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Unger was last seen about 9:30 p.m. Friday, according to a Benzie County Sheriff's Department news release. The body was found about 8:05 a.m. Saturday.

OCT. 27

Board to consider raises

GREILICKVILLE — The Elmwood Township Board will consider a budget tonight that includes pay raises for elected and appointed officials.

Supervisor Noel Flohe said the board proposed the increases, ranging from 4 percent to 33 percent, to get salaries in line with those paid in other townships.

The board looked at salaries paid to officials in other townships, including Garfield and Long Lake, Flohe said. After seeing a wage discrepancy they decided some officials in Elmwood deserved more than a standard 2 or 3 percent increase.

OCT. 28

Prosecutor wants kids out

BEULAH — Authorities investigating the weekend death of an Oakland County woman near Herring Lake hope to remove her children from their father's custody.

Benzie County Prosecutor Anthony Cicchelli said Monday he planned to file a petition with the state Family Independence Agency to remove Florence Unger's two pre-teen children from her husband, Mark's, custody.

The official cause of death of Florence Unger, 37, of Huntington Woods, is pending, Benzie County Medical Examiner Matthew Houghton said.

Houghton said forensic pathologists at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids are attempting to determine whether Unger drowned or died from a head wound.

OCT. 29

TCAPS says no to laptops

TRAVERSE CITY — A state program to give all sixth-grade students a laptop com-

puter could cost the Traverse City district \$5.2 million over seven years, school officials say.

Traverse City Area Public Schools will pass on the gift, which it says comes with some very pricey strings attached.

Superintendent James Pavelka said the calculations, worked out by the district's financial officer, helps schools determine if they can afford to accept the state's offer to spend \$250 per student on wireless computer devices.

The state Legislature and Gov. Jennifer Granholm in August approved \$22 million in state funds and \$17 million in federal funds to pay for the program. That amount, plus a \$25 per-student contribution from the district, would give a laptop to each of the state's 132,000 sixth-graders.

OCT. 30

Law agencies to relocate

TRAVERSE CITY — The Traverse City Police Department and Grand Traverse Sheriff's Department will move their headquarters to a new location on Friday.

While some delays in administrative business are expected Friday through Monday, officials said law enforcement functions will operate without interruption.

The new address for the law enforcement center beginning Nov. 3 is 851 Woodmere Ave. The Grand Traverse County Jail will remain at its current location.

OCT. 31

Fair ban decision stalled

CHEBOYGAN — A state administrative law judge will wait till next year before deciding whether to lift an order that permanently blocks the Cheboygan County Fair from sponsoring any more Toughman contests.

At a hearing Wednesday, Renee A. Ozburn, a law judge with the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, requested attorneys in the case to submit written briefs to her by Jan. 30.

OCTOBER/SPORTS

OCT. 5

Norse win title

PORTAGE — Suttons Bay traded places with Ann Arbor Greenhills on Saturday, and the Norse would like to keep it that way.

Suttons Bay tied the River Rats 49-49 in the Division IV girls portion of the prestigious Portage Cross Country Invitational, but the Norse won the tie-breaker to claim first place and reverse the order of finish at last year's state meet.

"It's nice to turn the tables on them a little bit," said Suttons Bay coach Cody Inglis. "It's not the state meet, but it's still a nice confidence builder for us heading into a very tough regional (on Oct. 25)."

Suttons Bay's sixth runner, MaryBeth Fawcett, was the hero, finishing 22nd in 23:03 to beat Greenhills' No. 6 runner by 45 seconds to win the

tie-breaker.

Approximately 4,700 runners from 150 schools participated in the event, which included 14 varsity, junior varsity and middle school races.

OCT. 15

Trojans tandem wins title

MIDLAND — Sweet revenge.

Traverse City Central senior Alex Alward and Christine Milliken finished as Division 1 state tennis champions on Saturday.

The fourth-seed at No. 1 doubles, Alward and Milliken downed top-seeded Nita Bitar and Kara Zdanowski of Ann Arbor Pioneer 6-4, 7-5 to capture the crown.

A season ago at No. 2 doubles, it was Alward and Milliken who were the top seed after an undefeated season. They lost in the 2002 final to the same duo from Pioneer.

Central seniors Laura Link and Laura Hendricks bowed out in the semifinals. The top seeds at No. 2 doubles, Link and Hendricks fell 4-6, 6-0, 7-6(4) to Callie Marsten and Kyla Rowe of Ann Arbor Huron.

Link and Hendricks finished the season with a 40-2 record. Alward and Milliken wound up 40-3.

OCT. 25

West wins showdown

TRAVERSE CITY — Eager fans gathered by the hundreds Friday afternoon outside Thirlby Field, some as much as three hours before crosstown rivals Traverse City West and Traverse City Central kicked off their showdown for league — and community — supremacy.

Before the night was done, thousands of fans filled the stadium to watch TC West defeat TC Central, 29-21.

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