

WELCOME TO BENZIE COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS FEATURED FRIDAY ALUMNI.
Today we would like to recognize, class of 1982 graduate, Dr. Ed Scarbrough.

Ed was the youngest in the graduating class of 1982. He was a student at Benzie Central for all grades kindergarten through 12th, and attended all 4 schools in the district. While a student at Benzie, Ed participated in basketball, track, cross-country, varsity club, National Honor Society and choir. He was the number one runner on the cross-country team and earned conference champion and all-state honors in 1981. He participated in 5 musicals while in school including the lead role of Captain Von Trapp in the Sound of Music. These theatric roles were also important in cultivating his relationship with another 1982 graduate, Sandy Johnson. They are currently enjoying 31 years of wedded bliss.

After graduation, Ed attended Ferris State University to study biological science. He also continued his athletic success and lettered in cross-country, indoor track and outdoor track and field...even scoring a point for his team in the high jump at one invitational. He participated in the NCAA Division II Cross Country National Championship in 1984. While at Ferris, he was also a member of the Men's Glee Club and elite men's vocal octet, The Ferris Wheels. He enjoyed being a dorm resident assistant and serving on his dormitory council.

After 3 years of undergraduate study, Ed moved on to study optometry at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. While there, he also was able to do a little teaching as an associate instructor of Geometric Optics in the School of Optometry. He graduated with honors in 1989 with a Doctor of Optometry degree.

Dr. Scarbrough has been in private practice in Traverse City for over 25 years. He was selected as the Young Optometrist of the Year for the state of Michigan in 1997 and served as President of the local optometric society for several year. He was very happy to have the opportunity to expand his practice and open a second office in Beulah in 2010; opening the door to support many organizations in the Benzie community.

In their spare time, Ed and his wife Sandy, have raised four children. Their children all graduated from Glen Lake Schools, where Ed had the opportunity to coach Pop Warner football, baseball and basketball. He also helped with several musicals, fundraisers, and organized the 8th grade boy's career day. Now that all of his children have graduated from college, Ed has redirected his loyalty back to Benzie Central where he supports the track and cross-country programs. Ed and Sandy also continue to sing in the Benzie County Community Chorus and are very active in their church.

Ed currently resides in Leelanau County where he enjoys cycling, maple syrup-making, golf and Pickle ball. Be careful as you drive around Benzie County, as one of Ed's favorite cycling routes is around Crystal Lake.

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