra points.

"We're pretty pleased," Hills said.

"We came out of non-conference games very well. Now we've got bigger aspirations as we get into conference games.

"We know if we work really hard, good things will happen. We want to win our conference games and win the conference title."

That journey starts Friday when the Ramblers, 3-0, host Kalkaska, who after starting the season 2-0, suffered a 20-7 loss to St. Francis last Friday. "Kalkaska is much improved," Hills said. "We will have our work cut out."

If the Ramblers play with the intensity and precision they did against Benzie, it should be a good start to the conference season for Boyne.

The Ramblers opened their scoring against Benzie midway through the first quarter when quarterback Ryan Amesbury connected with Kyle Gibbons for a 39-yard touchdown pass.

It was an outstanding pass and catch," Hills said. "The pass was right where it should be."

Midway through the second quarter, the Ramblers found the end zone for the second time when Cole Andrews took a hand-off from Dustin

Moore on an inside reverse and raced 30 yards to the end zone.

Benzie threatened late in the first half but an interception by Moore preserved the Ramblers' 14-0 lead.

After forcing Benzie to punt on its first possession of the second half, the Ramblers took possession and marched down the field on a 19-play scoring drive, culminating with a two-yard run by Amesbury.

The key to the drive, Hills said, were the players in the trenches. "Our offensive line was dominating," Hills said. Rob Wiltjer, Tim Follette, Dustin Marquardt, Paul Simeri, and Seth Krchmar "absolutely dominated the second half."

It didn't take the Ramblers long to find the end zone again. On Benzie's next drive, Amesbury intercepted a Benzie pass, which started the Ramblers on another long scoring drive. This one was a 13-play seven minute textbook drive that culminated with another picture perfect pass from Amesbury to Gibbons covering 35 yards.

The Ramblers scored their final touchdown with about four minutes

remaining when Chris Grice bulled into the end zone from one yard out.

"We played very well offensively," Hills said. "We were not making the mistakes of the first two games. When our offense does not make mistakes we can do a lot of things."

Statistics show just how effective the Rambler offense was for the evening. It gained 322 yards rushing and 88 yards passing for a total of 410 yards.

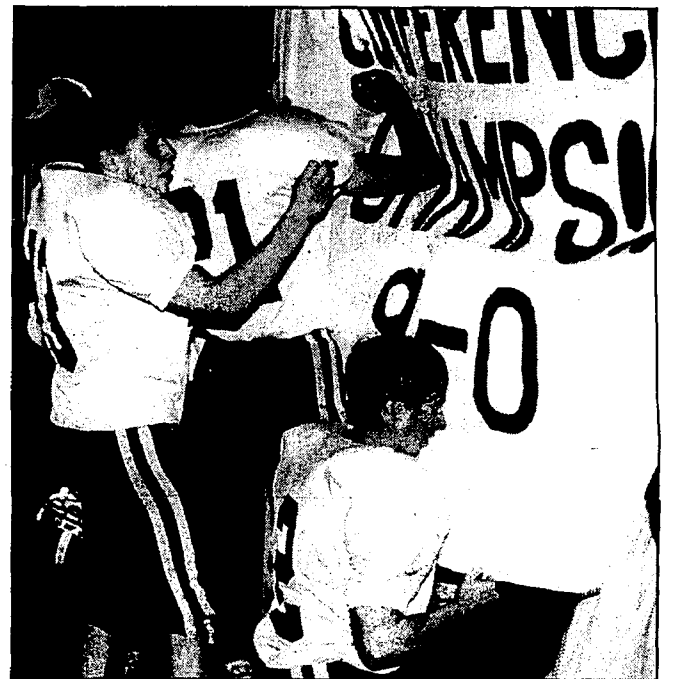
Andrews led the team with 121 rushing yards on 15 carries, followed by Luke Simon with 59 yards on 13 carries and Grice with 53 yards on eight carries.

Amesbury had a nearly flawless night connecting on 5 of 6 passes for 88 yards and two touchdowns. Gibbons had two touchdown receptions.

For the defense, Simeri led the Ramblers with 11 tackles, followed by AJ Spaay with nine and Mark Gaudard with five.

Hills also had high praise for the defensive end play of Ben Hausler and Wellert, and the inside dominance of defensive tackle John Ku.

Hausler, Amesbury and Moore each had an interception.



The Ramblers signed their names into the record book after they defeated St. Francis to win the conference championship and finish the regular season undefeated.

## WEEK FOUR — Boyne City 38 — Kalkaska 12

The mood was somber as the flag was lowered and the crowd quiet prior to the start of the Boyne City and Kalkaska football game Friday night at Boyne City.

It was an emotional time for players, coaches and spectators as they stood in silence trying to comprehend the horror that struck the United States on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

"The events of the week had an impact on everyone," said Boyne City head coach David Hills. "A lot of times what we do seems trivial" compared to the events in the world.

"We tried to keep the kids focused on doing things right. Fortunately we came out with the win."

The first few plays in the Ramblers 38-12 victory showed just how difficult it was for the players.

The Ramblers kicked off to Kalkaska and on the visitors first play from scrimmage, they scored on a 75-yard run. The extra point was no good. Kalkaska's lead would be short-lived.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Ramblers' Cole Andrews took the kick and raced 65-yards for a touchdown. The Ramblers extra point was no good.

For the Ramblers it was just the start of an offensive show that would follow, while Kalkaska would not cross the goal line again until the waning minutes of the game.

"We didn't play particularly well," Hills said, "but with all the things

going on it was good to get the win.

"It was a tough week for everybody. Because of the events of the week we knew we wouldn't be as sharp." He also expected an emotional letdown after the Ramblers' impressive win over Benzie Central the week before.

"We were a little bit rusty offensively," Hills said. "We had quite a few breakdowns. But we did pass the ball fairly effectively."

They did indeed. Quarterback Ryan Amesbury was nearly perfect for the night connecting on 8 of 9 passes for 164 yards and two touchdowns.

Andrews also had a game he won't soon forget. In addition to his 64 yard kickoff return, he was on the receiving end of a 20-yard touchdown pass from Amesbury, and rushed for two others. He ran the ball six times for 118 yards.

The Ramblers took the lead for good when Tim Follette recovered a fumble on Kalkaska's second possession. Two plays later Amesbury connected with Andrews on a 20-yard scoring pass.

The Ramblers scored on their next possession when Andrews scored on a 15-yard sweep to culminate a five-play drive. That scored gave the Ramblers a 19-6 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Ramblers then scored early in the second quarter when Amesbury kept the ball on an option play and scored from five yards out. The Ram-

blers final score of the half came on a 19-yard sweep by Andrews to give Boyne City a 31-6 halftime lead.

The Ramblers' final score came on their first drive of the second half when Amesbury connected with AJ Spaay on a 30-yard touchdown pass. It took the Ramblers just five plays to score, and in the drive Amesbury was 3 for 3 passing.

The Ramblers had 361 yards of total offense against Kalkaska. Dustin Moore had four pass receptions for 66 yards.

Defensively, Moore also made his presence felt with five tackles and one

interception, his seventh of the year. Gregg Ordway had eight tackles and a blocked punt while John Ku had four tackles and a fumble recovery.

The Ramblers had just one turnover.

Next up for the 4-0 Ramblers are the East Jordan Red Devils, who are celebrating their homecoming. Kick-off is at 3 p.m. on Saturday. The Red Devils are struggling this season but Hills know the Ramblers will have their hands full.

"This is a big game for us," he said. "If there is any game they will get up for, this will be it."

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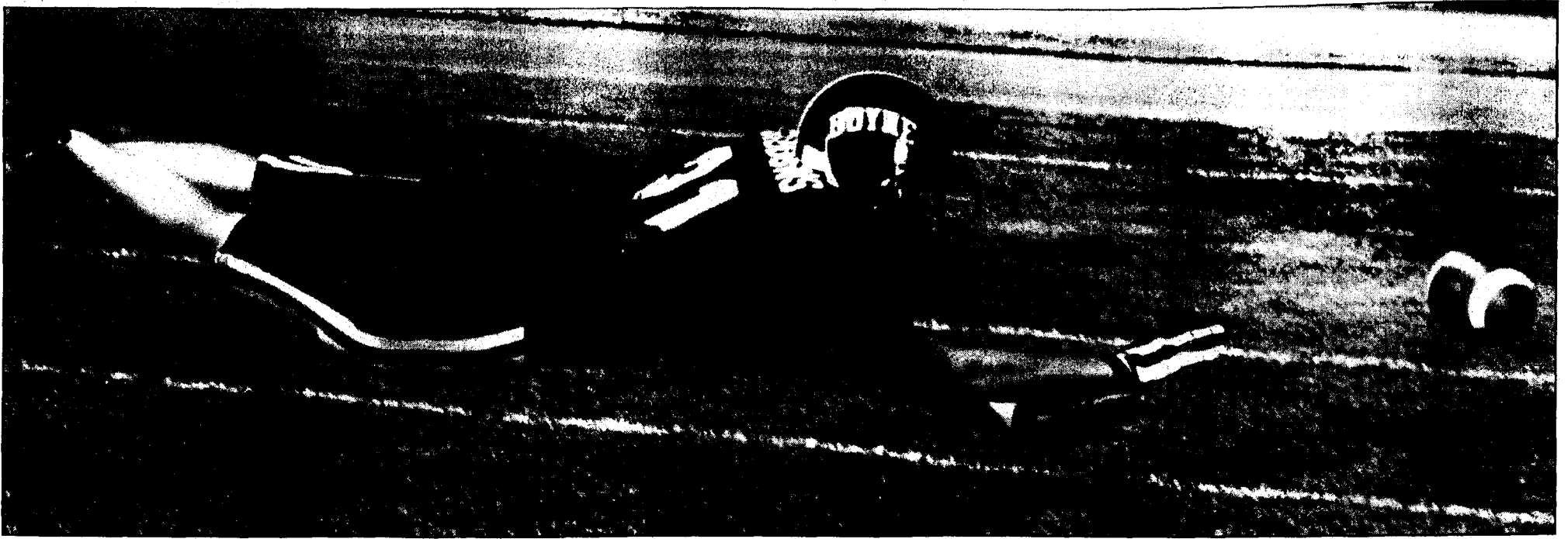
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This pass was just out of the reach of Kyle Gibbons, who let very few slip through his hands. In addition to his acrobatic catches, Gibbons also brought fans out of their seats on more than one occasion with his exciting punt returns.

### WEEK FIVE — Boyne City 41 — East Jordan 7

The setting was nearly perfect at Boswell Stadium Saturday afternoon when East Jordan hosted Boyne City for its 2001 homecoming.

The sun was shining, the temperature was warm, the crowd was large, and the field was in tremendous shape considering all the rain that had fallen the days prior.

And even though the two teams are headed in opposite directions this season, with the Ramblers boasting a 4-0 record entering the game and the Red Devils 1-3, you just never know what can happen when these two teams get together.

But the Ramblers quickly put any doubt about the outcome to rest.

They scored early and often, building a 34-0 lead midway through the second quarter on their way to a 41-7 win.

"Things went right for us early," said Boyne City head coach David Hills. "We were real intense early on. We came out of the box quickly."

Leading the charge was the Ramblers' Ben Hausler. He broke free and blocked the Red Devils' punt on their first drive. A few plays later, he took a handoff from quarterback Ryan Amesbury and scored from six yards out for the Ramblers' first touchdown.

And that was only the beginning for Hausler. He also scored the Ramblers' fourth and sixth touchdowns, recovered a fumble and contributed six tackles from his defensive end position.

His performance continued a trend that has developed with the Ramblers

this season. Every week it seems like a different player steps into the spotlight. That comes as no surprise to Hills.

"The greatest strength of our offense is our balance," he said. "We are two deep at every back position. We have two great receivers (AJ Spaay and Kyle Gibbons) and backs who can score. It's never going to be the same guy week to week. It will depend on what they are giving us and who's hot."

While Hausler may have been the brightest, there were many stars for the Ramblers. They scored a touchdown on each of their first five possessions and none of the drives was more than five plays.

Amesbury was 3 of 4 passing for 102 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for one score. Cole Andrews had 81 yards on six carries and Dustin Moore had 104 yards on six carries. Hausler had 56 yards on 10 carries. Overall, the Ramblers had 261 yards rushing.

While it was erased by a Boyne City penalty, one of the most exciting plays of the game was a punt return by Gibbons late in the first half. He received the ball around midfield, then juiced, twisted, jumped, spun and danced his way into the end zone. The play was called back because of a roughing-the-kicker penalty.

Gibbons did find the end zone early in the game when he hauled in a pass from Amesbury and raced to the end zone for a 63-yard touchdown. That gave the Ramblers a 12-point lead with

just under six minutes remaining in the first quarter.

On the ensuing kickoff, a muffed kick turned into an onside recovery for the Ramblers at midfield. Just a couple plays later, Amesbury connected with Spaay for a 28-yard touchdown pass.

On the Ramblers' next possession, Hausler capped off another short drive, scoring on a three-yard run to give Boyne a 27-0 lead with 10:30 remaining in the second quarter.

The Ramblers went up 34-0 on their next drive when Amesbury scored on a three-yard run.

The Red Devils scored their lone touchdown with just under four minutes left in the first half when Corey Purvis scored on a one-yard run. The score was set up by Robert Grover who broke through the Rambler defense and raced down the sideline on a 58-yard run. He was finally caught at the Rambler three-yard line.

The Ramblers' final score came midway through the third quarter when Hausler scored on a five-yard run.

"They are just a very good football team," said East Jordan head coach Allan Peterson. "They are good at every part of the game. They are well coached and have some great athletes. Our kids played hard. They didn't give up. We were just up against something insurmountable."

Defensively for the Ramblers, Spaay had 11 tackles and Tim Wellert and Paul Simeri had eight.

Homecoming is the theme again this week as the Ramblers host Elk Rapids for their celebration, with a 1:30 p.m. kick-off.



Tim Wellert was outstanding kicking extra points for the Ramblers connecting on 47 of 56 tries. None was bigger than the extra point he kicked against Muskegon Oakridge to tie the regional final game in overtime.

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### WEEK SIX — Boyne City 49 — Elk Rapids 0

Only 23 seconds into the game and you had an idea of what the outcome might be.

On its first play from scrimmage, Elk Rapids fumbled and Boyne City pounced on the loose ball. A little more than two minutes later the Ramblers were in the end zone and from that point on they never looked back as they delighted a sun-baked homecoming crowd with an impressive 49-0 win Saturday afternoon.

The win gave the Ramblers a perfect 6-0 mark and more importantly earned them an automatic ticket into post-season play. The last time Boyne City qualified for the playoffs was 1996.

Saturday's performance was another impressive showing for the Ramblers. Their offense has been dominating, and Saturday's effort was no different.

The Ramblers scored the first three times they had the ball on their way to a 28-0 half-time lead, then they put the game out of reach with two touchdowns early in the third quarter.

"I'm real pleased with how we are playing," said head coach David Hills. "We played mistake-free. We made big plays early to get on top then put them away quickly in the third quarter."

One major key to the Ramblers' success this season has been their balance on offense. Saturday several key players stepped forward to share

the spotlight.

Kyle Gibbons was on the receiving end of Ryan Amesbury's pass for a 42-yard touchdown and then he thrilled the crowd and took the wind out of Elk Rapids with a 80-yard kickoff return to start the second half. For the game Gibbons caught four passes for 101 yards.

Ben Hausler, who had a huge day against East Jordan the week before, had a 65-yard touchdown run, and for the game rushed for 103 yards on 12 carries.

Cole Andrews carried the ball only five times for 56 yards, but he made those carries count. He had touchdown runs of four, one and three yards.

Dustin Moore led the Ramblers' ground game with 109 yards on six carries while Amesbury connected on five of seven passes for 145 yards and one touchdown.

Tim Wellert also had the kicking touch, splitting the uprights on seven extra point attempts.

With their six victories in hand, the Ramblers now turn their attention to the tough part of their schedule. Friday they host Harbor Springs and then they close out the regular season against Charlevoix and St. Francis.

"Harbor Springs will be a really big game for us," Hills said. They are one of the better football teams we've seen all year. This will be a challenge."

Harbor Springs defeated East Jordan Saturday afternoon 28-0 and came into the game with a 4-2 record. "They are big and physical," Hills said, and have one of the best tailbacks in the conference.

"This will be a challenge," Hills said.

After the first few minutes, there were few challenges for the Ramblers against Elk Rapids.

After taking a 7-0 lead early in the game, the Ramblers were pinned back on their own one yard line to start their second drive. No problem. On the second play of their drive, Hausler broke free for a 65-yard touchdown.

Late in the first quarter Gibbons scored the Ramblers' third touchdown, hauling in a perfect pass from Amesbury.

That was all the scoring for the Ramblers until less than a minute remained in the first half when Andrews scored on a one-yard run.

Gibbons started the second half with his 80-yard kickoff return then on the ensuing kickoff Elk Rapids fumbled and the Ramblers recovered. A few plays later Andrews scored on a three-yard run.

Aaron Sulak scored the Ramblers' final touchdown on an 11-yard run with 9:06 left in the game.

Defensively, Paul Simeri had nine tackles, Tim Follette had five and a fumble recovery, and Amesbury and Hausler each had an interception.

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### WEEK SEVEN— Boyne City 49 — Harbor Springs 20

With only two games remaining in the regular season, the Boyne City Ramblers stand on the brink of perfection.

After routing Harbor Springs Friday night 49-20, two obstacles stand between Boyne City and a perfect 9-0 season and a Lake Michigan Conference title: Charlevoix and Traverse City St. Francis.

This Friday the Ramblers travel to Charlevoix. Whenever the two teams meet, it's a big game, but this year "huge" is a better description.

While Charlevoix has two losses this season, they are perfect in the conference and tied with Boyne for the top spot.

"This is a big game for everyone," said Boyne City head coach David Hills. "It has been circled on the schedule since last year. It's a big game for Charlevoix as well. It's a big game in the conference. This late in the season to have two teams meet with an undefeated record will be fun."

Like the Ramblers, Charlevoix has a well-balanced offensive team, led by quarterback Nate Teuscher. "They pass the ball well and run the ball well," Hills said. "They are one of the better balanced teams in the league. For our defense, it will be a challenge."

The Rambler defense faced another challenge against Harbor Springs, and for the first few minutes of the game, it was severely tested. Then it started to take control. An injury to Dean Cosens, Harbor's sophomore running back who showed why he's considered one of the best offensive players in the conference, took a key cog out of the team's offensive machine.

The loss of Cosens "definitely hurt" Harbor, Hills said. "Sixty-eight percent of their offense had gone through him."

But even with Cosens in the offense, Hills was confident his defense would take control of the game.

"The game started out like a track meet. With our team I'm not sure you want to do that. It was just a matter of time to see whose defense caught up first."

"Our defense changed the tone of the game early." Actually it took the defense only two plays to make its first impact on the game. On its second play from scrimmage, Harbor tried a screen pass. The pass, however, was ruled a lateral and Aaron Sulak alertly picked up the loose ball and ran it into the end zone. It was the first of three fumble recoveries for Sulak.

With Tim Wellert's extra point, the Ramblers were up 7-0.

Harbor Springs wasted little time tying the game, running the ensuing kickoff back for a touchdown.

The track meet Hills described was now turning into a 100-meter dash.

Boyne wasted little time taking the lead back when Ryan Amesbury connected on a short pass to Dustin Moore who turned it into a 56-yard touchdown. Wellert's extra point was good and the Ramblers were up 14-7 with 9:35 still remaining in the first quarter.

Harbor came right back, putting together an impressive drive led by Cosens and scored with 5:37 left in the opening quarter. The extra point was good and the game was tied at 14.

The Ramblers were forced to punt

on their next possession, but a Harbor fumble recovered by Sulak gave the Ramblers great field position. They took advantage of it with Cole Andrews capping off the short drive with a four-yard touchdown run. Wellert's extra point was good and with 1:22 left in the opening quarter the Ramblers were up 21-14.

On Harbor's next possession, the defense caused another fumble and this time Moore pounced on it for the Ramblers. Again Boyne City took advantage of the miscue. Two long runs by Moore put the Ramblers on Harbor's 15-yard line, then Amesbury connected with A.J. Spaay on a beautiful touchdown pass. Wellert's extra point was good and the Ramblers led 28-14.

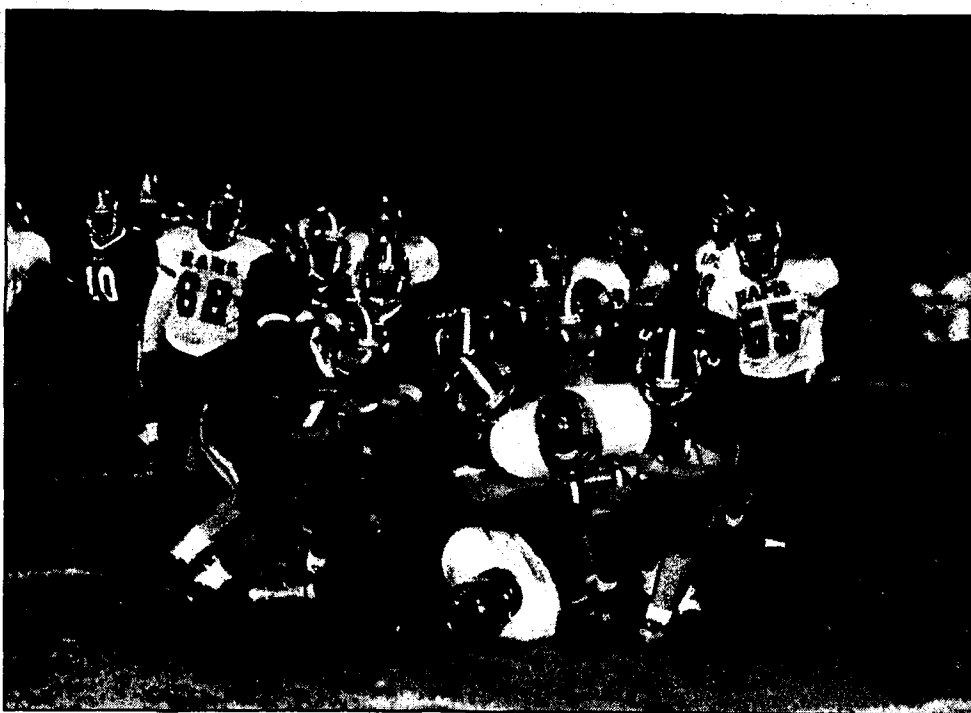
That was all the scoring until Moore took another short pass from Amesbury and raced down the sideline for a 69-yard touchdown. Wellert's extra point gave the Ramblers a 35-14 lead with 7:47 remaining in the third quarter.

The Ramblers struck again late in the third quarter when Amesbury connected with Spaay on a 16-yard touchdown pass. Wellert's extra point was good.

With less than a minute gone in the fourth period, the Ramblers found the end zone for the final time when Andrews scored on a five-yard run. Wellert connected on his 14th straight extra point to give the Ramblers a 49-14 lead.

Harbor's final touchdown came late in the game.

"The score surprised me," Hills said. "Harbor is one of the best teams we've faced. Their kids are physical and they are very well coached."



Fighting off two Harbor Springs defenders, A.J. Spaay hauled in a 15-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Ryan Amesbury. Above, the Rambler defense put the squeeze on Harbor's offense after the first quarter.

### WEEK EIGHT— Boyne City 27 — Charlevoix 8

It has been a story book season for the Boyne City Ramblers.

And if it was to have ended last Friday with the Ramblers' exciting 27-8 win over Charlevoix, it would have had a very happy conclusion.

But the season is far from over, and the rewards get even sweeter as the challenges become greater.

Right now, the Ramblers stand on the brink of greatness. They are 8-0 and just one victory away from a perfect season. They travel to St. Francis Saturday evening to meet that challenge.

"We knew we had the potential to be good," said Boyne City head coach David Hills. "The kids had done a lot of work in the off season to prepare themselves to be successful."

"We just went into the season taking one game at a time. Looking back, it looks a lot easier than it was. I knew the kids could be successful and win. I just didn't know how many."

If they walk off the field with a victory Saturday evening, the 2001 Ramblers will march into the record books as one of the best teams in school history. Before 1996, it had been 25 years since a Boyne City team had gone undefeated. Now five years later, the Ramblers are knocking on the door once again.

The final obstacle for the Ramblers in that 1996 season was St. Francis, a school with a proud football tradition that had not lost a Lake Michigan Conference game in many years.

The Ramblers won that game and went on to win one playoff game before losing to Iron Mountain in the dome at Northern Michigan Univer-

sity.

Actually, it was one year ago the Ramblers started their drive to perfection. St. Francis came to Brotherston Field with playoff hopes while the Ramblers were fighting for respect. They earned it with a convincing victory.

This year, the roles are reversed. St. Francis is the underdog. It is 5-3 on the season and 4-1 in the conference. The Ramblers are 8-0 and 5-0 in the conference and with their win Friday night against Charlevoix, secured at least a share of the conference title. They can win it outright with a win Saturday.

But it won't be easy.

St. Francis has a "very good running attack, a solid offensive line and an aggressive defense," Hills said. "I think they are playing at a higher level now. They are vastly improved. They are a young team getting much, much better."

At Charlevoix, the conditions were less than ideal but in Hills' opinion they were not a factor in the outcome. Turnovers were. Charlevoix had four and the Ramblers two. "They controlled the time of possession, but just weren't putting points up," Hills said. "They made costly turnovers. I think that was the difference in the game."

Charlevoix also surprised the Ramblers with its three-man defensive front. "They were set on taking away our big plays," Hills said. "Basically they were taking away our perimeter game and passing game. That's why we ran the ball inside as much as we did."

The Ramblers staked themselves to

an early 7-0 lead when Ben Hausler scored and Tim Wellert kicked the extra point.

The Rayders came back and scored with 1:58 remaining in the first quarter. The conversion was no good allowing the Ramblers to hang on to a slim lead.

And that was all the scoring until the third quarter.

The Ramblers took the kick off to start the third quarter and were moving impressively down the field until a fumble halted their progress inside the Charlevoix 30-yard line. The Rayders immediately coughed up the ball and the Ramblers took over on Charlevoix's 26. A few plays later quarterback Ryan Amesbury swept around the right end and scored from six yards out. With Wellert's extra point, Boyne was up 14-6 with 8:01 remaining in the third.

Just when it looked like Boyne might seize control of the game, Charlevoix started marching down the field on its next drive. While battling the offensive firepower of Charlevoix, the Ramblers also had to deal with the loss of Aaron Sulak, who suffered a neck injury and had to be taken by ambulance to Charlevoix Area Hospital, where he was treated and released. He is expected to play against St. Francis.

After the delay, Charlevoix continued its drive to the end zone and had a first and goal when the Rambler defense said "no more." It held and Boyne took over on their own two. The Ramblers joy was short-lived, however.

On the first play of the drive, Hausler was tackled in the end zone for a safety. On the same play Boyne was flagged for a personal foul which was assessed on the kickoff. So instead of kicking from the 20 Boyne kicked from the 10.

Momentum seemed to be back on the side of the Rayders.

But again the Rambler defense would have none of it. It held Charlevoix and gave the ball back to the offense, which took full advantage of the opportunity.

The Ramblers moved quickly down field and capped off the drive when Cole Andrews scored on a five-yard run. With Wellert's extra point, the Ramblers were up 21-8.

Boyne's defense shut down Charlevoix on its next drive and took over near midfield when the Rayders' fake punt failed.

A few plays later, Hausler took a



Ryan Amesbury shook off a Charlevoix tackler as he broke free for a big gain early in the fourth quarter. Amesbury had 116 yards rushing and scored one touchdown.



After rushing for 103 yards and scoring two touchdowns against Charlevoix, Ben Hausler shares his thoughts with a television reporter.

handoff from Amesbury and went the final 14 yards for the score. The Ramblers went for the two-point conversion, but failed.

Hills had high praise for Amesbury and Hausler who, he said, played "tremendously well." Amesbury rushed seven times for 116 yards and one touchdown. He connected on one of two passes for 35 yards.

Hausler rushed 22 times for 103 yards and two touchdowns. Dustin Moore rushed four times for 63 yards and was on the receiving end of Amesbury's one completion.

Defensively, Paul Simeri led the team with 12 tackles. A.J. Spaay had nine while Wellert, Moore and Hausler each had eight.

"We enjoyed it (the Charlevoix vic-

tory) over the weekend," Hills said. "(Monday) is the day to get back to basics and start to refocus on what is ahead of us. It is a tremendous challenge."

"We still have goals we have not attained. We're not real concerned with the next season (playoffs). We need to finish this one first."

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## 2001 — A SEASON TO REMEMBER

# PERFECTION

**WEEK NINE — Boyne City 21 — St. Francis 20**

As family, friends and fans gathered on the field Saturday night after Boyne City's exciting 21-20 victory over Traverse City St. Francis, players were signing their names to a huge banner that was unfurled on the top row of the Ramblers' section at Thirby Field as the final seconds ticked off the clock.

The banner read: "Congratulations Ramblers!! Conference Champs!! 9-0."

Those few words sum up as succinctly as any the success of the 2001 Boyne City Ramblers.

And the players were not just signing their name on a banner, but in a way they were signing their names into the history books.

Few other Rambler teams can boast the success of this year's squad. And the season isn't even over. Who knows what lies ahead.

The second season starts Friday for Boyne City when they host Roscommon in the opening round of the high school playoffs. As long as they win, the Ramblers won't have to travel far. They could host as many as three games.

Roscommon enters the playoffs with a 6-3 record. "They are tough," said Boyne City head coach David Hills. "They run a veer offense. They have a big offensive line and a big defensive line. They are playing some good football right now."

Roscommon and the Ramblers had one common opponent this season: Kalkaska. The Ramblers defeated the Blazers, Roscommon lost. Hills said that is no indication of what to expect from Roscommon. The loss was

early in the season and it played without its top running back.

"We will be tested," Hills said. Kickoff Friday is 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the game are \$4. Since it is a playoff game, Boyne athletic passes will not be accepted.

**WHILE THERE** was nothing but a feeling of success and achievement on the field after the final gun had sounded Saturday night, the fans, players and coaches were stretched to their emotional limits.

The Ramblers jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter, saw St. Francis cut it to 14-7 in the second quarter, then the Ramblers scored with less than a minute left in the half to build a 21-7 lead. Boyne City fans were feeling confident the Ramblers had control of this game.

The second half, though, was St. Francis at its best. The Glads chewed up nearly 10 minutes of the third quarter on a long scoring drive. Then with little more than six minutes to go, St. Francis scored again. Down by only a point, a bad snap on the extra point forced St. Francis to go for two. It failed.

Boyne clung to a one-point lead. That was enough. With their backs against the wall and momentum clearly on the side of St. Francis, the Ramblers showed the determination and drive it takes to be champions.

The Rambler defense stiffened and the offense moved the ball when it had to, picking up two key first downs to allow it to run out the clock.

Boyne scored its first touchdown when Cole Andrews broke free and

raced 46 yards to the end zone. Tim Wellert's extra point was good and the Ramblers led 7-0 with 4:35 remaining in the first quarter.

On St. Francis' next possession, AJ Spaay intercepted a Glads' pass near midfield. On the next play Amesbury dropped back to pass and hit Kyle Gibbons with a 48-yard touchdown. Wellert's extra point gave the Ramblers a 14-0 lead.

The Ramblers' final touchdown came with 58 seconds remaining in the half when Andrews scored on a five-yard run. Wellert's extra point was good. He's now connected on more than 20 in a row.

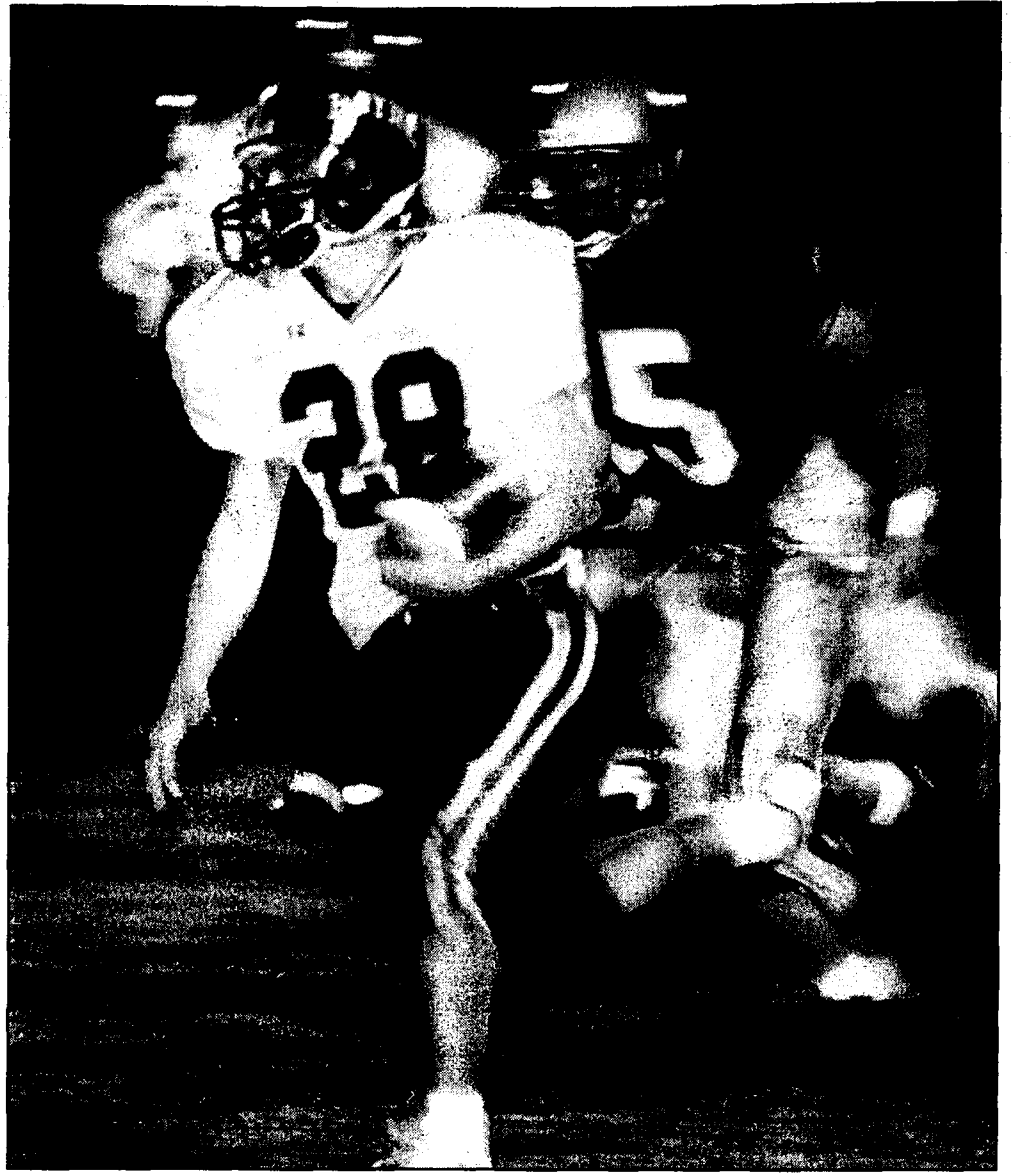
"It's great," Hills said of the win. "I said going in 'just win.' I was very pleased with how our team played."

Hills said several factors were working against the Ramblers. They were coming off an emotional win over Charlevoix, they were playing on Saturday night at a strange stadium and their opponent was fighting for a playoff spot and a share of the conference championship.

St. Francis "played well," Hills said. "They had a real smart game plan in the second half to just grind out the clock and keep our offense off the field. They found out very early our offense was difficult to stop."

While St. Francis learned about the Ramblers' offense, Hills learned something about his team. With their large margins of victory this season, Hills wondered how his team would react in a tight game.

He was impressed by what he saw. "They were cool-headed, didn't panic and didn't over react. I was very



The St. Francis defense had a hard time keeping up with Boyne City's Cole Andrews who scored two touchdowns and rushed for 133 yards on 16 carries.

pleased with how our team played." The Ramblers were led on offense by Andrews who scored two touchdowns and rushed for 133 yards on 16 carries. Ben Hausler had 46 yards

on nine carries and Amesbury was 3 of 6 for 105 yards and one touchdown. Defensively, A.J. Spaay had a tremendous game, leading the team with 17 tackles. He also had one interception.

Dustin Moore had 10 tackles and snatched his ninth interception of the year. Paul Simeri had 10 tackles and Tim Follette had nine tackles, including two huge quarterback sacks.

# THE PLAYOFFS BEGIN

**WEEK TEN — Boyne City 25 — Roscommon 20**

Brotherston Field was not a place for the meek on Friday night.

First there was the weather. Simply put, the conditions were miserable, particularly in the first half. Wind, rain, snow, and sleet pelted the players, spectators and field.

At half time of the game there was little talk about strategy in the locker room. Much of the time was spent changing clothes. "One of the things we told the kids was to bring extra clothes," said Boyne City head coach David Hills.

By the end of the game, rather than worrying about bumps and bruises, coaches and players were more worried about hypothermia.

Then there was the game. The final minutes were tense. After leading throughout, Boyne City had to reign in a Roscommon offense that had momentum on its side in the final stages of the game.

The Rambler defense answered the challenge and Boyne City earned a 25-20 victory in the first round of the high school playoffs.

"It was a miserable cold and wet night," Hills said. "I was happy we got out of it."

"I thought we played pretty well given the conditions. I thought it would affect our passing game, but we passed the ball well. Our running game at times was not where it should be, but all in all I'm pleased with how our kids played."

The win put the 2001 Ramblers on the brink of moving into territory no other Boyne City team has travelled. They now have 10 wins, the third team in school history to reach that feat. The other two were the 1971 team and the 1996 team. A win Friday will put this year's team in the record books.

To reach that lofty plateau, the

Ramblers must beat Benzie Central. Boyne and Benzie met the third game of the season, an impressive 35-0 Boyne City win. That was many weeks ago and Benzie has not lost since. It defeated Standish-Sterling last Friday 28-12 to earn a berth in the district finals with the Ramblers.

"They are a young team and have improved tremendously," Hills said of Benzie Central. The coaches "have a better handle on what their kids can and can't do. They are playing at a high level. This is going to be a real good test for both teams."

No one played at a higher level Friday night than Ryan Amesbury, who was celebrating his 18th birthday. He scored the Ramblers' first touchdown on a four-yard run with 5:15 remaining in the first quarter. Less than a minute later, he intercepted a Roscommon pass and ran 46 yards into the end zone for the

Ramblers' second touchdown.

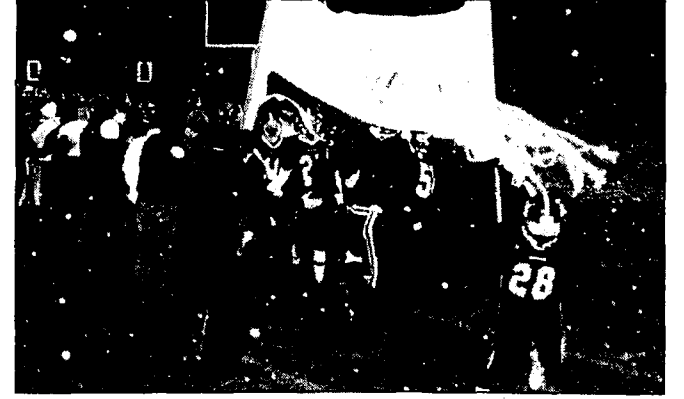
Late in the first half he connected with Cole Andrews on a 39-yard touchdown pass and in the third quarter he hooked up again with Andrews. This time it was a 49-yard touchdown pass.

For the night, Amesbury connected on 6 of 8 passes for 122 yards. He also led the team with nine tackles.

"Ryan did everything," Hills said. "He was everywhere."

The Ramblers led 13-0 after the first quarter, 19-6 at the half, then midway through the third period scored again to take a 25-6 lead and seemed to be in position to take control of the game.

Roscommon was not to be denied. It cut the lead to 25-20 and had the ball with just less than five minutes remaining in the game. Thanks to a perfect Dustin Moore punt,



The Boyne City Ramblers received a warm and enthusiastic greeting on a cold, wet, snowy and windy Brotherston Field.

Roscommon had to go 98 yards for a score.

The visitors wouldn't make it. They turned the ball over on downs with less than a minute remaining.

Two snaps later and the Ramblers had the victory.

In addition to his punting and kick-off duties, Moore had his 10th interception of the season and had six tackles. Tim Wellert contributed six.

Ben Hausler ran the ball 12 times for 55 yards. Andrews ran for 55 yards on six carries.

## PACING the sidelines TEACHING

He walks the sidelines quietly. There's a look of intensity, but rarely does he raise his voice.

Watching Boyne City head football coach David Hills, who in his second year at the helm has led the Ramblers to an undefeated 9-0 season and the Lake Michigan Conference title, you see a coach with a steady hand on the rudder of his team. He is calm, yet exudes confidence.

Hills calls himself a "fanatic teacher."

"I'm out there teaching kids. I don't think yelling at a kid is necessary to teach. I don't think yelling and screaming is the best way to teach kids to learn skills and lessons.

"I coach the way the coaches I played for who had the biggest impact on me coached. I don't think the coach who yelled and screamed at me taught me much.

"I have a hard time with coaches who berate kids. Kids know first when they make a mistake. You have to let them work it out themselves."

Don't let the calm exterior fool you, however. He is intense. And if there is a lesson to be taught, he will work on the player "until they get it."

Football has been a big part of Hills' life. He was a standout high school linebacker and fullback for Grand Ledge and went to Northern Michigan University on a football scholarship. He also was a standout hurdler in high school.

"Football has afforded me many opportunities," Hills said. Top among them was an education. He earned a degree in business administration, but in his final year of school he started to coach and decided that was the route he wanted to take. So he immediately returned to school and earned a teaching certificate in social studies.

Hills said there are "intrinsic rewards" in coaching — teaching kids, observing them in a setting like football — and he likes being around young people.

He coached two years in Marquette, and five years in Alpena, the last two as high school varsity coach before coming to Boyne City. Alpena was conference co-champs his final year and his team won an honorable mention all-state academic honor.

But even though he was enjoying success, Hills was looking for another opportunity. "I was looking for a better place to raise my kids," he said. Hills and his wife Tricia, a teacher in Gaylord, are the parents of 4-year-old Abigail and 6-month-old Ethan.

"This size school (Boyne City) is the perfect size school for kids."

So when Boyne City's head coaching job opened along with a teaching position, Hills applied and when offered, accepted the job.

His first year the Ramblers finished the season on a high note with a win over St. Francis, setting the stage for this year's outstanding season.



In only his second year at Boyne City, head coach David Hills led the Ramblers to its best season ever.

"This success we are having," he said, "is the result of many peoples' efforts. We have a tremendous coaching staff that works hours and hours. And the kids have reacted extremely well."



## 2001 — A SEASON TO REMEMBER

## The dream lives on

## WEEK ELEVEN — Boyne City 35 — Roscommon 15

In big games, you need to make big plays.

The Boyne City offense had its share in the Ramblers' 35-15 win Friday night over Benzie Central, but the biggest plays belonged to the defense.

With the Ramblers leading 14-7, Benzie Central was knocking on the door with a first down at Boyne City's three. As effectively as Benzie had moved the ball down field, it looked inevitable a touchdown was just a play or two away.

The Rambler defense however, would not give an inch. Okay, maybe an inch or two but not much more. Four times Benzie tried, four times the Ramblers closed the door.

"It was huge," said Boyne City head coach David Hills of the Ramblers' goal-line stand. "It was just a great defensive stand."

Great is not a word that will be limited to just the goal-line stand. It's a word that can be used to describe the 2001 Ramblers. They are rewriting the Boyne City record book. They are the first team to win 11 games. They are the first to win two playoff games. They are the first team to win a district championship.

In short, it has been a season to remember. A season of success.

After the game, the Ramblers gathered at mid-field to receive the District trophy, presented to them by school superintendent Jim Cooper and Boyne City School Board president Ed Vondra.

Then they gathered for pictures. "It felt like we were at a wedding," Hills said regarding all the people taking pictures. "We stayed out and enjoyed it. It's another of those things that can never be taken away. It will be special forever. It is just a great thing for our program, our school and community."

"It feels awesome," said senior A.J. Spaay, who caught six passes and had six tackles to go along with an interception and fumble recovery. "Wow. It's unbelievable."

And the glorious ride continues for the 2001 Ramblers when they host Muskegon Oakridge at 2 p.m. Saturday.

"This is exactly what you expect at this point in the season," Hills said. "This is the best football team we've faced all year. With only eight teams left you are pretty well guaranteed the teams are good. They are playing at an extremely high level."

Muskegon Oakridge boasts a 9-2 record and defeated Shelby 58-25 in the district final. The team is coached by Jack Sugars, who, according to Hills, is a legend in the Michigan high school coaching ranks. Oakridge's only losses came against Orchard View and Montague.

"They are a big and physical football team," Hills said. "They line up and come right at you. They have thrown the ball twice the last two games. They have a quarterback who can run and a fullback who knocks people down on every play. They play smash-mouth football."

The Ramblers, on the other hand, rely on speed and their passing game. Both were on display against Benzie Central.

Quarterback Ryan Amesbury was nearly perfect and Cole Andrews had a game young football players only dream about.

Amesbury connected on 13 of 16 passes for 213 yards and one touchdown — a picture-perfect pass to Dustin Moore for a 61-yard TD.

"He passes the ball extremely well," Hills said. "He's fantastic. A super kid. He works extremely hard." For the season, Amesbury has con-

nected on 70 percent of his passes.

"He has really played well down the stretch. The farther you go it's more and more important to have a passing game. We are real pleased with his performance and the way he has played."

Andrews was the star among stars in the offensive backfield for the Ramblers, rushing nine times for 120 yards. But of the nine times he touched the ball, four of those he didn't stop until he was in the end zone. He had scoring runs of 15, 32, 2 and 11 yards.

"He has been playing well the last few weeks," Hills said. "Cole has been doing a nice job of picking his spot. He has a real nose for the end zone."

This was the second meeting between Boyne and Benzie Central this season, and everyone knew the Ramblers would encounter a Benzie team far different than the one they defeated 35-6 the third week of the season.

On its first drive of the game, Benzie served notice to the Ramblers that they had a game on their hands. Benzie took the opening kickoff and marched down the field on a 65-yard scoring drive. With the extra point, Benzie was up 7-0 with 7:47 remaining in the first quarter.

The Ramblers quickly tied it up, with Andrews scoring his first touchdown on a 15-yard run. Tim Wellert's extra point was good and the game was tied 7-7 with 5:35 remaining in the first quarter.

That's the way the score remained until early in the second quarter. Again it was Andrews breaking free and scoring on a 32-yard run. That play came right after Dustin Moore's 39-yard touchdown run was called back because of a Boyne City pen-

alty. With Wellert's extra point, the Ramblers took the lead 14-7 and they would never relinquish it.

Benzie, however, came within inches of tying the game midway through the second quarter when it marched down to the three-yard line and had the ball first and goal.

As impressive as the goal line stand, was the way the offense moved the ball from so deep in its own territory. The Ramblers tried unsuccessfully to run the ball and then, faced with a third down, Amesbury dropped deep into his own end zone and connected with Kyle Gibbons for a first down.

The Ramblers were eventually stopped, but a great punt by Moore and good coverage took the field advantage away from Benzie.

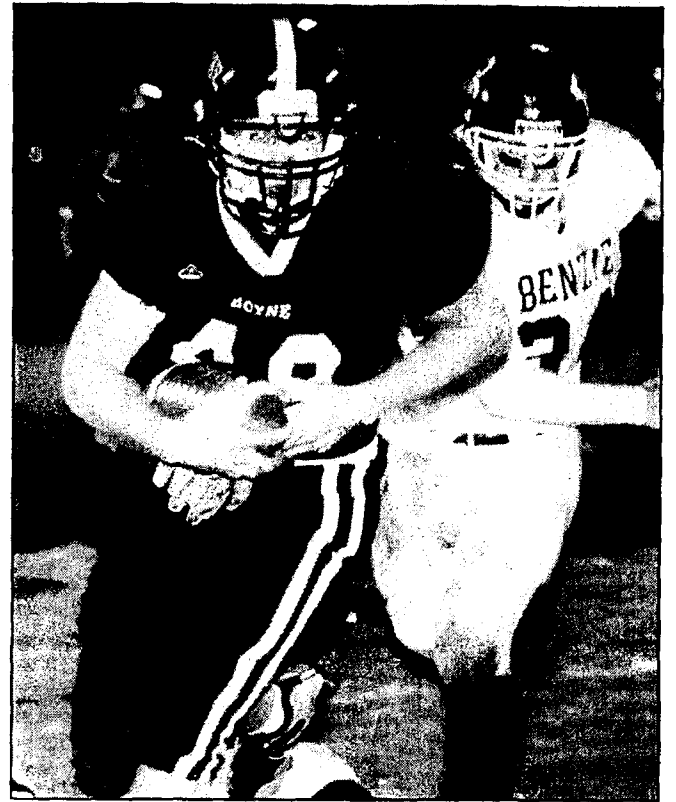
"That took a lot of steam out of them," Hills said.

More steam slipped away from Benzie on Boyne's first drive of the second half. Unlike the past two games when the Ramblers had built a comfortable lead in the first half, then hung on for the win, they came out of the locker room inspired.

"It was nothing I said. We were a little more prepared. A little more focused. We knew we had to go out and win, not hang on," Hills said.

The Ramblers started their drive at their own 39 and marched the ball down the field. Andrews went the final two yards, but a good part of the work was done by Chris Grice who ran the ball effectively up the middle. Grice was filling in for starting fullback Ben Hausler who had to leave the game in the first half with a knee injury.

"The opening drive in the second half was very important," Hills said. "That got the momentum going our way."



After hauling in one of his six catches, A.J. Spaay runs over one Benzie defender and eludes another.

It securely found a home on the Ramblers' next drive, when they took advantage of a Benzie fumble and made the visitors pay. Amesbury connected with Moore on a beautiful 61-yard touchdown pass and Wellert kicked the extra point to give Boyne a 28-7 lead with 5:20 left in the third quarter.

Benzie put a little fear into the Ramblers and the more than 2,000 fans at Brotherston Field, when it scored on a 93-yard run with 8:51 remaining in the game. The two-point conversion was good to cut Boyne City's lead to 28-15.

Andrews scored the Ramblers' fi-

nal touchdown on an 11-yard run. Wellert kicked his fifth straight extra point to give Boyne its 35-15 win.

For the game, the Rambler offense gained 470 yards. In addition to Amesbury and Andrews' numbers, Grice had 13 carries for 85 yards, Moore had 81 yards receiving, Spaay caught six pass for 78 yards and Kyle Gibbons caught four passes for 52 yards.

Defensively, Spaay had nine tackles, one interception and a fumble recovery; Paul Simeri had 10 tackles; Amesbury had eight; Aaron Sulak had seven; and Dusty Marquardt had five and a fumble recovery.

## WEEK TWELVE — Boyne City 35 — Muskegon Oakridge 28

Wow. Does it get any better than this? It could, but for now just savor the accomplishment.

Boyne City football has never seen anything like this. The Ramblers are 12-0. They are conference champions, district champions, regional champions.

And their victory Saturday against Muskegon Oakridge may go down as one of the most exciting in school history. It took two overtimes against a talented Muskegon Oakridge team for the Ramblers to secure a 35-28 victory on a cool, windy and gray afternoon at Brotherston Field.

At the end, tears of joy flowed for the Rambler players and their fans. For Oakridge, the tears were of pain and sorrow.

In a game as close and as well played as this one, no team deserves to lose. The Ramblers, though, earned the victory. They took Oakridge's best and did better.

Awesome, an overused word these days, best describes the mountaintop the Ramblers now peer down from. They are among the elite in the state. The Pontiac Silverdome, which must have seemed like a million miles away when practice began early in August, is now just a victory at Ferris State away.

Incredible. That was the feeling every Rambler fan had after Ryan Amesbury recovered Oakridge's fumble in the second overtime to secure the Ramblers' win.

Unbelievable. In the seconds after the Ramblers had won, several of the Ramblers fell to the ground. Exhausted physically maybe, but emotionally for sure. This was a struggle of two very good teams, coached by two very good coaching staffs, who gave it everything they had. You can't expect any more from a team than to give it their best. The Ramblers certainly did, and they rewarded themselves, their school and their community with a win so sweet it's hard to ask for any more.

The stars of the game were many, but together there is just one — team. That's the feeling you get talking to these Ramblers. The key to their suc-

cess is how they have blended together as individuals to become a team. There's been nothing magical about it, it just worked out that way.

"We just came together as a team," said Ryan Amesbury, who along with Tim Wellert and A.J. Spaay are team captains. "I don't know why. We became a good team. We just clicked."

"I see us as a big group of brothers," Wellert said. "We look out for each other. We support each other through everything we do. Our goal this year was not to have a grade barrier. We worked hard to pull everything together."

"I knew we were going to be okay, but I didn't think we would be this good," said Spaay, who might have played his best game of the year. "We just take it week by week."

The strategy has paid big dividends. With their win Saturday, the Ramblers were able to check off the final goal they set prior to the start of the season.

Now it's time to set new goals. In the 24 hours after the Ramblers' victory, Hills spent a lot of time on the phone. There were many congratulatory calls. Many radio and television stations and newspapers were also calling.

"A lot of people did not believe we were as good as we are. This game was a test to see where we rank in the state. It opened people's eyes around the state."

All the attention made Hills a bit uncomfortable. "I'm just a football coach," he said.

A very good one at that. The key to the game, Hills said, was turnovers. The Ramblers had two interceptions while Oakridge had three fumbles.

"We had key turnovers that allowed them to get back in the game. They had a couple to keep them from getting a lead."

The biggest fumble, of course, was the last play of the game when halfback Bobby Kelsch coughed up the ball after being hit by Tim Follette.

Leading up to that final play was enough suspense and excitement for a whole season.

The Ramblers took the lead with just over three minutes remaining in the first quarter when fullback Chris Grice scored on a one-yard plunge and Wellert kicked the extra point. The Ramblers' scoring drive covered 65 yards.

It didn't take Oakridge long to tie the game. At 1:23 of the first quarter, Kelsch broke free up the middle and ran almost untouched 75 yards to the end zone. With the extra point, the game was tied 7-7.

Oakridge then tried an onside kick and recovered the ball at Boyne City's 33-yard line. The Ramblers snuffed out that scoring opportunity when Mark Gaudard recovered a fumble at midfield, caused when Wellert sacked Oakridge quarterback David Huck.

The Ramblers regained the lead with just over five minutes remaining in the second quarter on a play showing Amesbury at his finest. Facing a heavy rush from Oakridge, Amesbury was scrambling out of the pocket and looked like he might run when he stopped and fired a strike to Dustin Moore who was open behind the secondary. Moore grabbed the pass and raced to the end zone. The play covered 76 yards. Wellert's extra point was good and the Ramblers led 14-7.

That's the way the scored stayed until the 7:14 mark of the third quarter when Amesbury connected with Kyle Gibbons on a 21-yard touchdown pass. A little luck was involved as an Oakridge defender tipped the ball and Gibbons, who was standing in the end zone, was there to haul it in. Wellert's extra point was good to give the Ramblers a 21-7 lead.

Back came Oakridge, however. It scored late in the third quarter and tied the game with just under 10 minutes remaining.

As the minutes ticked away, the tension started to mount. The Ramblers had a drive going late in the game which was stalled by an interception. The defense held, however, and after a poor punt the 40-yard ball hit inside Oakridge's 40-yard line.

They moved down to the 16 and positioned themselves for a last-second



As the pressure mounted, the Boyne City cheerleaders just sat and watched the Ramblers pull out an amazing overtime win over Muskegon Oakridge.

field goal. Suddenly the spotlight was shining very brightly on Wellert, who has connected on 47 of 56 extra points this year but has not attempted a field goal since his sophomore year.

With the excitement building, Wellert seemed calm. He stayed out on the field alone while he waited through two timeouts. "I was in such a zone. I was so calm that moment. The first thing I said after the game was 'I would have made it.'"

He didn't get the chance because of a muffed hold.

In the overtime, each team is given the ball at the 10-yard line and has four plays to score. The Ramblers won the coin toss at the start of overtime and elected to defend first. Oakridge scored and kicked the extra point. Then it was the Ramblers turn. Amesbury found Spaay in the end zone. Now the pressure was on Wellert again. No problem, he split the uprights to tie the game.

"I didn't think about it too much," Wellert said of the extra point. "I just didn't realize how important it was. We never played an overtime game. At that point it didn't register how important it was."

In the second overtime, Boyne had the ball first and scored on its first play when Amesbury found Moore. Wellert again connected on the extra point.



Players were emotionally and physically exhausted after the win.

The rest of the story you already know.

"Our defense played a tremendous football game," Hills said. "We forced them into passing. They rolled over previous teams with the run. We did a lot of things to take the run away from them and force them into passing."

Spaay led the Ramblers on defense with 17 tackles and one interception.

Wellert had 12 tackles while Gaudard had four tackles and one fumble recovery. In addition to his game-ending fumble recovery, Amesbury had three tackles.

While Boyne shut down Oakridge's running game, the Ramblers also had trouble moving on the ground. Grice had 63 yards on 19 carries and Cole Andrews rushed for 48 yards on 13 carries.

"They had a great line and great linebackers," Hills said. "That's why I say it's so important to pass to win these games."

Amesbury connected on 10 of 14 passes for 190 yards and four touchdowns. He also had two interceptions. Moore made the most of his two catches — both touchdowns. Spaay caught four passes for 57 yards and one touchdown and Gibbons caught two for 39 yards and one touchdown.

"This is great, a dream season for us," Hills said.

"The feelings after the game are indescribable. It's the third greatest feeling of my life. It is an amazing experience."

Wellert probably summed it up best for his team. "Actually, I don't think it has hit me. It probably won't until I'm 30 and have my own kids."

"I've never even dreamed of it."

## 2001 — A SEASON TO REMEMBER



The 2001 Boyne City Rambler football team: conference champions, district champions and regional champions.

# We're proud of you . . . From family and friends

**Brenton,**

What a great season. We're so proud of you and the team.

Love, Mom & Dad

**Gary,**

Hard work and determination have paid off. Good luck in your next 3 seasons of Boyne Football.

Love, Mom, Dad & Nissa

**Beau, #9**

To a great son: We are proud of you for hanging in there. Great job.

Love, Mom & Dad

**To: Dustin Moore, #2**

Your hard work and endless effort to be the best you can be and never giving up — it showed. I love to see you run and jump so high. You're my hero! Thanks for the memories. Congratulations Dustin! All the best,

Your biggest fan - Much love, Mom

**Don Peters, #33**

Congratulations on your terrific season. All of you have shown true sportsmanship. You have also shown everyone what dedication and teamwork can accomplish. We are so very proud of you.

— Henry, Bou, Tabitha, Rocky & Jessica

**Zach, #13**

Congratulations on a great season!

Love, Honey

**Jordan, #91**

We're so proud of you. Great job on the scout team!

Love, Mom & Dad

**Seth,**

Way to "Wrong arm the trap!" Good job down in the trenches.

Love, Mom & Dad

**Darrell,**

My inspiration, my MVP, my Rudy, my hero

Love and Admiration, Mom

**Nick Simeri,**

Great job H2O boy!

Love, Dad, Mom, Gina & Paul

We are so proud of you #51, Paul Simeri

Love, Dad, Mom, Gina & Nick

**Keil Pemberton, #75 & David Austin, #26**

We are so proud of the both of you!! Looking forward to next year!

Love, Mom, Dad & Kelly

**Anthony Denike, #1**

You'll always be #1 with us.

Mom, Frank & Allison

**Tim, #10**

Congratulations on all that was accomplished on your "Field of Dreams."

We are so proud of you!!!

Love, Mom, Dad & Susie

**#15, Ben**

We are so proud of you and your contributions to this historic football season. Great athlete, great student, and great son!

We love, you, Mom & Dad

We're so proud of you both. A fantastic year for you and us, too. We love you.

**Jon Ku, #50 & Matt Ku, #99**

Mom, Bill, Erin, Collin, Sean & Eric

**Matt Chappius, #73**

Congratulations on your awesome attitude, which has brought you success in great friendships and the opportunity to play for the mighty Ramblers! We are so proud.

Love, Mom, Dave, Austin, Evan & Granny

**Bobby Courtright, #66**

Great job. We are so proud of you. Congratulations!

Love, Dad, Diane, Charlie, Trevor & Blake

**Chris Grice, #44**

We are so proud of you and couldn't love you more. Congratulations!

Love, Dad, Mom, Bill & Kevin

**Zach, #13**

Congratulations to you and your team on a great season. The memories you make today will last a lifetime!

Love, Dad, Mom & Mallory

Great year Ben, #15. We are so proud of you. The 2001 Ramblers have something to be proud of.

Grandpa & Grandma Hausler

**Great season Cole!**

Thanks for the ride #28. Knock someone down & run for daylight! Congratulations!

Love, Mom, Dad, Jeremy & Lauren

**Ryan, #8**

You always believed this could happen and now it has. You have shown great leadership and we couldn't be prouder of you. Keep these memories with you forever.

We love you - Mom, Dad & Stacy

**Mark,**

Congratulations on a great season. We're proud of you. Boyne Tough!

Love, Mom, Dad, Ann & Paul

Congratulations Guys!

Marty & Connie Moody and the Girls

**Congratulations Ryan!**

Super job on a super season.

Love, Grandpa and Family

**Aaron, #5**

I'm so proud of you. For all your hard work, and dedication in everything you do.

Love ya - Mom

**For Robert Wiltjer, #79 Center**

Through our nation's profound sadness you gave us a reason to celebrate, to stand up and cheer. With your honor, courage, undeniable determination and above all your heart, you made us so very proud.

With love always,  
Your mother, father and sister

**Gregg, #58**

Cherish the memories! We are proud of you.

Love, Mom & Dad

**Taylor - #12, Reed - #20, Kyle - #21, Nate - #23, Carl - #32, Luke - #47, Dusty - #55, Kurt - #61, Trevor - #68, Tim - #69, Mike - #74 & Jordan - #84**  
Congratulations! Great season. We didn't want anyone left out.  
Carters Food Center

**Zac, #77**

We're proud of you for your hard work and determination.

Love, Mom, Dad, Taylor & Stevie

### WEEK THIRTEEN — Lumen Christi 46 — Boyne City 0

It was a glorious November day, much more like September football weather if there ever was such a thing.

Bright clear sunlight, crisp autumn air, miles of blue sky. Legions of fans, bearing either gold and green or red and blue, poured into the stadium at Ferris State University, ready to root their respective teams on to victory.

But the glory of the day would soon take a turn for Boyne City's golden boys — after a season of savoring the thrill of victory, the Ramblers were given a hard lesson in the agony of defeat. Facing football powerhouse and defending Division 5 state champions Jackson Lumen Christi, the Ramblers found themselves outnumbered and outmuscled, carrying their perfect, history-making season to a painful 46-0 conclusion in the state semi-finals.

For the Ramblers, though, the trip to the semi-finals was just the icing on the cake in a season of achievements beyond that which they'd even dared to dream.

Boyne City had not even been picked to win its own conference, much less pegged for a trip to the state finals. Having set their sights on finishing in the top five, the Ramblers

came away with all their goals achieved, and even exceeded — no small feat, indeed. "It's one of those things where you set goals," said Boyne City head coach David Hills. "You always set some you know you can attain, and then some that are more lofty. Amazingly, these kids attained all their goals."

Still, going into the semi-final match-up with Jackson Lumen Christi, the glimmer of hope at exceeding just one more expectation was tantalizing. "[The Ramblers] have been playing with a tremendous amount of confidence," said Hills. "We knew going in we'd have to play a near-perfect game to give ourselves a chance."

From the get-go, though, things didn't look too good for Boyne City. "We became concerned on the [Titans'] opening drive," Hills said. "They took the ball and drove right down the field. We were concerned because we'd made the adjustments to stop exactly what they did, and we were unable to slow them down."

After blocking the extra point, the Ramblers returned with a "nice drive" down inside the Titans' 30 yard line, but a fumble and subsequent recovery

by the Titans set an ominous tone. Still, said Hills, "I felt confident we could score."

After the Titans scored their second touchdown on their second drive, "our offense started to slow down," Hills said. "It was about midway through the second quarter when I realized we had our backs up against the wall."

The Ramblers never were able to recover from the relentless onslaught of what is Titan football, as Lumen Christi continued to rack up points on the board while Boyne City struggled to make a successful drive. "They're a great football team," Hills said simply.

"They have both size and speed on both sides of the ball. They have the advantage of having large numbers. They only have one kid playing on both sides of the ball. There's a reason they're the defending state champs."

Rambler quarterback Ryan Amesbury was six for 12, for a total of 103 yards, below his season average of 70 percent, and threw four interceptions. Top receiver for Boyne was Cole Andrews with three receptions for 32 yards. Andrews also

rushed for 62 yards on 10 carries, followed by Dustin Moore with 47 yards on five carries. Defensively, Moore had 10 tackles; Tim Wellert and A.J. Spaay had nine tackles apiece, and Amesbury had eight tackles and a fumble recovery. Tim Follette also had one fumble recovery.

After a season packed with one highlight after another, Saturday's game was decidedly short of highlights for Boyne City. Unable to maintain a drive to its conclusion, the Ramblers found themselves struggling to hold back a seemingly unstoppable Titan offense. Unable to capitalize on the few breaks that came their way, including a fumble recovery on the Titans one-yard line late in the game which ended in the Rambler's fumbling for a Lumen Christi recovery, Boyne instead found itself struggling to minimize the opportunities it gave away.

Ultimately, the battle was a losing one — but that doesn't mean they didn't play with heart.

"These are competitive kids who play with a lot of heart," Hills said. "We knew going in we had our hands full, and we knew our kids would not back down to anybody."

"I thought our kids were tough the whole game. They continued to play at a high level, and continued to give a great effort. Unfortunately we made some mistakes, and were unable to put points on the board, but I think the score is a little misleading as to the true level of competition in the game."

While the players were disappointed at the outcome of the game, said Hills, they were able to put things in perspective. "To get in that position, one game away from the state finals, you work and dream of being in those positions. The kids were disappointed, but you look back on the year and quickly put things back in perspective."

"They're tremendous kids and they worked very hard," said Hills. "They're very deserving of all the accolades they received."

The community, as it turns out, was behind them all the way. More than 1,000 turned out on Saturday in Big Rapids to show their support.

"It was amazing looking into the stands on Saturday," said Hills, adding that the team has enjoyed a great following all year.

"I knew there'd be a lot of people,

but I don't think any of us expected the turnout that was there. Our fanbase outnumbered Jackson's fanbase. It was an amazing sight."

The team, Hills added, is grateful to the community for their backing. "The Boyne football family would like to thank Boyne City for its tremendous support and encouragement throughout the year," said Hills.

And, he said, "what the kids were able to do for the school and community is immeasurable. There've been some negative things for the last year or two, and these kids were able to take the focus off of that and bring people back together. That is very gratifying for me as a coach and for these kids."

If there's one thing the Ramblers demonstrated this season, it's the value of teamwork, and yes, the heart and soul of a real, honest-to-goodness football team.

And though the season didn't end as many dreamed it might, the team was, in the end, intact. This year, at least, the Ramblers will have to settle for Conference, District, and Regional Champions.

Check that — come to think of it, that's not really settling at all.