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COMING EVENTS

Artists North retrospective

A "reunion" show of Artists North (mid to late 70s) artists and their work — then and now! Exhibit is at the Jordan River Arts Center through Nov. 11.

BC Senior Center flu shots

Flu shots will be available Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Boyne City Senior Center at City Hall. If you are covered by Medicare or Medicaid (bring your card) there will be no charge; otherwise, the charge will be \$25. For more information, please call Terri Powers at the Senior Center at (231) 582-6682.

Craft sale: Oct. 28 & 29

Craft sale, baked goods and white elephant sale at Lakeview Manor, 451 Water Street in East Jordan on Oct. 28 & 29, from 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Free concert and roller skating

There will be free roller skating and a concert on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Harvest Barn Word of Life Church, located at 210 S. Lake Street (between Glen's and McDonald's) in East Jordan. Roller skating will be from 4 - 7 p.m., and the concert will be from 7 - 10 p.m., featuring the sounds of CHRIO, Second Hand and Short Notice. Ages 12 and up welcome to participate.

Nazarene Halloween open house

The Church of the Nazarene will be hosting its 2nd annual Halloween Open House Oct. 31, from 5 - 8 p.m. The church is located across from Morgan-Shaw Apartments at 225 W. Morgan. Those wanting to warm up, have a snack, or just receive a piece of candy are welcome. For more information, call Pastor Fowler at (231) 582-2635.

Hallelujah Night Party: Oct 31

Harvest Barn's 17th Annual Hallelujah Night Party will be held at the Harvest Barn Church, Oct 31, beginning at 6 p.m.

No school in Boyne Nov. 1

Boyne City Public Schools will hold Staff Development meetings all day on Tuesday, Nov. 1. Students will be excused from classes on that day. School will resume on Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Annual Celebrity Dinner: Nov. 7

Don't forget the Annual Celebrity Dinner (always the first Monday in Nov.) Nov. 7, at the LumberJack Grill from 5 - 8 p.m., featuring the East Jordan Lionsesses as "Celebrity" servers. All tips and a portion of the dinners served benefit the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce.

Girls' Night Out: Nov 10

Girls' Night Out, Nov. 10, at Murray's Bar & Grill, features fashion show and interior design tips. Tickets to be on sale shortly! This show sells out! Get your tickets early.

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Proposal K-16 vs. Restore Prop A

The battle between school funding proposals

BY JANE BOOZE
 Editor

While many school districts across the north have worked hard over the last many months to get the message out about the state of public school funding, and the viable solutions to these problems, a new dilemma has arisen.

The dilemma involves the solutions proscribed, what is gaining traction, what is not, and what will work for northern Michigan school districts, and what won't.

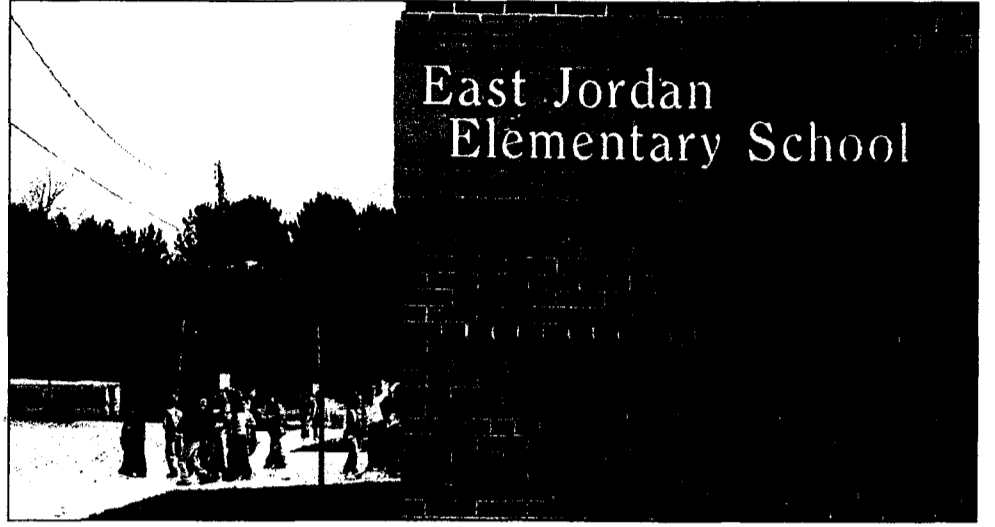
The dueling proposals are Proposal K-16, and a movement to "restore the

promise of Proposal A."

Proposal A was a tax reform proposal that was passed by Michigan voters overwhelmingly in 1994. It was not in and of itself a school funding proposal; rather, its objective was to lower property taxes, control the growth of property taxes, and improve the equity gap between school districts with high and low property values. In 1993, the state faced "run-away" property taxes, and subsequent millage failures due to high property taxes.

Post-Prop. A, schools were no longer able to ask for new millages for added school funding revenue. One hundred percent of school funding was now channeled through Lansing (see related story, below, right), through a complex system of tax-gen-

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Students outside East Jordan Elementary remain blissfully unaware of the funding difficulties facing northern Michigan public schools.

Water colors



Drowned trees stand in borrowed splendor, as the last flame of autumn is reflected in the still waters of a beaver pond in the depths of the Jordan Valley.

PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES

Equity in school funding debated

BY JANE BOOZE
 Editor

Paul Soma, the chief financial officer of Traverse City Area Public Schools, said that Traverse City's schools are struggling under the weight of an inequitable system of school funding. Because TCAPS is a "base foundation grant" school, it receives the minimum per-student foundation grant, under the public school funding system proscribed by Proposal A (see related story, above). Currently, this amount is approximately \$6,700 per pupil.

Bloomfield Hills School District, for instance, is funded at \$11,835 per student — an annual difference of \$56,367,176, based on 2005 student count.

No, it's not the size of the school district. The difference is property values. When Proposition A passed in 1994, its goal was to reduce property taxes, cap property tax growth and narrow the gap between high and low spending districts.

For those districts whose property taxes were already providing much more than the base foundation grant, the per-pupil funding was not decreased, building in "a substantial gap between Michigan's highest funded and lowest funded schools," accord-

ing to Chip Hansen, superintendent of East Jordan Public Schools. However, until 2001, base foundation grant schools were given an equity payment which helped close that gap. In 2001, the state's economy hit the crisis point, and equity payments were discontinued. In some cases, already struggling schools were required to pay back a portion of those payments — with the lowest funded districts paying back a higher percentage than higher funded districts, according to Soma.

"In fact," Hansen said, "schools of approximately the same size, in terms of student enrollment, have dramatic differences in funding capability, even when schools are located in the same geographic region."

This funding capability has a significant impact on affected school districts.

"Schools with greater funding capability generally have higher fund balances (savings), borrow less money and pay less interest than do school districts with lower funding capability," Hansen said.

"It is logical that children across the state be treated fairly — equitably," Soma said, but notes that the disparity in funding is far from equitable. Soma believes that Senate Bill 246, or Proposal K-16, would increase that

inequity.

"It is a proposal by the rich for the rich. It would require the state to infuse more dollars into public education, but by percentage — so that highly funded schools will get even more money. The inequality in finances would grow," Soma said. "It doesn't make sense, but there is political power behind this."

"Rich districts have the most political power, and they want more money for public education."

"I am not sure public education needs more money, but it needs to be equitably distributed," he added. "It is true that the majority of northern Michigan school districts are in the same position we are. Let's try and start to even out the playing field."

Soma believes that Proposal A was designed to address this equity gap over a number of years, and that mechanisms were put in place that would eventually close it. But he believes that northern Michigan does not have the political voice to defend itself against a trend toward K-16 and away from restoring Proposal A, because its schools districts are not working in concert to be heard.

"We need to think globally, and Lansing needs to think globally," he said. "It is frustrating. Downstate schools have their own high-power

lobbyists. Who has the time and funds from up here?"

State representative Kevin Elnsheimer is one Lansing lawmaker who agrees.

"Distribution is inequitable," he said. "I would rather put my energies into equity rather than guaranteed funding (as mandated by K-16). This proposition would make it more difficult to get traction for equity."

"The argument is that base foundation schools should get what everyone else gets," Hansen said. "I wouldn't ever advocate taking anything away from any other schools. We would like to get what we're getting, plus the equity payment that we used to get."

"There is probably some wiggle room in the funding formula to help base foundation schools, but it shouldn't happen at the expense of higher foundation grant schools," he said. "Every child is important, no matter where they happen to live."

But, Hansen said, school districts have a responsibility, too.

"We need to cut costs where ever we can. The answer to this problem isn't just throwing money

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Funding in crisis

Public education faces many of the same economic challenges as other Michigan businesses, but is dependent on a state in crisis for their funding. School aid funds are made up of the following:

- Sales and Use Tax, 44 percent.
- Income Tax, 16 percent.
- Six mills on Homestead tax, 15 percent.
- Federal funds, 11 percent.
- Lottery, five percent.
- Tobacco tax, four percent.
- Liquor, casino and specific real estate transfer taxes, five percent.
- Few sources of funds that are not dependent on economy.

Ninety percent of our districts' funding comes from the state foundation grant.

To prove that Michigan is in crisis, directly affecting school funding, Tom Clay, director of State Affairs, compiled the following data for the Citizens Research Council of Michigan:

- Michigan is 50th in personal income growth.
- 50th in unemployment.
- 50th in employment growth (and is the only state with a decline).
- 50th in "economic momentum" — population, personal income and employment.

Schools are facing massive annual increases in:

- Health insurance costs.
- A 27-percent increase in retirement costs from fiscal year 2003 to FY 2006.
- A 150-percent cost increase in natural gas in that same time period.
- A 100-percent increase in the cost of diesel fuel.

While other businesses face many of the same cost increases, schools are limited in their ability to raise revenues.



daylight saving time ends
 october 30, 2005

Don't forget to turn back those clocks at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30, for the ending of Daylight Saving Time.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Use your creativity to color this cute little witch



SOME SAFETY TIPS TO FOLLOW:

Parents are cautioned to be extra aware of their children's safety during the Halloween season, especially with so many activities taking place after dark. The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department offers these safety thoughts:

- Parents should escort small children to homes in the neighborhood, visiting only people they know.
- For older children, it is a good idea to put safety reflecting tape on their costumes to make them easier for motorists to see them at night.
- Remind children to look both ways before crossing the street and to use the crosswalk wherever possible.
- Carry a flashlight
- Advise youngsters to approach pets with caution; wearing a costume may frighten the animal and cause it to attack.
- Make sure a child's vision is not blocked because of a mask, overhanging wig or hood.
- Inspect each treat before permitting your child to eat it. If you should find any contaminated food or safety violations, please report them to the sheriff.

Unscramble These Spooky Halloween Words

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- NRJKCALONA _____
- CTBKCLAA _____
- ORTTRATEKCIR _____
- CNORDYCAN _____
- HHUNTSEOUA _____
- RSDPIE _____
- WBCBEO _____
- PKSOYO _____
- NEHLEAWOL _____

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Artist North Exhibits opens at Jordan River Arts Center

The Jordan River Arts Council is hosting a region show for Artists North, an area artists' organization that was formed in 1975 to "discuss their work, their business challenges, offer demonstrations, and celebrate their friendship."

The group of more than 50 artists, from Traverse City to Onaway, shared their ideals, put together brochures promoting their studios statewide, and established an annual tour of their studios. In 1978, they published "Artists North, a Collectors Guide," which will be on display during the exhibition. This includes a history of the arts in the area and a short biography of the artists, which was compiled by the late Doris Huckle.

The exhibit, "An Artists North Retrospective," will run through Nov. 11. Exhibit hours are daily from 1 to 4 p.m. The exhibit will feature both past and current work from more than 20 artists, including Walter and Peggy Midener, Bruce Jansen and Jody Adams, Jerry and Linda Beers Aydlott, Dick Cunningham, Lynn Dinning, Charles Koucky, Jane Bock, Barb Godwin, Marion MacKay, Audrey Shapiro, Laurie Lesser (Murray) Hodgson, and others.

Dick Cunningham, JRAC Board Member, and Laurie Lesser (Murray) Hodgson are curators of the show. The Jordan River Arts Center is located at 301 Main St. in East Jordan.



Dick Cunningham shown with his ceramics — a very early work, left, and a later work.

For further information call Dick Cunningham at (231) 582-9373 or the Art Center at (231) 536-3385.

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The Otis family potters themselves, David, left, June and Andrew, are considered by some to be northern Michigans treasures.

Potter's House: works in clay

Crooked Tree Arts Center is highlighting the work of David, June and Andrew Otis of East Jordan in an exhibition entitled "The Potter's House: Works in Clay" running through Nov. 26.

David and June Otis moved to northern Michigan in 1988 after having lived in Germany for 20 years. David has a bachelors of arts in art from the University of Kentucky and an masters of arts in painting from the University of California Berkley. June has a bachelors of arts in art from Fresno State and an masters of arts in painting from the University of California Berkley.

Their son Andrew carries on the family tradition in beautifully sculpted larger vessels.

On display in this exhibition will be a variety of styles of work. David's work represents a marriage of function and exquisite design; June's work is delicate and sculptural, as seen in her kimono people; and Andrew grows from the roots of these two masters to create vessels of form and strength. Spun through each piece is a timeless sense of purity of artistic expression.

The work of the Otis family encompasses an underlying theme of peace and serenity, a value for what is important in this world, the patient observation of life in perspective of our greater sense of purpose.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey, Michigan. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This opening is open to the public and free of charge. This program supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

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OPINION

Funhouse mirrors

My mother says that memories are like funhouse mirrors. Everyone sees something completely different, and no one's memory is unaltered by the distortions of perspective.

My brother, Bill, once was dump hunting and cut himself.

Dump hunting itself is a memory from a rather too-distant past now. Land-owners used to have private landfills — big holes where they would throw their refuse, or at least that which wasn't burnable or useful in the feeding of livestock or the garden.

LAST CALL



Jane Booze

We didn't have a private dump, but we burned all of our papers, and all the food scraps were tossed to the wind

in the plum orchard behind the house. This was unattractive in the winter, when the white, crusted snow would be littered with orange peelings, egg shells and coffee grounds — but small creatures benefited and the stuff composted naturally into the soil when the snows melted. Scraps were fairly few to begin with. Many of us, myself included, ate almost all of the orange peel as well as the sweet fruit it protected. At least that's how I remember it.

But many farmers once had dumps for their own use, so we would find those old nests of treasure and un-earth bottles and household goods of the greatest antiquity and value (to us).

We played King of the Mountain on waves of sandy hills that we called the Pan Mountains, so full of cast-off cookware they were. We outfitted our playhouse splendidly with that cookware. (Some of my siblings will remember those hills as the Sand Mountains, and I concur: they were called both. As I recall.)

We hid small dump-found goodies in a hole in the apple tree outside the house, like Boo Radley.

But one day Bill cut his foot in the dump that bordered the orchard behind which we lived. He was hunting barefoot and I think had warned us out of the dump while he searched, as it was too dangerous for bare-footed girls. We watched, and he rummaged. Suddenly, he flew out of the heap. Flew across the soft, green grass of the orchard, leaving a dew of red on the blades as he ran. I ran behind him, fast, worried about the crimson carpet laid before me in the orchard.

That is all I remember. But here's the funny thing: by all others' accounts, I was not there.

Could this be? Could I have this vivid memory and not have had the experience? Could this memory be a funhouse trick, the spoils of another sibling's recollections?

We all agree that my sister Sal was there. Bill was obviously there. Sal and Bill agree that I was not. I am forced to take their word for it. But I remember it.

On third birthday, Nov. 22, 1963, our president was shot. I remember a floor model radio. I remember that Mom and Sal were crying. Blonde John, just a baby, was laughing, and I remember that it seemed distinctly inappropriate to laugh while Mom cried. Sal, barely older than me, cried, but I don't remember whether I cried, too, or just stood in judgement of John for laughing.

I was three! Is this a memory, now, or merely the memory of a memory, a recollection piled on top of a retelling until there is no separating the event from the tale?

Some memories are ever green. I know where I was standing when I watched the shuttle make its billowing white hook downward, watching television with my infant son in my arms.

I remember where I was when Mom told me Dad was gone. It was their bedroom, and I had stepped into the velvet morning darkness to tell my parents goodbye before I left for the school bus. Dad left last night, Mom said. I remember how the room smelled, all soft and warm and sleepy, a strange context for the betrayal of my whole childhood in one stunning second.

But most memories are shadowy, changeable, subject to suggestion and doubt. I must have created the memory of Bill's cut foot from the generous recollections of the sister who was there.

Some of my memories have been appropriated by others, who claim an experience I know to be my own, or who distort the reality of the event beyond recognition. It's okay. I have my own little funhouse here and I can remember what I want.



Serving in Iraq

BY MAXINE HOUGH

SSGT Tony Shaler, a member of American Legion Post #228 in Boyne City, graduated from Boyne City High School in 1993 and is currently serving in the Army Reserve with the 890th Transportation Unit out of Traverse City. He is stationed at Camp Anaconda in Iraq — what used to be the most grand of Saddam Hussein's palaces, and is now the United States Army Base Camp Anaconda.

The son of Rhonda and (the late) Dana Shaler of Advance, Tony grew up with a father who taught him how to hunt, fish, mushroom and learn about the edibles of the woods. Tony joined the U.S. Army following his graduation. His basic training was at Fort Jackson, S.C. While there, the movie "The Renaissance Man", starring Danny DeVito and Kadeem Hardison, was filmed on that base. The production company used Tony's units for some of their scenes and took the name of their company "Warriors." Tony actually taught the actors how to do their cadences. Looking closely at the movie, Tony can be seen doing PT and, during the graduation ceremony, Tony can be glimpsed behind the U.S. Flag. Following basic training, Tony was stationed in Maryland, Kansas, Texas, Washington and Germany. While in Germany he was deployed to Bosnia where he served



Tony Shaler

about six months during that country's uprising. Upon his return from Bosnia he married Sarah Monshor and they now have two sons, Dustin, three, and Jason, one year old.

About a year ago, Tony's mother, Rhonda (known to locals and Camp Quality as Daisy the clown) remarried and moved to Massachusetts. Tony was able to obtain leave and joined his family for the wedding.

Tony's greatest joys in life are being a husband, father, a servant of the Lord, and taking great pride serving his country in the military. Like all our troops serving overseas, Tony likes to receive mail. His address is SSGT. Tony Shaler, 890 TC/457 BN. LS Anaconda. APO AE 09391.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR:

From birth to death we are constantly recording facts and events in our minds that require us to interpret what we see, hear, touch, smell and taste that is formulated into knowledge. This knowledge we acquire, through study or repetition, is what will assist us to become intelligent, or give us wisdom, in making efficient use of those interpretations when confronted with a problem. Everything that is recorded in our minds, either true or false, leaves an impression that is used during the reasoning process to make decisions, form opinions or develop our beliefs.

In the year 1604 King James I of England commissioned 54 scholars to translate the Hebrew scrolls, containing the inspired words of God, into English and the King James Bible. It was inevitable that, either through error, an attempt to simplify or a desire to improve, changes would be made and one appears in the Ten Commandments. We have all been taught "thou shalt not kill," and to take a human life is a sin for which we will be punished by God. Many who have served their country in military combat are reluctant to discuss their experiences and may, because of their religious beliefs, harbor

a subconscious guilt for taking a human life contrary to their biblical teachings. The Hebrew word "ratsach" (pronounced raw-tsakh,) was translated as the English word "kill" by the scholars, but the correct English word is "murder." "Thou shalt not murder" has a very different meaning. To kill is to put to death, slay or deprive of life, which is a generalized and all-inclusive usage. The unlawful killing of one human being by another, especially with malice and premeditation, is murder. When confronted with a situation requiring deadly force, such as in time of war or self-defense, to kill before being killed, is not murder, and not a violation of the Ten Commandments.

It is my hope that the above clarification may help some of my comrades in arms, who carry guilt from their actions during a war, and will be relieved of the burden and enjoy an improved quality of life. The most precious gift on earth is human life and we should protect our lives, and the lives of others, at all costs. The only certainty of life, as we know it here on earth, is that all life ends. We should endeavor to live our lives absent guilt or regrets, but then who among us is perfect, faultless or all knowing. Duty-Honor-Country.

Jerry Evans
Ellsworth

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently the Boyne Falls Public School received a \$500 grant from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program to support our student assembly programs in regards to character education. Michelle Mertes of the Boyne Falls E-Z Mart worked to secure the grant, which is one of 4,000 available to schools across the country served by Exxon or Mobil stations. The grants were made possible by funding from the ExxonMobil Corporation.

"The Boyne Falls Public School has been awarded this grant for the third year in a row and I know they work hard to make learning interesting and fun," said Boyne Falls E-Z Mart manager, Michelle Mertes." As a Mobil dealer, I am proud to help the students and school of Boyne Falls."

The program was designed for Exxon and Mobil dealers to be given an opportunity to provide support to the schools in their communities. ExxonMobil believes that, as members of the community, they should invest in the young people who are our future leaders, business people, teachers, construction workers, parents, and above all productive citizens.

The Boyne Falls E-Z Mart met stringent guidelines before applying for and being awarded this grant, including having a commitment to provide a superior buying experience for customers. Again, thank you to Boyne Falls E-Z Mart, Michelle Mertes, and Blarney Castle Oil Co. for their support.

Gary Urman, superintendent
Boyne Falls Public School

NEIGHBORS

• ON WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12 the Friends of the Boyne River shared a potluck dinner at Larry and Virginia Maltby's home in Boyne Falls. About 30 members attended, with everyone having a wonderful time. Before the dinner, many of the guests went for a hike



Nancy Northrup

along the river, which runs through the Maltby property. After the great meal, Scott Moody entertained the group with some of his own songs. Everyone really enjoyed them and wished he would have had more. Larry Maltby then told some wonderful, interesting stories of his grandfather. All enjoyed the whole evening.

• A BELATED "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" goes out to Jean Korhase, who enjoyed her eighty-second celebration on Saturday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Bruce Lawson. Joining in the special time were her daughter, Heidi Connor of Grand Rapids, son Roger and his wife, Terri, and children of Boyne, and granddaughter Kristen Robinson of Oakland Township, and grandson Nick Anthony of Brighton, as well as lots of phone calls from her children and grandchildren who could not be there with her. On Sunday, Jean was celebrated with another party, at her Grandvue home.

• ON OCT. 20, AT 1 P.M., 17 women met for lunch at the Hotel Dilworth. All but three of them had graduated from Boyne City High School. As well as Boyne City, the women came from Boyne Falls, East Jordan, Alpena and Traverse City to attend the luncheon. Everyone had a wonderful time and visit. They plan on doing it again next month at the same time and same place.

• THE NEXT MEETINGS FOR THE GROUP that is planning Boyne City's 150th birthday celebration will be on Nov. 3 at noon at the Hotel Dilworth. Anyone who would like to join them is more than welcome. For more information, call Scott MacKenzie at the Chamber, (231) 582-6222, or Shirley Howie at (231) 582-7087. Come join us!

• IT WAS A BANG-UP BIRTHDAY for Janet Hardy of Boyne City on Wednesday night, but not the kind anyone would really want. Lakeview's Phyllis Hardy, being the good mom she is, fixed a birthday dinner for her daughter at Janet's home out near M-75 on that special night, while hubby Elwood was bowling. In the dark of night, after dinner, Janet had taken her mother home and was just about to turn into her own driveway when another car struck her from behind, pitching her into quite a scary roll, and completely totalling her car. Miraculously, there were not serious injuries to either driver. Janet, toting a slinged arm with two broken fingers and a few bumps and bruises, is on the mend. A belated "happy birthday" to her — and get well wishes, too!

• JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AT THE BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER on Thursday, Oct. 27, for lunch. On the menu is Sloppy Joe on a bun. Bingo will follow lunch. The flu shot clinic that was scheduled for the 27th has been canceled — see Tuesday, Nov. 1 for the new schedule. Friday, Oct. 28 is a favorite! Come and join them for Crunchy Drumsticks. Monday, Oct. 31, the menu will include mostoccoli with meatballs, and apple salad. Bingo will follow lunch. They will have Halloween visitors on that day! Nov. 1, Tuesday, barbecued baked chicken and sweet potato will be served. The flu shot clinic is rescheduled for that day, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You need to bring your Medicare or Medicaid card. There will be a \$25 charge without your card. Wednesday, Nov. 2, Salisbury Steak and mashed potato will be served. For dessert, they are serving carrot cake. An added note: Litzemberger Place residents are still waiting to be rescheduled for flu shots, sometime around the middle of Nov.

• JUSTIN KELTS AND SON JACOB, who share Oct. 10 birthdays, were honored with a belated birthday party on Sunday afternoon with family members and a few friends attending a fun time. Justin, wife Laurie, and family recently moved into the Korhase family farm on Korhase Rd.

• THE MANY ATTENDING SALLY PASQUE'S Compassionate Hearts Project Halloween party benefit on Saturday night got right into the theme of the evening, as did Sally, who, I heard, was the spittin' image of Mimi of the Drew Carey Show. Add Little Red Riding Hoods and wolves, pirates and even costumed prisoners of Charlevoix County jail, DJ music, karaoke, and lots of good food, and you've got a good party going! Then throw in the most unique costume, worn by Kevin Shaler, who was parading around as "bubble gum stuck on a shoe." Picture it: wrapped in a pink sheet with a shoe stuck on him! There were plenty of door prizes and 50-50 raffles. A scarecrow was raffled off to Mary Carson of Boyne City, and the grand prize, a "Big Holiday Package," went to Tammy Frampas, Boyne's school nurse, who plans to use the decorations at the school each holiday. All proceeds go to helping needy people or families in Boyne. Sally is so happy to be able to help others. Grateful she is, also, to the many area businesses and individuals whose donations of many kinds made this event the success it was. Be looking for more fun events by Sally and the Compassionate Hearts projects!

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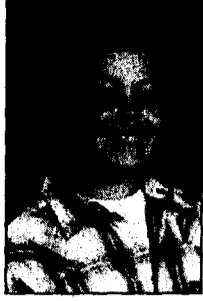
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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne Falls Public School

NAME: Aaron Reynolds
PARENTS: Kelly and Wayne Reynolds
GRADE: 3rd
FAVORITE CLASS: Math
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Play basketball and football
FAVORITE SPORT: Football
FAVORITE COLOR: Red
FAVORITE FOOD: ribs
FAVORITE BOOK: American Chillers
FAVORITE MOVIE: Star Wars Episode III
FAVORITE CARTOON: Camp Lazlo
STAFF COMMENTS: It has been a pleasure teaching Aaron this year. He is an excellent student and person. His personality makes him a great friend to his classmates. I am very proud of his accomplishments. Great job, Aaron!



Concord Academy Boyne

NAME: Marissa Griffore
PARENTS: Mary and Harold Wilson, Marty and Patsy Griffore, of Manclonla
GRADE: 12th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Treasurer of National Honor Society
FAVORITE SUBJECT: Math
FAVORITE AUTHOR: Karen Kingsbury
FUTURE PLANS: 2006 - Attend Mt. Vernon Nazarene University majoring in education to become a high school math teacher.
CONCORD CARES: Marissa tutors other students in math
STAFF COMMENTS: We are studying being "Trustworthy" in our Character Education this month. Marissa is a person others can trust with their feelings and concerns. She does not make fun of others or their needs. We feel she is a good representative of a student who is trustworthy.



East Jordan High School

NAME: Alice Perrault
PARENTS: Douglas and Marianne Perrault
GRADE: 10th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: School Paper
FUTURE PLANS: Attend college and enter Forensics
STAFF COMMENTS: "Alice is a hard worker. She has high standards and works to those standards. On top of that is kind and caring. She is a joy to have in class."



— Mrs. Zell
 "Alice is a very responsible student; always on task, producing quality work. It's a pleasure to have her in class."
 — Mrs. Richardson
 "It has been a joy to have Alice in class. She is a diligent worker who tries her best on each assignment. Way to go, Alice!"
 — Mrs. McPherson
 "Alice is a very hard worker in Chemistry. She always takes great pride in her work and does it to the best of her ability."
 — Mrs. Moeke

East Jordan Middle School

NAME: Matt Wixson
PARENTS: Lynn Bowden and Kevin Wixson
GRADE: 7th
FAVORITE SUBJECT: Math
HOBBIES: Sports, skateboarding, music, football, and basketball
STAFF COMMENTS: Matt has a great attitude for learning and is always willing to participate in class. He is off to a great start and has done a great job so far this year. His smile, attitude, and work ethic are enjoyable to be around and are great examples for his peers. He is doing an excellent job!



Boyne City High School

NAME: Arden Vallad
PARENTS: Connie and Art Vallad
GRADE: 12th
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Hunting and the woods, as well as cooking
FUTURE PLANS: To either own a restaurant or do forestry service.
STAFF COMMENTS: "Andy really wants to learn, he is very interested in what Hospitality has to offer. I am impressed with the effort Andy puts in our class, he asks lots of questions and then puts the information to work. Good job Andy, you're appreciated."
 — Mr. Crissman, hospitality teacher



Soccer banquet

It was a great turnout for the second annual Boyne 4-H Soccer Banquet and Awards ceremony. The event was held at Boyne City High School and Scott MacKenzie was master of ceremonies. Hundreds of people came for the potluck dinner and to cheer on the soccer players as they received their ribbons. The soccer board and the soccer coaches were also recognized for their hard work and dedication during the season. Soccer players who did not attend the banquet can pick up their ribbons at the 4-H office. 4-H Soccer is always looking for board members and coaches. For information, call Beth Kartes at (231) 582-9684 or Mechelle Gardner at (231) 582-3777.

BOYNE CITY POLICE REPORT

- Monday, Oct. 17: Officer assisted with homeless person; NSF check turned in from Red Mesa; assist with person at Senior Center; suspicious situation on Pleasant Ave.; speed citation issued.
- Tuesday, Oct. 18: Speed citation issued; NSF check turned in; barking dog complaint on S. Park St.; assist at the animal shelter.
- Wednesday, Oct. 19: Family complaint on N. Park St.; unlock at High St.; citation issued for no insurance.
- Thursday, Oct. 20: Speed citation issued; PDA in Litzenger's parking lot; larceny complaint under investigation from Silver St.; suspicious people on S. Park St.; parking ticket issued on E. Water St.; citation issued for expired plate.
- Friday, Oct. 21: Speed citation issued; dog complaint on Main St.; Dogs RAL by E. Lincoln and Earl St.; one arrested for warrant from CCSD; one arrested for OWI — lodged.
- Saturday, Oct. 22: Assist officer on Vogel St.; PDA on Silver St.; citation issued for expired plate and no POI; speed citation issued; dog complaint on Jefferson St.; MDOP to property on Boyne Ave.; unlock at high school.
- Sunday, Oct. 23: Report of a fight at the Tammy; intoxicated person near N. Lake St.; one arrested for OWI, second, and possession of marijuana — lodged; threatening phone calls received on W. Division St.; suspicious person on Maple St.; one arrested for DWLS.

DEATH NOTICE

- Elizabeth "Betty" Zitka Felo, 100, of East Jordan died Saturday, Oct. 22, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m. at Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Interment will follow at Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 9 a.m. until service time.
- Charles O. Ford, 76, of East Jordan, died on Friday, Oct. 21, at his home. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at noon at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. Interment was in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan. The family is being served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

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Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist



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Proposal

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erated revenue. But it was working. Homestead taxes were lower, and capped, and the gap between high and low spending districts was closing. The new legislation created what was called a "base foundation grant," whereby it set a minimum per-student allowance, which was distributed to all public schools. Schools which were, prior to Prop. A, receiving more per-student due to higher property values, did not have their per-student funds lowered, but the lower end schools were given an additional "equity payment" that helped balance out the difference between high and low budget districts.

However, the new school funding tax system was less stable than the old property tax system, and more susceptible to legislative changes. Between 1995 and 2000, Prop. A was changed more than 70 times. These changes, which were in the form of tax cuts to different businesses and entities, directly cut into the revenue which Prop. A originally directed to the funding of public education.

As a result of these tax changes, and skyrocketing costs of insurance, as well as the increased burden of staff retirement expenses, many Michigan schools have found themselves facing financial devastation. To make matters worse, the state froze the base foundation grant for three years. In some cases, school districts have also been required to pay back a portion of the equity funds they had received.

To counteract these changes in revenue and expenditures, many northern Michigan schools have cut personnel and services, while trying not to let their financial challenges intrude on the classrooms.

Proponents of Prop. A say it is time to repeal the tax cuts given to special interest groups, and restore those dollars to public education - to the tune of \$5.7 million dollars a year, according to "A Review and Analysis of Michigan Tax Policies Impacting K-12 Finances" by Douglas Drake (May, 2002).

Besides the "return to the promise" movement, another school funding reform proposal is gaining momentum in Michigan politics, and this proposal is called K-16.

K-16, or Senate Bill 246, would provide a "guaranteed minimum" yearly increase in funding for public schools, community colleges and 4-year public universities which would be tied to the rate of inflation or five-percent, whichever is less," according to Tom White, the Coalition for Michigan's Future, chaired by Tom White.

A petition drive is underway statewide to get this proposal on the ballot, and White believes there is significant voter support for K-16.

White said, in a March news release, "Now if the Legislature would come to grips with the fact that Michigan voters place education as a top priority, we could get on with the critically important task of putting our tax dollars where voters believe they should go — first and foremost to fund K-16 education."

However, K-16 would "cost the state \$1.53 billion in extra spending in the first year alone," according to a nonpartisan Senate Fiscal Agency analysis.

"The immense cost of the proposal would mean deep cuts to other programs, with corrections, revenue sharing and Medicaid being the likely targets," said Sen. Wayne Kuipers (R-Holland) in a press release. "If we don't make those cuts, then higher taxes are the only alternative to balance the budget, and hiking taxes during tough economic times is exactly what we don't need."

Sen. Ron Jelinek (R-Three Oaks), chair of the Senate Appropriations sub-committee on K-12 education funding, said that K-16 funding, if passed, would be paid for at the expense of other quality state programs.

Locally, there is little administrative support for K-16. "I believe that K-16 has merit, but I believe the real situation that K-12 schools face is that Proposal A has been tweaked or changed over the years," said Gary Urman, superintendent of the Boyne Falls Public School. "At the time, Prop. A did work, but since then they (the Legislature) have tweaked it and there is less money flowing from those revenues. We need to look at Prop. A and get it to work the way it was intended."

"We've tried real hard here in Boyne Falls. We've done things recently that haven't been easy. We are trying to keep ourselves afloat without cutting the programs we provide our students," Urman said.

One of the issues Urman has with K-16 is the four years of college that would be guaranteed increases along with K-12 schools. He believes that because the colleges and universities have the capability of raising tuition, including them in the package distracts from the needs of public schools unable to increase revenues through taxation or tuition hikes.

Neither Jim Cooper, superintendent of Boyne City schools, or Mark Eckhardt of the Char-Em ISD, are in favor of K-16. "Proposal A is good public policy — always was and always will be," said Eckhardt. "The K-16 solution, as I see it, it to increase property taxes on local property owners. Where do you find that five-percent or rate of inflation increase? We wouldn't have to do this if we restored Proposal A."

Eckhardt said that taxpayers should ask where the tax revenue is going to come from, because the money to fund K-16 isn't there.

"Higher taxes? Cuts from other public services like community mental health, infrastructure or corrections? These are the sources he and Cooper see as likely targets for funding cuts should K-16 pass."

"We have a responsibility to operate as efficiently as we possibly can. Hold us accountable for the other things, but fulfill the promise and responsibility of Proposal A," Cooper said.

Both he and Eckhardt agree colleges and universities have a source of funding in tuition, and do not share the funding crisis that K-12 educators face.

Chip Hansen, East Jordan Public Schools superintendent, is similarly unsupportive of the K-16 proposal.

"Everyone understands that, like any public policy, there is good and bad," he said. "The good is guaranteed funding. Bad: at the expense of what?"

"If clear heads work together - school organizations and legislature - it would be in the best interest of Michigan to take time to develop a system that would be better overall for the state, and for local public schools," he said.

"People expect to pay for services they receive from the state, but they also expect to get quality services," said Hansen. He does not favor supporting education at the expense of other important services, but believes the government and schools should create funding that best meets the needs of all the important state services - including public schools doing their part through cost containment and fiscal responsibility.

Representative Kevin Elsenheimer (R-Bellaire) agrees. He said K-16 could negatively impact the coverage of roads, state police, justice and other social safety nets. Besides, K-16 removes, according to Elsenheimer, a "great deal of discretion from legislation - removing oversight on spending."

"We would lose a layer of review in the educational funding process. A real mistake," Elsenheimer said. "Who's going to be watching the bank at that point? Part of the legislature's job is to provide oversight."

It appears likely that K-16 will be on the ballot and much discussed over the next 12 months. Some who do not support it now will perhaps join in the battle to get it passed should it reach voters in Nov. 2006, rather than have no funding reform at all. But for now, the consensus is not one of support. Area educators see much more promise in a "return to the promise of Prop. A."

Equity

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at it. We need to collaborate, work together, cost contain," he said.

"If K-16 passes, the conversation inspired legislators to look at funding that is flexible — flexibility is the strength of the system, and that shouldn't be compromised."

"I think we will do business differently than we do today if this downhill slide continues, but we will still be in the business of providing a good education for East Jordan kids," Hansen said. "Access to a quality education shouldn't be dependent on geography."

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CROSS
COUNTRY
Werner
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BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

East Jordan runner Kristi Werner ran a time of 19:19 to earn first place overall at the Lake Michigan Conference cross country championship meet held in Charlevoix on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Werner finished 9 seconds ahead of the field and she was joined by teammate Meghan Thomas on the all-conference first team. Thomas finished fourth with a time of 19:46.

The first seven runners over the line were named to the all-conference first team, while the second seven received all-conference honorable mention.

Elk Rapids placed three runners in the top ten to take the girls title for the third straight year with 29 points.

East Jordan took the runner-up spot with 53 points followed by Harbor Springs (75), Charlevoix (80) and Boyne City (120).

Rounding out the all-conference team were Bethany Hammer (ER, 19:28), Amanda Hammer (ER, 19:37), Ashley Quick (HS, 20:05), Lindi Edger (Ch, 20:15) and Jessica Wenger (ER, 20:31).

Other results for East Jordan were: Alicia Oliver (14th, 21:16), Chelsey Poindexter (15th, 21:17), Sierra Roberts (26th, 22:30), Katherine Rowley (38th, 24:44) and Amanda Thomas (39th, 25:14).

Results for Boyne City included: Lindsey Mansfield (22nd, 22:10), Sarah Gerberding (23rd, 22:25), Amy Anderson (25th, 22:29), Erin Haley (29th, 22:57) and Lindsay Baic (40th, 36:53).

Charlevoix edged out Harbor Springs 45-48 to take the boys title followed by Kalkaska (50), Elk Rapids (80), Traverse City St. Francis (143), East Jordan (176) and Boyne City (195).

Kalkaska's Paul Grieve was the boys medalist with a time of 16:50. Spencer Beatty (HS, 17:10) was second followed by Thomas Lucas (ER, 17:36), Jesse Moggo (K, 17:47), Dylan Rosenthal (K, 17:49), Trey Graham (HS, 17:52) and Jacob Wirmar (Ch, 17:53).

Results for East Jordan were: Bruce King (10th, 18:33), Mac Brennan (35th, 20:01), Josh Pung (40th, 20:28), Nick Zell (41st, 20:29), Dustin Hill (42nd, 20:37) and Drew Oliver (44th, 24:15).

Results for Boyne City were: Ryan Kasper (25th, 18:57), Stephen Remer (36th, 20:05), Jesse Place (43rd, 21:11), Taylor Korthase (45th, 23:37) and Kelly Austin (46th, 24:16).

**Mackinaw,
Ellsworth**
claim titles

The Mackinaw boys and the Ellsworth girls won the team titles at the Northern Lakes Conference cross country finals held in Ellsworth on Oct. 19.

Mackinaw City put three runners in the top ten to total 36 points followed by Wolverine (44), Ellsworth (63) and Boyne Falls (111).

Ellsworth took the top four spots and added an eighth place from its fifth racer to total 18 points. Boyne Falls placed second with 69 points.

Ellsworth's Ashton Fisher was the boys medalist with a time of 16:55, while teammate Maggie Piellusch was the girls medalist with a time of 21:04.

Results for the Lady Loggers included: Sharmal Wheaton (10th, 25:03), Roslyn Fiel (11th, 25:17), Carissa Reynolds (15th, 25:49), Annie Pernicano (16th, 27:02) and Stephanie Everett (17th, 27:42).

Results for the Loggers included: Shawn Kilmer (9th, 18:31), Kevin Knight (16th, 19:12), Nathan Wasylewski (25th, 20:12), Justin Grubaugh (29th, 20:31), Josh Grubaugh (32nd, 20:54) and Trevor Matelski (39th, 22:07).

Boyne Falls will run at the regional meet in Gaylord this Saturday.

SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Ramblers ranked sixth in state going into playoffs

■ **Boyne City mows over Blazers in finale, 41-7**

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

The Boyne City varsity football team enters the post season playoff tournament with an 8-1 record and ranked #6 in the state following a 41-7 victory at Kalkaska on Friday.

The Ramblers will square off against Lake Michigan Conference rival Charlevoix (6-3) this Friday in the opening game of the Division VI, Region 1, district. Kingsley (8-1) will face Suttons Bay (6-3) in the other semi final.

"We'll play our best football," said Boyne City coach Dave Hills about the upcoming playoff match up. "We've improved throughout the season and we'll come out and do all of the little things right."

The Blazers came out playing tough on their home field on Friday, focused on limiting the strong Rambler inside running attack, said Boyne City coach Dave Hills, but his squad had success passing the ball as well as running to the outside.

"They were a physical football team, but we took the things that they gave us," said Hills.

Will Brown got the Ramblers started with a one yard touchdown run in the first quarter and Tyler Kruzal added the point after touchdown to put the Ramblers ahead 7-0.

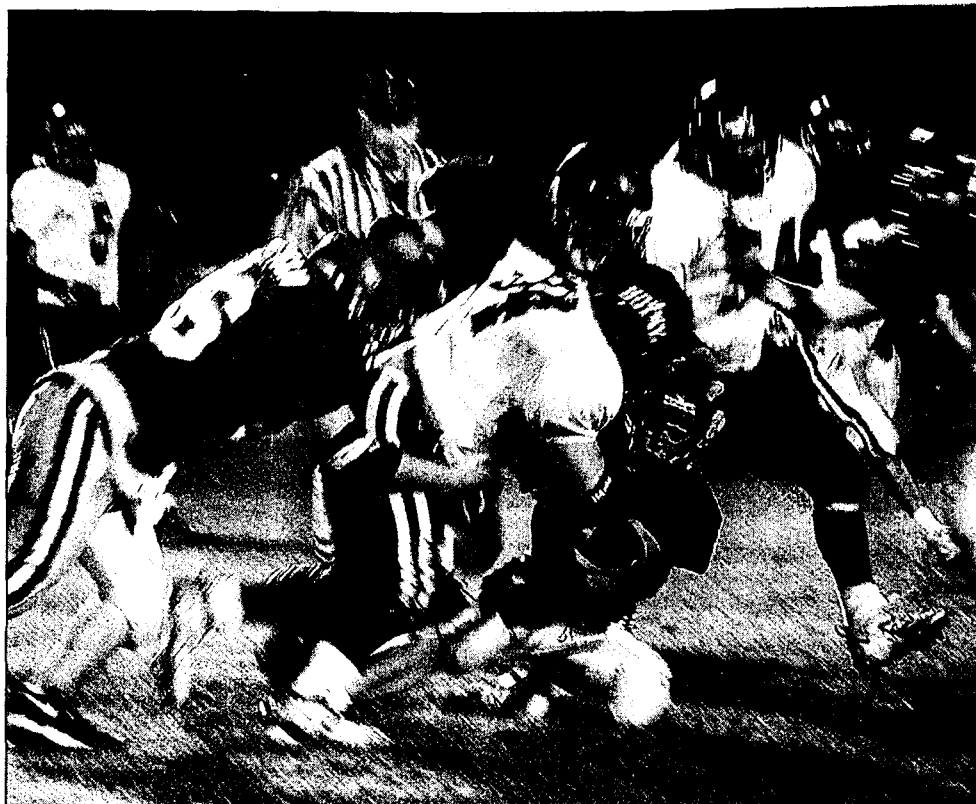
The Ramblers put the game out of reach with four strikes in the second stanza to make it a 35-0 game at the intermission. Brown scored on a second one yard run, Joe Robert chipped in with a one yard run and Grant Ameel found Robbie Jensen for two scoring passes of 53 and 10 yards.

Jensen capped the Boyne City scoring with a 15 yard scoring dash early in the third period before Kalkaska avoided the shutout with its only touchdown with six minutes remaining.

Ameel led the Rambler offense throwing for 188 yards on nine of 13 passing, while Jensen caught four passes for 98 yards and ran for 36 yards in four carries. Kruzal also caught four passes for 61 yards.

Brown rushed for 74 yards in 12 carries, while also leading the defense with 12 tackles.

Scott Morrow, Taylor Voice and Kevin Beaton all chipped in with eight tackles.



Boyne City running back Will Brown plows his way over Kalkaska defenders during the Rambler's 41-7 win on Friday night.

Grayling dominates Red Devils in season finale, 47-0

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

Grayling's varsity football team earned a spot in the post season playoff picture with a convincing 47-0 Lake Michigan Conference win over East Jordan on Friday.

Viking running back Joey Bancroft rushed for 110 yards in 16 carries and scored three touchdowns to lead Grayling, which will face Alma in the first round of the state's Division IV tournament.

The Vikings also reached the end zone with a 42 yard interception return, a 38 yard pass reception, an 11 yard run and a 58 yard punt return.

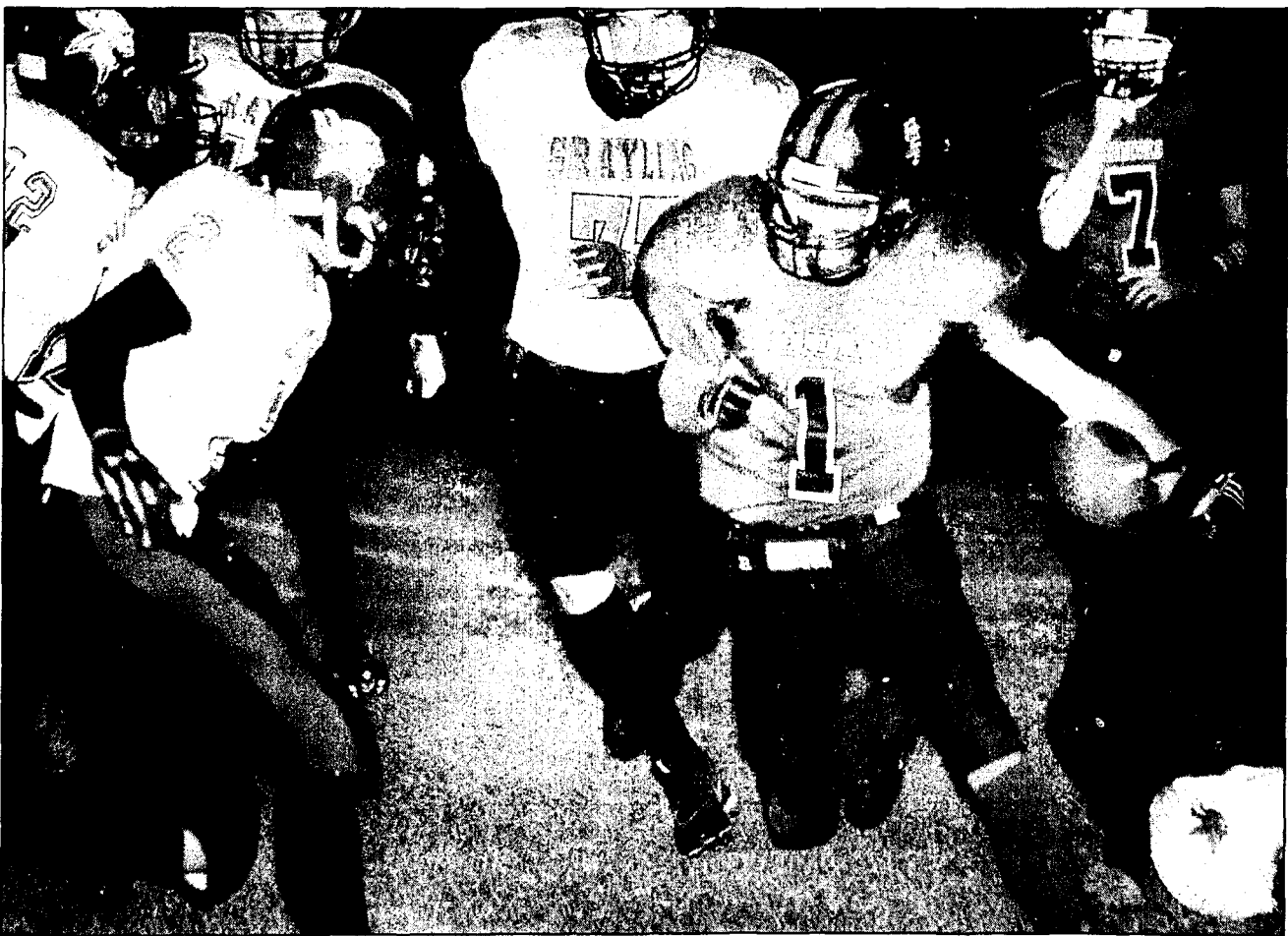
The Red Devils did not help their own cause, committing five turnovers in the first half alone.

The loss closed out the East Jordan season with a 3-6 overall record and a 2-5 record in the conference.

The game was Parent's Night for the Red Devils and it also marked the last appearance for seniors Andrew Streufert, Eric Hansen, Justin Wilson, Cody Thayer, Chad Kraemer, Josh Cooper, Cory Walter, Tim Weisler, Cliff Graham, Alex Lorne, Chris Becker and Eric Patton.

"They are a great group. They did not have the season that they expected to have, but they really taught the underclassmen what is needed to have a successful year," said their coach Kris Ernst.

"Many of our players have learned a lot from them and they have been great for our program," Ernst added.



East Jordan wide receiver Andrew Streufert looks for running room as Grayling defenders converge for the tackle.

SOCCER

Elk Rapids rolls to league title, defeats East Jordan 8-0

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

The Lake Michigan Conference champion Elk Rapids soccer team closed out an undefeated league season downing the East Jordan varsity soccer team 8-0 on Thursday, Oct. 20.

Despite the loss, Red Devils keeper David Waterson played a good game in goal making 29 saves. Peter Sladick (four), Michael Carter (three) and Jeb Doebel (one) all chipped in with non-keeper saves.

The Red Devils got some strong play in the midfield with Brandon LaCount, RJ Green and Nick Kidder transitioning the play to the East Jordan end of the field.

"This was our last game of the regular season and we finished with best record of all the East Jordan boys soccer teams; 6-8-2," said Red Devil coach Pete Elliott. "Our conference finish was also better at 3-6-1. The guys are excited about the upcoming district tournament and we are hoping to set a new

standard for future teams," Elliott added.

East Jordan opened its Division III district tournament at home against Charlevoix on Monday (no results available), while Ironwood played host to Kingsford in the other first round game.

Boyne City faces the East Jordan/Charlevoix winner and Harbor Springs takes on the Ironwood/Kingsford winner in today's semi final games.

**EAST JORDAN 4
GRAYLING 1**

Jeff Keyser led the Red Devils with two goals, while Josh Force and LaCount added one goal each when East Jordan downed Grayling 4-1 on Monday, Oct. 17.

Grayling took advantage of a misdirected corner kick to open the scoring, but Keyser notched his first goal with two minutes remaining in the first half to even the score at 1-1.

Keyser scored his second straight at the 30 minute mark of the second half.

Force scored one minute later and LaCount got the final marker with 11 minutes remaining in the game.

Waterson made 14 saves to get the win in goal.

"The game was a physical one with many collisions and tackles and it was difficult because the field was wet and slippery. The guys came through well and played a strong passing game, using all three lines to control the ball," said Elliott about the winning effort.

**EAST JORDAN 4
KALKASKA 1**

The Red Devils tallied one goal in the first half and added three more after the intermission to defeat Kalkaska 4-1 on Wednesday, Oct. 19.

Keyser tallied twice, Green and Brandon LaCount scored once each, while Brent and Brandon LaCount chipped in with one assist each to lead the East Jordan stat sheet.

Waterson had eight saves in goal and Mazen Gharzeddine played a strong midfield game to head the defense.

Late three-pointer lifts Grayling over Boyne City, 57-54

The Boyne City varsity basketball team held a one point lead with two minutes to go on Thursday, but Grayling hit the late game baskets needed to pull out a 57-54 Lake Michigan Conference victory.

Grayling led the contest by ten at one point in the game before the Lady Ramblers staged the fourth quarter comeback effort.

Holly Stanek tossed in 19 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead the Lady.

The Lady Vikings were led by Michelle McGuire with 26 points and Trisha Petersen with 15.

"Grayling has had a tough year, but every time you go there you had better be ready to play and we weren't," said Boyne City coach Scott Hausler.



Emma Clemens shoots for two of her 16 points against Elk Rapids, as Haili Friedrich looks for the rebound.

BOYNE CITY 75 ELK RAPIDS 47

Three Lady Ramblers hit for double figures to power Boyne City to a 75-47 league win over Elk Rapids on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Stanek had 25 points and 19 boards to pace Boyne City, while Emma Clemens chipped in with 16 points and Haili Friedrich added 11 points.

Kacie Anderson scored 17 points and Franki Price had 12 points for Elk Rapids.

Boyne City (9-6 overall) will travel to Kalkaska tomorrow and visit Traverse City St. Francis next Tuesday.

BASKETBALL

Red Devils falls to TC St. Francis, Charlevoix

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

Liz Carney (20 points, 14 rebounds) had the big numbers for the Lady Gladiators and Traverse City St. Francis improved to 9-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference with a 51-46 win over East Jordan on Thursday.

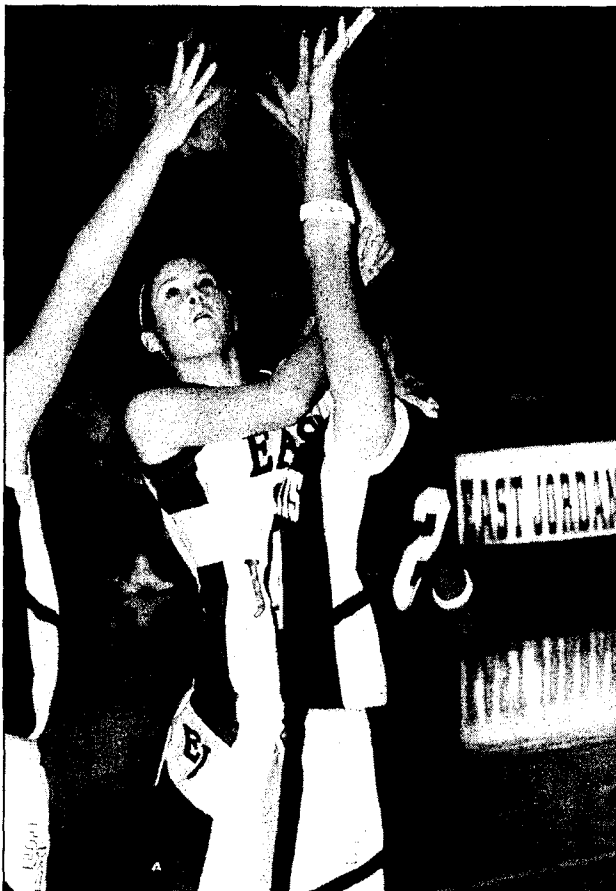
Sierra Roberts matched Carney's output with 20 points and nine rebounds for East Jordan, but the Lady Devils could not overcome a seven point halftime deficit.

St. Francis led the contest 16-12 after one quarter, 28-21 at the half and 38-29 going into the fourth quarter.

"We need to play 32 minutes and we did not. Defensively we played well, but every time we took a break they made us pay for it. That's what good teams do," said East Jordan coach Sean Ferguson. "We are trying to stress hard, tough defense for 32 minutes."

"We had our chances and the kids never gave up. We have six games to go and our goal is to get some momentum going into the districts," Ferguson added.

Kristi Werner (eight points, five rebounds, six steals), Meghan Thomas (six points, five steals) and Jill Drenth (six points) added to the East Jordan stat sheet.



Kayla Hines goes up strong over two Traverse City St. Francis defenders.

CHARLEVOIX 68 EAST JORDAN 46

League leading Charlevoix built a 19 point advantage in the first quarter and the Lady Devils never cut into that margin when Charlevoix defeated East Jordan 68-46 on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Laura Nitchman led the Lady Rayders with 11 points and Stevie Murray netted ten points, while Thomas and Kayla Hines contributed 11 points each to lead East

Jordan.

Thomas led the Lady Devils in rebounds with nine boards and Katherine Rowley pulled down six boards.

"Again, we need to play for 32 minutes to compete against a good team. When you are down 27-8 out of the gate, it is obviously tough to come back. We were able to stop the bleeding and make a run at them in the second period, but mental lapses near the end of the quarter put us back down

by 20," said Ferguson.

"We're not taking anything away from Charlevoix, they are good. We hope to get one more chance at them come district time to see what we are made of," the coach added. "We talked about what it would take to beat them, but we need to perform when it counts."

East Jordan will be on the road for its next two games against Grayling tomorrow and Harbor Springs next Tuesday.

CROSS COUNTRY EJ runners fourth at invitational

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

Kristi Werner placed third overall with a clocking of 18:48 and the East Jordan girls team placed fifth out of 16 teams at the Elk Rapids Invitational cross country meet on Saturday, Oct. 22.

Gaylord took the girls team trophy with 64 points followed by Traverse City Central (71), Elk Rapids (93), Benzie Central (153) and East Jordan (156).

Petoskey won the 19 team boys race with 55 points followed by Traverse City West (102), Benzie Central (109), Harbor Spring (139) and Charlevoix (151).

Van Tate of Petoskey was the boys medalist with his time of 15:38, while Glen Lake's Marissa Treece was the girls medalist with her time of 16:04.

Other results for the Lady Devils were: Meghan Thomas (8th, 19:23), Chelsey Poindexter (30th, 20:53), Alicia Oliver (39th, 21:05), Sierra Roberts (76th, 22:48), Katherine Rowley (87th, 24:16) and Amanda Thomas (89th, 24:18).

Results for the East Jordan boys were: Bruce King (34th, 17:42), Dustin Hill (61st, 18:17), Mac Brennan (90th, 19:24), Nick Zell (94th, 19:43), Josh Pung (98th, 19:54) and Drew Oliver (108th, 21:00).

East Jordan will run at the Benzie Central regional meet this Saturday.

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Harbor Light routs Loggers, 69-20

Lady Logger Kellie Kondrat tossed in 15 points to lead all scorers on Thursday, Oct. 20, but Harbor Light countered with three players in double digits to overpower Boyne Falls 69-20.

Jessica Haas and Tori McCray led the Lady Swordsmen with 14 points apiece, while Hannah Hewitt chipped in with ten.

Harbor Light took control of the contest early blanking Boyne Falls 23-0 in the first quarter and then upping the margin to 35-9 at the end of the first half.

Boyne Falls (3-11 overall, 1-6 Northern Lakes Conference) will host Alba tomorrow and travel to Detour next Tuesday.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION CITY OF BOYNE CITY

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

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

at Boyne City Hall, 319 North Lake Street, Boyne City, for the purpose of electing candidates for the office of Boyne City Commission. Positions for election:

Three City Commissioners, each for a four year term to expire November 2009.

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

Cindy Grice City Clerk/Treasurer

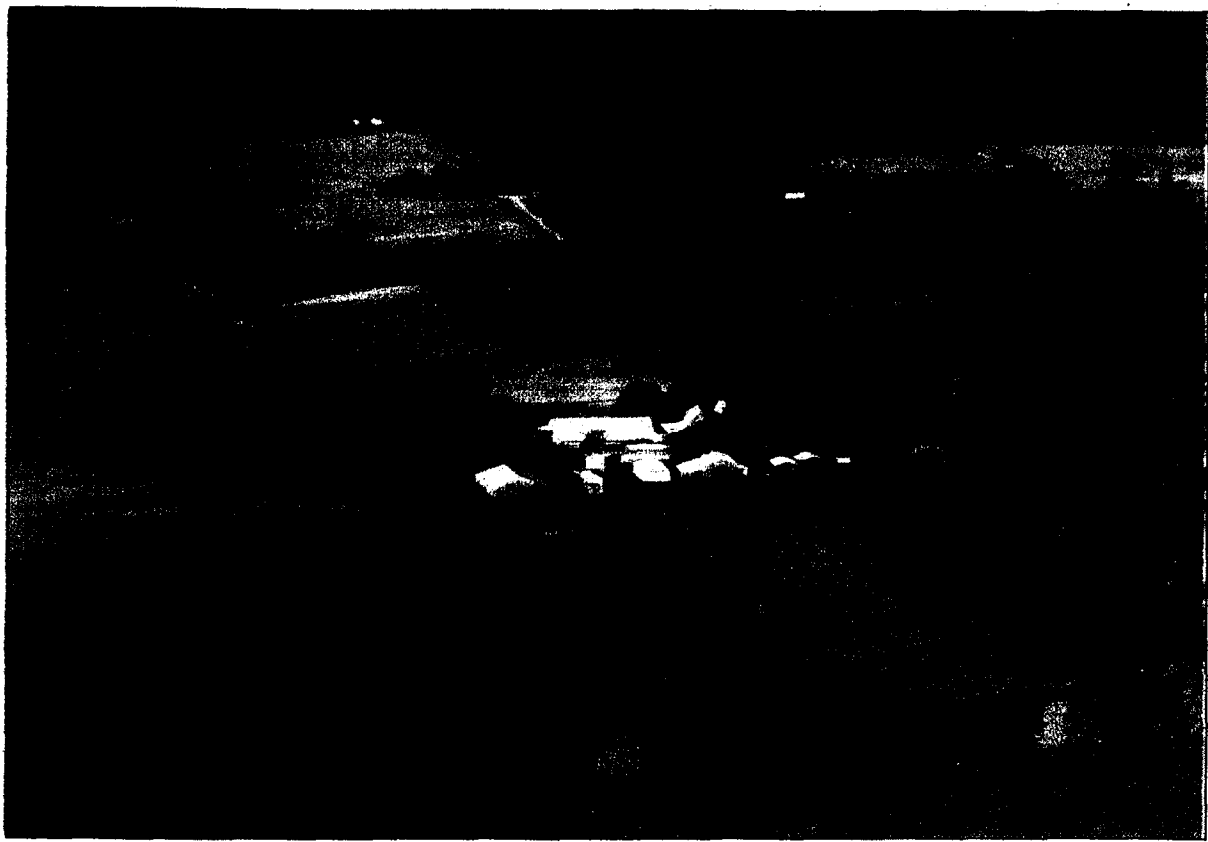
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Synopsals - October 12, 2005

- The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on October 12, 2005. All Commissioners were present. Minutes of the September 28, 2005 meeting were approved as presented. Motion approved Resolution #05-078, Grandvue Operating Transfer and authorized the Treasurer to make the transfer as outlined. Motion approved by Resolution #05-079, Grandvue Operating Transfer, and authorized the Treasurer to make the transfer as outlined. Motion approved Resolution #05-080, Grandvue Operating Transfer, and authorized the Treasurer to make this transfer as outlined. Motion approved Resolution #05-081, Grandvue Operating Transfer, and authorized the Treasurer to make the transfer as outlined. Motion approved Resolution #05-082, Local Emergency Planning Committee By-Laws. Motion approved Resolution #05-083, Equalization Printer. Motion approved Resolution #05-084, Public Hearing Notice. Motion approved Resolution #05-085, Upgrade County Phone System.

The meeting was adjourned. Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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Bird's eye view

Stanek's farm, seen from above, lays like a square in an old-fashioned crazy quilt of rich fall hues and textures.



Treats for Troops

Dean Kleinscrott, commander, and Maxine Hough, first vice commander of Post #228 in Boyne City are presenting a certificate of appreciation to Gayle Harbaugh of Kilwin's of Boyne City recognizing her store's participation in the Post's "Treats for Troops" program. Kilwin's fudge shop has assisted the post for two years in sending boxes of fudge to the Post's Legionnaires on active duty. Recently, the post and Kilwin's reached beyond our leginnaires and sent 61 boxes of fudge to the soldiers in the burn unit and amputation wing at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. Taped to the top of each box of fudge was a letter written on Legion stationery, signed by Kleinscrott, wishing the soldiers a speedy recovery and thanking them for their service to our country.

BOYNE CHAMBER NEWS

- Join the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, the Charlevoix Area Chamber, the East Jordan Chamber, and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Executive Association, for a county-wide Business After Hours on Thursday, Oct. 27, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain Grand Lodge at Boyne Mountain. Sponsors are Corporate Title Company, EChamber Connect, Boyne USA Resorts, Harbor House Publishing, Boyne Country Region Antique Auto Club of America, and Principal Financial Group. RSVP to (231) 582-6222.
- Tickets are on sale now for an evening of melodies, harmony, and memories. Great family fun at the Boyne

City High School Performing Arts Center, Saturday Nov. 5, at 8 p.m. It will be a benefit performance for the Boyne Area Senior Center, featuring the Cherry Capital Chorus, the Grand Traverse Sweet Adeline's, the Epsilon Dixieland Jass Band, and featured barbershop quartets. Ticket donation is \$15 for general admission. Tickets may be purchased at Boyne Country Books, Pat O'Brien Real Estate and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce.

- **Boyne's Big Bucks Raffle** — win \$10,000! One in 50 chances to win \$20,000 in cash prizes. Get your ticket now — the Big Drawing is Nov. 25, at 5 p.m., right before the annual Santa Parade. "Ya can't win if ya don't play!"

EAST JORDAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

BOARD BRIEFS

At their regularly meeting last week, the East Jordan Board of Education reviewed the 2004-2005 annual audit report with Jim Cusenza, who represents the district's auditing firm, Hill and Schroderus of Petoskey. The report showed final revenues of \$9,961,533 and final expenditures of \$10,089,535, a difference of -\$128,002, an amount that reduced the district's fund balance to \$824,491, representing approximately eight percent of the district's operating expenditures. Cusenza congratulated the board and the administration for making dramatic budget reductions over the past several years.

"You saw the train coming," Cusenza said, "and you took action to improve your financial position." Cusenza pointed out that the district has made more than \$1,000,000 in budget cuts over the past two years — cuts necessitated by declining state revenues.

"If you hadn't proactively managed your budget, your financial position would be far worse than it is today," he added.

Superintendent Chip Hansen warned the board that more reductions will likely be necessary in 2006-2007.

"Until Michigan does something to address the equity issue, base foundation school districts are going to take a disproportionate brunt of Michigan's economic pains," Hansen said. "Equity is a key issue in Michigan. Our legislators are going to have to get serious in a bi-partisan way to address the issue positively."

One solution, Hansen said, is working to reinstate the equity payments to base foundation schools that have been discontinued during Michigan's economic slump.

"We used to get our foundation grant increase and an equity payment, and that helped to reduce the gap between base foundation school districts with small fund bal-

ances, and high foundation grant districts with substantial fund balances," Hansen said. Such payment is necessary, according to Hansen, especially in a time of state-wide crisis. He added that the cost of fuel is a perfect example of the need for greater equity. The cost of a gallon of diesel fuel is up 48 percent over the past year, he said, and the cost of heating fuel will be up 30 - 40 percent this winter. Those costs will be a bit easier for the high foundation districts with large fund balances to endure, Hansen said, than they will be for a base foundation district with a smaller fund balance.

"These are hard facts for the state to ignore, especially since 75-percent of the students in Michigan go to schools that are funded at the base foundation level of \$6,875 per student."

In other news, the board heard a report on the district's five-day, full-day kindergarten program. The report was provided by members of the kindergarten teaching team, including Mary Anderson, Charity Patten, and Nancy Trumble. The teachers expressed a lot of enthusiasm about the new program option, and the positive impact the program has had on their students.

"The students are really settling down into the routine, and we're able to cover the material in greater depth than in the past," Anderson said. The teachers also reported that the program has been very popular with parents, a point that was confirmed by Cal Prins, the elementary school principal.

"Every parent I've seen has raved about the program. It looks like we've offered the right option at just the right time," he said.

Keep pumpkin carvings out of sink

Jack-o-lanterns are a fun Halloween tradition, but the carved pumpkin faces invite plumbing goblins into your home and give nightmares to plumbers.

"When carving a pumpkin, don't throw the slimy pumpkin pulp down the sink," said Randall Drake of the Elk Rapids-based Mr. Rooter® franchise.

"This stringy, sticky material has a tendency to coat the walls of your pipes, and when it hardens it will leave you with a plumber knocking at the door rather than trick-or-treaters."

To keep the Halloween drain ghoul away, Drake recommends local residents carve pumpkins away from the kitchen sink and throw all pumpkin-related material in the trash can. In addition to

pumpkins, other kitchen items also invite the plumbing gremlins:

- Pasta and rice products.
- Fats, oils and grease.
- Meat scraps, bones and skin.
- Fibrous food waste (i.e. celery, banana or potato peels and onions).
- Non-food waste items.
- Large quantities of anything should not be put down the disposal.

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