

# THE CITIZEN JOURNAL

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**COMING EVENTS**

**Elsworth memorial planned**

There will be a memorial for Lawrence Elsworth, who passed away Aug. 26. It will be held at the American Legion Hall in East Jordan on Nov. 5 at 1:30 p.m. Come and share your memories with the family.

**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 Lionesses as "Celebrity" servers. All tips and a portion of the dinners served benefit the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce.

**MOPs starting at Missionary Church**

Mothers of Preschoolers group will be starting Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. at the East Jordan Lighthouse Missionary Church, 07874 Rogers Rd. in East Jordan. Meetings will be held the first and third Mondays from 7 - 9 p.m. For information call (231) 536-2128. All MOPs are welcome.

**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.

**Schlicht benefit dinner**

On Nov. 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. there will be a homemade soup and pie benefit dinner and silent auction. Donations will go to Toni-Joki-Schlicht who is battling pancreatic cancer. Benefit will be held at the East Jordan Elementary School cafeteria, 304 4th Street, East Jordan. Soups and pies are homemade and auction items vary from electronics to gift certificates. If you are unable to attend and need more info, call Cherie Luttrull at (231) 237-9249.

**JRAC juried art show**

The Jordan River Arts Council will present its 15th annual Holiday Fair, a juried fine arts and crafts show, Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the East Jordan High School. Featured will be the works of over 60 artists.

**First Presbyterian open house**

The public is invited to attend a building dedication and open house at the First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City, 401 S. Park St., to celebrate the completion of our new addition on Sunday, Nov. 13. Dedication of the new addition will take place during the 10:30 a.m. worship service, with an open house immediately following from noon - 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The theme of the celebration will honor the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian Church, and the event will include refreshments, acknowledgements, and a display featuring the building's history.

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## East Jordan EMS acquires new action hero

Shawn Wachtel is the latest addition to East Jordan Emergency Medical Services roster of paramedics and dedicated EMTs, and his contribution extends far beyond the back of the ambulance.

Last Saturday found him doing a continuing education course for area EMS at a conference at Camp Daggett. Tuesday and Wednesday he was at Raven Hill, teaching eager youngsters basic emergency response. Being an instructor and a paramedic are not new functions for Wachtel, whose employment history has prepared him for just about anything Jay Peck, the EJ EMS director, might have in store for him.

In the Coast Guard for 20 years, Wachtel waxes enthusiastic about his chosen branch of

the service. He retired from the Sault, his last duty station, after "20 fun-filled years." The love affair with the Coast Guard began when he was 14. A Coast Guard helicopter rescued his uncle after a boating accident and Wachtel knew then that he wanted to have a career that involved those helicopters. He did, working in the search and rescue arm of the service.

"It was a career filled with all kinds of accolades and awards, commendations, medals and all that," Wachtel said, tongue-in-cheek (but truthfully). "Did I mention how much I liked the Coast Guard?"

While in the Coast Guard, Wachtel received

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Shawn Wachtel teaches students at Raven Hill how to secure a patient on a backboard for transport. Wachtel is a licensed EMS instructor as well as East Jordan's newest paramedic.

PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES

### Fall skiing



"It's not that bad," Duane Miller said of the water temperature in Lake Charlevoix last Saturday. The Millers were planning to take their boat out for the winter, but the weekend's sunshine and mild temperatures enticed them back onto waterskis and wake boards for one last dance with summer. The late October ski marked a six-and-a-half month season for the Miller family, who skied in slush last April.

PHOTO BY JANE BOOZE

## Snow fever

Last week a color tourist said she saw snow falling, fine as salt, not staying on the ground long, but not melting immediately either. With Halloween just past, and November upon us, northern Michigianians know that real snow is not far off.

Some wish to avoid even the sight of dancing snowflakes and head south before the first real snow cover. But for some, the thought of snow makes the blood quicken, and hard on the heels of the first real snow is a revving of engines and the sharp smell of snowmobile exhaust.

Tom Galmore Sr. of East Jordan, has been a snowmobiler almost since the beginning — but not quite.

In 1913, Ford Motor Company patented the name "Snowmobile," along with a kit for a Model T that would convert it into a snow machine. All kinds of people were developing snow machines. Galmore said — anything that would run in the snow. But Polaris claims to be the first to come up with a mass-produced snowmobile, with its 1958 model: Ski-Doo brought its first snowmobile to the marketplace two years later in 1960.

"That's when the fever started to mount," Galmore said, adding that in those days, people were excited to see the sport. Farmers who saw a snow machine cross the field, or who came upon the distinctive track, were interested in the marvel. It has since become a nuisance in some instances, but in the early days, even folks with no ambition to own or ride a snowmobile were pretty fascinated by them.

By the 1970s, there were about 110 snowmobile manufacturers in the United States, Galmore said, which have since been mainly reduced to the popular four: Polaris, Ski-Doo, Yamaha and Arctic Cat.

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## Boyne City's gentle giant

Every town has its claim to fame, and Boyne City has the world's biggest dog.

It's unconfirmed, because the Guinness Book of World Records doesn't do a "biggest dog" entry, to avoid ambitious pet owners from over-feeding their dogs, but Jeanette Erno's Old English Mastiff is likely to take the prize, as he tipped the scales at Lake Street Veterinary Clinic at 285 pounds before the scales gave up the ghost. The previous record holder weighed a paltry 255 pounds.

Captain Morgan, known by his many friends as Morgan, wears a man's belt for a collar, and sleeps on his own queen size bed. He goes through 20 pounds of Eukanuba dog food a week, and he is currently on a diet, which means he is missing his customary ham sandwich for breakfast these days. He has a slightly bulldoggish face, with a four-inch underbite, but it doesn't slow him down at the dog food dish.

Erno says she works 12-hour shifts at Northern Michigan Hospital to keep him in Eukanuba.

But he earns his kingly keep.

When he was a pup, Morgan

proved to be an unusual dog. He was always considerate, Erno said, gentle, kind — truly a gentle giant.

"He was an exceptional puppy. He never ripped up or destroyed anything. He always waited for his bowl to be filled," Erno said, and described him as an "old soul."

"I realized he was so gentle, and so magnificent, I wanted to share him," she said. At first she took him to work with her, where the giant dog became so popular with her coworkers, and then patients, that his range expanded. When Erno realized that her dog was unusually patient and gentle, she decided to enroll him as a service dog with NMH's department for pet volunteering.

He had to pass muster, his shots had to be up-to-date and his vet had to send a letter stating that he was sound, but once he did, he began his weekly visits, and Morgan now works at the hospital — wearing his own identification tag, complete with photo — visiting patients two days a week.

Erno will knock on a patient's door and request permission to bring Morgan



Jeanette Erno of Boyne City loves to show-off her four-year-old Old English Mastiff, Captain Morgan, the biggest dog in the world. His weight is unknown, but he broke the vet's scales at 285 pounds.

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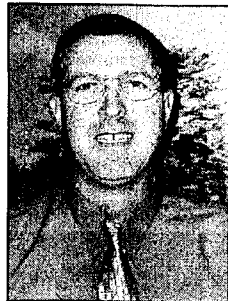
# CITY COMMISSION CANDIDATES

East Jordan and Boyne City each have three four-year terms open on their city commissions, and each have four candidates running for those openings. The Citizen-Journal presented each candidate with a series of identical questions. The elections will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

## BOYNE CITY

### Dan Adkison

**Personal information:** Married to Chris for 25 years, four children, Dan is a mechanical contractor, who has been in the sheet metal business for 18 years, and has been in a partnership with Edward Robinson at RBI, Inc. since 2000. He is an avid road and mountain biker, and loves to bowhunt.



**Service history:** If elected, Dan would be entering his second term on the Boyne City commission. In addition to his work as a commissioner, he has served on the Parks and Recreation commission, the Planning commission, and is currently involved with the hockey association, for which he served two years as president.

**What are some strengths of Boyne City?** Dan believes that Boyne's strength is in the way that the community works together to get through economic hard times. He also believes that Boyne has assets in its people, quality of life and surroundings, including Lake Charlevoix and the tourism industry.

"It is not very often you come to a community where people work together like they do in Boyne City," Adkison said.

**Boyne's weaknesses?** Adkison believes the job market is the weakest element in Boyne currently. And not just in Boyne, he said, but also in surrounding areas.

"A lot of businesses have left since I came in 1981. I don't think we can survive on tourism alone — I think we need a balance," he said.

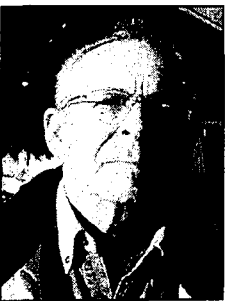
**Why vote for Dan Adkison:** He said he would promote the industrial park and try to retain existing businesses. But he believes there's a balance to be met, with affordable housing and adequate job opportunities. He said that it is his goal to help people live out their retirement in Boyne City.

"On tough issues, I try and listen to both sides, and try and make a valid decision what to do," he said. "I try not to make a decision until it's time to make a decision — I try not to come into a meeting with my mind made up, and try not to make a rash decision."

"People come different times of the day, phone calls at night — I listen," he said. "The commission works well together — we balance each other out. Each person brings some sort of expertise to the panel. I've enjoyed doing it over the last four years."

### Ron Grunch

**Personal information:** Married to Elaine for 40 years, three children, Ron has worked in the retail world, and he and Elaine had the Sears catalog store and as Western Auto in Boyne City. They are both very involved with the senior community, working to make life more convenient for the more than 60-percent of Charlevoix County that are seniors, with the goal of allowing people to retain independence in their own homes.



**Service history:** Ron finished two years of a term vacated in 1999 by Steve Moody, and he is just finishing his second complete term on the Boyne City commission.

"We have been advocates for senior services throughout the whole time we have been here," Grunch said of himself and Elaine. He said that being elected to the commission allowed him to "leverage outreach" and spend more time working behind the scenes on such things as the Commission on Aging senior millage and Grandvue fund-raising.

"I am concerned about improving the lot for seniors without typical retirement benefits," he said, adding that approximately 10 percent of area seniors fit that descrip-

tion, including many who worked in agriculture. "We are trying to keep people independent in their own homes," he said, adding that they also seek to provide relief to those who need it, in the form of rides to doctor's appointments, the store, etc.

**What are some strengths of Boyne City?** "Cooperation amongst people," was Grunch's ready response. He believes there is a large proportion of Boyne Citizens who are "positive, progressive and visionary," he said. "There is a core group that cares about the community and wants to give back." There are not just takers in Boyne, Grunch said, but a lot of givers as well.

"That sums it up: it's all about being caring and grateful. It's an intangible, underlying strength — we are part of a team in a collective effort to make Boyne City better."

**Boyne's weaknesses?** "I don't even want to talk about weaknesses. I don't deal with weaknesses," Grunch said.

**Why vote for Ron Grunch:** Grunch said that he brings a business perspective to the commission, an understanding of the true cost of doing business. He believes that understanding what the risks and liabilities are, and making assessments what those risks will cost in the future if they are not addressed, are essential to the running of the city.

"Part of our job is to create policy and allocate resources and give direction to the management team of the city. We are not there to micromanage — set policy and allocate resources — that is our mission."

### Eleanor Stackus

**Personal information:** Married to Jim for 44 years. Eleanor worked with him to operate their business, the Stackus Funeral Home, as well as raise six children. They retired in 1990. They always worked together and were community-minded, Eleanor said, and she was always involved in clubs and organizations, as well as her church.



"I was always willing to help, lend a hand, take the lead or get going," she said — and she was also involved with first her children and then her grandchildren's activities.

Eleanor swims three times a week, and loves her home, where she relaxes by sewing, knitting and crocheting.

**Service history:** Eleanor first got involved in the political arena, she said, when she got involved with the Boyne City Fourth of July committee. At that time she began to attend commission meetings, which she said was "100 percent helpful" in her work on the committee, as she became familiar with the city manager, chief of police and department heads. She served on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and attended school board meetings as a representative of the city commission.

She has served on the commission for 12 years, about half of which she has been Boyne City's mayor.

**What are some strengths of Boyne City?** Eleanor said that Boyne City has so many strengths, but she believes its chief strength is in teamwork.

"I don't know how any city can work if you don't have the process and people to work together," she said, adding that Boyne does, and has, "good working skills, good leadership, good organization and good communication," among its many strengths.

**Boyne's weaknesses?** "Slow progress," Stackus said. "But that's not always a weakness. Some things you want to accomplish don't happen overnight. It takes so much time to get the final result."

"But on the other hand, taking enough time to get the best results can be a strength."

**Why vote for Eleanor Stackus:** "First of all, I like what I'm doing," Stackus said. "I have the time and en-

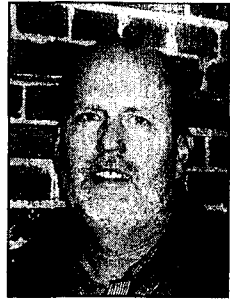
ergy to give. I was born and raised here. I have seen the changes — good and bad. We don't always agree." But there have been many things accomplished, she said, out of leadership and cooperation. Besides, she has seen the start of some projects she would like to see to completion.

Stackus is also driven by a desire to give back to her community.

"I live here. I work here. And I want to give back (to this community). They've always been good to us."

### Steve Voice

**Personal information:** Married to Becky Voice for 21 years, Steve is the father of four children. He works as a wetland ecologist and consultant, doing wetland determinations, land reclamation, mitigation, environmental impact studies, the evaluation of endangered species, and works with land owners to understand state and federal regulations. He has a bachelors and a masters of science in forest and wetland ecology from the University of Michigan.



He enjoys sailing, skiing, running, photography and travel.

"I love to boat," he said.

**Service history:** Voice is vice president of his church council, was on the Boyne City school board for seven years, has been the director of the Lake Charlevoix Association for two years and is a member of the Charlevoix County Storm water Ordinance Appeals Board, where he has helped draft and amend the county storm water ordinance.

**What are some strengths of Boyne City?** "We've got a really great environment and a lot of community members really care about it," Voice said. "In spite of all our variant opinions, we really care."

Voice believes Boyne's greatest strength is its natural resources and recreational opportunities, the lake, Boyne Mountain, the surrounding rural areas and state land.

"It's an attractive location — a great location," he said.

**Boyne's weaknesses?** "There's a certain resistance to change, and all change doesn't have to be bad. One of our weaknesses is that we are fearful of change," Voice said. He believes that a commission weakness has been an unwillingness to give adequate consideration to views that originate outside city limits.

**Why vote for Steve Voice:** "I think I bring a positive attitude, a welcoming approach to people who are trying to bring investment and development proposals to this town. Not that every proposal is good — or that every proposal is bad," Voice said. He believes that the city should set a vision as to what it wants, and then welcome ideas and the people who bring them, giving them adequate consideration and a thoughtful, timely response — in line with Boyne City's best interests.

He believes that his background in environmental science can help with reasonable, ecologically sound growth. He said his whole career has been dealing with conflicts and problem solving. Voice believes the city should identify the conflicts it faces and evaluate the solutions, while being fiscally accountable, creating a climate that is amenable to investment and development ideas, making timely decisions and fostering good communication skills — and that he brings skills and experience to advance those goals.

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Boyne City School Boosters 300 Club Drawing

and the \$100 winner is ...

Teri Backus

October 29, 2005

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Thank You It has only been since August that we have lost our beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, Lisa Jo "Weez" Stevens to cancer. Her loss has left a hole in our hearts that is almost too big to fill. Throughout this trial, however, we have come to realize how truly blessed we are for the presence of each and every one of you in our lives. Shortly after Weez was diagnosed with cancer, the snowball of support began to roll. Sheila Wilson introduced the idea of a fundraiser at the Boyne City FOE, and along with the help of Lisa Caverly, and countless others, including generous donations from businesses in Charlevoix and Emmet counties, enough money was raised to help alleviate the strain of her loss of income, and helped cover the expenses related to her illness. Lisa's husband, Harold "Buck" Stevens, works at Lexamar in Boyne City. His fellow employees rallied around him with financial assistance, and the gift of friendship. You are all wonderful, and we can never thank you enough. The last two weeks of Lisa's life were the most difficult for all of us, and we wish to express our gratitude for your support and compassion. To Dr. Pam Knysz, and her staff, Dr. Ervin Hite and his staff, and Joy Gibbs, RN and the staff of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. It meant so much to feel your heart at work, as you not only cared for Lisa, but us as well. There were many others of you that helped in special ways by providing a meal (Betty, Theresa, Cathy, Wendy, Lisa, to name a few), helping with our kids (Sal, Connie, Amie, Sharon, Barb - God bless you), staying with Lisa while we made arrangements (Kathy, Gail, Mary Ann, Chris, Nikki - thank you from Weez), or were there to give us a hug (too many to list). We extend to your our deepest, heartfelt gratitude. We received your condolences in the form of cards, flowers, or donations to the boys' college fund. We thank you, and want you to know how much we appreciated each and every gesture. The outpouring was a tribute to Lisa, and the depth to which she had touched so many lives! Finally, thank you to Pastor Jeff Ellis, and the Walloon Lake Community Church, Todd and Eleanor at the Stackus Funeral Home, and to Jane Boozie at the Citizen. The caring, support and humor that you shared was a blessing as we strived to make Lisa's service and memorial as special as she was. God bless all of you. We are grateful to have shared Lisa with you. The family of Lisa Steven's.

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# OPINION

## Casting no stones

Anything on the scanner is public information. If the scanner announces that there is a 76-year-old female complaining of chest pain on Dorr Road at the Harris residence, Mrs. Harris, chest is open to public speculation, in spite of her HIPAA rights.

So I am going to talk about a dispatch the other night, to a 19-year-old in respiratory arrest, with a weak pulse, and 9-1-1 said the caller believed the victim had not been drinking. The odds are, then, that the patient had overdosed on narcotics, barring an unknown pre-existing medical condition.

### LAST CALL



Jane Booze

I do not know if the victim survived; neither can I prove that there was drug involvement.

But I know that we have a local problem with drugs and that a significant number of people have died due to drug overdose in our area, and that many of these are young people. Most of what I know about the mortality rate

due to drug overdose is speculation and rumor, because everyone's right to privacy trumps knowing the statistics. Our right to privacy — and shame — have kept us from realizing the magnitude of the problem.

If last week's patient died of a drug overdose, it would make two drug-related deaths of young people in the same basic geographic area in about a month — that we know of. If they had both died of the avian flu, there'd be a run on the health center for vaccines. If they were local soldiers that died in Iraq, some of us would be chaining ourselves to the nearest government building and demanding a pullout. But they're young people and they are dying from illicit drug use, and we aren't talking about it nearly enough.

The average high school student — even the ones who aren't using — can tell you where you can find what, and how much it will cost you. They could probably even get it for you if you wanted, but they sure wouldn't tell you who was selling it. It isn't so much a Band of Brothers loyalty, but self-preservation.

It's a jungle out there, and it is killing our children.

I just read that culture is upstream from politics. What that meant, I think, is that political policy doesn't wash down and change the culture. The culture shapes policy. We get, in other words, pretty much what we deserve. This is a political and law enforcement issue at some point, but first of all it's a cultural issue. We have to be accountable, we have to be aware, and we have to start seriously parenting our kids.

When another child or young adult is snuffed out by an alcohol or drug-related event, kids say, callously, "Well, you knew that was going to happen. She was always messed up," or, "They're droppin', like flies." They're very sophisticated in their fatalism, aren't they? But I have to think they're scared.

I don't know if this is true, but I heard that in one instance a carload of kids drove around with an overdose victim (dead), trying to decide what to do. Can you imagine how scary that would be? And why would that dilemma even exist? If someone is dead or dying, there is an obvious response — and for our kids a wholly different obvious reason not to respond that way.

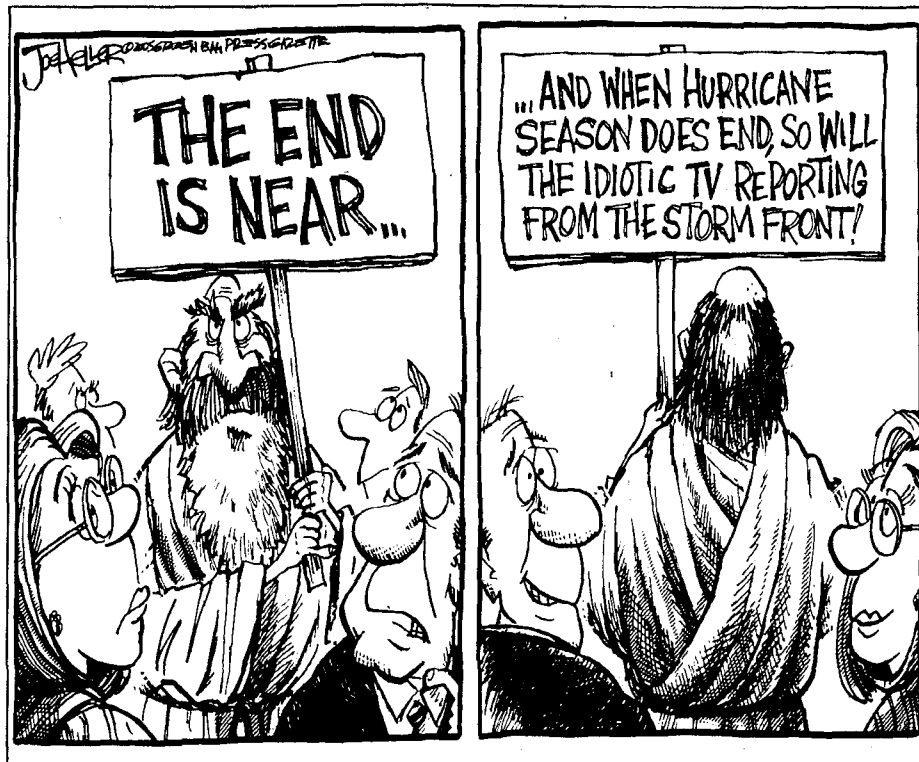
Parents can't assume that because their child is an "A" student, or a good-hearted soul, or a star athlete, or popular, or in Sunday School, or tells them "everything," he or she is not involved in this deadly drug culture. And for those many kids who really aren't using illicit drugs, parents can't assume that they don't know who uses, and who sells.

But they probably won't tell you. There's too much at stake, and law enforcement is only a secondary concern. They know that drugs are dangerous, and the risk of accidental (or intentional) death is real, but even that is subordinate. So they harden their hearts and proceed with caution, in a minefield where even beloved parents are a form of enemy, and there are no allies at all. Or, worse yet, the only ally is the actual enemy — the adult that supplies the drugs and dispenses legal advice: "Don't talk to the cops."

We parents have sometimes abdicated our responsibility, but more often, we just don't know — we need DARE for adults; we need a drug-offense registry with photos and names and addresses, like registered sex offenders. We give our children freedom and autonomy, but send them off without any defense against the predator they're facing.

It's not too late to educate ourselves, to get familiar with what our children have deal with. It isn't too late — until they die.

But it's that serious.



## FINDING YOUR WAY THROUGH THE GRAY

*The "gray area" is about finding connections where ones are not readily apparent and turning challenges into opportunities. It is about using the power we are all born with in order to harness our potential. It is also about finding solutions to life's stresses so that we can have a profound effect on the quality and richness of our years.*

### The absence theory

BY MICHAEL A. HAYNES

A while back, my wife, Kathy, and I were headed to her parent's cottage in Northport for a two-day vacation. Our travels to the cottage are a good thing. While only nine miles as the crow flies, it is a full two hours by car from our house. (Kathy reminds me that this is the perfect length of time to unwind.) She says that it is like peeling the skin from an onion — each mile we journey sheds a little more of the stress of our daily lives. I have to agree that the travel time seems to help us unwind and clear our plate.

On the way to the cottage on the day of the trip I am describing, a storm began to brew — the sky darkened and the clouds rolled in from the north. The forecast on the radio was wasn't positive — rain and thunderstorms were expected throughout the weekend. Kathy and I both muttered an audible "ugh" upon hearing the weather report and the mood in the car changed quickly.

By the time we arrived at the cottage, the wind was blowing, trees were swaying, and lightning and thunder were crackling above. We were both antsy (and depressed) that our plans had been thwarted. Something was bugging me, though. It wasn't the weather, or the report. I was bothered, if inquisitive, at the idea that the weather could put such a damper on our plans. (I think I was more bothered that neither of us had any control over it.)

I continued pondering my thought as the rain poured

outside and I sat on the porch. I bundled up in a warm blanket with a thick book and listened to the splattering of raindrops on the deck as I read.

Occasionally, I looked up to see what the clouds were up to. After a half hour or so, the clouds seemed to lighten and a remarkable calm set down upon the water. I could hear the familiar sounds of dripping leaves and seagulls squawking. And then, without warning, a gentle breeze wafted the damp smell of earth and grass toward my secluded spot on the porch. It was heaven.

The lesson I learned that day was that something "good" and the absence thereof is a big gray area. It is easy to get caught up in the moment — and to be let down because something has caused us to deviate from the path we first pictured. But it doesn't have to be that way. The absence of something good does not always mean it is bad.

The absence philosophy applies to just about everything in our lives.

Take, for example, the story I told you above — once the original dreams for a picture-perfect time at the cottage were dashed, it was still a beautiful weekend. Consider another scenario, in which weather does not permit a cyclist to go for a ride — ruling out that option only creates opportunities for the cyclist to do something else, like spend time with his/her spouse or re-build that old bike that's been sitting in the garage for a year.

A third demonstration of the "absence theory," that I've recently experienced is how the absence of adequate funding for schools has had some unexpected positive effects. Faculty, staff, administrators, and community members are pulling together as a team more than ever before to find solutions to what arguably appears to be an extremely negative situation.

The familiar adage by Helen Keller is true: "When one door closes, another opens. But we often look so regretfully upon the closed door that we don't see the one that has opened for us."

## LETTERS

### Library hosts successful 'Quilt Raffle'

TO THE EDITOR:

On Saturday, Oct. 8, the Friends of the Boyne District Library had their second annual "Quilt Raffle" drawing. The beautiful "Red, White and Blue - Stars and Stripes" quilt was generously donated by Piecemakers. The lucky winners of the quilt were Bill and Julie Greenwalt of Boyne City. Thank you to the quilters for their donation and to all of the people who supported the quilt raffle. All proceeds from the quilt raffle help to enhance the services and programs of the Boyne District Library.

Other successful fund-raisers this year have been our ongoing used book sales, which not only raise funds, but encourage reading and recycling of gently used books. "Books and Blooms" was also a very successful fundraiser. Caring members of the community

brainstormed to come up with a plan to raise money specifically to enhance the "Reading Garden," which is located on the south side of the library. Thank you to all who worked hard to organize and make "Books & Blooms" a great success and to those who attended. The "Books and Blooms" committee was able to present a check for over \$2,500 that is earmarked to help beautify the library's reading garden.

If you would like to be a part of the "Friends of the Boyne District Library," please inquire the next time you are in the library. We are always accepting new members and looking for volunteer assistance. All proceeds that the "Friends" raise are invested back in to the library.

Barb Brooks  
Friends of the Boyne District Library

## NEIGHBORS

• A MEMORIAL MASS WAS CELEBRATED at St. Matthews on Oct. 21 for the "up north" friends of Dick Marcott, the husband of Elaine, the sister of Donna Moll. Their sister, a nun, Sister Shirley of Florida, was also there.

• BOULDER PARK TERRACE hosted a Fall Fashion Show as the kick-off fund-raiser for the facility, which is in the process of an over-all remodeling project — the aviary will be the focal point of the front lobby. The outfits modeled at the show were graciously provided by Mary Faculak, the owner and proprietor of Halfway to the Top in Charlevoix, Mary's of Boyne in Boyne City, and The El Shoppe in East Jordan. Mary has pledged 10-percent of Oct. 29's of overall store sales to purchase of the aviary. On Nov. 6, Mary will donate another 10-percent of sales from Halfway to the Top to this cause also. For more information on how to make a donation, contact Boulder Park at (231) 237-8004.



Nancy Northup

• A WARM "WELCOME, NEIGHBOR," goes out to Eleanor Adams, who moved into Litzenger Place this past week.

• JOYCE JOHNSON AND JAN ARASIM returned to Boyne City this week from a wonderful trip. It was in Albuquerque, N. M., where they enjoyed an awesome balloon festival. Picture it: fun things like the Energizer Bunny running around the many festive areas of various activities, and then, up, up, up in the sky — 750 hot air or gas balloons of all colors. The balloons were even more sensational in the evening's "Moon Glow" event.

• OLD NEWS TO SOME FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS, but noteworthy condolences go out to former BCHS classmate Fred Lively, who passed away at Bortz Health Care in Petoskey in Sept. His funeral service was held in Flint.

• DAN AND JULIE SCHMITTDIEL have returned to their home in Chicago after having spent a few days here with his mother, Marie, who is now home and doing just fine after surgery.

• THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in Boyne City is proudly having a dedication and open house of their new expansion on Sunday, Nov. 13. Their joyful worship and dedication celebration begins at 10:30 a.m., and then more will happen at noon in their fellowship hall. All should be a most meaningful and exciting event to witness!

• THURSDAY, NOV. 3, COME JOIN BINGO following lunch at the Boyne Area Senior Center. For lunch, they'll be serving chicken pasties. Remember to come early on Friday, Nov. 4. It is music day, and the Cousins will play from 11 a.m. to noon. It's also Cook's Choice. Saturday, Nov. 5, is a special evening of music at the BCHS auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the Senior Center, for \$15 each. All profits from the evening are for the new Senior Center building. Monday, Nov. 7, they will serve barbecued ribs and Au Gratin potatoes for lunch, with Bingo to follow. On Tuesday, Nov. 8, they will be serving lunch at Litzenger Place at noon — stuffed cabbage is on the menu. Wednesday, Nov. 9, they will be back at the Senior Center, and serving meatballs and Cheese Potato. Wednesday is also foot clinic, and you must have an appointment. Call (231) 582-6682 to make your appointment. Everyday following lunch, you can join a card game at the Senior Center. The Senior Center is also holding a quilt raffle, and you can see the quilt there, along with several other items for the raffle.

## MANY THANKS

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank all of the businesses and individuals who donated items and time to help with the Katrina Relief fund-raiser in East Jordan. The event was a huge success and raised more than \$8,000 to be used locally for those who are relocated to the area by the hurricane.

Thank you to the community for purchasing items and for the donations given. You truly have shown how much you love your community.

Pastor Jim Jordan, event chairman  
Lighthouse Missionary Church

## WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The best read letters are brief and on a topic of local interest. Our deadline is Thursday at 5 p.m. Letters will be printed on a space-available basis. Comments can be sent to Jane Booze at citizen@voyager.net or editor@voyager.net.

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## OBITUARIES

### Noel LeRoy Batterbee

Noel L. Batterbee, 75, of Houston died Tuesday, Oct. 25 at Houston Medical Center after a long illness. Noel was born on Dec. 11, 1929 to Harry and Celesta (Warden) Batterbee. He graduated from Alba High School in 1947. He resided in the thumb of Michigan for several years before moving to Texas in the mid-1980's. Noel owned the Fairgrove Pro Hardware and worked in home construction businesses while in the Thumb, then he worked as a home remodeler in Texas. Noel enjoyed playing and watching all sports, but especially golf, bowling, and horseshoes. He loved the north woods and was an avid deer hunter.

Noel is survived by his loving wife, Sylvia (Sexton) Batterbee, of Houston, and four grown children in Michigan: Richard (Rebecca) Batterbee of Bay City, Judith (Allen) Gasco of Elmira, Ellen (Fred) Spes of Unionville, and Troy Batterbee of Richville. He has nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by two brothers, Marvin (Betsy) of Mancelona and Mark (Betty) of Jackson, and three sisters, Alice (Doyle) Willson of Central Lake, Elsa (Kenneth) Tutwiler of Gaithersburg, Maryland, and Eunice (Lorraine) Tobias of Avon Park, Florida, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Willard, Robert, and Phillip; sisters Rosa Wescott and Anna Alexander.

Family and friends are welcome to attend a memorial service for Noel at the Boyne Falls United Methodist Church on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 3 p.m. Memorial gifts may be made to the family of Noel Batterbee.

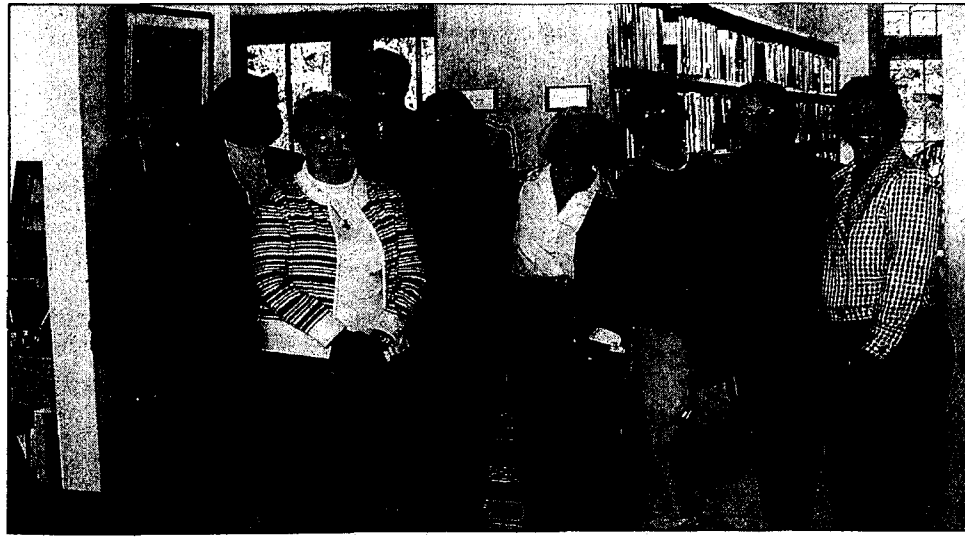
### Elizabeth 'Betty' Zitka Felo

Elizabeth "Betty" Zitka Felo, 100, of East Jordan died Saturday, Oct. 22, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m. at Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Deacon Timothy Pilon officiated with interment following at Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

She was born on Nov. 11, 1904 in Neusluzice, Czechoslovakian Republic, the daughter of Peter and Katherine (Sokup) Putuznik. She enjoyed working on the farm and at the East Jordan Canning Factory, cooking, baking and gardening. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan.

She is survived by two daughters, Esther Davis of Midland and Helen McComb of Goodrich; one son, Francis (Pat) Zitka of East Jordan; eleven grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; one sister in Czechoslovakia; as well as several nieces and nephews in Czechoslovakia.

The family received friends on Wednesday from 9 a.m. until service time. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.



"Dignitaries" present at last Wednesday's celebration included, from left, Jane Smith, Susan Conklin, Mary Erb, Bob Tambellini, Cindy Young, Dolores Wehrenberg, Frances Fisher, Claudia Cullen, and Laura Hansen. Missing are board president Nancy Cole, and Friends president Sharon Cohen.

## Crooked Tree reaches goal

For years, the Crooked Tree District Library's Endowment Fund has been growing, thanks to many generous donors and numerous fundraisers. But the goal of \$250,000, established in 1998, always seemed to be out of reach, something to look forward to in the future. Now, thanks to the Friends of the Library, the future is here and the initial goal has been achieved.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation manages the library's endowment fund, which was established when the Mary K. Peabody Foundation made its gift to the Walloon area by building a new library for the community.

The Friends of the Crooked Tree District Library presented a check to Bob Tambellini, president of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation on Wednesday, Oct. 26, in the amount of \$2,187.77, which puts the library's Endowment Fund at \$250,000.

"We are just thrilled to be able to put the Endowment Fund over the top," said Sharon Cohen, president of the Friends of the Library. "The Friends group was started in order to promote the Endowment Fund, so it seems fitting that the Friends can be part of this important milestone."

The Friends are quick to point out, however, that many individuals, families and businesses played a large role in the growth of the fund. There have been 27 donors who gave more than \$1000, nine who gave more than \$4000 and two who contributed more than \$10,000 over the last seven years.

"The smaller gifts are very important as well," said library board treasurer Mary Erb. "Many people have given

gifts to the Endowment Fund in the form of memorials and honorariums, and all these gifts are appreciated and add up nicely."

The annual Library Lover's Dinner, held in September at the Walloon Lake Inn, has contributed more than \$12,000 to the fund over the last six years. "We just can't say enough about the generosity of Dave Beier in hosting the dinner all these years," said Cohen. "It's not only a great fund-raiser for the Endowment Fund, it has also become a much-anticipated social event."

The Friends also want to make it clear that the Endowment Fund is not "finished."

"Just because we reached \$250,000 doesn't mean we're done," said Cohen. "It's still important to grow the fund, because it will benefit the library more and more." For the last several years, the library has been able to withdraw proceeds from the fund without affecting principal. This income has been used, and will continue to be used, to support operations and programs of the library.

"As the cost of operating the library continues to rise, we hope to avoid raising the millage rate by using proceeds from the Endowment Fund to offset the increases," said library director Susan Conklin.

The Friends have contributed more than \$27,000 to the fund through various fundraisers over the years. Sales of the book "Walloon Yesterdays," a pictorial history of the Walloon area published by the Friends of the Library, have raised more than \$11,000 for the fund. Other fundraisers include the annual Memorial weekend geranium sale, Walloon coloring books, Walloon ceramic tiles, historic calendars, book bags and Walloon note cards.

## AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

BY JERRY EVANS

At the regular meeting of Ernest Peterson Post 228, held on Oct. 6, the following communications, reports and actions were heard or acted upon: news letters from Sen. Stabenow and Raven Hill Educational Center; a thank-you card from the family of legionnaire Thomas Landon for our remembrance; and a letter and donation from legionnaire Christy Davis. The Sgt-at-Arms reported that the color guard advanced and retired the department colors during Fall Conference at Boyne Mountain; the Honor Guard conducted Veteran of the Month ceremonies for Eugene Ignatowski and Joseph Thomas Theisen.

The following publications appeared in the Citizen-Journal in September: overview of Aug. meeting; "The Bittersweet Price of Survival;" Veteran of the Month Eugene Ignatowski; "Sweet Treats and More Support;" overview of Sept. meeting. In the mail: five service officer announcements. The chaplain reported on veterans who are sick, disabled, shut-in or have answered the final call.

Also, Fred Gondzar is visiting his son in South Dakota for several months and two new veterans arrived at Grandvue: Don Winner and James Porter. The adjutant reported 2006 membership at 102 and bingo is doing better with new players in attendance. SAL Commander Howard Crozier Jr. stated the squadron was prepared to serve the 85th Post birthday dinner. Troop support officer Maxine Hough gave a very complete report regarding our active duty members and thanked the post commander for the certificate of appreciation that was awarded for her dedication and service to our troops overseas and in VA hospitals. The bingo workers' appreciation dinner, held at Mark and Alli's Ellsworth Diner, was attended by 24 who enjoyed good food and fellowship.

Plans were discussed concerning the annual Nov. 11 Veterans Day observance at Veterans Park at 11 a.m., and chapel service at 7:30 p.m. Also, the annual County Veterans Holiday Dinner, to be held Nov. 12 in the Charlevoix VFW hall at 1 p.m., to which all Charlevoix County veterans are invited to attend.

Blue Star Banners may be purchased by the public any Tuesday, between 2 and 10 p.m. during bingo, to display in home or office windows to show their support for family members serving our country in the military. The next regular meeting will be held Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Post home and will be preceded by the Veteran of the Month Ceremonies at 6:15 p.m., to be followed by a potluck supper in their honor with a guest speaker. Area veterans are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### People to People participant selected

Bethany Christy, daughter of Robert and Lori Christy, a ninth grade student at Boyne City High School, has recently been accepted to participate as a member of the People to People Student Ambassador Program which will go to Australia the end of June, 2006.



Bethany Christy

President Dwight D. Eisenhower founded the People to People organization in 1956, and President George W. Bush continues to support this program. President Eisenhower believed that young people and one-to-one cooperation were the keys to global understanding. Participants

are carefully interviewed and evaluated before their acceptance and the objective of the program is to promote international understanding while building leadership skills among America's youth. The 20-day experience includes meetings with government officials, interactions with other students her age, educational activities, and home stays with host families, learning about life and customs in their part of the world.

Bethany is currently seeking financial sponsors to help her with tuition. The program tuition is \$5,200, and is due at various times throughout the up coming months. Anyone interested in being a financial sponsor can send their check made payable to "Bethany Christy - Student Ambassador" to 04544 Champarret East, Boyne City, MI 49712. Or, for more information call (231) 582-7335.

Bethany will also be putting on bake sales, craft sales and doing pop can drives to earn additional tuition money.

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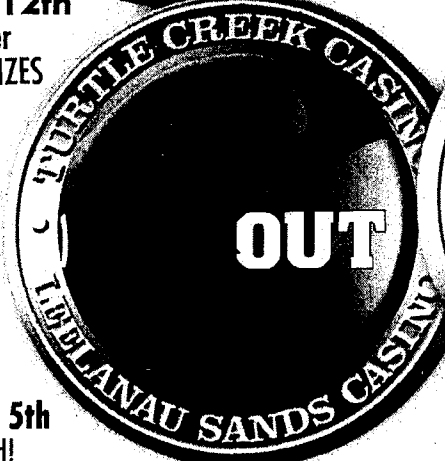
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# Candidates

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## EAST JORDAN

### Mark Postma

**Personal information:** Mark has been married to Penny for 16 years. They have two daughters in East Jordan Public Schools. Postma has owned Signs, Letters and Graphics, Inc. since 1988.



He is interested in history, trains, hunting and fishing.

**Service history:** Postma served five years on the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce, holding all three executive positions. He has been on the EJPS steering committee since it began. If reelected, Postma will serve his second term on the East Jordan City Commission. Currently, he is serving his third year as mayor of East Jordan.

**What are some strengths of East Jordan?** "The community and organizations work together, with the common goal of making East Jordan a better place to work and live," Postma said. He added that he believes that we have great representation in Lansing currently that is an asset for East Jordan that few may realize.

"We have a strong city commission and a strong city staff. We are able to work very creatively with the budget to be able to get more done with fewer dollars," he said.

"We have a lot of people who care passionately about their city. They don't always agree, but they care passionately," Postma said.

**East Jordan's weaknesses?** "Financially, the size of our city makes it very hard to budget. We're big enough to have big needs, and small enough not to have a huge budget. Makes it challenging," Postma said. "We try to have all the amenities of a larger town, but don't have the revenue of larger towns. The things that make this a great place to live cost more proportionally."

**Why vote for Mark Postma?** Postma said that he hopes to keep the momentum of the progress that this commission has made going.

"We need to continue to work on economic development so that we have a year-round economy and the best

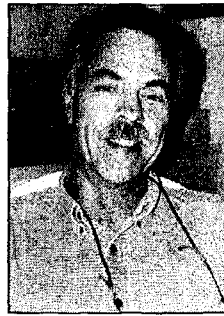
jobs and housing that we can get," he said. "My goal when I'm working is to try and foster cooperation between commissioners, the commission and city staff, and to try and get open opinions."

"I try to bring my experiences from business, my work on the Chamber and schools all together as much as possible," he said. "You don't always worry about what people think today — you try and make the best decisions you can based on all of the information you have." Postma said that as a commissioner, he tries to make long-term decisions, rather than short-term because the commission's job is to make policy, not day-to-day administrative or managerial decisions.

"I try to always remember that it's an honor to serve, and to respect the people I represent," he said.

### Lee Symonds

**Personal information:** Married to Karen for 27 years, the Symonds have two children. They have been business owners in East Jordan, and Symonds currently is a real estate agent with Century 21 Up North. He is a veteran percussionist, and has played the drums for 35 years. Symonds performs occasionally with the band, "Flashback." They have a "preference for rock and roll, but play a little bit of everything."



**Service history:** If reelected, Symonds would begin his second term on the East Jordan City Commission. When the Symonds first moved to East Jordan, Lee got involved with the Chamber of Commerce/Charlevoix County Snowmobile Council (now the Jordan Valley Trails Council) and the zoning board of appeals. He said his experience with the Trails Council taught him how much East Jordan relies on the snowmobiling industry, and he recognized how much a community needs to plan for its future — "... not five years, but 20 years or more down the road."

**What are some strengths of East Jordan?** "It's position on the lake, the proximity to the Jordan Valley forest," Symonds said, as well as the willingness on the part of the commission to consider change, the direction that change will take, and implementation. He also believes that East Jordan's relationship with Lansing is a strength. He believes that East Jordan's future is tied to its recre-

ational opportunities, specifically trails. He would like to see a four-season trail running all the way through the town.

"If you can make East Jordan a nice place to visit, and provide recreational opportunities, people will come back. And we can offer more than other communities, if we tie it all together."

**East Jordan's weaknesses?** The inability of a few to see things "long-term."

**Why vote for Lee Symonds?** "We've made a lot of progress. Some programs are still being formulated, and I'd like to be part of the completion of those programs," Symonds said. "I'm willing to commit the time and the thought to what's going to make the community move forward."

"You have to think about what's being presented. You have to think about the ramifications. All of us think about that, because we make decisions that not only affect everyone else — they affect us, as individuals and families."

### Angela Wilson

**Personal information:** Wilson has been married to Ken for 22 years, and they have two children. She works at East Jordan Endodontics as a chairside assistant. Wilson's career background has been mainly in the medical and dental field, and she went to work for Dr. Johnson when he moved to his East Jordan location a year ago.



Wilson said with a son in his senior year at East Jordan High School, and a daughter in college, her hobbies and interests are currently "pretty tied up in kids and sports."

**Service history:** Wilson has sat on the Little League board, and has volunteered with the Freedom Festival committee. She currently serves as the secretary for the East Jordan Sports Boosters.

**What are some strengths of East Jordan?** "East Jordan is a great place to raise a family. There is access to bigger towns, but locals still matter. It doesn't cater just to people who are going to spend two weeks here," Wilson said. "People take a lot of pride in East Jordan. The stands are full at football games — it's a supportive community." In addition, Wilson believes the East Jordan Public School system is one of its strengths.

"The East Jordan school system is great — they make a real effort with the kids, pushing them without making them feel inadequate," she said.

**East Jordan's weaknesses?** "I am not sure the commission's actions always reflect the needs or desires of the taxpayers," Wilson said.

**Why vote for Angela Wilson?** "I haven't been political, but if I don't make an effort, I can't complain. You have to put forth an effort. I don't want to be a person who says, 'I don't agree with that,' and then just sits there — I want to make a difference in my community," Wilson said. She added that she believes she brings a new perspective — not a business owner, but a citizen who chose to live in East Jordan.

"I'm here because I want to be, I care about the community. I'm supposed to represent the citizens here, not just my own interests," she said. "I don't have so much an economic interest as a personal interest — I want East Jordan to be a place everyone who lives here can be proud of."

Wilson also believes she has the time and thoughtfulness to dedicate to doing the job of commissioner well.

"You're looking at people's livelihoods," she said. "(The meetings) shouldn't be just 15 minutes, in and out."

*Editor's note: Ron Klooster, also running for the East Jordan commission, was unavailable for comment. He has served on the commission as a member for many years, including serving as the mayor of East Jordan. He is involved in the Open Door Coffee House ministry, and is an enthusiastic ambassador for the City of East Jordan.*

## Senior health expo

Are you wondering what types of senior services are available for you or your loved one? If you are, then come to the first Charlevoix-Emmet Senior Health Expo. This free event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Emmet County Fairgrounds Community Center in Petoskey (entrance off of Eppler Road).

More than 40 featured exhibitors will be on hand to answer questions about the new Part D in Medicare, legal and financial issues, health, fitness, and nutrition. Also available will be flu vaccinations for \$25 or Medicare Part B will be billed, glucose and cholesterol tests for \$10, and blood pressure screenings.

Participating agencies include representatives from Northern Michigan Hospital; Charlevoix Area Hospital; financial and legal services; and community services, including recreational/hobbies/crafts and durable medical equipment.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

### Boyne Falls Public School

**NAME:** James Brown  
**PARENTS:** Annette Sides and Robert Fiel  
**GRADE:** 8th  
**FAVORITE CLASS:** Science  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** Racoon hunting  
**FAVORITE SPORT:** Basketball  
**FAVORITE COLOR:** Neon green  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Pizza  
**FAVORITE BOOK:** Moby Dick  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Where the Red Fern Grows



**FAVORITE CARTOON:** The Incredible Hulk  
**STAFF COMMENTS:** "James has been a nice addition to our school. He actively participates with his class in school and out of school. In the classroom he works very hard on his academics. He tries hard to not only do well, but also to really understand each and every concept. He is very kind and friendly to his fellow students and very respectful to students and adults alike. James has been an integral part of the middle school boys basketball team this season. It is a joy to have James in my classroom and to nominate him for student of the week." Mrs. Kloss

### Concord Academy Boyne

**NAME:** Taylor Hubbard  
**PARENTS:** John & Lisa Hubbard, of Boyne City  
**GRADE:** 2nd  
**TEACHER:** Mrs. Cleary-Matelski  
**FAVORITE ACTIVITIES:** Color and ride her bike  
**FAVORITE BOOK:** "Go Dog, Go"  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Cereal  
**FUTURE PLANS:** Taylor would like to be a Princess!



**STAFF NOMINATION:** We are studying being "trustworthy" in our Character Education this month. Taylor was nominated as a "trustworthy" student because she always works hard in class to get her work done and can be trusted to help her teacher get other projects  
**CONCORD CARES:** Taylor's class is raising money for hurricane victims and the Red Cross.

### East Jordan Middle School

**NAME:** Andrew Nemecek  
**PARENTS:** Robert and Roberta Nemecek  
**GRADE:** 8th  
**FAVORITE ACTIVITIES:** Football, basketball, and snowboarding.  
**STAFF COMMENTS:** "Andrew is a very impressive student. Not only is he a strong student academically, he is an exceptionally conscientious and kind person. We are all delighted to have Andrew in our classroom because he participates, tries his best, and shows a continual desire to learn. Andrew also participates in sports while excelling in his studies. Andrew is a superb role model to all East Jordan Middle School students."



### Boyne City High School

**NAME:** Kirsten Dole  
**PARENT:** Carmen Dole  
**GRADE:** 11th  
**HOBBIES & INTERESTS:** Dancing and singing  
**FUTURE PLANS:** I plan to move to New York after graduation and pursue my dream of acting.  
**STAFF COMMENTS:** "Kirsten is making an obvious effort to earn good grades and to be a respectable person in class. Her participation and positive attitude have helped her stand out so far this year." Mr. Fritzsche, English teacher.  
**ADDITIONAL STUDENT COMMENTS:** Boyne City rocks!



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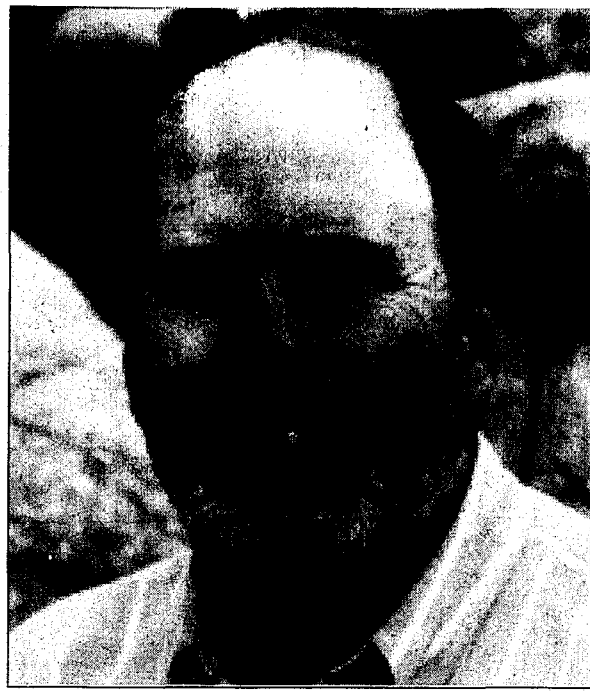
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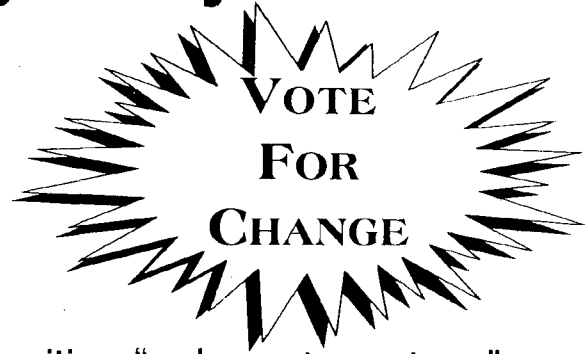
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# SPORTS

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## CROSS COUNTRY Werner, Devils headed to state finals

BY PHIL TROMBLEY  
Sports Writer

East Jordan cross runner Kristi Werner will make the trip to this weekend's state final meet as a regional champion following her first place finish at the Division III regional held at Benzie Central on Saturday, Oct 29.

The fleet footed Lady Devil ran a time of 18:36 to come in nine seconds ahead of Benzie Central's Devyn Ramsey. Bethany Hammer (Elk Rapids, 19:00) was third, Amanda Hammer (Elk Rapids), 19:14) was fourth and Lindi Edger (Chalevoix, 19:19) was fifth.

Werner ran behind Ramsey for much of the race before taking the lead with about one half mile from the finish line.

Elk Rapids put a pair of runners in the top five to take the team title with 56 points followed by East Jordan (66) and Benzie Central (84).

"They obviously ran an outstanding race. It was a real battle to see who would go to the states," said East Jordan coach Dennis Snarey. "I think this will give the girls a lot of confidence going in to the state meet."

The Lady Devils are peaking at just the right time as four of the runners ran career bests on Saturday, while three others ran their second best times.

The top three teams along with the top 15 individuals qualified for the final meet to be held at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn on Saturday, Nov. 5.

Elk Rapids heads to Brooklyn as the state's fourth rated team, while East Jordan is ranked fifth and Benzie Central is ranked eighth.

Rounding out the scoring five for East Jordan were: Meghan Thomas (7th, 19:31), Alicia Oliver (15th, 20:17), Chelsey Poindexter (16th, 20:20) and Sierra Roberts (27th, 21:09).

Benzie Central won the boys crown with 63 points, Kalkaska finished second with 83 points and Pine River was third with 97.

Manistee's Aaron Simoneau was the boys medalist with a time of 15:51.

## Mackinaw, Rogers City capture titles

BY PHIL TROMBLEY  
Sports Writer

The Mackinaw boys scored 59 points and the Rogers City girls scored 32 points to capture the team titles at the Division IV regional cross country finals held in Gaylord on Saturday.

Fairview (62) placed second to Mackinaw City followed by Ellsworth (86), Wolverine (89), Rogers City (100), Hale (176), Boyne Falls (189), Gaylord St. Mary's (190) and Central Lake (203).

Ellsworth (56) took the runner up spot behind Rogers City followed by Fairview (65), Bellaire (79), Gaylord St. Mary's (142), Boyne Falls (148) and Inland Lakes (180).

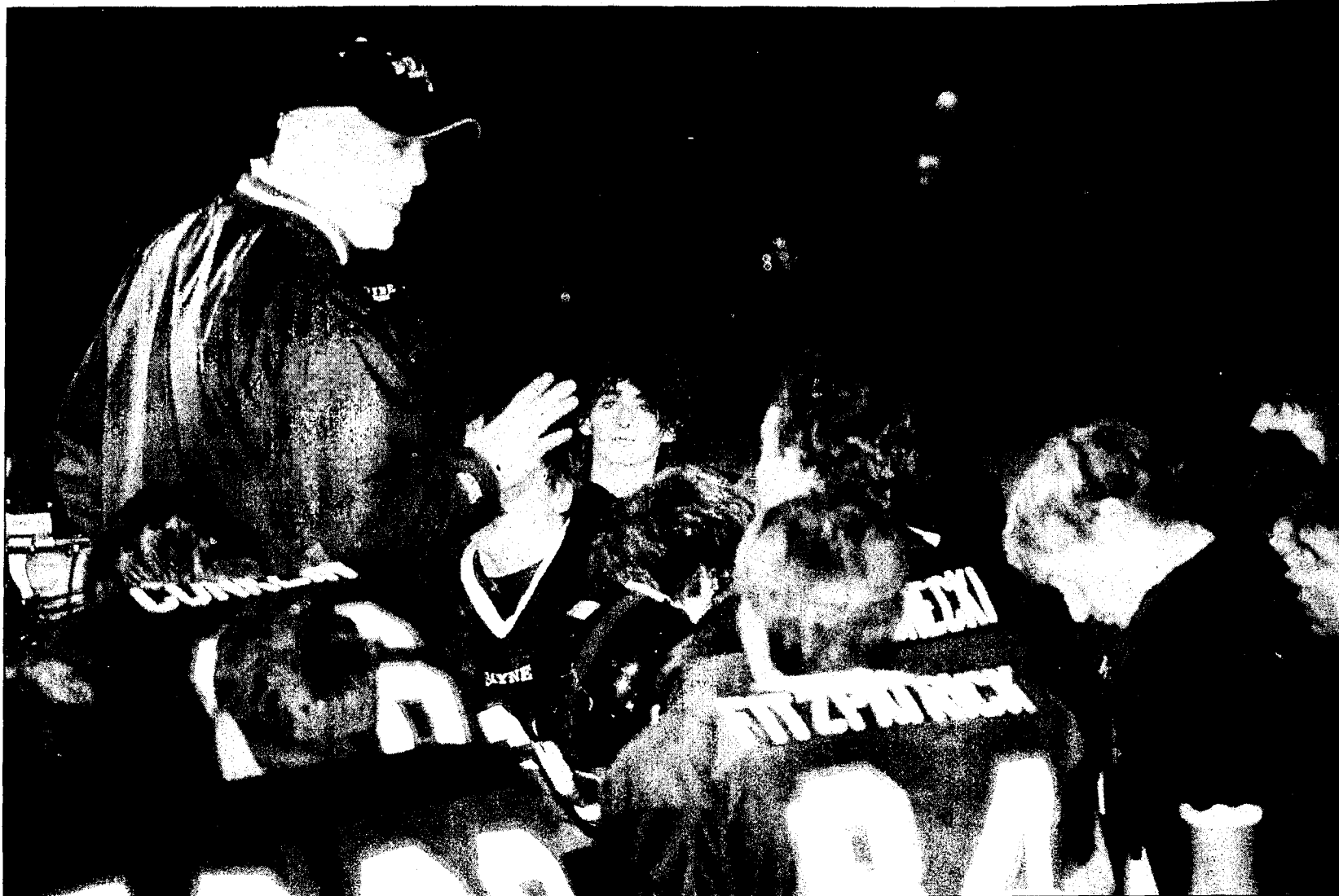
Results for the Boyne Falls boys included: Shawn Kilmer (16th, 19:11), Justin Grubaugh (44th, 21:13), Josh Grubaugh (50th, 21:57), Nathan Wasylewski (51st, 22:04), Kevin Knight (53rd, 22:17), and Trevor Matelski (61st, 24:32).

Fairview's Ryan Kauffman (17:57) took medalist honors in the 70 man field.

Results for the Lady Loggers included: Sharmai Wheaton (34th, 26:46), Roslyn Fiel (41st, 27:27), Carissa Reynolds (42nd, 27:34), Annie Pernicano (43rd, 28:07), Terra Wasylewski (44th, 28:13) and Stephanie Everett (50th, 30:19).

Rogers City's Kaylee Krefl (20:15) took the medalist honors in the 56 woman field.

## FOOTBALL



Ramblers coach Dave Hills talks to the team during last Friday's game against Boyne's classic rivals, the Charlevoix Rayders. The Ramblers' defeat of the Rayders 38 - 11 advanced them to the second round of play in the district play-offs.

## Ramblers advance to district final game

BY PHIL TROMBLEY  
Sports Writer

For the second straight season, and the third time in the last five years, the Boyne City Ramblers will play in a state football district final game.

Boyne City advanced to the second round of play with a 35-11 victory at home over Lake Michigan Conference rival Charlevoix in the Division VI pre-district game on Friday, Oct. 28.

Boyne City (9-1) will host Northwest Conference Kingsley (9-1) this Friday at 7:30 p.m. Kingsley advanced with a 38-8 win over Suttons Bay.

"They [Kingsley] are playing very well with a diverse offensive attack and multiple formations. They are a very disciplined and well coached team," said Boyne City coach Dave Hills about the Stags.

Quarterback Grant Ameel and wide receiver Robbie Jensen combined for four touchdowns between them to lead the Ramblers against the Red Rayders.

Ameel threw for 179 yards, hitting on seven of 14 passes and three touchdowns. Jensen caught five passes for 153 yards and two touchdowns.

Jensen also ran for 54 yards in ten carries and one touchdown on the ground.

"Robbie has made some big plays recently and Grant has thrown the ball well in the last couple of weeks. That will have to continue if we are to move on in the playoffs," said Hills about the productive pair.

Charlevoix held a 3-0 lead after one quarter following a 30 yard field goal off the foot of Russell Williams.

Boyne City countered with two scoring plays in the second quarter to forge a 14-3 lead that they would not relinquish. Jensen ran the ball in from ten yards out for the first tally, while Ameel connected with Taylor Voice for a 15 yard touchdown for the second score.

Kicker Tyler Kruzel set up the second score recovering his successful onside kick on the Charlevoix 49 yard line. Kruzel hit his point after touchdown kicks following all five of the Boyne City touchdowns.

Ameel and Jensen hooked up for a 51 yard touchdown in the third period as well as a 48 yard touchdown in the fourth quarter to push the lead to 28-3.

Charlevoix scored its lone touchdown with a fourth quarter one yard run and then attempted an onside kick on the ensuing kickoff. The Red Rayders touched the ball before it went the required ten yards giving the Ramblers possession on the Charlevoix 48 yard line.

The Ramblers chewed up the last five minutes of the game and Wil Brown closed out the scoring with a three yard run with 49 seconds remaining.

For the game Brown rushed for 48 yards in 17 carries and led the Rambler defense with 11 tackles.

Kruzel had nine takedowns, Scott Morrow, Nick Simeri and Evan Conklin had seven tackles each and Jensen had six tackles and one interception.



Boyne City Rambler running back Trevor Kruzel seeks to outrun his pursuers in last week's game against Charlevoix.

## SOCCER

## Red Devils fall to Rayders

BY PHIL TROMBLEY  
Sports Writer

The East Jordan varsity soccer saw its season come to a close on Monday, Oct. 24, when Charlevoix defeated East Jordan 5-2 in the first round of the Division III district tournament.

Brandon La Count scored both East Jordan goals while Jeff Keyser picked up the assist on the first goal. Goal-keeper David Waterson made 16 saves and fullbacks Peter Sladick and Michael Carter each made non-keeper saves.

"The guys worked hard, but never got the passing to work against Charlevoix's physical play. We did have several good opportunities, but failed to get the ball

in the goal. Charlevoix's keeper, Shannon Gillespie made a big difference for them," said East Jordan coach Pete Elliott.

East Jordan finishes its season with the best overall record in the school's history (6-9-2) and it was the last game for three players who played together through the 4-H program travel team and through all four years in high school.

"Brandon La Count, RJ Green and Drew Oliver worked hard over the years and became leaders on the team in many ways and will be missed next year," said Elliott. "Brandon was a big play maker scoring 12 goals, making six assists and was second in

transitioning the play. RJ lead the team in transitioning play, he also had eight assists and scored four goals. Drew was forth in transitioning play and was likely to take good risks to help keep possession of the ball."

Also making their last appearance in a Red Devil uniform were seniors: Baris Atmaca, Mazen Gharzeddine (foreign exchange student), Peter Sladick and Benjamin Toth (foreign exchange student).

In looking forward to the next year coach Elliott says that the Red Devils we have a good start on the defense, a good playmaker, and a good group of freshmen who have grown a great deal over the year.

## Boyne City season comes to close

Following a bye in the opening round of the District III tournament the Boyne City varsity soccer team ended the season on the down side when Charlevoix defeated Boyne City 4-1 on Wednesday, Oct. 26.

The Red Rayders tallied one goal in the first half and added three goals after the intermission to advance to the district finals.

Matt Keyser got the lone Rambler goal on an assist from Oliver Ryan.

"Even though it was a loss, I thought our kids played a good game and ended the season on a positive note," said Boyne City coach Nick Baic. "We played pretty even with them, but they connected on their scoring attempts."



# Red Devils top Grayling, 48-35

BY PHIL TROMBLEY  
Sports Writer

The East Jordan varsity basketball team ended a three game losing streak in a big way coming from behind to defeat Lake Michigan Conference rival Grayling 48-35 on Thursday.

The Lady Devils had to work for their fifth league win of the season as the Lady Vikings held a 26-24 advantage at halftime on their home court.

East Jordan got things rolling after the break out gunning the opposition 13-3 in the third quarter and 11-6 down the stretch to pull out the 13 point win.

"We had opportunity after opportunity in the first half, but we just couldn't put the ball in the basket," said East Jordan coach Sean Ferguson. "We stuck with it in the second half and we finally hit some shots. Also, our defensive intensity really picked up," Ferguson added.

Sierra Roberts led the East Jordan stats with 20 points and eight rebounds. Kristi Werner added ten points, Meghan Thomas chipped in with 14 boards and five steals, Katherine Rowley grabbed eight rebounds and Jill Drenth pulled down six.

Trisha Peterson led Grayling with 13 points.

## KALKASKA 48 EAST JORDAN 37

The Lady Devils held a 26-21 half-time lead on Tuesday, Oct. 25, but Kalkaska came back to outscore East Jordan 27-11 after the break to earn a 48-37 victory in East Jordan.

Kalkaska pulled out the win with a big surge in the final quarter outpointing East Jordan 13-2 in the final eight minutes of the game.

Caitlyn Flohe tossed in 16 points and Katie Krause netted 13 points for to lead the Lady Blazers.

Kayla Hines paced East Jordan with eight points, while Werner added seven. Jessica Roberts and Thomas contributed with nine rebounds each. Thomas added three assists and five steals and Roberts had three assists.



Sierra Roberts drives to the basket past a Lady Blazers defender in last week's game. PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES

"We played really well defensively, but they really shut us down in the last quarter," said Ferguson. "The bottom line is that we really wanted to beat them and we had our chances, but they knew what to do when it

came to crunch time." East Jordan (9-7 overall) will host Elk Rapids tomorrow and Petoskey will visit East Jordan for Parent's Night next Tuesday.

# Ramblers fall to Blazers, edge out Rams, 56-55

BY PHIL TROMBLEY  
Sports Writer

Kalkaska's Katie Krause scored 18 points, grabbed seven rebounds and dished out four assists to lead the Lady Blazers to a 65-53 Lake Michigan Conference victory over Boyne City on Thursday.

Three other players hit for double figures for Kalkaska (13-4 overall, 9-3 LMC) as Katie Flohe hit for 15, Kaitlyn Raymond added 13 and Marissa chipped in with 11 points.

The Lady Blazers held leads of 23-12, 39-29 and 50-39 at the end of the first three quarters.

Holly Stanek had 25 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Lady Ramblers, while Haili Friedrick and Jessica Kynsz added seven points each and Molly Hausler had five.

"Kalkaska jumped out to an 11 point lead and every time we made a run at them they had an answer for it," said Boyne City coach Scott Hausler.

## BOYNE CITY 56 HARBOR SPRINGS 55

Boyne City and Harbor Springs waged a close battle on Tuesday, Oct. 25, but in the end the Lady Ramblers

held on to gain a 56-55 victory at home.

The Lady Ramblers trailed by a score of 16-11 after one quarter of play, but fought hard to take a 30-27 lead at the end of the first half. The Boyne City lead was 45-44 going into the final quarter before the two teams hit for 11 points each in the final eight minutes.

Stanek made the front end of a two shot foul with 7.2 seconds left to give her team the lead. The Lady Rams had a shot with time running out but missed the opportunity and Knysz grabbed the rebound to ice the victory.

Stanek paced the Lady Ramblers with 20 points and 12 rebounds, Friedrick contributed with nine points and Tricia Tomkins and Emma Clemens added seven points each.

The Lady Ramblers sank 15 two point shots, downed four three pointers and made 14 out of 22 from the free throw line.

"Harbor has really improved since the last time we played them and they came ready to play," said Hausler. "The good thing about this win was that the girls kept their heads in the game and were able to finish this one out."

Boyne City (10-7 overall, 6-6 LMC) will travel to Charlevoix tomorrow and host Rogers City next Tuesday.

# Lady Loggers dominate Alba in hoops, 59-39

Three Lady Loggers hit for double digits scoring when the Boyne Falls varsity basketball team jumped ahead early and kept the pressure on to gain a 59-39 Northern Lakes Conference home victory over Alba on Thursday.

Kellie Kondrat tossed in 19 points with four rebounds, two assists and one steal to lead Boyne Falls, while Annie Pernicano hit for 13 points with four boards and eight steals. Clarissa Sevenski chipped in with ten points and three steals and Tiffany Burks hauled in 11 boards.

Boyne Falls built an early 14 point, 20-6, lead after one quarter and then stretched the advantage to 32-14 at the intermission and 47-

30 going into the fourth quarter.

The Boyne Falls junior varsity squad defeated Alba 40-25.

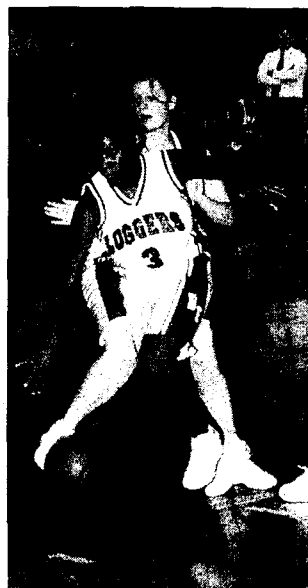
## VANDERBILT 69 BOYNE FALLS 38

Gina Robinson tossed in 20 points, while teammates Alicia Martin added 17 points and Michele Dudley had 12 as Vanderbilt defeated Boyne Falls 69-38 on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Pernicano led Boyne Falls with 13 points and Maggie Knight and Tiffany Burks contributed with eight points each. Burks pulled down seven rebounds.

Vanderbilt took the junior varsity contest by a 30-28 score.

Boyne Falls (4-12 overall, 2-6 Northern Lakes Conference) will travel to Wolverine next Tuesday.



Tiffany Burks drives past an Alba defender.

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# EMS

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his associate's degree in science. He graduated first in his class from Stanford University Hospital's paramedic program. During his tenure with the service, he was an EMS instructor in different stations across the country, so it was natural that when he entered civilian life, he would work as both a paramedic and an EMS instructor.

But it wasn't the average service-to-civilian transition. For almost a year and a half, Wachtel worked as a contractor with International SOS, a company that provides western medical care to travelers, working with large companies to cover their traveling business personnel. In addition, International SOS is a contractor for the government in the war in Iraq, providing medical services to wounded soldiers, as well as providing training to Iraqis in the ongoing effort to make them self-sufficient.

Wachtel applied to International SOS and was assigned to the Coalition, and a hospital in Baghdad, starting in April of 2004. From there he was reassigned to the Coalition Provisional Headquarters in Kirkuk, where, he said, he "hobnobbed with some of the finest elite in the world," enjoying his status as the only medical person in the embassy, and as such assigned to the care of various world dignitaries. He then went on to Najaf and then Tikrit.

In Baghdad, his "Army break-in period," Wachtel's job was to work in the emergency room, dealing with medical evacuation helicopters, flying wounded soldiers in from the battlefield. This included soldiers who were injured in the infamous "IED" or improvised explosive device detonations. Wachtel himself was the victim of IEDs on three different occasions while in country.

In each of the various assignments, while

Wachtel's medical duties varied from the tamer dignitary duty, to battlefield medicine, he was also teaching EMS to the Iraqi people. In rural Kurdish villages, teachers learned basic EMS, and he taught nursing students anatomy and physiology and trauma management in a weekly program at Kirkuk University (where he was offered an associate professorship).

Wherever he taught, it was a known fact that some unidentified one or more of his students was an insurgent. Everywhere insurgents infiltrated the work, but still the work went on.

Wachtel described treating an Iraqi man who complained of "bad blood" — a headache. Given Motrin, the man said he would go home and lie down. That afternoon, Wachtel had his first encounter with an IED.

A couple weeks later, the same Iraqi man came to him with a similar complaint and request to go home, but Wachtel pointed out that the last time it had not gone well for Coalition forces and suggested the man ride in his truck with him. The Iraqi said, "We are sorry, Doctor Shawn. We did not know you were in the truck."

Mostly, Wachtel said, the Iraqi people were very happy to have the Coalition forces and contractors in their country. Hospitals with outdated or non-functioning equipment and unsanitary conditions are being updated and outfitted. Wachtel showed photographs of Army engineers and CPAs, ready to finance and build the facilities needed by rural villages, head to head with village leadership, discussing the construction of a water treatment plant.

Wachtel returned in July of this year, but said that were it not for his family, he would go back to Iraq.

"First of all, I believe in our cause — that being: those who have the power to right injustices have the responsibility to right injustices," he said.

"Where would we be if we had allowed Hitler to go on? Or Idi Amin? Or Stalin? We had this idiot doing terrible things to hundreds of thousands of his own people.

"Second, they needed medics. Competent, military-experienced medics who weren't afraid to go into combat zones to work. I had the capabilities, and they needed me," Wachtel said.

But he came home, and throughout July and August enjoyed Michigan as it is meant to be enjoyed, he said. He and Donna, his wife of 18 years, had the honeymoon they never had, motorcycling up to Copper Harbor to camp. They took their children to Cedar Point. And, Wachtel said, he took the time to "get my mind right."

And then he looked for a job, and East Jordan had an opening for a paramedic.

Iraq's loss was East Jordan's gain. "I am highly impressed with the dedication shown by other core members," Wachtel said of East Jordan EMS. "They have the right attitude for a community-based emergency medical service — they really believe in the community. They're on 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Why — because that's how they feel (about the community). It's the right attitude."

Besides EMS, Wachtel is an avid motorcycle enthusiast. He loves to ride, and also works on restoring antique bikes. He is a member and past state vice president of the Forgotten Eagles, a group of vets who ride and raise money for veteran's organizations.

Wachtel's branch has adopted the Upper Peninsula's Jacobetti Home, to which they make a significant annual contribution. In addition, the group lobbies for POWs and MIAs, and provides assistance to the families of deceased veterans.

With a history of service both in his personal and professional life, Wachtel is a welcome addition to East Jordan's emergency medical service.

# Galmore

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"The first machines were pretty crude by today's standards," Galmore said. "Every year they changed them in one form or another to where they're quite dependable now."

The sport took off rapidly. In East Jordan a group of snowmobile enthusiasts began to get together for rides, and formed a club. They had club meetings in town. They had no money, of course, Galmore said, but credits member Howard Waybrandt with getting what is now known as the East Jordan Sno Mobilers clubhouse built on Mt. Bliss Road.

Waybrandt built a portable concession stand that could be dismantled for transportation. This the club members used to set up at the Fourth of July festival in town and sell food and beverages to raise money for the building.

The club bought approximately 30 acres from Fred Zoulek, Galmore said, and on Labor Day, 1967, construction of the clubhouse got underway, with concession stand dollars, and some materials salvaged in a hurry when the locker plant was being demolished.

They were told they had 24 hours to get out anything they could use, and the Sno Mobilers collected fluorescent lights, electric wiring, windows and even a cork-insulated walk in cooler.

The original clubhouse was heated by a barrel stove which was placed at the northeast corner of the building. Waybrandt designed a system to draw air off the floor in three different places in the building, and that air was drawn back into the woodstove, where it was heated and blown out into the room, creating a more comfortable and consistent heat source for the whole building.

In addition, an open fireplace was built in the middle of the large room. It was designed to be mostly ornamental, but Waybrandt was a man of function as well, and he had a cold air intake installed in the north wall that ran under the floor through a 16-inch culvert, so that the fireplace will burn efficiently with an outdoor source of air.

Even the floor was created for safety and function, with Waybrandt objecting to a poured cement floor on the grounds that it would be slippery when it was wet with melted snow from snowmobilers' boots. Instead, a thick layer of pea gravel was put down, and patio blocks finished the floor, providing both an attractive and safe floor surface that absorbed water as fast as it could melt.

The engineering that went into the building



Anabelle and Tom Galmore, Sr. have been involved in both the sport and the spirit of snowmobiling for more than four decades. Tom still rides, and both still work winters for the popular Sunday morning breakfasts.

is, Galmore said, compliments of Howard Waybrandt: "A real sharp guy."

For some years, that was all there was to it. A big, warm room, a small kitchen, and a dedicated group of snowmobilers.

Some of the club finished the season in the northern lower peninsula, and then headed up across the straits to get some more later riding in the still-frozen Upper Peninsula. Eventually, they bought a few acres and built a clubhouse there, too, but it was too infrequently used, and eventually sold.

The money built a brand-new, heated addition to the Mt. Bliss clubhouse — a real kitchen.

All these years later, the kitchen at the Sno Mobilers' clubhouse still plays an important community role in East Jordan. Starting the first weekend of December, and continuing for the next 16 weeks every year, four crews of 12 volunteers each take turns making breakfast — "The Works" — potatoes, sausage, bacon, eggs, toast, juice and coffee. The cost: still \$5 for adults, \$3 for children.

Behind the scenes on Friday or Saturday, another crew of six, gathers for weekly prep, sometimes peeling as many as 100 pounds of potatoes to feed the Sunday morning crowd, which can reach 300 snowmobilers or just plain breakfast enthusiasts.

Tom and Anabelle Galmore, who have been members since the beginning, still participate in those breakfasts, helping with the prep work, and generally being an encouragement to all

the volunteers whose hard work sometimes goes unrecognized.

Given the age of the club, the number of active members is impressive. The winter breakfasts are a fun community event, and the main way that the club raises money to cover its costs.

"We're not trying to make money," Anabelle said. "We just want to pay the bills." The clubhouse is sometimes available for rent, and is used twice annually for Rotary dinners, and also for occasional school events.

The Sno Mobilers play another community service role; one that may also go unlauded: they keep the trails clear — and clean.

Not only do members put up signage before the season starts, they also clear brush and low-hanging or broken tree limbs. In addition, they make runs through the Jordan Valley, following the snowmobile trails, picking up any garbage they may find — which, Tom said, is pretty light during the winter. But the work doesn't end when the snow melts. The trails and surrounding woods are also cleaned after fishing season starts, and the club members do a lot to keep the valley free of trash.

Still going strong, nearly 40 years after its inception, the East Jordan Sno Mobilers Club provides not only a gathering place for snowmobiling enthusiasts, but also some important community and environmental services.

"We try not to abuse the environment," Tom said. "We appreciate being able to go out on the trail."

# Giant

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in. With patient approval, she and the dog will enter, and Morgan will slowly approach the patient.

"He waits for the patient to reach out, and then the petting begins," said Erno. Morgan works primarily with stroke victims, who will pet him and talk to him. Erno believes that being able to talk to the dog is therapeutic to stroke patients, especially those whose language is affected, and who can talk comfortably to Morgan without worrying whether they are being understood. In addition, just the act of stroking the dog may be helpful in beginning to restore certain motor skills.

Besides, Morgan gets a lot of joy from the encounters, Erno said.

"It is good therapy for him, too, being exposed to lots of people and animals," she said. "I just want to share him, because he's so cool."

But at — as close as she can tell — close to 300 pounds, Morgan could be a potential danger. Erno is confident that his disposition is not subject to temper tantrums.

"From knowing him since he was a pup, knowing his disposition, I fully trust him. I have exposed him since he was very little — taking him to the store. He's always loved people, and is kind to all animals, great and small," she said. "When he sleeps and dreams, his tail wags."

Morgan has his own doggy door — with Erno's 12-hour shifts, he needs to look after himself sometimes. She feels that given his size, the queen size bed is very important because of the extra pressure on his overburdened joints.

"I baby his joints, taking extra care because of his weight. There is so much weight displaced on the joints, it is exhausting for him


to walk very far."

Mastiffs are known as gentle giants, but Maggie, the Erno's other Mastiff, is nowhere near as gentle as Morgan. When the Ernos had a ferret, Maggie wanted to kill it, but Morgan would let it run across his back. In the yard, he is a mountainous playground for chipmunks that run freely across him.

But his real gift is with people.

From little ones on the beach in the summer, to bedridden patients at NMH, Morgan is the Albert Schweitzer of the dog world. Erno is sure that he can sense disabilities, and he becomes even more sensitive to a person with a wound, or who is bedridden.

"With bed rest patients, he will gently go up and touch their hand, and then wait for them to respond," she said.



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