

Grapevine Family Enduro
Lawton, Mich.
By Valary Packer

The 3rd Annual Grapevine Family Enduro was this Saturday, July 21. It kicked off at 11 a.m. off West 3rd Street, behind the Lawton Post office, 210 South Main Street.

150 dirt bikes revved their engines for a cross country ride for 30 miles through Lawton and Paw Paw. People from all over Michigan and across the Midwest came to participate in the family fun. It's a unique way to beat the heat, getting down and dirty in the mud.

The Enduro is a competitive trail ride that is timed at a set pace. Winners of each age group were recorded and recognized. The riders ranged in age from 4 to 74-years-old. All winners and young riders received a trophy. Perhaps the most impressive win came from Dan Smith from Plymouth, Indiana. He only has one leg and came in first in the 40-54 age class. This really is a family event. Generations of families ride together for the family fun and challenge.

Local police and the Boy Scouts worked to make sure everyone stayed safe. The whole community was involved. Dozens of landowners gave permission for the bikers to cross through their property.

The Grapevine Family Enduro is organized by Reverend Ron Packer and Dennis Reynolds as a unique, fun way to bring family, friends and the community together. Reverend Ron Packer says, "We couldn't do any of this without God and the permission from the landowners."

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