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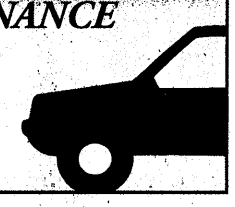

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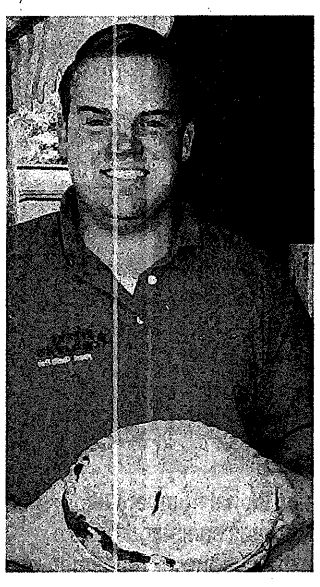

Friske Orchards in Ellsworth notes that Northern Spy and Ida Red are popular choices for cooking apples this time of year...with apple pie being a core destination.

The Amazing, Appetizing and Affordable Apple

Best Time of Year for Fresh, Crisp Michigan Apples

By Jim Akans

There's nothing quite like the crack, crunch and flood of flavor unleashed when biting into a fresh off the tree, Michigan-grown apple in the prime of the autumn season.

Sweet, tangy, soft, crisp, red, green, yellow or burgundy, apple species cover a wide variety of textures, tastes, colors, sizes and optimal applications, but they have one thing in common; they are very good and very good for you.

That old "apple a day keeps the doc away" adage may have more than a seed of truth to it. Apples are rich in antioxidants; chemicals that can reduce cell and tissue damage. They have Flavonoids (no kidding, that's a real word) which are antiviral, anti-allergen, anti-in-

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ELECTION REPORT

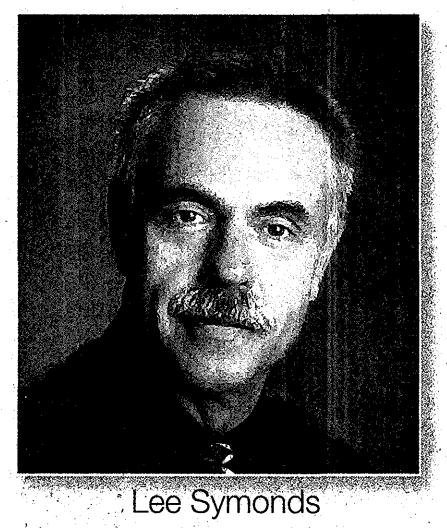
Six Candidates Vie for Three East Jordan Seats

By B. J. Conley-Hetler

EAST JORDAN — Three city commissioner seats are up for the Nov. 3rd election with six candidates vying for the four-year-term seats.

Two of the candidates are incumbents, Mark Postma, who also serves as the city's mayor, and Lee Symonds. The remaining four candidates will campaign for a vacant seat and the two incumbents' seats whose terms are up.

Jane Booze



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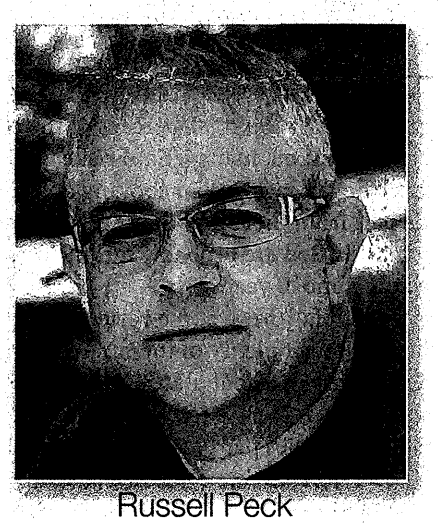

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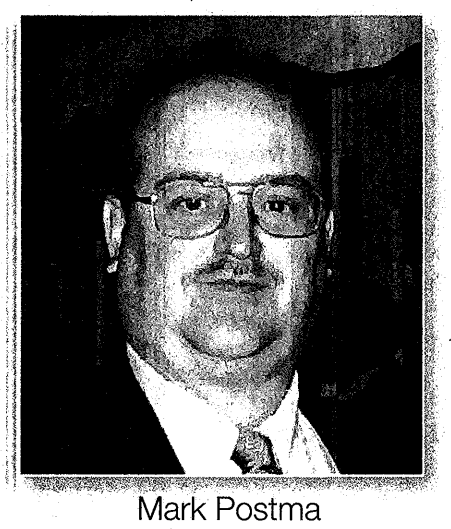
Thomas Breakey

Carron Rogers



Mark Postma

MARK POSTMA

Incumbent Mark Postma, 45, is in his eighth year on the city commission. He has been mayor for a total of six years.

"I believe in East Jordan," Postma said. "This is a great city with many wonderful people living in it. Together we have accomplished many things these last few years. Our goal should be to make East Jordan an even better place to live, work and raise a family."

Postma said that the issues of great importance to the city of East Jordan are to maintain a positive and stable city government with a responsible budget to facilitate investment in the community, and the need for good jobs. Of special interest to him is economic development promotion. He said that, considering the state of the economy, the commission needs to find creative ways to maintain the level of services that the city provides.

Postma spoke of a commissioner's responsibilities:

"A commissioner should be able and willing to recognize and set personal interests and prejudices aside and weigh the benefits and costs to the people of our city when making decisions," Postma said. "Our citizens should be able to expect honesty and integrity from their commissioners."

Postma will call upon his experience on the city commission, with the chamber of commerce, the schools and his business, to solve city issues.

Postma is the business owner of Signs, Letters & Graphics, Inc. in East Jordan. He moved to East Jordan in 1978 while in high school and graduated in 1982. He attended college at North Central Michigan College. Volunteer activities include past president, vice president and treasurer of the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce and 14 years

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Student Counts Remain Fairly Steady in the Area.

Average Less Than 2% Drop From 2008 Counts.

By Jim Akans

Based on preliminary results from the Wednesday, September 30th student count, it appears as though families with school age children in Northern Lower Michigan have decided that the best strategy in an uncertain economy is to simply stay put.

That's good news for public schools, most of which depend on funding from the State of Michigan based on a per-student formula. Keeping enrollment up is even more essential as the Michigan Legislature voted to cut this funding by the equivalent of $165 per student last Thursday (see sidebar).

Here in Northern Lower Michigan, public school districts in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Otsego and Montmorency Counties saw an average drop of about one and three-quarter percent in preliminary fall 2009 student counts versus counts during the same period in 2008.

Percentage-wise, schools

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WEATHER

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 43, low 28	High 43, low 29	High 46, low 32	High 50, low 37	High 55, low 38
NE wind 8mph	ENE wind 3mph	NNW wind 4mph	SSW wind 9mph	SSE wind 8mph

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The Amazing, Appetizing and Affordable Apple

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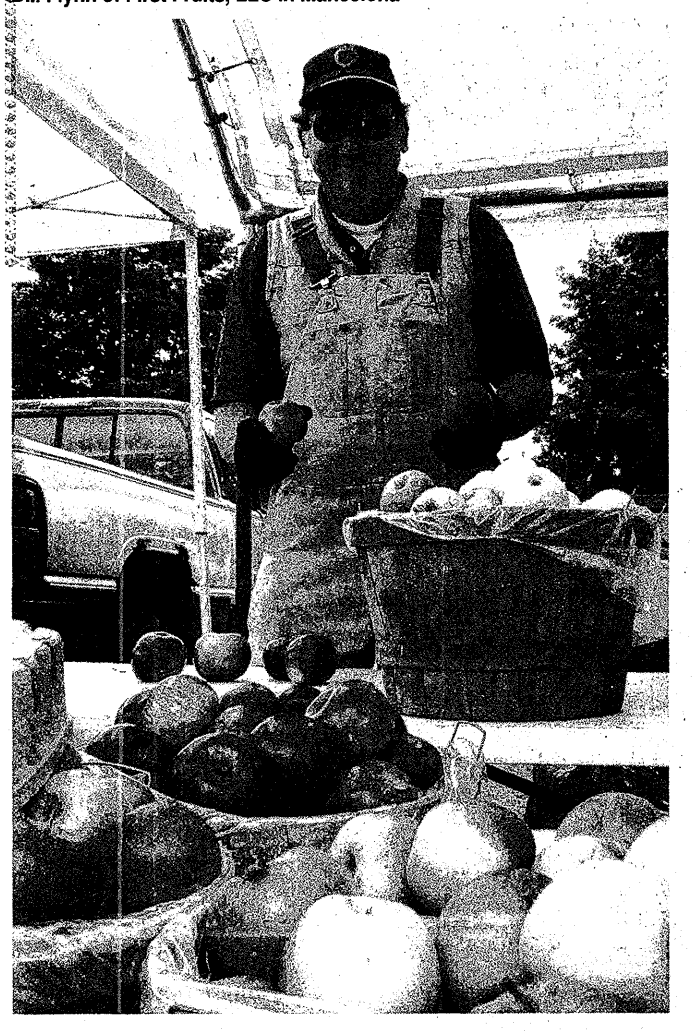
flammatory and anti-tumor phytochemicals (stuff).

They also contain Quercetin, which is also found in onions and black tea. These combat destructive free radicals in the body, helping to reduce the risk of cancer, heart attack, cataracts, control asthma, gout and even aid in reducing heartburn.

The best part, as Eve once told Adam, is just taking a bite.

Bill Flynn of First Fruits, LLC in Mancelona



"Our most popular varieties are the Honeycrisp, Cortland, Northern Spy, and the Jona-gold, which is half Jonathan and half Golden Delicious," states Bill Flynn of First Fruits, LLC in Mancelona. "The Jonagold is good for eating and for cooking. Most people don't realize that there are several types of Golden Delicious apple varieties, each with deliberately staggered harvest times to maximize their season."

Bill points out that the University of Minnesota is a leader in introducing new apple varieties. That's seems a little odd for a state that doesn't even make the top 5 list of apple producers in the U.S. (Washington is number one, Michigan is number three - just behind New York).

"Years ago, when they introduced the Honeycrisp," Bill recalls, "anyone could buy a tree by paying a small royalty. Today, in an effort to maintain greater market control, only a limited number of growers can offer new apple varieties."

One of those newbie's is the SweeTango apple, a cross between the Honeycrisp and the Zestar varieties.

"SweeTango has the crunch of the Honeycrisp," states Dave White, of Interwater Farms in Elk Rapids, who offers the new variety, "and a very complex flavor with some sweetness and some tartness. Some people say they can detect a hint of cinnamon. Everyone seems to taste something a little different…but they all like it. It is primarily an eating apple, but people tell us that it also cooks up well in pies and in making apple sauces."

Yeah, now we're talking what apples are about.

Apple pie, apple strudel, apple crisp, apple sauce, apple butter, apple cider, apple cobbler, candy apples, caramel apples, apple fritters, apple muffins, apples right off the tree… how can something so good for you be so good to eat?

So what about the age-old question; what apple variety is best for what application? Well, that kind of depends.

For sweet pies, Golden Delicious, Jonagold or Winesap are excellent choices, while for a more tart pie, Cortland, Empires, Granny Smith, Northern Spy or Ida Red are good selections. Or, you can mix several apple varieties together to create you own unique level of texture, sweetness and tartness.

"Honeycrisp represents about 90-percent of the orders we ship," states Jeremy VanLoo, manager at Friske Orchards in Ellsworth. "It is a better eating than cooking apple, but lots of people make pies from them and they are very good. Northern Spy and Ida Red are probably our most popular cooking apples this time of year."

Regardless of which fall-fresh apple variety is destined for your pantry, be sure to get plenty of them. Apples are cheap, and they keep (if stored in a cool place). It takes about two pounds to make a 9-inch pie, a peck weighs about ten and a half pounds (about five pies per peck), and a bushel weighs around 42 pounds and can produce up to twenty-four quarts of applesauce. If you make cider, plan on using about 36 apples for every gallon you wish to produce.

And Now… A Slice of Apple Trivia;

Apples are a member of the rose family

Apples can be grown farther north than most fruits because they blossom late in the spring, minimizing the chance for frost damage

China produces more apples annually than the United States

Apples ripen ten times faster at room temperature than they do when refrigerated. Optimal conditions: 35 – 40 degrees with 80 – 90 percent humidity.

Most of the fiber and antioxidants are found in the apples peel.

As the third largest apple producer in the nation, Michigan accounts for 8-percent of production, while Washington State produces 58-percent.

Per capita consumption of fresh apples in the U.S. fell from 21 pounds in 1998 to 16.9 pounds in 2005

Red Delicious is the most widely grown variety in the U.S.

Apples were introduced in America by European settlers bringing seeds here in the 1600's (Go, Johnny, Go).

The apple blossom is official state flower of both Michigan and Arkansas.

Apples float because 25-percent of their volume is air.

With nutritional numbers like these, apples can stand up to a little extra caramel or cinnamon.

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size	1 medium apple (154g / 5.5 oz.)
Amount per Serving	
Calories 80	Calories from Fat 0
	% Daily Value*
Total Fat 0g	**0%**
Saturated Fat 0g	**0%**
Cholesterol 0mg	**0%**
Sodium 0mg	**0%**
Potassium 170mg	**5%**
Total Carbohydrate 22g	**7%**
Dietary Fiber 5g	**20%**
Sugars 16g	
Protein 0g	
Vitamin A 2% •	Vitamin C 8%
Calcium 0% •	Iron 2%

*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs:

	Calories:	2,000	2,500
Total Fat	Less than	65g	80g
Sat Fat	Less than	20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than	300mg	300mg
Sodium	Less than	2,400mg	2,400mg
Potassium		3,500mg	3,500mg
Total Carbohydrate		300g	375g
Dietary fiber		25g	30g

Calories per gram:
Fat 9 • Carbohydrate 4 • Protein 4

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Boyne City Police Department Incident Report

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

1:08am.....Responded to medical alarm in the 300 block of E Division. False alarm
1:05pm.....911 hang up call from the 600 block of Jefferson St. All OK. Child playing with phone.
6:36pm.....Lodged dog at shelter
9:23pm.....Lodged another dog at shelter
10:00pm....Report of pumpkins missing from the 100 block of S Park St

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:45am.....Report of rock thrown threw window of cemetery building
8:20pm.....MDOP to trash can in the 500 block of S East St
8:51pm.....Lodged dog at Shelter

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

2:49am.....Assisted Sheriff Dept with MIP party on Boyne City Rd
5:20am.....Removed tree from roadway on Pleasant Av
8:00am.....Assist with traffic control on Boyne Av for Walk to School Day
9:37am.....Report of Internet Fraud
1:04pm.....Subject in 900 block of Second St warned for disrupted male carriers during their delivery route
2:48pm.....Citation issued in 100 block of E Water St for parking violation
3:01pm.....Report of three adult males smoking on school grounds and using profanity on caller when they were advised to leave. Subjects located and warned for trespassing.
3:03pm.....Assist Protective Services on referral in the 900 block of Second St
5:11pm.....Assist ambulance in the 500 block of N Lake St. 3 year old with facial injury
11:39pm....Report of Verbal Dispute in the 300 block of E Court St

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

12:57am...Report of verbal dispute in the 900 block of Robinson St
8:22am.....Lodge dog at shelter
8:32am.....Report of suspicious male looking in windows of vacant residence in the 1000 block of First St
10:28am...Report of verbal dispute in the 900 block of Robinson
11:23am ...Report of larceny of money from residence in 100 block of Crain St
2:09pm.....Unlocked vehicle at High School
3:05pm.....Report of custody dispute on Wenonah St. Resolved through Friend of Court
3:40pm.....Report of civil Dispute in 300 block of Silver St
5:05pm.....Report of kids hitting golf balls across Boice St. Located and advised to stop
5:10pm.....Report of larceny of Bingo Equipment for 800 block of S Park
10:12pm...Assist Sheriff Department with threats complaint on Addis Rd

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:33am.....Car Deer accident reported in the 1100 block of Boyne Av
2:47pm.....Unlock vehicle in the 500 block of N Lake St
6:10pm.....Report of larceny from the High School
6:53pm.....Report of alarm on S East St. False.
8:54pm.....Report of verbal dispute in 300 block of McKinley St. Assisted by Sheriff Dept.
10:05pm...Report of suspicious complaint in 600 block of E Main St. Caller reported hearing someone banging on the side of house. After checking the area officers were unable to locate.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

10:50am....Report of MDOP to yard lights in the 900 block of N Lake St
12:02pm....Report of disturbance on Jersey St. Turned out to be young male arguing with father over the phone. Was advised to quiet down.
1:00pm.....911 Hangup from payphone in the 200 block of S Lake St. Kids were playing with phone. Were advised to quit.
1:07pm.....Report of lost money clip in the 200 block of S Lake St
9:01pm.....Assist motorist at the High School

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

12:04pm....Report of 2 fail to pays for gasoline from the 200 block of S lake St. One resolved, other pending.
12:05pm....Report of found wallet in the 200 block of S lake St. Owner located.
5:10pm.....Citation issued to female on Pleasant St for speed.
10:59pm....Civil dispute reported from the 900 block of Robinson St

Monday, October 12, 2009
2:52am.....Report of suspicious activity at the Dilworth. Located 2 females who claimed to have permission to be there. Confirmed with owner.
3:34am..... Citation to female for speed on Boyne City Charlevoix Rd
10:07am....Verbal Warning for speed given to male subject on Charlevoix St
10:28am....Report of vehicles speeding on Jefferson St
1:26pm.....Report of traffic accident that occurred on Saturday at Park/Water Streets
5:25pm.....Citation to female for speed on Jefferson St
7:01pm.....Civil standby during property exchange in the 900 block of Robinson

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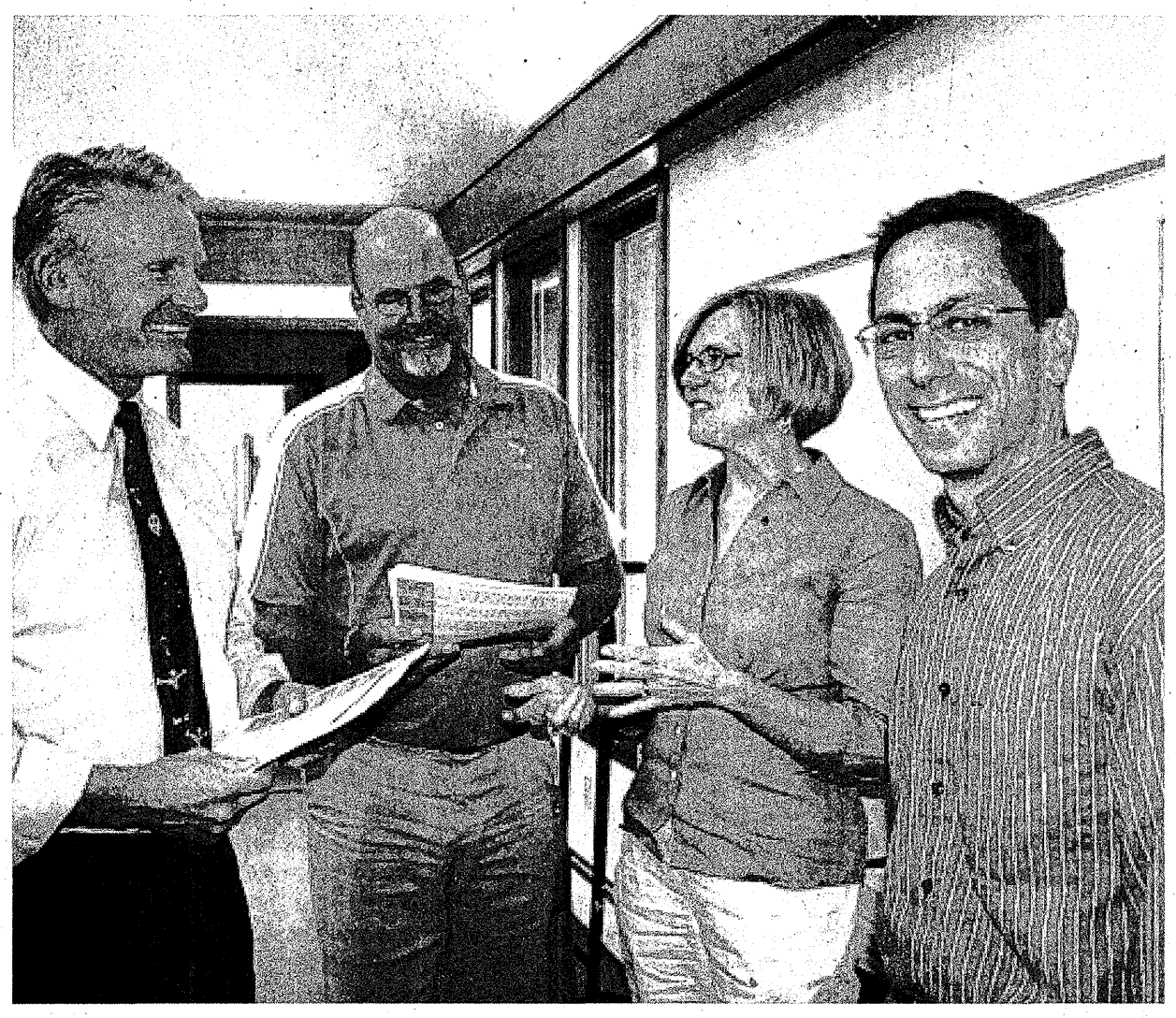
Health Department, schools working together to prevent H1N1 outbreaks



All schools within Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District are working with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan on school- or community-based clinics for the H1N1 vaccination. Pictured receiving their packets to help communicate with parents and staff about flu prevention are (from left) Bob Alger, Boyne City Public Schools Superintendent; Jeff Liedel, Alanson Public Schools Superintendent; Pat Fralick, Director of Family & Community Health Services for the Health Department; and Dr. Josh Meyerson, Health Department Medical Director.

ELECTION REPORT

Six Candidates Vie for Three East Jordan Seats

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on the steering committee of East Jordan Public Schools. He and his wife, Penny, have two daughters, Andrea and Alison.

Postma believes the city will make more progress in coming years.

"Serving on the city commission these last eight years, and as mayor, has been a responsibility I have taken very seriously. I've had the honor of serving with a large number of people who give selflessly for the good of our community," Postma said. "It is very important that we continue to make progress."

JANE BOOZE

Candidate Jane Booze, 48, reported on local government in East Jordan, Boyne City and Kalkaska. She served as South Arm Township zoning administrator and has attended East Jordan city commission meetings regularly for the last two years. She has always been "politically attentive," she said.

"I am a firm believer in government by the people and for the people. I think citizens have both a right and very nearly an obligation to run for office if they believe there are problems not being resolved by a current government, which I do," Booze said. "I believe the citizens have a right to be heard, which I do not see happening under the current commission."

City issues that need the commission's attention are the budget that is currently in the red for cash on hand, Booze said, and she sees the commission ignoring the local economic crisis. It is her impression that the citizens are being overcharged on water and sewer rates, something that she plans to look into in greater detail. She said she would like to see city finances handled with good judgment and transparency.

Of special concern to her is that the city doesn't recognize and use the ideas, gifts and skills of the people, "our greatest natural resource."

City services are sometimes pushed back, such as street repairs, and Booze said she would like to change that. New services should wait, however, in light of the economy.

"I think the next couple of years at least will be ones in which prudence is the best thing we can offer the people paying the bills," she said.

The responsibilities of commissioners are to become informed, to listen attentively to the people, to spend the people's money wisely and to always do what's right, Booze said.

Skills such as communication skills will benefit her as a city commissioner, she said.

"I am a communicator. I am passionate, but I like conflict resolution far more than I like conflict. I can listen to, understand and articulate ideas. I can separate personality from ideology. I am willing to put in the time and do the work of becoming a good commissioner. I will keep avenues of communication open to the people of East Jordan."

Booze is an office manager, freelance writer, a licensed realtor and a licensed EMT for the ambulance service. She has attended college. She has lived in East Jordan for 26 years. Volunteer activities include teaching Sunday school and in the past she volunteered for the East Jordan EMS. She and her husband, Neil, have four children.

Booze said she believes in the city of East Jordan.

"I know the citizens of East Jordan are amazing, hard-working, intelligent, caring individuals. I know the schools are excellent, the business owners are dedicated, the churches are involved, and the lake is clear and clean. I believe in East Jordan, and live here because I love it."

"But, I work in a real estate office, and I hear too many people who don't even want to look at anything with an East Jordan address — taxes too high, water bills too high. I heard a client the other day say he wanted to sell his local property, because East Jordan was 'falling apart.' I believe we are not falling apart, but I think it's time for us to start pulling together."

THOMAS BREAKEY

Candidate Thomas Breakey, 64, made his decision to run for city commission because he believes he will make a positive difference.

"I am running for a commissioner seat on the city council because of past situations concerning the city I do not agree with," Breakey said. "I was asked some time ago to run for the commission and after much consideration, decided that I would."

Breakey said a main issue for the city and for him personally is accountability of city actions to the citizens. Another issue is the need for a fire chief and creation of a full-time position as fire chief.

"Some say why not a part-time position? I welcome anyone to visit the department and ask questions as to the job of a full-time position," he said.

"City commissioners are there to represent the city residents. Commissioners oversee all operations of city government to make decisions based on facts, as 'haste makes waste.'"

Breakey said he would listen to the citizens and be a voice for their concerns. "They are the ones who put you in the position, and who pay the taxes," he said.

A life-long resident of East Jordan, Breakey graduated from high school, Class of 1963. He served in the U.S. Army for three years. He has been a member of the East Jordan Volunteer Fire Department for 40 years. He is a member of Rebec-Hosler-Sweet Post of the American Legion, and was a Red Cross instructor for 25 years.

Breakey held the position of assistant chief of the East Jordan Fire Department and currently is the department's secretary/treasurer. He and his wife, Trudy, have three children, Melissa, Leah and Toby.

Breakey voiced his hope for the city commission.

"This next city commission will start their tenure with a full plate. Anyone who has followed this city government in the past knows that there are many issues this seated commission will be faced with. How they address these issues will, I hope, be the voice of the people."

LEE SYMONDS

Candidate Lee Symonds, 56, has served on the East Jordan City Commission for eight years and said he wants to continue work on projects for the community.

"Projects have been started that I would like to help complete and I'd like to continue to be a part of shaping our community's future," Symonds said.

Symonds sees economic development as one of the major issues the city needs to focus on, along with maintaining core city services "in an environment of dwindling resources."

With all of the issues that face the city needing attention by the board of commissioners, he said that a primary concern of his is that the commission focus on and promote the "community's agenda, as opposed to a personal agenda."

Street repair is one of the city services Symonds would like to place high on the "to do" list, but said the environment of reduced revenues makes it tough. He would like the city's newsletter distributed to the residents more often.

"Increased newsletter mailings that tell what the city is doing or has done, will keep residents more informed and distortion less likely," he said. He added that people may visit the city's website and stop by City Hall to receive information.

Symonds sees the responsibilities of commissioners as acting on behalf of the citizens, to serve and to lead by example, to be objective, positive, honest and complete in the approach to city business and dissemination of information. He said he has the skills and experience to serve the residents well.

"I'm patient, I take time to research proposals brought before the commission and think about how, when and if these proposals will benefit the community as a whole," Symonds said. "I don't rush into decisions and don't deny by delay."

Symonds is a realtor and works in property management. He has lived in East Jordan for 15 years. He has a degree in business administration. He was a member of the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce and a past president of the Jordan Valley Trails Council. He is married with two grown children.

"We live in a wonderful area and community. We also live in challenging times. We are responsible for our own future," Symonds said. "We need to define what our future will be, make a plan for that future and work that plan. Yes, we'll have to spend money and accept risk as part of that plan. After all, if we're unwilling to invest in ourselves, how can we expect anyone else to do it for us?"

CARRON ROGERS

Candidate Carron Rogers, 62, is a newcomer to political office she said, but she has experience in communications and leadership through her work in law enforcement and in volunteer activities.

"I'm running for city commissioner to try and make East Jordan, our town, a better place to live and to be proud of and to see change come that is badly needed in this city," Rogers said. "We need to bring people back and start to build our city back to what it used to be and that will take a lot of hard work, but with the right people and good decisions, I think it can be done."

The major city issues are the

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BOYNE CITY

Harvest Festival Rescheduled for Oct. 16 & 17

The Harvest Festival is expanding and returning to Boyne City's downtown with music, crafts and fall produce again this year. The annual event has been rescheduled for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16 and 17, and is being jointly organized by Boyne City Main Street and the Boyne Area Chamber. This year's festival will be even larger than last year with a second music stage added Saturday on Lake Street. Also, the entire Boyne City Farmers Market will move to Water and Lake Streets from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17. The farm market booths will sell a variety of apples and other harvest items including pumpkins, squash, apple butter, jam, honey and cider. Portions of Water Street and Lake Street will be closed to traffic during the festival to make room for the Farmers Market, music and more than 30 arts and craft vendors. The festival will also include folk art demonstrations, children's games, inflatable bounces, face painting, hayrides from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17, and a scarecrow-making contest for residents and businesses. Festival hours are 4 to 8 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Visit www.boyneharvestfestival.com for details and registration forms for arts and craft vendors and the scarecrow-making contest. Local churches and non-profit organizations that would like to participate by organizing children's games or harvest crafts are encouraged to contact the Boyne Area Chamber at 582-6222.

EAST JORDAN

Fashion Show

A great evening is planned Oct. 14 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Enjoy social time beginning at 6:30 pm and the evening's entertainment at 7pm. For tickets contact Jean Pardee at 231-544-6988

BOYNE FALLS

Women's Intuitive Retreat

A magical workshop Oct. 16 & 17 that takes us from blocking our intuition to waking it up! Retreat includes a Friday evening welcome reception, Saturday morning yoga class, unlimited spa facility access, and two inspiring workshops which will provide you with the tools to live your dreams everyday. Elizabeth Trinkaus is the owner and founder of Pinnacle View, a unique and innovative Life Enrichment Coaching Company. She has been coaching with individuals, corporations and spas for over 19 years in a perpetual quest to promote harmony of thought and vision. She is an intuitive and delights in waking up others intuition. Trinkaus is the founder of the Mighty Isis Club. The Club's mission is to "remember who we really are as joyful beings, to live our dreams everyday and to affirm our loving and abundant selves from the inside out". Mighty Isis Spa Retreats create on-going support for women. She is also co-author of "Conversations On Success" along with Deepak Chopra and Mark Victor Hansen, and creator of the video: "The Most Powerful Ingredient For Success - Do You Have It?" Retreat is $299 per person and includes one night's lodging at the Mountain Grand Lodge and Spa at Boyne Mountain. Space is limited.

BOYNE CITY

Music Night in SOBO

Mark your calendars for Oct. 17, when FreshWater Studio will present a concert by Orpheum Bell at 7:30pm. and just across the street, 220 Lake Street will host a Blissfest concert with Gandalf Murphy and The Slambovian Circus of Dreams at 9:30pm.

EAST JORDAN

Nature Hike

Oct 17, 2009. 10:00 AM Third Saturday Nature Hike: Location will be the Ridge at Pinney Bridge. Meet at the Pinney Bridge parking area east of M-66. The color should be near peak for a beautiful morning hike. Sponsored by Friends of the Jordan.

ELLSWORTH

Ellsworth Farmers Market

Enjoy the fresh offerings from local growers every Saturday, 8am-Noon through October.

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The Charlevoix County News has placed drop boxes for residents to easily submit news, photos, wedding announcements, classified ads and other local content. The drop boxes are located in East Jordan at the Library, Glen's Market, Save-A-Lot and the Chamber of Commerce. In Boyne City drop boxes are located at the Library, Glen's Market and Water Street Café. In Charlevoix at Glen's Market. The Charlevoix County News is the new local newspaper for East Jordan, Boyne City, Charlevoix, Boyne Falls, Walloon Lake, Ellsworth and Atwood. Local news releases, photos and information can also be submitted to Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

CHARLEVOIX

Health Screenings

Charlevoix Area Hospital continues to offer walk-in health screenings on the first Wednesday of each month. The Wellness Wednesday hours are: 10am until 1pm and from 1:45pm until 4pm. Health Screens include: Cholesterol and blood Glucose levels, Body Mass Index (BMI) score, and a Blood Pressure reading. Cost for the service is $12. Participants will receive a blood pressure log, a pedometer, and all test results at the time of the screen. A Registered Nurse will tailor Heath Consultation and educational materials to individual results. Appointments can be made in advance by calling the Office of Community Health Education at: 231-547-8906.

BOYNE CITY

Business After Hours

Boyne Area Chamber's monthly business networking event is Oct. 22 from 5:30 - 7:30pm at Boyne Coop True Value, 113 S. Park St.

PETOSKEY

Senior Health Expo

Area seniors are invited to attend the Charlevoix/Emmet Counties Senior Health Expo at Emmet County Fairgrounds on Oct. 23. For details, contact Gale at 231-237-0103

EAST JORDAN

East Jordan Farmer's Market

Enjoy the freshness each Thursday now thru October from 9am to 1pm at Sportsmen's Park. Accepts Project Fresh, contact Shirley Vollbach at 231-536-2526

EAST JORDAN

Yard Waste Pick up

The city of East Jordan will be collecting leaves, grass clippings, small tree branches and biodegradable yard waste Oct. 19 - 30 within the city. Yard waste items are limited to grass, leaves, shrubs and tree branches. All waste must be free of dirt, paint and metal. Grass and leaves must be placed in biodegradable bags. Unbagged loads may be delivered free to the Transfer Station On Tuesdays and Saturdays free of charge to city residents. For additional requirements or info call City hall at 231-536-3381

CHARLEVOIX

Wellness Wednesday

Charlevoix Area Hospital continues to offer walk-in health screenings on the first Wednesday of each month. The Wellness Wednesday hours are: 1am until 1pm and from 1:45pm until 4pm. Health Screens include: Cholesterol and blood Glucose levels, Body Mass Index (BMI) score, and a Blood Pressure reading. Cost for the service is $12.00. Participants will receive a blood pressure log, a pedometer, and all test results at the time of the screen. A Registered Nurse will tailor Heath Consultation and educational materials to individual results. Appointments can be made in advance by calling the Office of Community Health Education at: 231-547-8906.

CHARLEVOIX

Starting a Business class

A new series of monthly "How to Start a New Business" classes have been announced by the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance. The next class will be Oct. 28 at Charlevoix Public Library from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wendy Wieland, NLEA/SBTDC Business Consultant, who will acquaint you with the process, presents Classes and the tools needed to help you begin developing your new business. Future classes will be: Nov. 18 at Banks Township Hall in Ellsworth, Dec. 16 at Elk Rapids High School and Jan. 26 at Petoskey Public Library. The class fee is $20 and you must pre-register by calling by phoning 582-6482 or emailing info@northernlakes.net.

CHARLEVOIX

K of C Hunters Banquet

The Fr. Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus Council 7172 will sponsor the 7th Annual Hunters' Banquet Oct. 29 to benefit the Charlevoix Food Pantry. The Hunters' Banquet features a lively social gathering of outdoors-oriented people of all ages who want to enjoy some fun, great food, and listen to a outstanding keynote speaker with tales of the outdoors. Doors open at 5:30pm with a bring your own (BYOB) Social Hour. An all day Pig Roast dinner with all the trimmings is served at 6:30pm followed by noted outdoors person Fred Parson who will present his recent Western hunting trips and the state of hunting in Michigan. There will be two 50/50 drawings during the evening. The big raffle will feature a $1,000 Shopping Spree at Jay's Sporting Goods. Raffle and 50/50 winners need not be present to win. Cost: Dinner $15 per person. Raffle $5 each or 5 for $20. 50/50 $1 each or 6 for $5. The banquet will be held at the VFW 1153 Hall, 12735 US 31 North. All proceeds benefit the Charlevoix Food Pantry.

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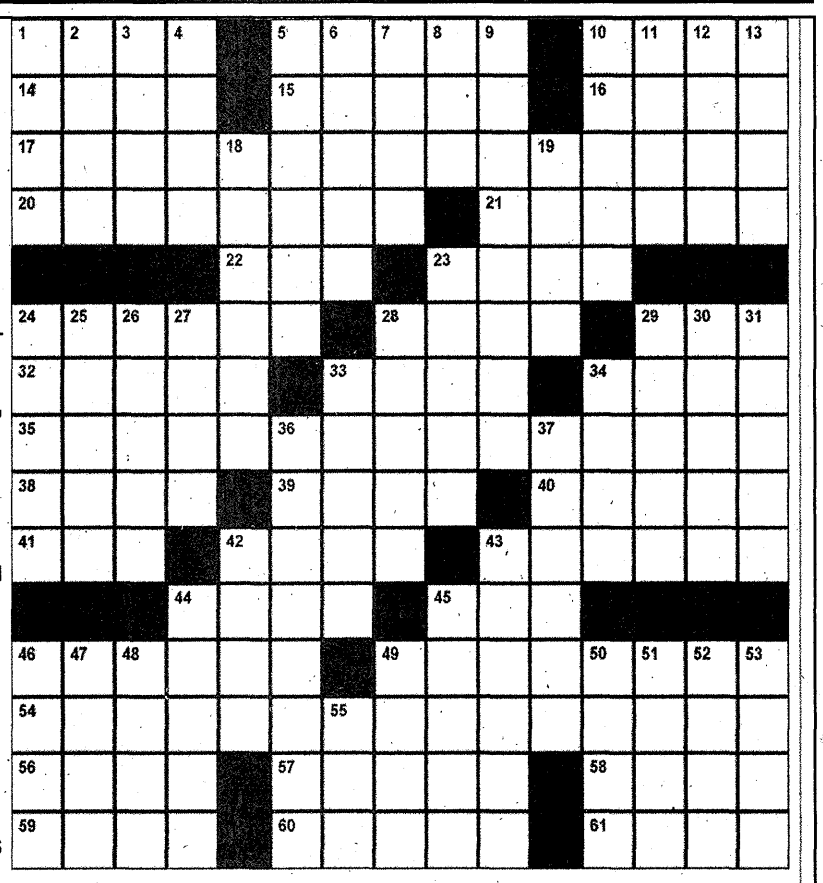

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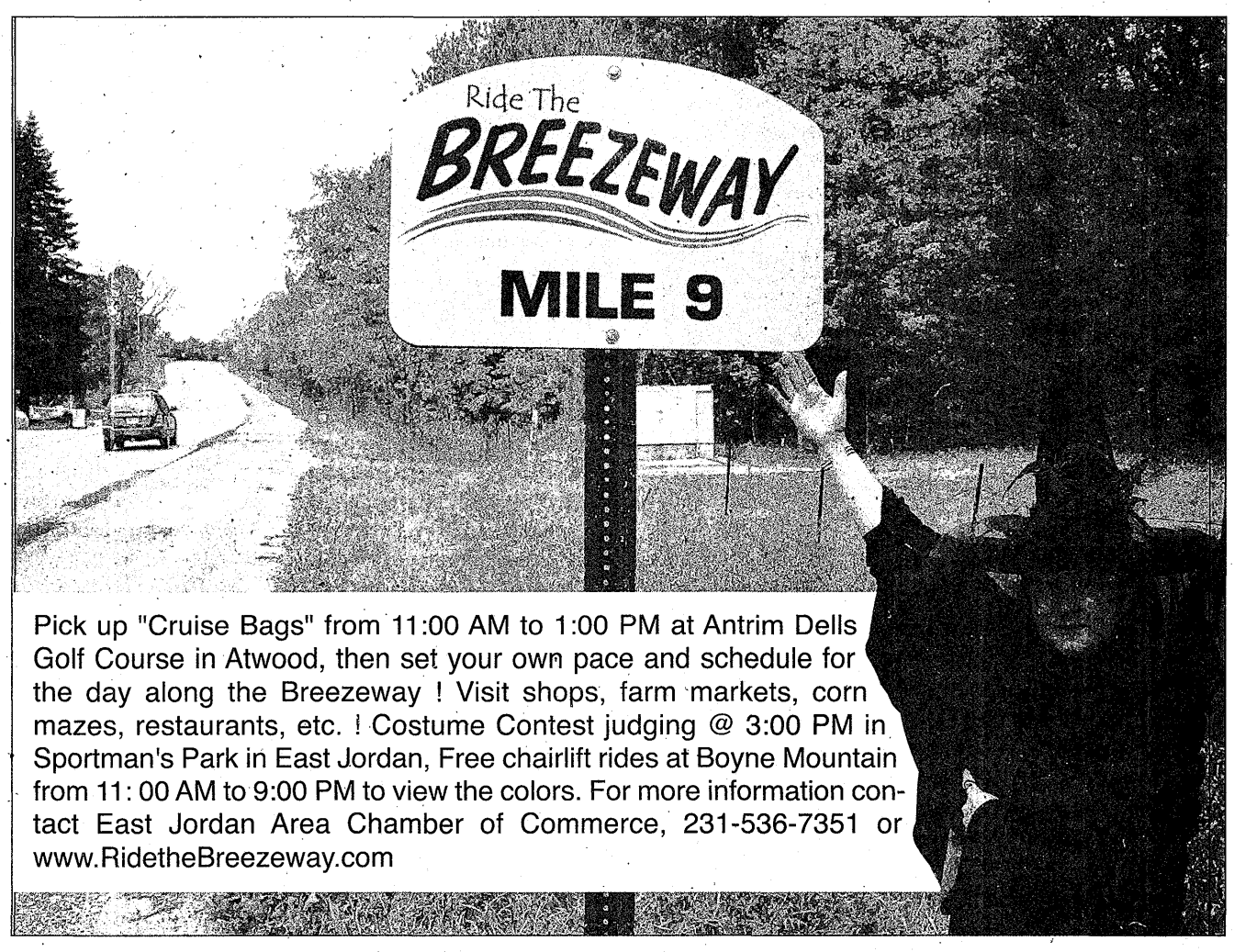
1- 16th letter of the Hebrew alphabet; 5- Scatter; 10- Crown of the head; 14- Letterman rival; 15- Fuzzy fruit; 16- Inter ___; 17- Study of communicative attitudes; 20- Unimportant; 21- Oppose; 22- Fail to tell the truth; 23- Pottery material; 24- Igneous rock of a lava flow; 28- Coloured part of the eye; 29- Paris possessive; 32- Muse of lyric poetry; 33- Masked critter; 34- Push with the head; 35- Long-distance shooting?; 38- Kitchen addition; 39- OPEC member; 40- Otic; 41- "Conquest of Space" writer Willy; 42- Little devils; 43- Inhumanly cruel; 44- Latin I word; 45- Links org.; 46- Winter vehicle; 49- A superior court writ; 54 - Kind principles; 56- Purim month; 57- Young hooter; 58- Actress Heche; 59- "You are ___"; 60- Racket; 61- Melt;

Down

1- Iams alternative; 2- Bring forth young; 3- Memo heading; 4- Ark builder; 5- Vital essence; 6- Keyed up; 7- Anger; 8- Euro forerunner; 9- Vorticose; 10- Fall guy; 11- Et ___; 12- Personal quirks; 13- 3:00; 18- Move with a bounding motion; 19- Mariners can sail on seven of these; 23- Sing like Bing; 24- East Indian pepper plant; 25- Aggregate of qualities that make good character; 26- Saline; 27- To ___ (perfectly); 28- Little bits; 29- Above; 30- Actor Hawke; 31- Genre; 33- Army unit; 34- Oz creator; 36- Pallium; 37- Open shelter; 42- One-named supermodel; 43- Set on fire; 44- Without ___ in the world; 45- Trims; 46- Ayatollah's predecessor; 47- Unclothed; 48- Actor Epps; 49- Former French colony of northwestern Africa; 50- Med school subj.; 51- Ho Chi ___; 52- Annapolis sch.; 53- Diving duck; 55- Snake eyes;

Breezeway Color Tour and Costume Cruise

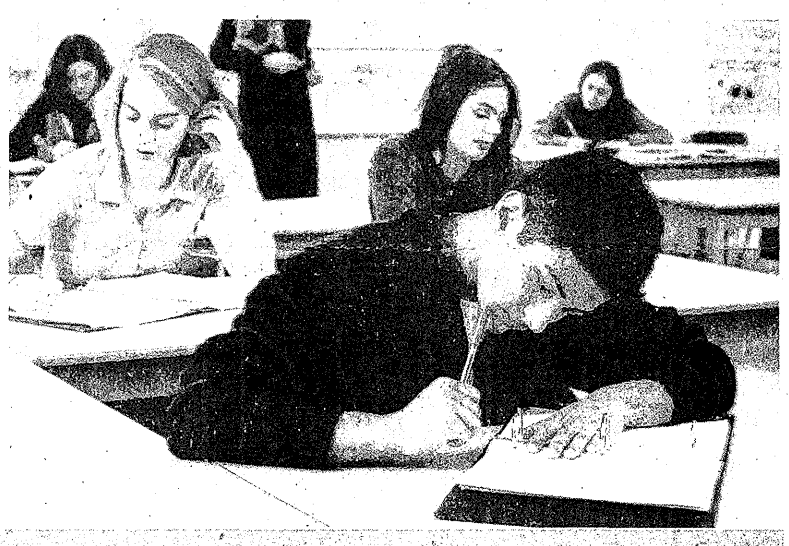
Saturday, October 17, 2009



Pick up "Cruise Bags" from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Antrim Dells Golf Course in Atwood, then set your own pace and schedule for the day along the Breezeway ! Visit shops, farm markets, corn mazes, restaurants, etc. ! Costume Contest judging @ 3:00 PM in Sportman's Park in East Jordan, Free chairlift rides at Boyne Mountain from 11: 00 AM to 9:00 PM to view the colors. For more information contact East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, 231-536-7351 or www.RidetheBreezeway.com

ABOVE: East Jordan Area Chamber Executive Director Mary H. Faculak in costume inviting everyone to "Cruise the Breezeway" !

School Counts Remain Steady



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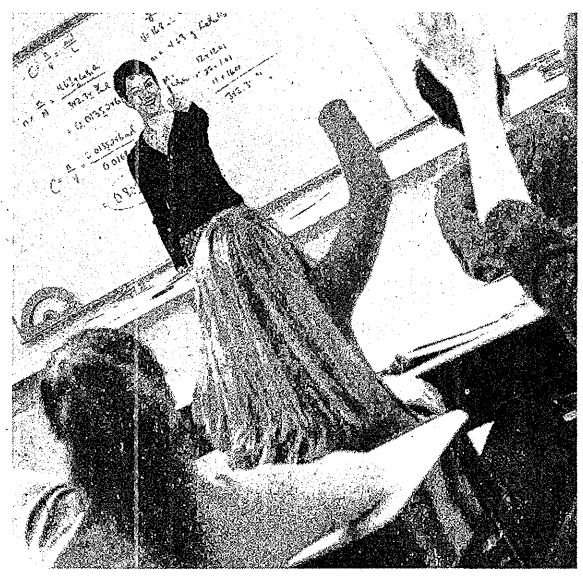
experiencing the biggest drop in the number of students were Boyne Falls, which is down by 9 percent - from 274 students in 2008 to 250 students this year. The largest percentage gain in students was in Pellston, up 6 percent - with 330 students in 2009 versus 310 in 2008.

In terms of actual numbers, which is where the real money is, the largest drop was in Charlevoix, which lost 64 students and the biggest gain was in Gaylord which picked up 41 students.



Michigan Legislature Reduce K-12 Per Pupil Funding

After rejecting a proposed per student cut of $218, the Michigan Legislature voted late last Thursday (October 8th) to cut public school funding by $165 per student for the 2009/2010 academic year. Preserved in the budget are early childhood and at-risk programs, though school districts do have the option of cutting those programs locally and re-allocating the money.

"While tonight's cut of $165 per pupil is less than what had been previously turned down by legislators," stated Michigan Education Association President, Iris K Salters, "this cut is still a deep one that will adversely impact the education of Michigan's children."

He added, "The simple fact is that we need tax reform that leads to stable, predictable and sufficient revenue to pay for the services we all want – sturdy roads and bridges, police and fire protection, clean air and water, health care and especially, world class public schools for our students."

The legislation now proceeds to Governor Granholm, who is expected to sign the K-12 budget in the near future.

Here is a list results as provided by school districts in our coverage area..
The 2009 counts are preliminary at this point, and will not be finalized until after the first of the year.

Alanson; 2009; 330 – 2008; 315
Alba; 2009; 212 – 2008; 220
Atlanta; 2009; 326 – 2008; 353
Boyne City; 2009; 1,274 – 2008; 1,285
Boyne Falls; 2009; 250 – 2008; 274
Charlevoix; 2009; 1,169 – 2008; 1,105
Cheboygan; 2009; 2,050 – 2008; 2,060
East Jordan; 2009; 1,075 – 2008; 1,124
Ellsworth; 2009; 223 – 2008; 217
Fairview; 2009; 314 – 2008; 308
Gaylord; 2009; 3,250 – 2008; 3,209
Grayling; 2009; 1,779 – 2008; 1,779
Harbor Springs; 2009; 1,021 – 2008; 1,047
Inland Lakes; 2009; 938 – 2008; 986
Johannesburg/Lewiston; 2009; 798 – 2008; 832
Mackinaw City; 2009; 190 – 2008; 198
Mancelona; 2009; 1,050 – 2008; 1,085
Mio-AuSable; 2009; 680 – 2008; 673
Onaway; 2009; 697 – 2008; 740
Pellston; 2009; 330 – 2008; 310
Petoskey; 2009; 2,954 – 2008; 2,976
Vanderbilt; 2009; 163 – 2008; 176
Wolverine; 2009; 335 – 2008; 340

East Jordan Police Department Activity

OCTOBER 2 - OCTOBER 8

Offenses	Number
Traffic	7
Larceny	4
Fraudulent Activity - checks	1
Harassing Communication	2
Public Relations	3
Keys Locked in Vehicle	1
Property Damage Accident	3
Civil Dispute	4
Suspicious Situation/Subject/Vehicle	2

Offenses	Number
Lock/Unlock Parks	28
Public Peace Disturbance	2
911 Hang Up	1
Assist Other Agencies/Departments	7
Malicious Destruction of Property	1
Assist Citizen	6
Unlawfully Driving Away Auto - recovered	1
Possession of Illegal Narcotics - arrest	1
Found Property	1

Offenses	Number
Sex Offender Address Verification	3
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Trespassing	1
Juvenile	3
Health & Safety	4
Roller Blades on Sidewalk	1
Retail Fraud	1
Breaking & Entering	1

Voters Have a Choice

BY B. J. CONLEY-HETLER

The city commission races in Boyne City and East Jordan are shaping up to give voters plenty of choice at the polls, while Charlevoix candidates are unopposed.

In the city of Charlevoix, two incumbents, Jill Picha and Dennis Kusina, are unopposed as they seek re-election to the city council. A third candidate, Bryan Vollmer, is unopposed for a vacated seat. The city clerk, Carol Ochs, is up for re-election and she has no challengers.

Boyne City and East Jordan have six candidates for three open seats on each city's board of commissioners. Incumbents up for re-election in Boyne City are Dan Adkison and Ron Grunch. Challenging candidates are: Joseph Gerant, Lynn Murray, Laura Sansom and Delbert Towne.

Incumbents up for re-election in East Jordan are Mark Postma and Lee Symonds. Challenging candidates are: Jane Booze, Thomas Breakey, Carron Rogers and Russ Peck.

Write in candidates must file by 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 23.

Charlevoix County Records: Oct. 15

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for the County of Charlevoix:

Stanley Albert Harwood II, 47, Charlevoix. Driving while intoxicated, 2nd . Sentenced to pay $1,180 in fines and costs and to 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 15 days, 319 days held in abeyance, 30 days of community service work, and two years on probation.

Jason Clinton Miner, 31, Boyne City. Sex offender failed to comply with reporting, 2nd offense. Sentenced to pay $450 in fines and costs and to 30 days in jail with credit for six days, serve 24 days.

Megan Anne Henry, 18, Cedar. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sentenced to pay $300 in fines and costs and to perform 40 hours of community service work.

Cynita Taylor, 29, Battle Creek. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay $280 in fines and costs and to 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work and six months on probation.

Peggy Sue Vroman, 46, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay $300 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Charles Buckingham, 27, Central Lake. Possession of marijuana. Sentenced to pay $500 in fines and costs and to 365 days in jail with credit for three days, serve 362 days.

Carolyn Williams, 56, Charlevoix. Non-sufficient funds. Sentenced to pay $350 for fines and costs and $550 in restitution. Also sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for one day, 179 days held in abeyance, 18 months on probation.

Robert Lamont Birdsall III, 38, Charlevoix. Attempted resisting and obstruction of a police officer, and disorderly and obscene conduct. Sentenced to pay $1,300 in fines and costs and to 180 days in jail with credit for one day, 159 days held in abeyance, 20 days of community service work and nine months on probation.

Jacob James Lewis, 30, Petoskey. Driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to pay $1,480 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days on work release, 30 days on an electronic monitor, 10 days of community service work, 72 days held in abeyance and one year on probation.

Joshua Louis Reid, 18, East Jordan. Larceny. Sentenced to pay $850 in fines and costs and to 365 days in jail with credit for 28 days, 322 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work and one year on probation.

Christopher Dale Morse, 27, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay $1,030 in fines and costs and to 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work and nine months on probation.

Michael Wayne Hart, 45, East Jordan. Malicious destruction of property. Sentenced to pay $400 in fines and costs and $190.77 in restitution and to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 87 days held in abeyance, five days of community service work and six months on probation.

Clifford Albert Sears, 38, Petoskey. Driving while operator's license suspended and motor vehicle operating without security and improper registration. Sentenced to pay $765 in fines and costs.

Matthew Allen Phillips, 21. Driving without security. Sentenced to pay $365 for fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES:

The following businesses recently filed with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office for an assumed name for doing business:

Valente's Auto Body, 29195 East Side Drive, Beaver Island, by Mark Valente.

Flattail Furs, 29195 East Side Drive, Beaver Island, by Mark Valente

ANZIO Inc., 88 Mary St., East Jordan by Dino J. Goss

Coss Painting, 1007 May St., Charlevoix by Charles Coss.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following people have recently filed for marriage licenses with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Dale Edward Foote, 25, Caledonia and Erica Jean Carey, 26, East Jordan.

Alex Ross Turnipseed, 30, Woodland Hills, CA and Danielle Marie Beckwith, 25, Woodland Hills, CA.

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Senior Health EXPO October 22

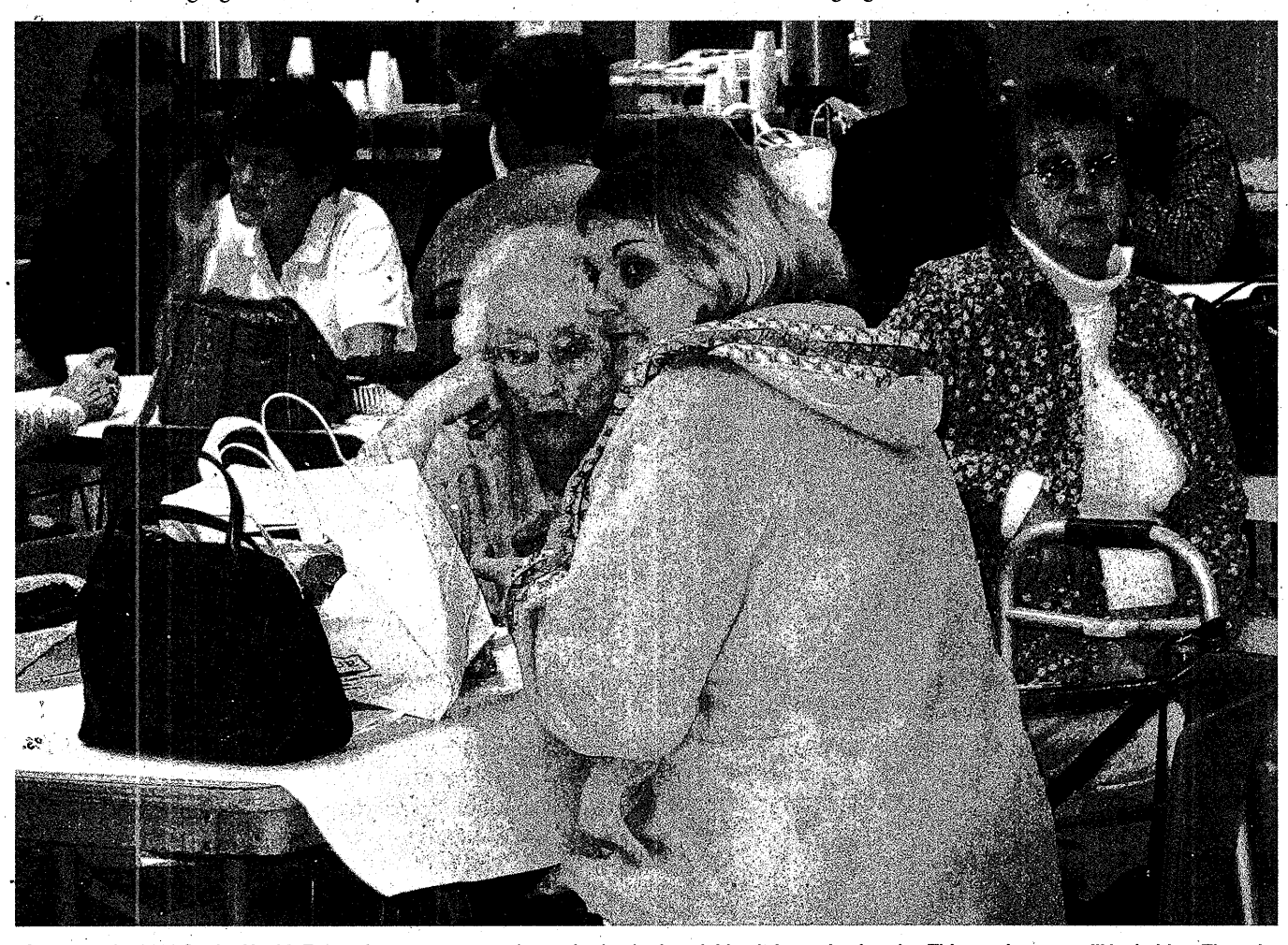
One-Stop Shop for Seniors – Information and Services

Friendship Centers of Emmet County (Council on Aging) announces the upcoming Emmet-Charlevoix Senior Health Expo, to be held on Thursday, October 22 from 9 a.m. to-1 p.m. at the Emmet County Fairgrounds Community Center. This is the fifth annual event of this kind, and is designed to promote available resources offered to the senior population in the two-county area.

Many sectors of service provision will be represented at the event: durable medical equipment, senior residential housing, education, financial/legal, in-home service providers, health/fitness/nutrition information and services, and funeral homes. Friendship Centers of Emmet County, as the Council on Aging for Emmet County, and the Charlevoix Commission on Aging will have representatives on hand to describe how their agencies serve the senior populations in their counties. The event will provide a "one-stop shop" for seniors who are seeking services or products; and for their caregivers and family members, as they seek answers for the needs of those they love.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan will offer seasonal flu shots at the Senior Health Expo. Medicare Part B will be billed for those who qualify, or there will be a $25 charge. Refreshments will be served. Admission to the event is free to all who care to attend.

For more information about the event, please contact the Council on Aging at (231) 347-3211 or (888) 347-0369.



Guests at the 2008 Senior Health Expo take a moment to relax and refresh after visiting information booths. This year's event will be held on Thursday, October 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Center, Emmet County Fairgrounds. The event features opportunities to get the seasonal flu shot. Area agencies and vendors will provide health information that benefits the area's senior population and those who care for seniors.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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BOYNE CITY

Garden Club cookbook includes 400 recipes

The Boyne Valley Garden Club has collected the best recipes from group members, family and friends and compiled them into an attractive keepsake cookbook. The cover is a copy of an original watercolor by a member of the club and the dividers are photographs of the flowers from the 13 gardens that they tend. The cookbooks sell for $15, and are available from club members and at the following Boyne City businesses: Local Flavor, Boyne Country Provisions, Cindi Franco's Cool Stuff, Boyne Avenue Greenhouse and Florist, Country Now and Then-Up the Lazy River, and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of flowers for Boyne City gardens. The cookbook contains 400 recipes and includes each contributor's name.

PETOSKEY

Holiday Wine Market

The Crooked Tree Arts Center and Esperance present the Third Annual Holiday Wine Market on Sunday, November 1, 2009 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. You will have the opportunity to taste over forty wines personally selected by Pram Acharya of Esperance. All of the proceeds from the ticket revenue dedicated to scholarships for our area youth. Tickets are $10 per person for the Holiday Wine Market. Get your tickets early, last year tickets were sold out two days prior to the event. For more information, contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center, 231-347-4337, www.crookedtree.org and Esperance, 231-237-9300, www.esperancewine.com.

BOYNE CITY

City Commission petitions available soon

Three of the five seats on the Boyne City Commission will be up for election on Nov. 3. The four-year terms of Commissioners Ron Grunch, Dan Adkison and Mayor Eleanor Stackus are up for election. Nomination petition forms will be available from the City Clerk's office at City Hall from Sept. 29 through 5pm on Oct. 14. For more information call 582-6597.

EAST JORDAN

Main St. Program

The Main Street Informational Meeting has been rescheduled for Wed., November 18, 2009, at the East Jordan Community Auditorium at 7pm. Business owners and community members are encouraged to attend.

Take a Proactive Approach to Preventing Crime

Police Department Offers Tips to Protect Yourself

As we are all aware, the past couple of years have been financially difficult for many families. History has shown that when times are tough, there tends to be an increase in crime. Fortunately our area has not seen much of this yet, but the Police Department would like to remind everyone that being proactive is the best way to protect ones self from becoming a victim of crime. We wanted to take this opportunity to remind the citizens of Boyne City of a few basic things they can do to protect themselves.

1. NEVER GIVE OUT any personal information over the phone, unless you made the call. This would include any financial information such as bank account numbers, social security numbers, date of birth, or any other identifying information. If possible shred any identifying paperwork before throwing it away, especially pre-approved credit card offers and credit card receipts.

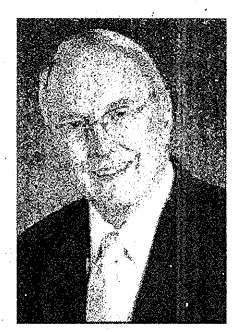
2. DO NOT carry unnecessary identifying information such as your birth certificate or Social Security card in your purse or wallet.

3. BEFORE using your debit or credit card online, make sure the company is not only legitimate, but that they have an encryption system in place before sending information over the net. If you do order items on line, it is better to use a credit card than a debit card. You do not want to give anyone access to your checking account.

4. PROTECT YOUR PIN numbers. Do not share them with anyone not on the account and do not write them on your credit card.

5. YOU SHOULD ALWAYS lock your home and car, but especially with Christmas approaching. You do not want someone else opening the Christmas presents you bought for your family on Christmas morning. Also stay alert and be watchful. If you see someone or something suspicious, please report it.

These are only a few of the steps you can take to protect yourself. If you have any questions or would like to report any incidents please contact the Police Department at 582-6611 or by calling 911 to be put in touch with a duty officer after regular business hours.



FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Dr. James Dobson

DON'T LET SMALL GRIEVANCE RUIN RELATIONSHIP WITH PARENTS

QUESTION: I have plenty of reasons to resent my parents. They've never abused me or anything like that, but they do such stupid things. My dad's work has been the only thing he cared about. My mom is a perpetual nagger. How can I respect people like that?

DR. DOBSON: Let's assume that your complaints against your parents are valid -- that they didn't do a very good job of raising you and your siblings. Nevertheless, I urge you to cut them some slack. You'll learn someday just how hard it is to be a good parent. Even those who are highly motivated to do the job right often make a mess of things.

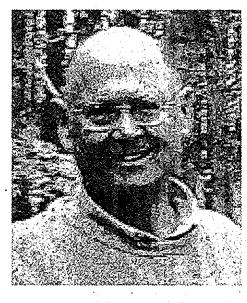
Why? Because children are infinitely complex. There is no formula that works in every case. In fact, I believe it is more difficult to raise children now than ever before. Be assured that you will not do the job perfectly, either. Someday, if you are blessed with children, one or more of them will blame you for your failures, just as you have criticized your parents.

Let me share one more suggestion with you and others who have been angry at their parents. Given the brevity of life and the temporary nature of all human relationships, can you find it within your hearts to forgive them? Maybe my own experience will be relevant to you. My mother closed her eyes for the last time on June 26, 1988. She had been so vibrant -- so important to each member of our family. I couldn't imagine life without her just a few years earlier. But time passed so quickly, and before we knew it, she had grown old and sick and incompetent. This human experience is like that. In just a brief moment, it seems, our fleeting days are gone, and as King David said, "The place thereof shall know it no more" (Psalm 103:16, kjv).

As I sat at her memorial service, I was flooded with memories and a profound sense of loss. But there was not the slightest hint of regret, remorse or guilt. There were no hurtful words I wished I could have taken back. There were no prolonged conflicts that remained unresolved between my parents and me. Why not? Was I a perfect son born to flawless parents? Of course not. But when Shirley and I had been married two years, I remember saying to her, "Our parents will not always be with us. I see now the incredible brevity of life that will someday take them from us. We must keep that in mind as we live out our daily lives. I want to respond to both sets of parents in such a way that we will have no regrets after they are gone."

Again, to those of you who are in need of this advice, I urge you not to throw away these good, healthy times. Your parents will not always be there for you. Please think about what I have written and be careful not to create bitter memories that will hang above you when the record is in the books. No conflict is worth letting that happen.

What should we do if the kids refuse to obey the family rules? Part 2



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Healthy parenting of children begins as a dictatorship and ends as a democracy. Parents make all the decisions for newborns. However, as children grow, they need to be allowed to make decisions commensurate with their ability to take responsibility so that by the time they are ready to leave the home they are making most of their own decisions and are ready for independent living.

Children will learn that there are natural and logical consequences for everything they do in life. When they make good choices, good things happen. When they make bad choices, bad things happen.

When children choose to obey the family rules, they are rewarded. When children choose to disobey the family rules they are disciplined. An important paradigm that children need to understand is that "When they choose to be disobedient, then they choose to suffer the consequences". The key is that the consequence they receive is not punishment from their parents but the result of their own poor choice.

Next week: "What are some effective consequences for disobedient children?"

Contact me if you would like an assessment of possible issues with relationships within your family.

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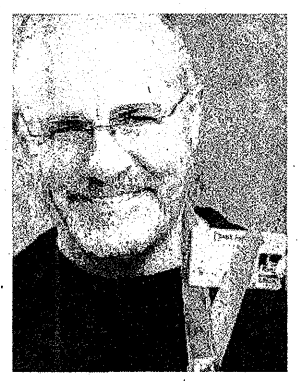
DAVE Says

(Collecting receivables)

Dear Dave,

My dad died earlier this year, and as a result my mom and I inherited his auto parts business. He had a lot of accounts receivable piled up, and we need to collect these to keep the business going. We live in a small town, where everyone knows each other. What's the best way to handle this?

Susan



Dave Ramsey

Dear Susan,

I'm so sorry for your loss. It's never easy when a parent or spouse passes away. I'm glad that you and your mom are working together, though. Hopefully, it has helped you two make it through this rough time.

I would make a list of the accounts, and go visit them all personally. Just have a polite, sit-down conversation, where you explain your situation, and ask for their help in getting things current. See if they can take care of the bill today. If not, ask in a nice way if they can pay some of it today, and try to find out when they can pay the remainder.

Make sure you don't hire an outside person to handle this situation. You and your mom can work the phones and pound the pavement. Most of these accounts are probably local folks, and there's a good chance some friends and neighbors are in the bunch. You don't want to be confrontational or unkind, because you will need these people if the business is going to survive.

At the same time, you need to stop running so many accounts receivable going forward. It's a real pain having those things hanging over your head, and at some point it will become tough just to make a living. Otherwise, if you can't clear this up and get the business running on a cash basis, you may have to close up shop!

- Dave

(Pay extra on debt with separate check?)

Dear Dave,

When paying extra on a car note or mortgage payment is it a good idea to write a separate check?

Scotty

Dear Scotty,

Absolutely! You can include the extra check in a separate envelope with the regular payment, but make sure you write "principle only" in big, bold letters on the envelope and on the check. Also, include the account number in the notation line at the bottom of the check.

Some companies use payment booklets that have a box specifically for entering any amount you want applied directly to the principle. This method is okay, too. Just make sure you keep a good, solid record of the monthly and overall amount you've designated to be applied only to the principle.

Trust me, follow these guidelines and you'll be much less likely to run into a sticky situation because some bozo threw the check into an escrow account or chalked it up as a pre-paid payment!

- Dave

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Six Candidates Vie for Three East Jordan Seats

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budget, taxes, the water bills and the need to listen to the people, she said. Of special concern to Rogers are the taxes, the water bills and the "huge amount of debt the city now carries," she said.

Rogers would like to see businesses and citizen's work together to create new ideas to bring jobs and families back to the city.

She believes her skills will help the city and its citizens. She would bring the ability to listen and to plan implementation of ideas and goals for the city.

Rogers is a retired law enforcement officer. She worked for the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department for about 10 years and previously for the Adams County Sheriff's Department for about five years. She has lived in East Jordan for a total of 19 years. Her education includes several criminal justice courses, EMT training and CPR instructor training.

Rogers has volunteered as president of the Child Abuse Prevention organization, as a teen group leader and as a volunteer at Mom's & Tots in Ellsworth. In addition, she practiced as a Eucharist minister and a president of the St. Anne's Guild. She has four children.

"I think honesty is number one in importance when serving on the commission," she said. "I have good people skills, I'm a good listener and I do have good planning ideas. I think with good people all working together and sharing each other's skills and good common sense, we can get the job done. I hope they (the voters) vote for change and I would love to have the chance to make that change come to our city," Rogers said.

RUSSELL PECK

Candidate Russell Peck, 53, would draw upon his more than 11 years as the mayor of East Jordan for experience in serving on the city commission. His terms were mostly in the 1990s.

"I'm running for city commissioner because a lot of people asked me to and I feel that some of my experience will help to bring some cohesiveness back to the commission," Peck said. "It seems as though the commission hasn't been able to work together in the last couple of years."

Peck believes that one of the most important issues for the city is that the commissioners work together as a commission, saying other city business cannot be accomplished until commissioners are working together.

"It seems that some of them have their own agenda," Peck said. "In talking with some people in the community, they don't think the commission listens and I could certainly work to bring that back."

Peck also believes that there is a lack of cohesiveness among the city departments and thinks the commission should continue to closely supervise city administration to ensure that the jobs are performed properly.

"I have nothing but praise for each of the departments in serving the public," Peck said. "Their main concern is to take care of the people and keep the departments running smoothly."

A commissioner's responsibility is to listen to the people, that's number one," he said. "And to keep an eye on the budget; make sure the city runs properly and to practice public relations in the city and the community."

Peck said he would bring his skills in communication to the commission and his experience in a smooth-running government.

"We had bumps in the road, but things got accomplished. East Jordan is a community that will survive. It has good people in the community and I like to work with the citizens."

Peck works at Grandvue Medical Care Facility as an activities aide and also is a certified nursing assistant and is certified as a dementia practitioner. Peck said he enjoys his involvement with a nationwide laughter program and its positive effect on people.

"Laughter can really heal the world if we let it, but we're too busy being stressed and depressed," he said. He related a happy statistic: that every 14 minutes of laughter burns up 40 calories. Peck volunteers his time to the laughter program and brings it to groups, individuals and Alzheimer's associations.

Peck who shares a home with his nephew, Ted, is a lifelong resident of East Jordan. He said he hopes to be a part of positive change in the city.

"I want to bring back the feeling that the citizens can talk to me and the commission and they will be heard," Peck said. "It's time for a change in East Jordan city government and I would like the voters to choose me because I know we can move forward."

Future issues: Boyne City commission candidates and city of Charlevoix candidates.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

by AREA STUDENTS *for* AREA STUDENTS

Special reporting on area youth news from students at Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan, & Ellsworth High Schools.

BOYNE CITY HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

ERICA MOOSE

PARENTS:
Cherryl & Bruce Moose

GRADE: 11th

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:
Volleyball and Softball

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:
Volleyball, Swimming, and Hanging out with friends

FUTURE PLANS:
I plan to go to Ferris to study pharmacy

STAFF COMMENT:

"Erica is doing a great job in PALS!!! She is a motivated young woman who genuinely cares about people around her!"
(Michele Deming, Social Studies teacher)

"Erica has recently joined the PAL class and I can already tell she will make an excellent PAL. She genuinely cares for others, is a great listener, has a great smile – and uses it almost full time."
(Jack Petroelje, Vice Principal)

"A great start in Algebra II – An 'A' in the first three weeks!!"
(Pam McDowell, Math Teacher)

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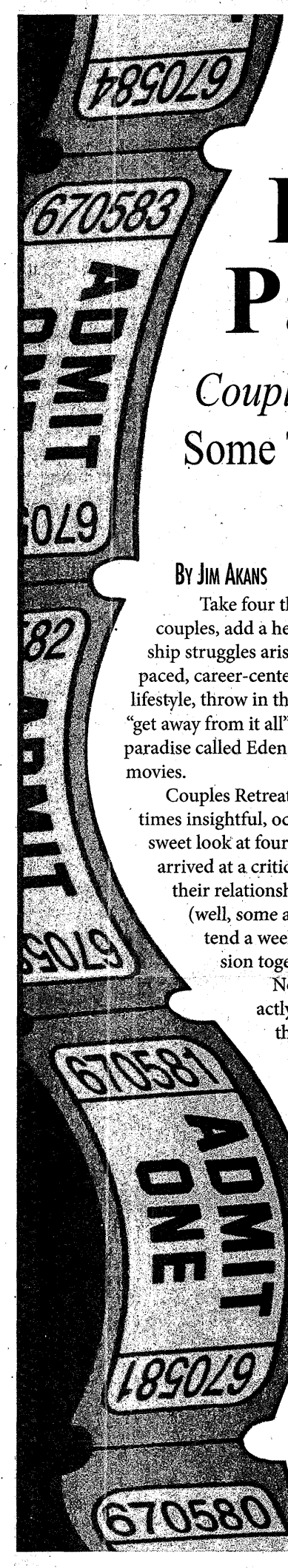


MOVIE REVIEW

Troubled Pairings in Paradise

Couples Retreat Unleashes Some Tropical Turbulence

By Jim Akans

Take four thirty-something couples, add a hefty dose of relationship struggles arising from a fast-paced, career-centered 21st century lifestyle, throw in the opportunity to "get away from it all" in a tropical island paradise called Eden, and we're off to the movies.

Couples Retreat is a funny, sometimes insightful, occasionally bittersweet look at four couples who have arrived at a critical turning point in their relationships, and decide (well, some are coerced) to attend a week long therapy session together in the tropics.

Now that doesn't exactly sound like fun, but the Fantasy Island meets Jurassic Park vibe of Eden's gorgeous setting and interplay between the offbeat therapy staff and the four couples create a string of island-style antics that had the audience at the showing I attended regularly laughing out loud.

While Vince Vaughn and Jason Bateman are the film's highest profile stars, the entire cast does a wonderful job of straddling their emotions between comedy and drama…elements that typically serve as the building blocks of modern relationships. This isn't a "deep relationship" movie, but kernels of truth do shine through.

Couples Retreat is directed by Peter Billingsley, probably most famous for his role as Ralphie the BB gun obsessed adolescent in the 1983 classic A Christmas Story. I enjoyed his "leave some of the dust on" approach here. Watching Vince Vaughn (as Dave) drive his kids around in a dirty mini-van in the opening minutes of this movie was a refreshing change from the spic and span world most Hollywood directors strive for.

It's not all dusty; the tropical scenery in Couples Retreat is absolutely stunning (one of the character notes upon arrival that it looks like a screen saver). I'm guessing Bora-Bora, Tahiti and French Polynesia, where many of the outdoor locations were filmed, may get a slight boost in vacation bookings after weary winter warrior's check out this movie in high definition.

The Motion Picture Association of America has given Couples Retreat a PG-13 rating, which seems on the mark as there are some sexually suggestive scenes (including a hilarious yoga session), and some strong language.

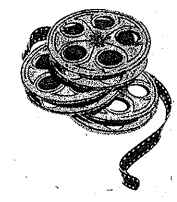
But this movie isn't really aimed at the 13 and under crowd. As the title states, it's about couples, and the tangled webs we consciously, and unconsciously weave as our relationships mature. The nice thing about Couples Retreat is that it is fun to sit back and watch as others attempt to untangle those webs in a gorgeous, tropical setting.

EXIT COMMENTS;

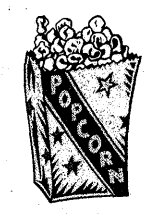
"Really cute, we laughed out loud," Cathy & Nick - Gaylord
"Very refreshing and harmless," Candi - Gaylord
"I didn't like it…wasn't that good," Sandy - Grayling
"Reminded me of real life," Tina – Rachel – Carthage, TX
"I want to find that resort," Jim - Gaylord

EXIT POLL WHICH DID YOU PREFER?

Movie; 80%



Popcorn; 20%



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Gaylord Cinema West

The Stepfather – PG13
Starring: Penn Badgley, Amber Heard
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00
THURS-FRI 7:00, 9:00
MON-TUE-WED 7:00

Couples Retreat – PG13
Starring: Vince Vaughn, Jon Favreau
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Where The Wild Things Are – PG
Starring: Catherine Keener, Mark Ruffalo
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00
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Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs – PG
Starring: Bill Hader, Anna Faris
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Zombieland– R
Starring: Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00
THURS-FRI 7:00, 9:00
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Fame – PG
Starring: Thomas Dekkler, Kristy Flores
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Kingston Theatre,

Zombieland– R
Starring: Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg
FRI-MON-TUES-WED-THURS 7:00, 9:00
SAT-SUN 1:00, 3:00, 7:00, 9:00

Love Happens - PG13
Starring: Jennifer Aniston, Aaron Eckhart
FRI-MON-TUES-WED-THURS 7:00, 9:15
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The Stepfather – PG13
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Petoskey Cinema,

Capitalism:A Love Story– R
Starring: Michael Moore
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MON-TUES-WED 7:00, 9:15
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Couples Retreat – PG13
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Law abiding Citizen- R
Starring: Jamie Foxx, Gerard Butler
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Bellaire Theatre

Couples Retreat – PG13
Starring: Vince Vaughn, Jon Favreau
7:00 Nightly

Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs – PG
Starring: Bill Hader, Anna Faris
7:00 Nightly

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Local News

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Gabby Snyder submitted the winning name to the new playgroud, "Get Out and Playground" She was presented with a plaque at last week's City Commission meeting.

East Jordan Playground Named

A playground committee was formed in the fall of 2008 that consisted of members of the Lions & Lioness Clubs and Tom Cannon, East Jordan Parks Director. The playground was built in an unused section of the Tourist Park. The area was chosen because of its location near the basketball, tennis courts and baseball fields of the Murphy Park recreation area. It is also the only playground located on the west part of town.

The committee raised over $54,000 in the first year.

Fundraising began in the winter of 2009 with a "penny drive" at the East Jordan Elementary School that raised over $2,000! Letters were sent out to local businesses as well as parents of the community about our project and how everyone could help. A list of all donors will be placed on a sign at the playground next spring. Fundraising efforts continued into the summer with events at the Freedom Festival as well as grants from Great Lakes Energy as well as the Charlevoix County Community Foundation who generously gave $16,000. Lowe's in Petoskey was also very generous with building supplies and volunteers.

A contest to name the playground took place at the elementary school with Gabby Snyder winning. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony next spring where Gabby will also be on hand.

A second phase of the playground is being planned for next spring that will include a structure suitable for 2-5 year old children. There is also a climbing rock being planned that will complete the project.

The playground was built with 100% volunteers. All funding for the project has been done without any City finances being used.

Peace and Civil Rights Leader to Speak in Charlevoix

Bishop Gumbleton of Detroit, a leading voice for peace, justice and civil rights will be speaking Tuesday, October 20th at 7:30 PM at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church located at 104 State Street. He is one of the authors of the 1983 Pastoral Letter " The Challenge of Peace", and a founding member of Pax Christi and Bread for the World, and will be speaking on present conditions in Haiti and Iraq.

Bishop Gumbleton of Detroit

Bishop Gumbleton has traveled throughout the world calling for the end to the war and the abolition of nuclear weapons. His travels have taken him to Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Vietnam, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Palestine, Columbia, Haiti, and Peru, where he has personally heard thousands of stories from the victims of injustice. He has spoken out in support of victims of sexual abuse and advocated for full participation of women in church leadership.

He has been honored with many awards as a bridge builder. Three of these being The Arab-American and Chaldean Council and the Palestine Aid Society and the Jewish National Fund. Additionally he has countless national and international speaking engagements as well as being in demand as an expert witness in trials involving conscientious objectors.

There will be no charge, however donations will be gratefully accepted. A reception honoring Bishop Gumbleton follows in the Fellowship Hall.

Girls on the Run Begins in Boyne

Girls on the Run, a national organization for 3rd through 5th grade girls, enters its fall season at Boyne City Elementary School.

"It's about teamwork, having fun and meeting new people. I've learned about friendship and encouraging others," said fourth grader, Aurora Seelye, a second year participant.

The goal of Girls on the Run, which was founded by Molly Barker in Charlotte, North Carolina in 1996, is to encourage positive emotional, social, mental and physical development. Through self-esteem enhancing workouts, these girls will spend the next ten weeks training to complete a 5K (3.1 miles) race. It is currently offered in over 150 cities across North America.

"This great program was available for girls in Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Charlevoix for the past few years. There was an opportunity to bring it to Boyne City Elementary School last spring with 14 girls willing to give it a try. These girls enjoyed it so much, we brought it back for a fall season," said Coach Kristin Bates.

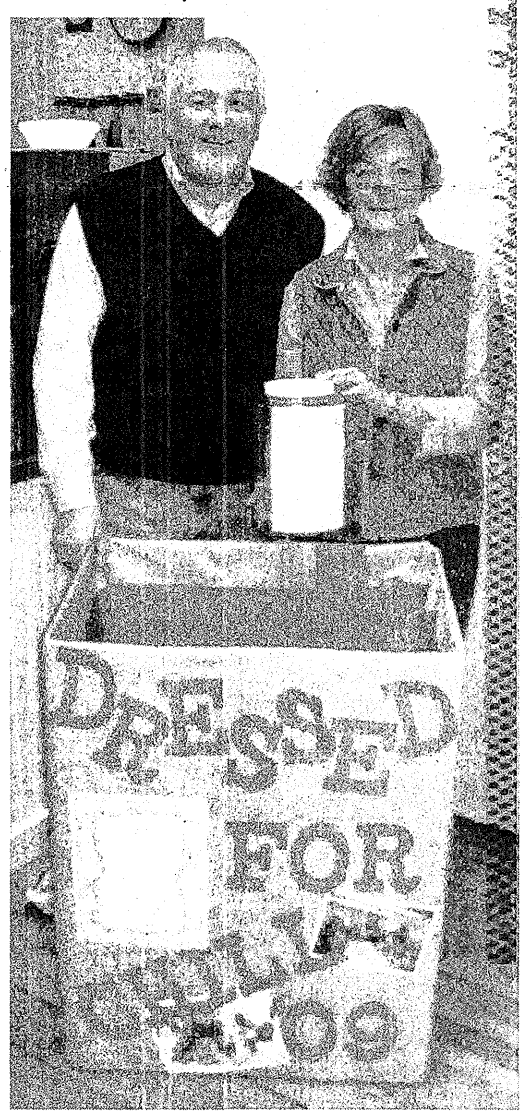
The program meets twice a week after school and will conclude with a 5K race and picnic in mid November. For the race, each girl will have a sponsor running alongside her. These sponsors range from parents to neighbors to older siblings and include several schoolteachers.

"Last season, all fourteen girls completed the Bay Harbor 5K. The weather conditions were absolutely horrible, which shows you what is possible with enough encouragement and support," said Bates.

There are 9 returning runners, with 14 new students joining the team. This fall's volunteers are: Coach Robin Brzezinski and Assistant Coaches Lisa Kruzel and Michelle Seelye. In addition to training, Girls on the Run participants must complete a community service project.

"Girls on the Run has been a huge success here at Boyne City schools," said Sue Hoffman, Social Worker, "Watching our girls grow in self-esteem and self-confidence from participating in the program has been amazing!"

Watch for the Girls downtown during Boyne City Harvest Festival. They are having a bake sale to help with the cost of the program.



Local Flavor Staff Donates Tips to Benefit Coat Drive

There are currently 75 names and still have a few weeks before handing out new coats and winter clothing to area residents in need. During the month of October, Co-Managers of Local Flavor Bookstore and Internet Cafe, Chris Bandy (L) and Vicky Wolvin (R) are donating their tips to the Dressed For Chill '09 Coat drive. Local Flavor is located at 125 Water Street in Boyne City.

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, OCT. 13, 2009

Citizens give opinions on revenue

By B. J. Conley-Hetler

BOYNE CITY — The renewal of the city's Downtown Development Authority, also known as the Main Street Program, was discussed at length at the city commission meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13, but no decision was made.

Many comments were made by residents and business members with nearly everyone who spoke indicating that the DDA/Main Street Program is well run and successful in improving the city's downtown. The 30-year time period requested by the program to collect the tax revenue and concern for other city needs were more the issue.

Resident Tom Burke said he was in favor of the DDA/Main Street renewal, but that he didn't favor a decision to "hand money carte blanche" to the program for 30 years. The time period for the DDA/Main Street was 15 years, but the program asks for 30 years in its renewal request.

"I don't want you to think we're complaining about the job the DDA has done," resident Connie Smith told commissioners. "I voted for the millage for the library, and I voted for the millage for the senior center. Nowhere did it say one-quarter of this millage would go to the DDA. We're getting it from the feds, we're getting it from the state, we can't get it from the city too."

A citizen said he would like funds for the community center that a committee of residents would like to provide to the youth and other members of the community.

Resident Jodie Adams spoke in favor of approval of the DDA/Main Street request.

"The investment we've made downtown has benefitted the entire community, not just downtown. Consider the plan and pass it as presented," she said.

City commissioners decided to postpone a decision on the renewal to allow time to gather and review financial information.

LOCAL NEWS

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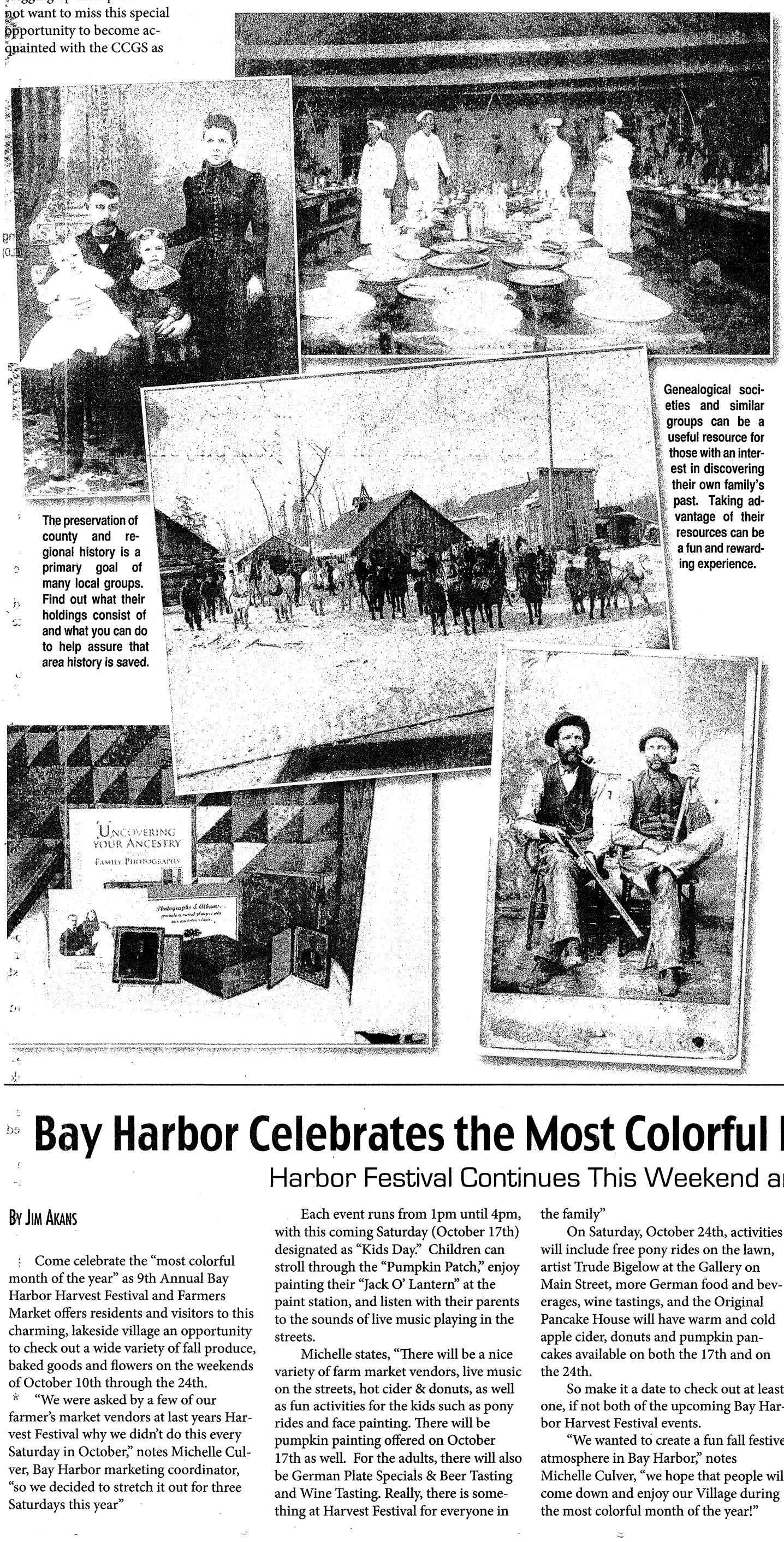
Local, Regional and Family History Groups To Be Highlighted at Open House

October is "Family History Month," and in conjunction with this statewide celebration, The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society (CCGS) will again host their annual "Research & Resources" Open House. This FREE event will be held on Saturday, October 24th, 2009 from 11:00 AM -3:00 PM in the lower level meeting room at the Boyne District Library, 201 E. Main Street, Boyne City. Those with an interest in "digging up their pasts" will not want to miss this special opportunity to become acquainted with the CCGS as well as other area groups, organizations and businesses who focus on family, local and regional history.

In a prepared press release, CCGS President, Patrick McCleary discussed the theme of this year's event. "In the past, our group has used this time to showcase our own activities and to introduce the general public to genealogy, family history and the connections between the two with both local and regional history. At this year's event however, we hope to not only share material on our group, but also introduce participants to the many area organizations, groups and businesses who can further assist them in their research endeavors."

A format such as this one offers everyone the unique opportunity to meet the members and leaders of these groups. Gathering these folks together at a single function also allows participants to see for themselves what these organizations have to offer, take away this information and then use it to their advantage to expand on their own search for family and past.

Participating groups are: Charlevoix County Genealogical Society, Charlevoix County History Preservation Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Emmet County Genealogical Society, Grand Traverse Area Genealogical Society, Karen Walker Photography, LDS Family History Center, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Civil War Round Table



The preservation of county and regional history is a primary goal of many local groups. Find out what their holdings consist of and what you can do to help assure that area history is saved.

Genealogical societies and similar groups can be a useful resource for those with an interest in discovering their own family's past. Taking advantage of their resources can be a fun and rewarding experience.

DAR TO OFFER PHOTO IMAGING OF BIBLE RECORDS

The Daughters of the American Revolution, who plan to take part in this event, are asking that anyone owning an early Bible or other family record (listing births, marriages and/or deaths, etc), to please come forward and bring them on this day. During the open house, they will photograph these pages of family information, record the source information and contributor's name, and see that this vital information is preserved in the DAR Archives in Washington, DC. The original documents will never leave the owner's sight and will allow these photographed images to be preserved for generations to come. "I hope that those reading this article, and who find themselves in possession of such items, will take an hour or two and make the effort to see that these one-of-a-kind resources are preserved and not lost to the passage of time," McCleary commented. He will be bringing the family Bible of an early great grandfather, which documents the family with dates from 1804-1941. To his knowledge, it has never been preserved in any other way and "sadly, I have no way of guaranteeing that it will be once I am no longer here to care for it myself. This way I know the information will not be lost forever," he added.

Another highlight of the day will be an array of examples and ideas for digitizing, restoring and preserving family photographs and vintage images, presented by Karen Walker of Karen Walker Photography in East Jordan. Walker's award-winning ability to restore and use vintage images in a creative manner have set her apart as an area expert on the subject. Those attending are encouraged to bring in their heirloom images and discuss the many options that exist to get them out of the attic and on display where they can be enjoyed and preserved to be passed on to future generations.

Hors d'ouvers and refreshments will be served. Register to win the many door prizes, which will be given away throughout the event. In addition to seasonal and genealogical items, other door prizes will including an 1837 map of Michigan, a $50.00 gift certificate redeemable for any product or service at Karen Walker Photography, as well as a framable, parchment print of early 19th century scenes of Charlevoix County! Those interested in joining some of these organizations may also receive a discount on their annual membership dues, if joining on this day. Fun and interesting "freebies," useful forms and local publications will be available at no charge, as well as many local and area history publications available for sale.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Don't miss this opportunity to meet others who share your interest in genealogy and family history and also to see for yourself how many organizations and businesses are available to assist you in your endeavors. For further information, please contact Patrick at 231-348-8255 or JoAnn at 231-582-9602.

Bay Harbor Celebrates the Most Colorful Month of the Year

Harbor Festival Continues This Weekend and Next

By Jim Akans

Come celebrate the "most colorful month of the year" as 9th Annual Bay Harbor Harvest Festival and Farmers Market offers residents and visitors to this charming, lakeside village an opportunity to check out a wide variety of fall produce, baked goods and flowers on the weekends of October 10th through the 24th.

"We were asked by a few of our farmer's market vendors at last years Harvest Festival why we didn't do this every Saturday in October," notes Michelle Culver, Bay Harbor marketing coordinator, "so we decided to stretch it out for three Saturdays this year"

Each event runs from 1pm until 4pm, with this coming Saturday (October 17th) designated as "Kids Day." Children can stroll through the "Pumpkin Patch," enjoy painting their "Jack O' Lantern" at the paint station, and listen with their parents to the sounds of live music playing in the streets.

Michelle states, "There will be a nice variety of farm market vendors, live music on the streets, hot cider & donuts, as well as fun activities for the kids such as pony rides and face painting. There will be pumpkin painting offered on October 17th as well. For the adults, there will also be German Plate Specials & Beer Tasting and Wine Tasting. Really, there is something at Harvest Festival for everyone in the family"

On Saturday, October 24th, activities will include free pony rides on the lawn, artist Trude Bigelow at the Gallery on Main Street, more German food and beverages, wine tastings, and the Original Pancake House will have warm and cold apple cider, donuts and pumpkin pancakes available on both the 17th and on the 24th.

So make it a date to check out at least one, if not both of the upcoming Bay Harbor Harvest Festival events.

"We wanted to create a fun fall festive atmosphere in Bay Harbor," notes Michelle Culver, "we hope that people will come down and enjoy our Village during the most colorful month of the year!"

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HOMECOMINGS

EAST JORDAN ROYALTY

The East Jordan 2009 Homecoming King and Queen were announced during halftime of Saturday's rainy, windy game with Boyne City. Sara Robinson was chosen as queen and Brandon Ibarra as king. (PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES)

RAYDER ROYALTY

The 2009 King and Queen were announced at halftime of Friday's game: Sarah Potter and Ryan Herzog. (PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES)

RIGHT: Boyne City QB Nick Young (10) prepares to hand the ball off to fullback Brandon Darrah (44) in the first quarter of Saturday's homecoming game in East Jordan. (PHOTO BY STACY FIELD)

BOYNE CITY 42, EAST JORDAN 0

Ramblers rumble in second half

Boyne City now one win away from playoffs; East Jordan seeks first win this Saturday at Harbor Springs

By Mike Dunn

EAST JORDAN – In the first half, it was anybody's game. In the second half, Boyne City used its grinding ground game to get control. When the final zeroes ticked off the clock, the Ramblers owned a 42-0 victory and stood one win away from the playoffs with a 5-2 overall record and a 4-1 log in the Lake Michigan Conference. East Jordan (0-7, 0-5) remained winless.

East Jordan played inspired football for the first two quarters of Saturday's Homecoming game and gave the visiting Ramblers a stiff challenge. Playing in windy, wet conditions better suited to the cable TV show "Deadliest Catch" than to the gridiron, the Red Devils nevertheless gave the Homecoming crowd lots to cheer about in the early stages, moving the ball efficiently on the ground and twice visiting Boyne City's red zone.

Unfortunately for East Jordan, each visit to the red zone ended with the ball being turned over on downs. On the first drive, a time-consuming march featuring the powerful running of the Man Plow, fullback Mike Mumich, on trap plays up the middle and senior quarterback Teddy Snowden breaking free for runs of 11 and 23 yards, the Red Devils faced fourth-and-4 from the 19-yard line. Snowden kept the ball and was stopped inches short of the first down mark by Boyne City's Dalton Looze and Dylan Percy.

On the second drive, Mumich found a seam up the gut behind the blocks of center Eric DeHaan and guards Michael Becker and Tanner Olstrom and rumbled 37 yards to bring the ball to the Rambler 26-yard line. That drive fizzled when a fourth-down pass fell incomplete.

"We expected a battle over here," said Boyne City coach Don Nohel after the game. "East Jordan was coming off their best game of the season at Elk Rapids and we knew they would be up to play us for their Homecoming. What helped is that we were able to make some plays defensively to keep them out of the end zone in the first half and go into halftime with the lead."

East Jordan coach Bill Tisron liked his team's effort early-on but was disappointed that his team wasn't able to sustain the same kind of play through four quarters.

"We played hard and looked good on both sides of the ball in the first half," Tisron said. "In the second half, we started with the on-side kick and recovered it but we didn't capitalize on that momentum. We got caught for negative yardage on our first two plays and we never regained our offensive rhythm after that."

Boyne City, which led 14-0 at halftime, made a defensive adjustment and took away the fullback trap that had been so effective in the first half. As a result, the Red Devils were only able to muster a few first downs in the second half as the Ramblers added to their lead.

With the wind and rain making it difficult for quar-

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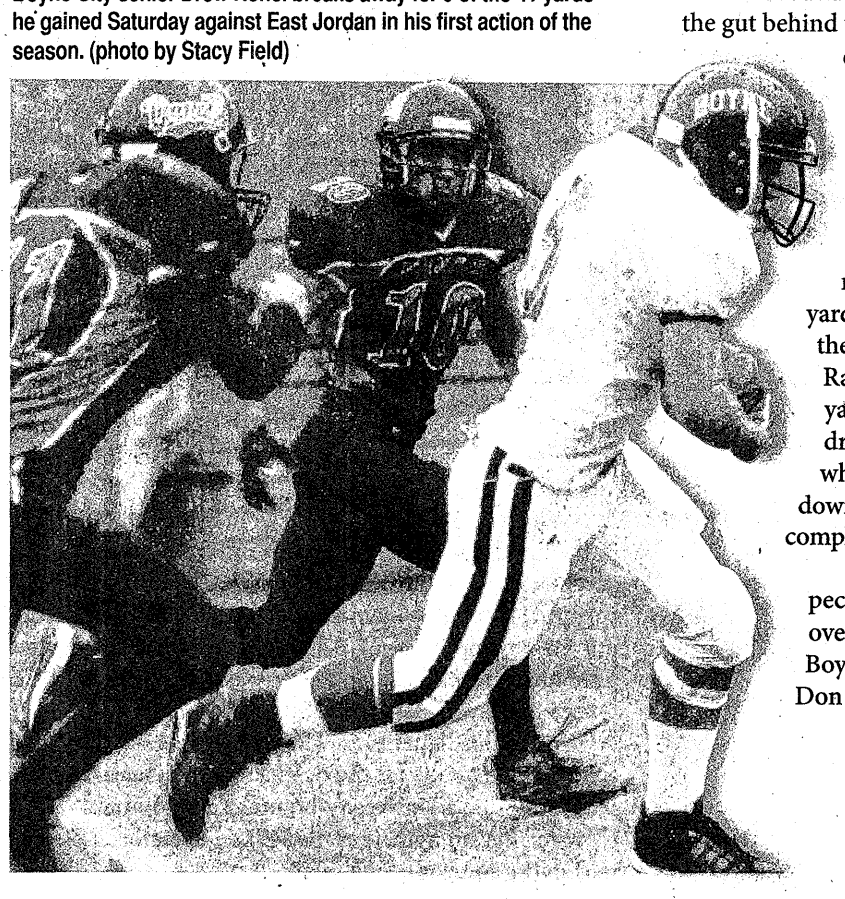
Boyne City senior Drew Nohel breaks away for 9 of the 41 yards he gained Saturday against East Jordan in his first action of the season. (photo by Stacy Field)



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Wild game dinner upcoming

GAYLORD – The Gaylord Evangelical Free Church will host its annual wild game dinner on Thursday, Nov. 5, at 6 p.m. This year's menu includes elk, moose, caribou and quail, among other meats.

The guest speaker is singer/songwriter Steve Chapman, a popular artist and speaker who is a lifelong hunter and a hunting author.

Among the prizes this year is a rifle, a shotgun, a free mount, a fishing package, an archery package and more. Tickets are $25 each or $200 for a table of eight. Tickets can be secured at Jay's Sporting Goods of Gaylord or Johnson Oil.

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GRIDIRON AT A GLANCE

WEEK 7 RESULTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9
Charlevoix 23, Elk Rapids 8
Central Lake 23, Bellaire 6

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
Boyne City 42, East Jordan 0

WEEK 8 GAMES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16
Elk Rapids (5-2, 3-2) at Boyne City (5-2, 4-1), 7 p.m.*
Charlevoix (4-3, 1-3) at Kalkaska (3-4, 1-4), 7 p.m.*
Pellston (1-6, 1-5) at Central Lake (4-3, 3-3), 7 p.m.*
* League game

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By the Numbers ...

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Goals scored by Charlevoix forward Thomas Rich with an assist in Thursday's 8-2 victory over Kalkaska clinching at least a share of the Lake Michigan Conference title

8

Kills recorded by East Jordan feisty freshman Slammer, outside hitter Stevie Bartig, in the Red Devils' triumph Thursday over Harbor Springs

12

Tackles recorded by Charlevoix linebacker Michael Berry in Friday's tense homecoming victory against Elk Rapids

41

Digs recorded by Ellsworth's Jalyn Ingalls in Thursday's come-from-behind five-game triumph over perennial LMC volleyball power Harbor Light Christian

41

Yards gained by Boyne City senior halfback Drew Nohel with a touchdown on Saturday at East Jordan in Drew's first action of the season after being sidelined by a knee injury

EJ VOLLEYBALL

Red Devils battle Rams

EJ wins first game but Harbor Springs rallies for four-game victory

By Mike Dunn

EAST JORDAN – The Red Devils battled hard against visiting Lake Michigan Conference rival Harbor Springs on Thursday. Battling hard wasn't quite enough, though. After winning the first game in dramatic fashion, 27-25, the Red Devils could not hold off a Rams' comeback in the next three games.

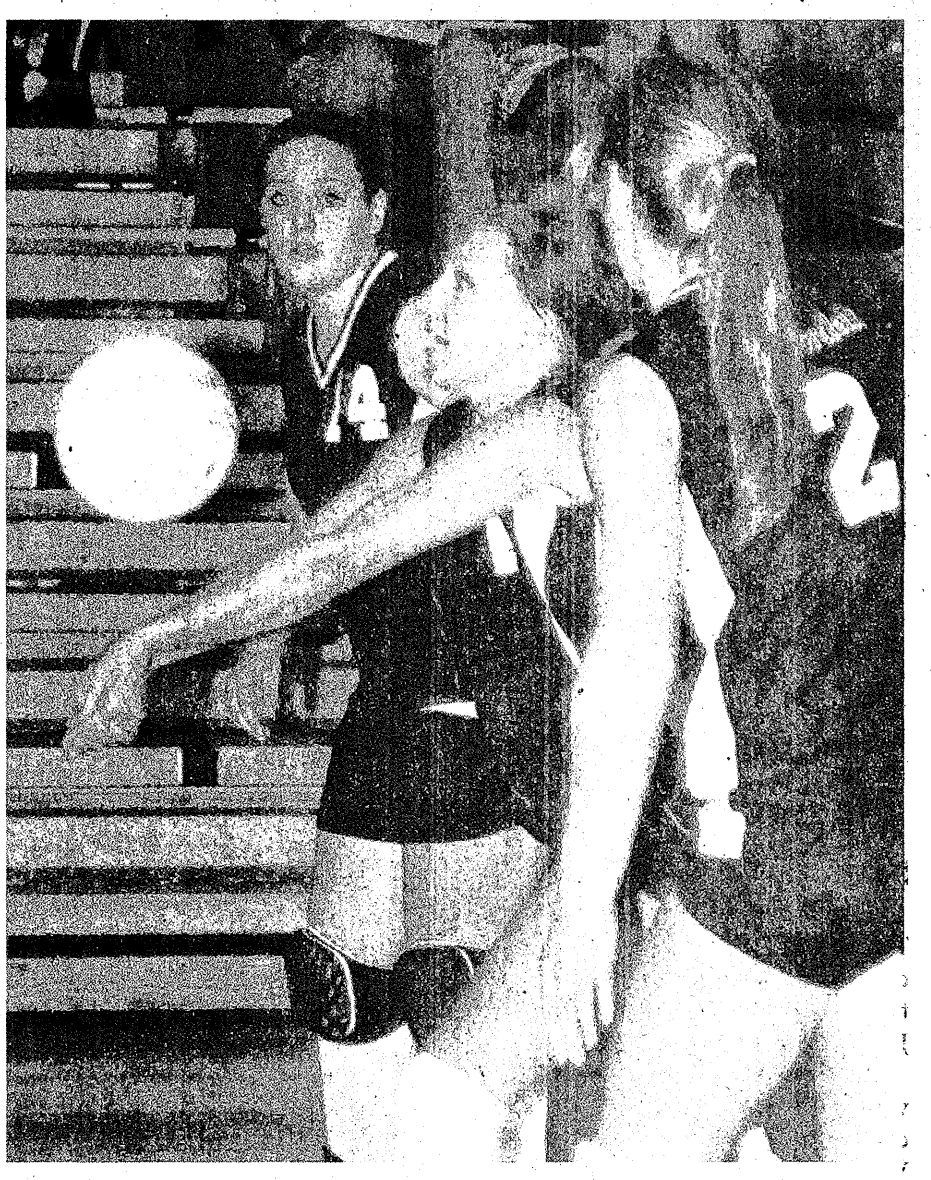
The Rams improved to 12-10-3 overall and 5-3 in the league while East Jordan slipped to 7-24.

Outside hitters Shaina Peters and Steph Holm had standout matches for the Red Devils, delivering several sizzling spikes. Peters recorded 11 kills and Holm had 10. Peters, always in the thick of the action up front, also collected seven blocks in the match with 10 digs. Holm had two blocks and six digs.

Haley Kloss had a big day for the Rams, smacking 29 kills with 23 digs.

In the JV match, Harbor Springs won 25-13, 25-18, 15-6. Libero Courtney Leftwich was all over the floor, making 10 digs for East Jordan. Grace Howes was a howitzer at the service stripe and Heather Bellant was a bazooka. Howes had four aces and Bellant had five. Howes also notched five kills with 12 digs.

The East Jordan freshmen won again, beating the Rams 25-21, 13-25, 25-18. Angie Watkins walloped the ball with authority for coach Jessica Crick, amassing five aces with three kills. Stevie Bartig was also a BIG force at the serving line, launching eight aces and Crystal Clavier recorded three aces. Miranda Snyder was sterling on defense.



East Jordan's Hannah Streufert, center, shows fine form as she successfully keeps a volley alive during Thursday's home match against Harbor Springs. (PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES)

EJ eighth-graders win again

EAST JORDAN – The East Jordan eighth-grade vollebyall team continued its winning ways on Wednesday of last week, securing a tense three-game triumph over familiar Lake Michigan Conference rival Charlevoix.

Setter Rainy McCune established the thunder up front with her timely deliveries in the match. Coach Gregg Swanson also noted the sweet serving of jackhammer Nicole Jackman and precision passing of Lindsey Graham.

The seventh-graders lost a tough one to the Rayders, though Kate Spence was strong at the service stripe.

BOYNE FALLS CROSS COUNTRY

The Boyne Falls girls cross country team won the Class D Division of the annual Elks Cross Country Invitational at Sault Ste. Marie on Saturday. Team members include, front row from left: Janelle Roberts, Kathryn Miller, Kaylee Wilson and Erica Westbrook; back row: Katie Fraser, Alli Bearss and Savanna Matelski. (COURTESY PHOTO)

BOYNE FALLS GIRLS CAPTURE ELKS' TITLE

Logger harriers take part in annual Elks Invitational at Sault Ste. Marie

By Mike Dunn

SAULT STE. MARIE – An eventful season for the Boyne Falls cross country teams got even better on Saturday in the annual Elks Invitational Meet at Sault Ste. Marie. The Boyns Falls girls, paced by the determined top-10 finish of feisty freshmen Kaylee Wilson and Erica Westbrook and the top-25 finish of the team's first four runners, captured the Class D Division in the girls' race.

Wilson, a state qualifier as an eighth-grader a year ago, and Westbrook form a potent 1-2 punch for the Loggers. Wilson claimed fourth place overall in a mercurial time of 19:43 while Westbrook came in seventh overall with a fine effort in a time of 20:21.

Janelle Roberts (21:55) and Kathryn Miller (21:56) also earned medals with their performance, coming in 24th and 25th, respectively. Ali Bearss (24:20) rounded out the top five for Boyne Falls, assuring the Loggers of the "D" title with her 45th-place time.

The Boyne Falls boys also fared well, coming in seventh in the team standings and third among Class D schools.

Zach Hausler earned a medal for the Logger boys with his top-25 finish, crossing the finish line in 18:24 to come in 20th overall. Steven Hart secured 32nd place overall with his time of 19:32 with Forrest Williams taking 35th place in 19:42. Travis Lange (19:55, 40th) and Brendon Matelski (21:35, 56th) rounded out the Loggers' top five.

CHARLEVOIX 23, ELK RAPIDS 8

Rayders keep playoff hopes alive

Homecoming victory over Elks may pave way to Rayders' fourth playoff appearance in six years

By Mike Dunn

CHARLEVOIX – Don Jess's Charlevoix Raiders rebounded in a big way from the tough loss at Boyne City the week before, claiming an impressive 23-8 victory over Elk Rapids on Friday. The Lake Michigan Conference win over the talented Elks before an appreciative overflowing homecoming crowd enabled the Rayders (4-3, 2-3) to keep their playoff hopes alive.

Next up for Charlevoix is a visit to Kalkaska. The Blazers (3-4, 2-3) are coming off a lopsided loss to Grayling. The Rayders must win there and also win at home in the final week of the regular season against Harbor Springs to advance to the playoffs once again.

As Jess told his players after the hard loss at Boyne City, every game is a playoff game from here on out. Step one was beating the Elks, who came to town with a 5-1 record.

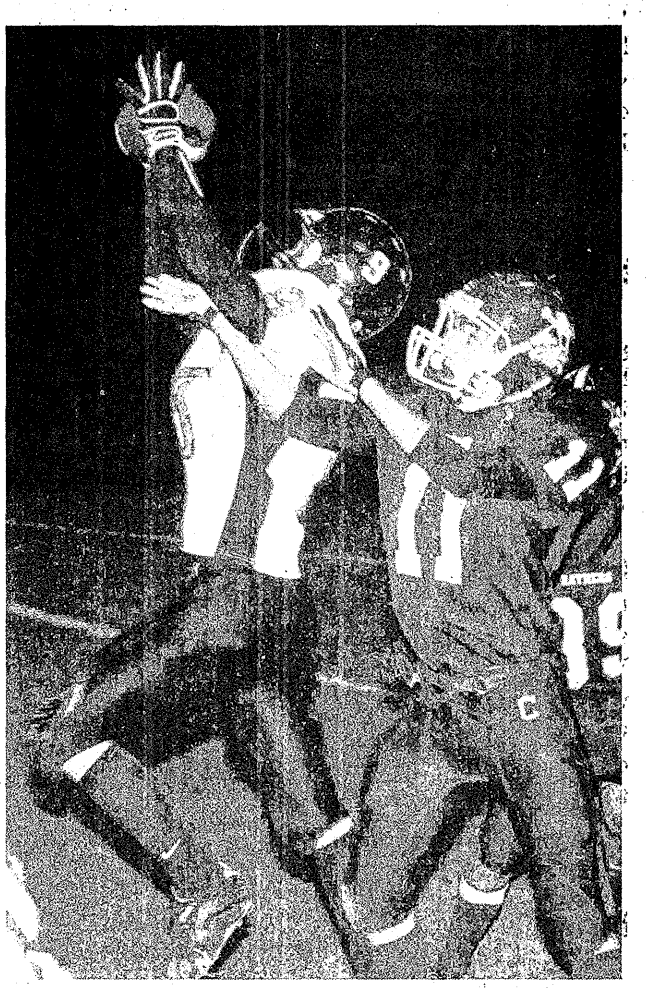
"This was a nice win," said Jess, who is seeking to lead the Rayders to the playoffs for the fourth time in his seven years at the helm of the program. "The kids battled hard for four quarters against a quality opponent."

Senior speed-burner J.T. Lawrence gave the Rayders a lead in the first half when he came around from his flanker post and accepted a handoff from quarterback Clayton Mitchell before sprinting through a seam and racing 63 yards. Alex Foster's PAT put the Rayders on top 7-0 and that's what the score remained until halftime when Sarah Potter was announced as the 2009 Queen and Ryan Herzog as King.

In the third quarter, the Rayders' wrecking crew up front scored some points for the defense when defensive tackle Bill Ivan, an Indiana University-bound man mountain with agility to match his strength, corralled Elks' quarterback Derek Senteiri in the end zone for a safety.

The Elks managed to trim the lead to 9-8 before the end of the third quarter but the fourth quarter belonged to the home team. Hard-charging sophomores Jake McClean and John Boss and full-speed-ahead fullback Isaac Hosper along with the elusive Mitchell pounded between the tackles and around the edge to gobble yardage and control the clock. McClean capped two grinding drives with sprints to the end zone to help the Rayders of the much-needed victory.

McClean finished another productive night with 100 yards rushing in 16 attempts and Mitchell, who made good decisions with the ball, picked up 76 yards on 13 carries. The quarterback also hit on 7 of 15 aerials for 63 yards, including four connections with the fleet-footed Foster for 49 yards.



Charlevoix flanker J.T. Lawrence, right, goes high to try and haul in a pass on the final play of the first half. This one was intercepted by the Elks. (PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES)

Foster also helped the cause defensively and on special teams, making an interception and successfully booting all three of his PATs. Lawrence had an interception as well for the Rayders. Ivan, who had a monster game on both sides of the ball, had two sacks in addition to the safety.

Junior linebacker Michael Berry was a barracuda stalking opposing ball carriers all game long. He finished with 12 takedowns. Lightning-quick defensive lineman Chris Levens, who penetrates into the enemy backfield like a honed knife through freshly baked bread, had two sacks. Boss recorded eight tackles and Ian Gauthier had five.

For the next "playoff game" is on the road this Friday against the Blazers, Jess said his players must remain focused and continue to play with a sense of urgency.

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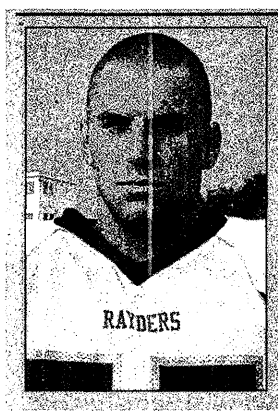

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Bill Ivan, Charlevoix

The Rayders' two-way trench warrior had two sacks on defense, including a safety after taking down Elk Rapids quarterback Derek Sentieri in the end zone, and helped pave the way up front for the grinding ground assault on offense that won the game

EJ YOUTH FOOTBALL

GAMES OF SATURDAY, OCT. 10:

Midget:

Boyne City 24, East Jordan 22

The TNT boys, Teddy Peck and Trevor Kenney, each scored touchdowns and Teddy Peck also had a two-point conversion run in East Jordan's narrow loss to Boyne City.

Trevor also helped the cause with an interception and a fumble recovery on defense. Donny Cutler and Wyatt Crick also pounded on loose balls for the Red Devils.

Reliable Kaleb Raymond had a pass reception. Noah Raymond, Hershel Sutton, Donny Cutler, Wyatt Crick, Jordan Cartwright, Lucas Veldboom, Alex Crawford, Devin Burt, and Dillon Pinney all recorded tackles.

Pee Wee 1:

Petoskey 18, East Jordan 14

Robert Goodrich gobbled up the real estate for EJ, recording 80 yards rushing with two touchdowns. Jared Hock was a horse in the backfield as well, gaining 55 yards on the ground with two extra-point runs, and Nitro Nick Norton also helped the cause, bashing to 20 yards.

Bobby Sherman was a tank for EJ on defense, recording eight tackles. Dustin Holbrook had five tackles while Buddy Lewis and Jared Hock each had four and John Rohrig and Robert Goodrich each had three.

Pee Wee 2:

Harbor Springs 13, East Jordan 0

Ryan Graham was the leading ground gobbler for East Jordan and he was also a force on defense, making seven stops. Colin Shepard led the way through the air at quarterback and also on defense, amassing 12 tackles with an interception.

Jake Skrocki took off after Harbor Springs ball carriers like a rocket, making 10 tackles while Sawyer Carson made seven stops and Ryan LaVanway had six takedowns to go with a fumble recovery. Isaac Cousineau was a collision in waiting on defense and he made a critical tackle.

Pee Wee 3:

East Jordan 18, Pellston 14

This game was won in the trenches as offensive linemen Dynamite Dru Kerr, Chris Reid, Jared Piechan, Alex Sutton, Shawn Lewin, Gage Piechan, and Hayden Sweet fired off the ball and controlled the play. Rylee Kibler and Jorel McCoy ripped and raced through the holes created by the line and each gained more than 100 yards.

Rylee rumbled to 131 yards with a TD and Jorel drove to 111 yards with two scores. Payton Loviska was a pain to Pellston on defense, making 10 tackles. Xavier Sedelmeier had six tackles and John Sutton had four. Jorel McCoy, Jaden McCoy and Hayden Sweet also had key tackles.

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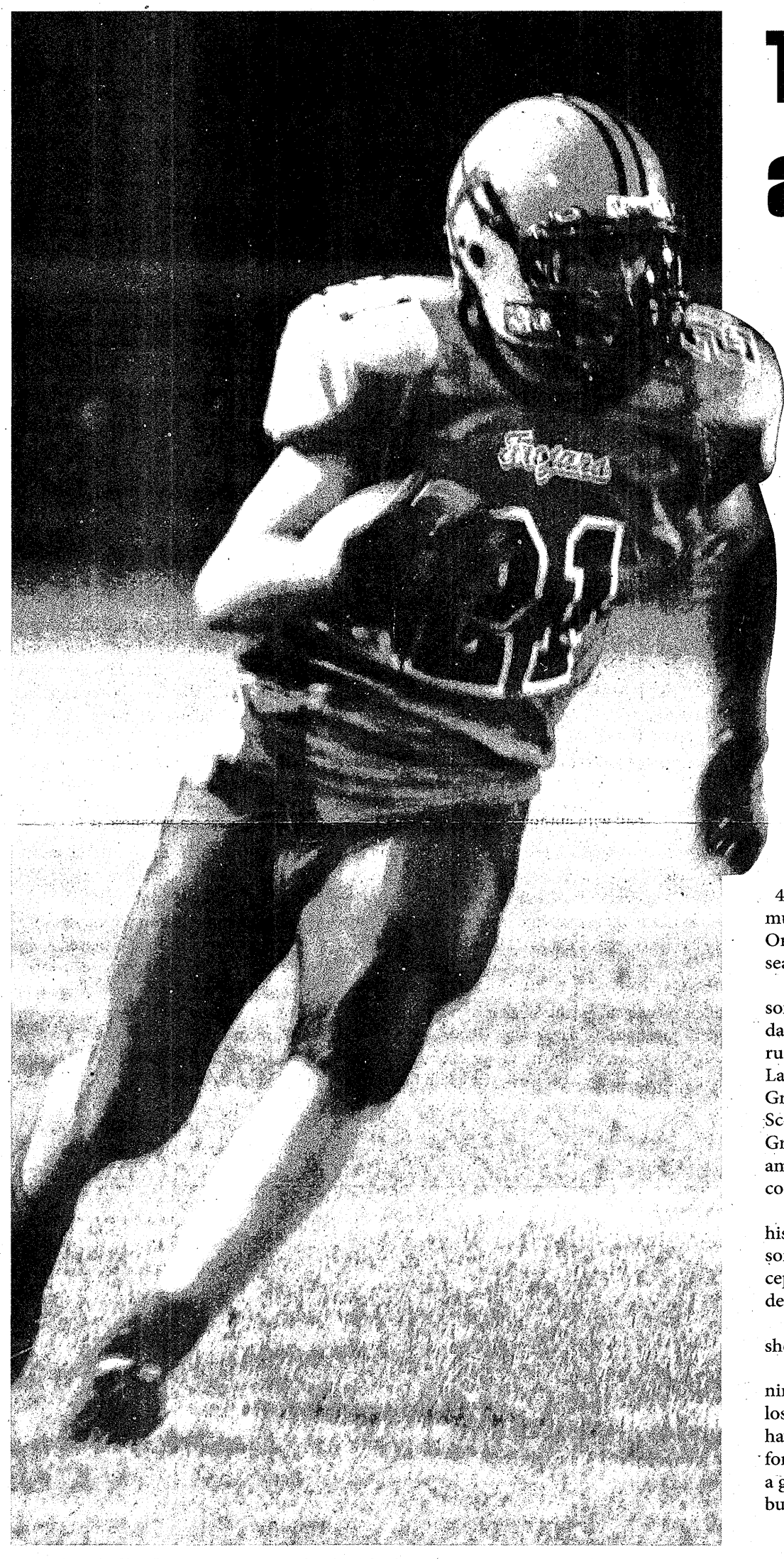
CENTRAL LAKE-ELLSWORTH 23, BELLAIRE 6



Ellsworth senior Nate Peterson was once again a force for the Trojans on the gridiron, making three catches for 42 yards and also intercepting a pass on defense. (PHOTO BY JOAN BECKER)

Trojans are one step closer

CL needs wins on road against Pellston and Onaway in final two games to assure fifth straight playoff berth

By Mike Dunn

CENTRAL LAKE – The Trojans took one more big step toward their fifth-straight playoff berth on Friday, outscoring a winless-but-gritty Bellaire squad 23-6. Central Lake-Ellsworth improved to 4-3 overall and 3-3 in the Ski Valley and now must win on the road against Pellston and Onaway in the final two weeks of the regular season to advance to the playoffs.

The turf-churning legs of fleet Adam Folsom helped the Trojan cause considerably Friday, as he pushed and pounded to 82 yards rushing and scored two of the three Central Lake touchdowns. Junior quarterback Robert Gruse launched a TD strike of 15 yards to Scott Cannon to account for the other score. Gruse was slippery with the ball in his hands, amassing 76 yards rushing in addition to his contributions through the air.

Ellsworth senior Nate Peterson continues his strong play on both sides of the ball. Peterson grabbed three passes for 42 yards in receptions and he also had an interception on defense.

Zellie Dow scored for Bellaire (0-7) on a short run.

The Trojans, who seemed out of the running a few weeks ago after back-to-back home losses to Inland Lakes and Gaylord St. Mary, have turned things around and appear poised for the playoffs. The next obstacle in the way is a gritty Pellston team which hasn't won much but plays hard and is very physical.

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ABOVE: Boyne City's slashing junior tailback Kolbi Shumaker is on his way to a 56-yard touchdown, his second of the game, in Saturday's victory at East Jordan. (PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES)

Ramblers Rumble

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terback Nick Young to do much through the air, the Ramblers relied heavily on the potent 1-2 punch of slasher Kolbi Shumaker at halfback and basher Zach Bush at fullback while on offense. Shumaker sliced, slipped and sprinted to 182 yards on the ground and TD bursts of 4 and 56 yards to lead the visitors. Bush, Boyne's mini-bulldozer, blasted to 79 yards in 10 tries with a 53-yard TD burst to his credit.

One of the highlights of the day for the Ramblers was the return of senior Drew Nohel to the lineup. Nohel, who suffered a knee injury during the preseason and was expected to be out at least until the playoffs, saw his first duty and fared well, rushing for 41 yards in six carries with a 3-yard touchdown on offense and also starting and playing nearly the full game as a cornerback on defense.

"As a coach, it was great to see Drew out there and as a father, it was even greater," said Nohel. "Drew's worked really hard to get back and I'm so happy for him that he was able to play even before anybody thought he would. It was especially nice since this is his senior year.

"I'm excited for him and very, very grateful. He's still not quite 100 percent but this was definitely a good start."

Fullback Brandon Darrah also slammed into the end zone for a short touchdown for the Ramblers and reserve quarterback Dustin Field showed some nifty moves while jitterbugging his way around a Red Devil defender near the line of scrimmage and finding his way to the end zone for a 15-yard score early in the fourth quarter.

Young hit on 3 of 7 passes for 50 yards, with the longest completion a 34-yarder to tight end Dalton Looze to set up Nohel's TD run in the third quarter.

Mumich was a marauding ground gobbler in the first half, gaining most of his 97 yards rushing.

Defensively for the Red Devils, senior defensive end Josh Williams had a high-impact game, making 11 tackles. Outside linebacker Eric Brun and inside linebacker Tanner Olstrom were also active, making nine tackles apiece, and strong safety Andrew Nemecek pounded on a fumble.

Darrah was a driving force for the Ramblers on defense, amassing 10 tackles, while Young and Percy had six takedowns apiece. Young and Evan Orban had interceptions and Shumaker had two fumble recoveries, including one at the 5-yard line that set up Darrah's second-half touchdown burst.

Boyne City sophomore guard Chris Myers put the DOWN in downfield blocking during Shumaker's weaving 56-yard TD run in the third quarter, blocking two potential East Jordan tacklers 35 yards from the line of scrimmage.

Boyne City has its Homecoming this Friday when Elk Rapids (5-2, 3-2) comes to town. The Elks are coming off a loss to Charlevoix. With the prospect of facing Traverse City St. Francis in week nine, the Elks will be desperate to get the win against Boyne City to secure a playoff berth this week.

"This is going to be a very intense game," Nohel said. "We know they're going to come in scrapping and pouncing and fighting with everything they've got because this one can put them in the playoffs. We have to match their intensity through four quarters and stay focused this week even with all of the Homecoming activities."

East Jordan seeks its first win of the season at the field of Harbor Springs (2-5, 0-5) on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 3 p.m. The Rams are coming off a lopsided loss to St. Francis and have some of their top skill players recovering from injuries.

"We just have to keep trying," Tisron said. "We have to come in with a good attitude and stay after it. The goal for this week is to put a complete game together. We have spurts where we play really well and we've shown that we can be competitive with anybody. Now we have to do it for four quarters."

Prep Roundup

SOCCER

Rayders make history

CHARLEVOIX – The Charlevoix boys soccer team made history in a big way on Thursday, Oct. 8. The Rayders romped over visiting Kalkaska 8-2 to secure at least a tie for the Lake Michigan Conference title, the first in school history.

The Rayders (15-1, 7-1) lived up to their sixth-place ranking in the latest state poll, beating Kalkaska convincingly. Thomas Rich, a goal-scoring machine this season, put four goals on the board and the booming leg of Boog Nitchman accounted for two others. Wyatt Drost and Ben Myers also had goals and Myers had three assists as well. Matt Klooster recorded two assists and Noah Matchett and Drost each had one.

At the other end of the field, it was Matt Battdorf and Nick Brandi taking turns guarding the net and Ty Wilhelm offering strong support out front.

VOLLEYBALL

Lancers rally for victory

HARBOR SPRINGS – Visiting Ellsworth rallied to win the final two games of a tense Northern Lakes Conference volleyball battle with host Harbor Light Christian on Thursday of last week, finally edging the perennially powerful Swordsmen 26-24, 26-28, 22-25, 25-19, 15-13. With the narrow triumph, the Lancers pushed their record to 17-3-3 overall and remained unbeaten (8-0) in the league.

With the win, Ellsworth secured a very rare sweep over Harbor Light (7-14-2, 5-2), which is not having the type of success it has had in recent years.

Versatile Jalyn Ingalls played a big role in the Lancers' big win, securing eight kills with 41 digs. Ingalls was a missile launcher at the serving line as well, recording five aces.

Emily Blaney blasted five aces also to go with 27 digs and six kills and Haley Drenth and Lindsey Fisher served up fire, too, garnering nine aces apiece. Setter Sarah Kearney also helped the cause, accumulating 56 assists in the match and she also had 16 digs. Libero Savanna Karhoff was a blanket on the back row, making 22 digs.

Logan Kleinhenz was strong up front for the Swordsmen, collecting 25 kills with 50 digs, and Elizabeth Britton hammered out 14 kills with 46 digs.

In the JV match, Emily Lechowicz helped Ellsworth to rally for a 21-25, 25-9, 25-21 victory with her strong serving. She recorded six aces.

Rayders roll

KALKASKA – Visiting Charlevoix improved to 8-2 in the Lake Michigan Conference and 25-14-1 overall with an impressive 25-9, 25-15, 25-15 sweep of Kalkaska. Athletic Jenna Way helped lead the way for the Rayders, recording 35 assists to go with 14 digs.

Katie Mays was also a-mays-ing for Charlevoix, racking up 14 kills with her strong hits while Allison Hankin hammered out 13. Sarah Potter, who would be crowned the 2009 Homecoming Queen the next night, rapped 10 kills and middle hitter Bobbie Molter had two blocks with five kills.

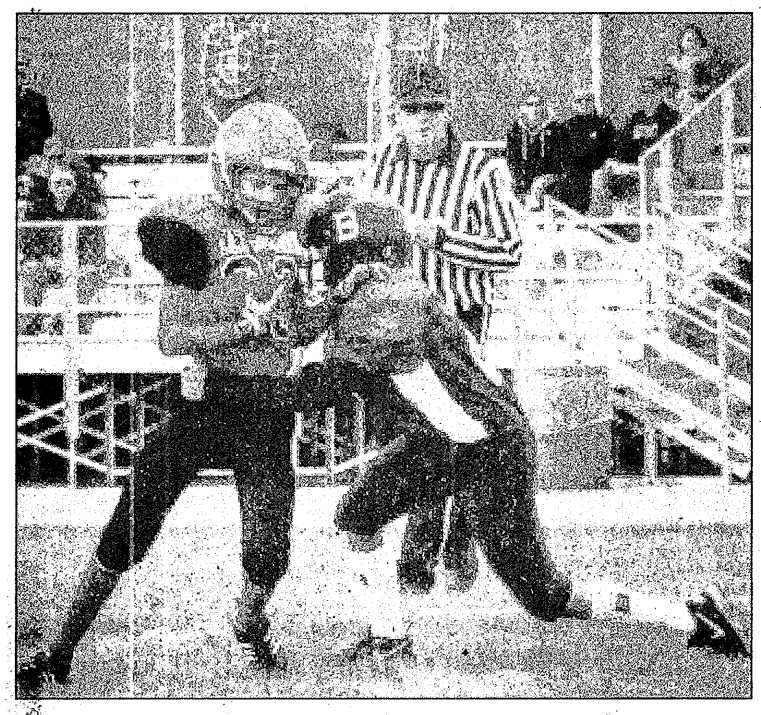
Libero Taylor Storm was a primal force in the back row for the Rayders, making 25 digs, and Isis Hang was also effective defensively, earning 20 digs.

In JV action, Tanesha Rogers' hard hitting helped Charlevoix to secure a 25-21, 26-24, 15-6 victory. Rogers finished with six kills and Meg Peters pounded out five as Charlevoix improved to 8-1 in league play.

Ramblers bow at T.C.

TRAVERSE CITY – Boyne City put up a tough battle but in the end, the heavy guns of St. Francis put the Gladiators over the top 25-16, 25-20, 27-25. The Ramblers fell to 4-4 in league play with the tough defeat.

Lindsay Clemens cranked out five kills and was 100 percent with her serving for the Ramblers. She also had 12 assists. Kayla Kipapa was a crusher at the servine line, recording six aces. Also hitting 100 percent of their serves for Boyne City were Ketrin Hocquard and Hanna Olsen.



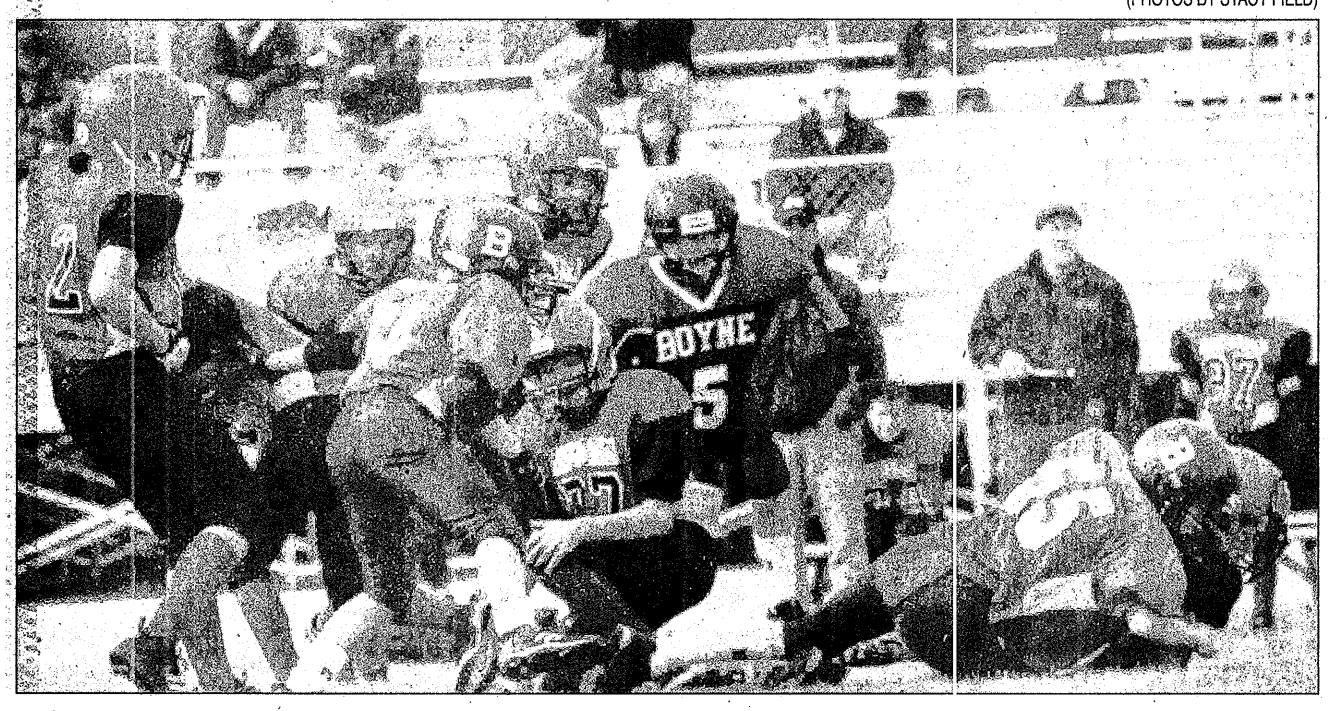
MIDGET FOOTBALL

BC BATTLES RED DEVILS

Boyne City earned a tough 24-22 victory over East Jordan on the home field.

Saturday in Midget Football. The action was physical and hard fought, as these photos reveal.

(PHOTOS BY STACY FIELD)



DNR REPORT

Pheasant season opens next week

Prospects about same as last year; hunting in good habitat is key

LANSING -- The Department of Natural Resources reminds hunters that pheasant season opens across the Lower Peninsula Tuesday, Oct. 20. Prospects are similar to last year.

"Hunters who found birds last year are likely to have similar results hunting in the same places," said DNR upland game bird specialist Al Stewart. "As always, the majority of the birds will be found on private land. Hunting in good habitat -- especially in habitat that has been managed for pheasants -- is the key."

Results of the summer rural mail carrier brood survey were strikingly similar to last year. Mail carriers reported observing .14 pheasant broods per 10 carrier days in 2009, statistically the same as the .15 reported in 2008. Similarly, the average brood size observed in 2009 was 4.5 chicks per brood; compared to 4.4 in 2008.

The pheasant season in the Lower Peninsula begins on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Hunters are invited to report their results by joining the cooperators' program, reporting their effort and flush rates. For details, visit the DNR's hunting Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnrhunting.

Pheasant season runs through Nov. 14. It reopens in select areas of southern Michigan Dec. 1 and runs through Jan. 1. Check the 2009 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

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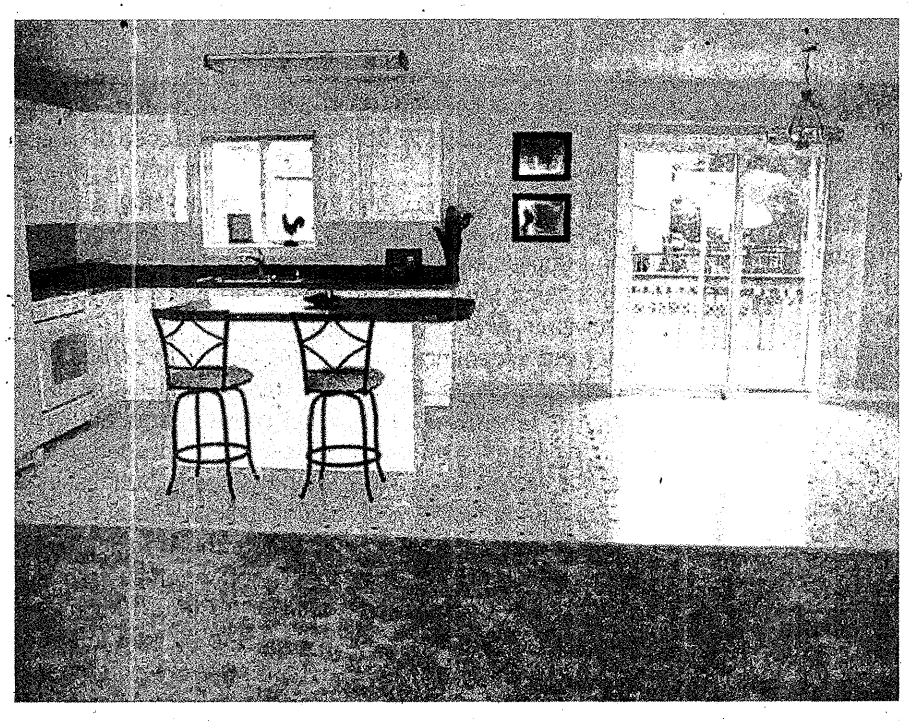

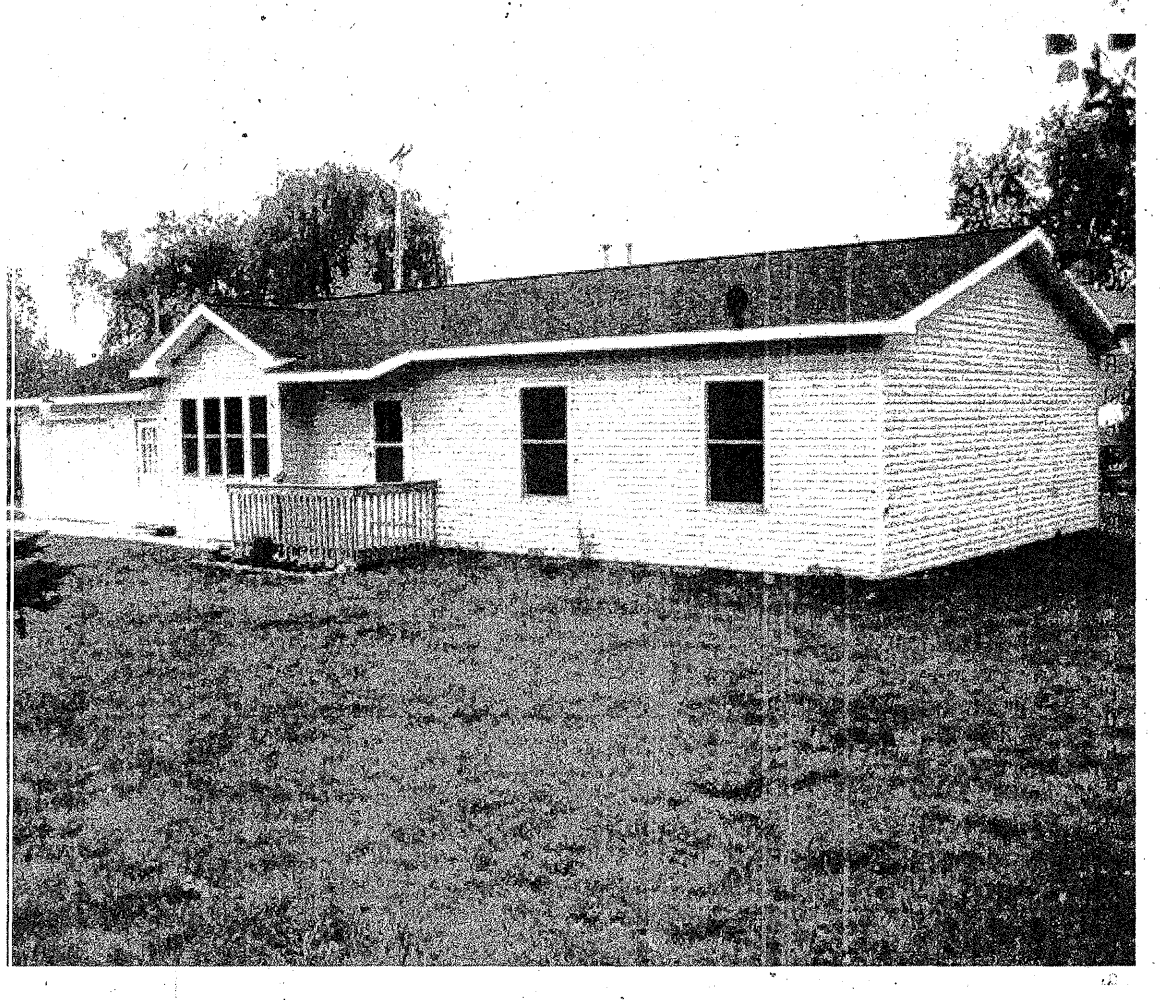

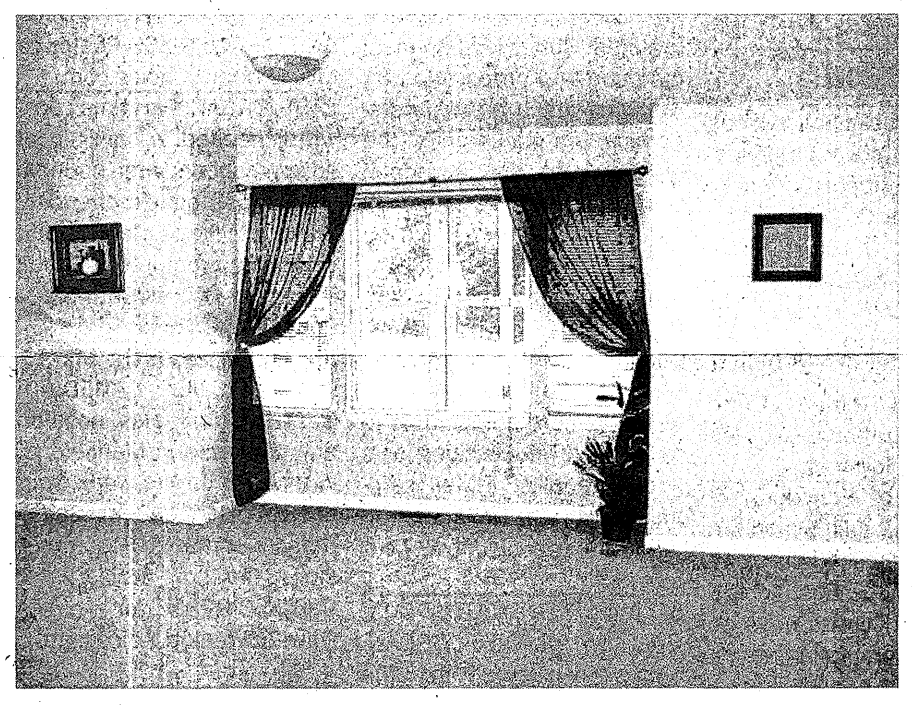

By Jim Akans

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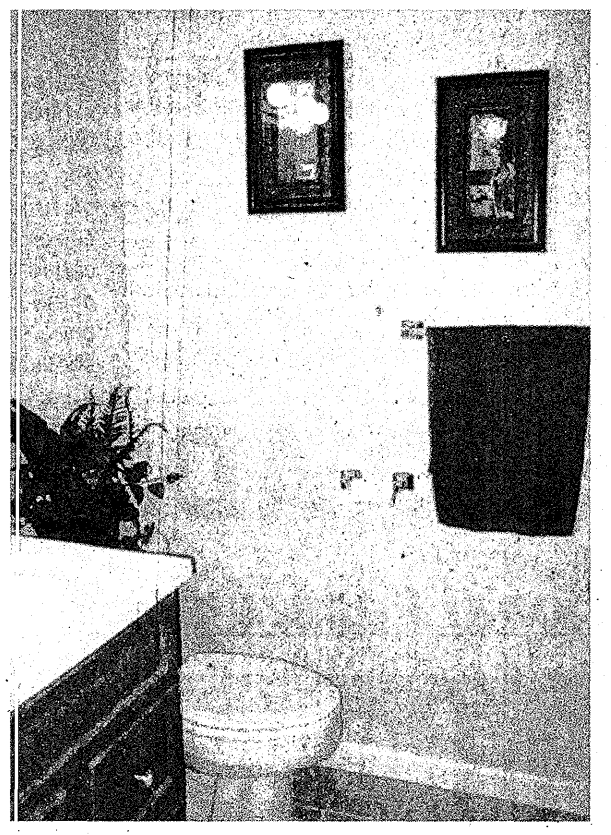

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BELOW: Students enjoy navigating the Cardinal Corn Maze, (left to right): Chloe House, Danny Mackowiak, Owen Capers, Nolan Curtis, Josie Peterson, Hanna Warren. COURTESY PHOTO.

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES ABOUND IN THE NORTH

Mazes, Haunted Farms, Talking Critters and Tossing Pumpkins Among the October Fun.

By Jim Akans

Halloween isn't just about getting dressed up in some crazy, scary costume for hunting and gathering treats. It's about celebrating the autumn season, and there are several activities in the Northern Michigan area specifically designed to put some extra "Wee" in Halloween this year.

Johannesburg will have not just one, but two mazes etched into the cornfields behind the Johannesburg/Lewiston High School on M-32 east. The Cardinal Corn Maze comprises about 8 acres of land and nearly two-and-a-half miles of path. A bonus to those who wander through this maze is the clues scattered throughout that hint toward the solution of this year's maze question (a historical event). Those correctly identifying this event will be entered into a drawing for a prize.

Hartwick Pines "Critters in the Moonlight" features Michigan "animals," as portrayed by dressed up volunteers, who tell guests about themselves as well as dispel misconceptions about the animal. COURTESY PHOTO.

New this year is the "Flashlight Maze." Merisa Campbell, spokesperson, notes, "It is designed for younger maze adventurers so they can go through our regular maze at night with a flashlight, rather than go through the Haunted Maze."

The Haunted Maze covers about three acres, is located near the track at the High School. It has around fifteen "haunters" lurking within and several scary props set up, to give maze goers nerves a start or two as they make their journey through the labyrinth.

The Cardinal Corn Maze is open noon to 6 pm Saturdays and Sundays through October 31st, and the Haunted Maze is open Saturday, October 24th, and Saturday and Sunday, October 30th and 31st from 8 until 11 pm. Proceeds support the Johannesburg/Lewiston Elementary Middle School Parent-Teacher Organization.

"Critters in the Moonlight" hits Hartwick Pines this coming Saturday, October 17th, from 4:30 to 8:30 pm. Families can enjoy a Jack-O-Lantern lit walk through some old-growth forest, and "meet" several critters native to this area, The animals, as portrayed by volunteers dressed up as one of seventeen critters, such as a skunk, bear, deer, owl, and beaver, will tell guests about themselves as well as dispel misconceptions about the animal.

"It takes about 60 to 100 volunteers to pull this off," notes Kim Bolen, spokesperson. "We have added a toddler trail this year, which takes about 20 minutes to walk through, and our main trail takes around 45 minutes. The "critters talk about habits, what they eat, why their fur is way it is…in an informative and funny way. So visitors take treats, (which are coupons from area businesses), and knowledge home with them."

Nearby, at Wellington Farm, the Trebuchet will be in operation on Saturday and Sunday, October 17th and 18th, from 10 am until 4:30 pm. Representatives at Wellington will explain the history of the French mid-evil siege engine (a catapult by any other name), and after these adults load a pumpkin into the tossing machine, kids get to "pull the trigger" hurling the orange gourd through the air toward it's target, resulting in the event named; Punkin' Chunkin'. Wellington also has a 4-acre corn maze for visitors to enjoy.

The following two weekends, Friday and Saturday, October 23rd and 24th, and on Thursday and Friday, October 29th and 30th, The Haunted Farm will return to Wellington Farms in Grayling. The Haunted Farm will operate from 8 pm until 11 pm each evening.

"It will be a little different this year," notes Howard Taylor of Wellington Farm. "We won't be doing the typical "blood and gore" stuff, it will be more of an educational experience instead. We will be recreating the classic American tale of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," with several characters portraying the story as visitors are guided through the dark by a narrator."

The Nightmare at Challenge Mountain returns to Boyne Falls for the 8th season, bringing chills and thrills to Halloween season adventurers of every age with a haunted medieval castle and featuring a Dragon Room, Drain Maze, Grimm Forest, Grateful Dead Cemetery, Witches Cottage and of course…THE HAUNTED BASEMENT!

"It's scary but it's not over the top," promises Sue Moody, Challenge Mountain executive director. "People can purchase season passes for just $10, and children under 12 are two for $5 when accompanied by a parent or guardian. These are good for as many times as a person wants to visit us during the Halloween season."

During the Halloween "off-season," Challenge Mountain is a recreational facility for people with special needs, hosting nearly 1,000 guests each year. The Nightmare at Challenge Mountain event is a fundraiser for the facility.

"This is a former ski lodge," notes Sue Moody, "so we are able to offer adaptive skiing and snowboarding for those in wheelchairs. We have worked with people having just about every type of disability who find what we offer at Challenge Mountain to be very beneficial to their mental and physical health."

However, those attending the Nightmare at Challenge Mountain may have a different experience. And with the other mazes, talking critters, punkin' chunkin's, haunted paths coming to Northern Michigan this Halloween season, a different experience awaits around every corner.