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11-PLAYER FOOTBALL DREAM TEAM

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C3F Awards \$90,935 in Grants for Youth Needs

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation (C3F) responded to grant requests from nonprofit partners, schools and municipalities supporting the needs of the youth of Charlevoix County. Thanks to donors who look to the Community Foundation to make a difference close to home, grants have been awarded to programs and services that will work to improve the quality of life for our youngest citizens.

Each year, grant applications are reviewed by the C3F Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) who serve as the decision-making body for these grants, with preference given to



C3F Youth Advisory Committee

their priority areas of youth mental health and school atmosphere. The YAC, which is made up of sixteen high school students from across Charlevoix County, has been a core part of C3F since 1994. This year, the YAC recommended grants to 14 local organizations totaling \$74,100, with C3F donor advisors adding another \$16,835, for a total of \$90,935 in grantmaking. YAC President Lindsey Jibson, stated,

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Ellsworth's 'Christmas in the Village' Festival

ELLSWORTH – In spite of days of blistery weather, Ellsworth's first Christmas in the Village Festival was well attended and activities progressed as hoped. During what seemed like the 'eye' of the storm, 65 people gathered at the Ellsworth Village Community Square on December 1st to light the community Christmas tree, play games, make ornaments, decorate cookies and sing carols.

Past Village President Hugh Campbell was honored during the event. "The entire community wanted to let Hugh know that we know how much he has done for our community, and we appreciate his service," said Village President



Past Village President Hugh Campbell honored during Christmas in the Village

Jerry Rasmussen. The party was joined by one of Santa's largest elves, Free chili and hot Cocoa was enjoyed by all. Christmas in the Village was sponsored by the new Ellsworth DDA with most of the small communities' businesses and churches contributing to the fun. "Christmas in the Village highlighted our strong community spirit through collaboration and partnership," said Chris Wallace DDA member.

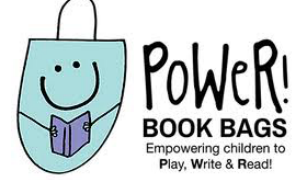


Joyful Distributions to Local School Children

Holiday book giveaways were a merry success at 31 schools throughout Northern Lower Michigan. For the seventh year in a row, PoWeR! Book Bags invited children at participating schools to pick out brand new books prior to their winter vacation. The books are theirs to keep, to read, and to reread long after break has ended. Additionally, each child was provided with a PoWeR! literacy bag filled with materials that promote language development, play, and writing fun.

Kids had plenty to say. "Yay!! The purple bags are back!" cheered one student. "I'm so glad we get the puppets again!" exclaimed another.

"Look, I have a butterfly puppet AND a book about



butterflies!" said a third. Bringing the gift of literacy to kids throughout Michigan was truly a community effort. Hundreds of volunteers worked tirelessly since September to prepare the books and bags for distribution.

PoWeR! Book Bags thanks each and every person who gave their time to this project.

Additionally, PoWeR! Book Bags thanks the Kiwanis Foundation of Traverse City, Benzie Sunrise Rotary, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians,

Lake County Community Foundation, Ludington Area Schools, Meijer of Ludington, the Beaver Island Elks Lodge, Charlevoix Community Foundation, and private grantors and donors whose generosity made this event possible. PoWeR! Book Bags is so grateful for the commitment that so many Northern Lower Michigan communities have made to supporting Michigan kids.

This giveaway was a joyful way to send kids off on their winter vacations!

Founded in 2016, PoWeR! Book Bags is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase children's experiences with language, literacy, and human interactions in order to prepare them for a brighter future.

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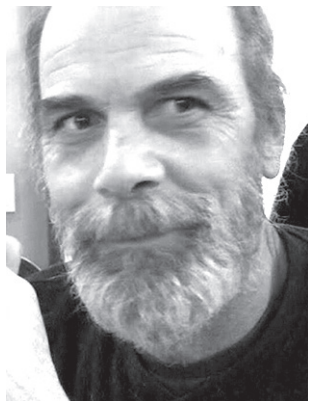
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OBITUARY



Jeffrey David Smith, 60

(June 24, 1964 - December 19, 2024)

WALLOON LAKE

Jeff Smith, a beloved husband, friend, and community member, passed away surrounded by love and cherished memories on December 19, 2024.

Son of Daryll Smith and Eunice (Fortune) Prince, Jeff was born on June 24, 1964, in Flint, Michigan. He grew up in Flint and spent many wonderful years at Walloon Lake, Michigan, a place close to his heart.

Jeff was the devoted husband of Crystal Smith, his partner and confidante. They married on August 8, 2004, in Walloon Lake. Together, they built a life filled with love, laughter, and shared passions. Jeff had a deep appreciation for cars, especially Model T's, and spent countless hours restoring and admiring these timeless classics. His passion was not only a hobby but also a reflection of his meticulous care and dedication.

Known for his unselfish heart and willingness to help anyone in need, Jeff exemplified what it meant to be truly generous. He was a hard worker, never shying away from a task or a challenge, and always putting others before himself. His kindness and determination left a lasting impression on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Jeff's memory will live on in the lives of those he touched and in the stories shared by his family and friends.

Jeff is survived by his loving wife Crystal Smith; his mother Eunice Prince; his sons David Smith, Rick (Rachel) Leonard, III, Mike (Celia) Leonard; his grandchildren: Blake, Carter, Deven, Ricky, Nevaeh, Jayceton, Harleigh, and Jaylen; his brothers John, Smith, Daryll Smith; his sister Tiffany; and his nephew Johnny Smith. He is preceded in death by his father Daryll Smith, and his grandparents Ester and John Smith, and John Henry and Elizabeth Fortune.

A funeral officiated by Rev. David Behling will be at 1:00 PM on December 23, 2024, at Stackus Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at 11:00 AM.

Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City.

C3F AWARDS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"This year's grantmaking was a tremendous success. The team worked diligently to examine each grant to consider their full potential of impacting youth." YAC Vice President, Emma Patten, added, "This cycle was one of the best that I have participated in."

Mental health needs for youth took center stage, with seven organizations addressing this issue. Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Northwestern Michigan will receive funds to support matching five youth with dedicated mentors. Child and Family Services of Northwestern Michigan will create an outdoor space for families at Safe Haven North, including a heavy-duty swing set.

Child Abuse Prevention & Education Council will receive support to host their annual CAPE Conference. East Jordan Public Schools will purchase supplies for social-emotional regulation tools for use in the Student Success Room, playground, and hallways. Northern Michigan Equine Therapy will get help to purchase new tack and equipment for therapy horses and their clients to enjoy equine assisted services. Planned Parenthood of Michigan's grant will support the creation of a sexual health education resource toolkit, a youth and adult advisory board, and continuation of

comprehensive, medically accurate and inclusive sexual health education.

Finally, The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center will send their teens to equine therapy sessions as an extension of the mentoring and connections they have already created.

Recreational opportunities will also receive a boost with grant support. Beaver Island Historical Society will provide a week long daytime camp for 50 youth from 4-13 years of age which builds upon wellbeing, sense of place, acceptance, and cultural diversity. A grant to Camp Daggett will support landscaping to address runoff issues and the creation of a hammock lounge in "Downtown Daggett." Crooked Tree Arts Center received support to offer a professional dance mentor residency to work with a group of pre-professional dance students to enrich confidence, self-motivation, and a sense of community. Lastly, Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore will receive funds for essential starter kits, financial aid, and vital program support to new Girl Scout Troops in the Charlevoix County region.

Three organizations received grants to enhance educational opportunities for youth. North Central Michigan College Foundation will receive support for scholarships and program expenses for Charlevoix County students to

participate in their Summer Learning Academy (SLA) program for students in 3rd-8th grade. A PoWeR! Book Bags grant will help purchase materials supporting language, literacy, and human interactions for their free bags for kids.

Finally, Raven Hill Discovery Center will get help to provide field trip/outreach programs to 50 students, in addition to teachers and chaperones, at 10 Charlevoix County schools connecting them to science, history and the arts.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation accepts gifts of all sizes and for many purposes. Those contributions are professionally managed to generate income that is used to make grants supporting worthwhile programs, projects, and initiatives right here at home. Currently, more than 328 separate funds make up the Community Foundation, each one created by an individual, family, business, or nonprofit agency.

With assets of over \$64 million, the Community Foundation has made grants totaling more than \$39 million since 1992.

For more information about the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, or to view their 2025 grant calendar, contact the Foundation office at (231) 536-2440 or visit the organization's website at www.c3f.org.

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LEADERSHIP

The Importance Of Influence

BY JOHN KEYSER

I read a blog about the value of influence, which I certainly agree with. It points out, influence and the power which comes with it, are tricky, as they are not things we should intentionally pursue.

In my opinion, if we lead our life, including our business, in a can-do, helpful and caring way, influence and power are likely to come to us, and that is the best way to gain them, not as a goal – let them come to us naturally!

I think, as the blog said, that influence and power just come to those who connect, motivate, inspire and help others, and have a knack for getting things done.

I have written previously about being a go-giver, not a go-getter, and have recommended the book, The Go-Giver.

The Go-Giver recommends living a life of delivering value to others, living and thinking first about others. And guess what? Living this way, thinking of others, wanting to be of service and to help others, will result in a network of people who admire, respect and appreciate us and will want to help us when an opportunity arises.

Some people just know how to make these connections, and others do not, i.e. some just do not have the knack of connecting people who have common interests and might benefit by knowing each other. Again, one should not seek getting to know the right people, those with influence and power, but rather it is best that these relationships come to us naturally through living our lives thinking about and helping



John Keyser

others, connecting people, doing what we say we're going to do, contributing ideas, and helping to make things better.

Offer a "Sure, I'll do that," and people will be appreciative.

Hard work (remember, the harder we work, the luckier we get), contributing ideas, getting things done, naturally building a network, helping others, including our leader, succeed, and being a giver, will bring good things our way. We ourselves will succeed!

Let's naturally be one who can make good things happen, get the job done, and be assured that we will be valued and appreciated.

John was a senior executive in the corporate world in NYC, Chicago and DC, then founded Common Sense Leadership, a leadership coaching and consulting practice, helping senior people in the business, academic, and religious worlds improve leadership, their own and their team's. John is a graduate of Georgetown's Institute for Transformational Leadership and Life Purpose Institute. His wife, Kerry, teaches at St. Mary School in Charlevoix and heads Encounter School of Ministry, Charlevoix campus.

COMMUNITY LEADER

JENNY BROWER

BE KIND, SUPPORTIVE, GRATUITOUS, AND SHARE CREDIT

BY JOHN KEYSER

Jane Millar recommended that I meet and highlight Jenny Brower for all she does in our community, with good reason. Jenny is endless in helping out and giving back, and from a young age.

Jenny grew up in Petoskey, attended high school here. While she was at Michigan State, her brother had a need at his insurance agency and she joined him. Jenny's early work experience included the following: a babysitter, then a newspaper carrier for the Petoskey News Review, next a few years as a popcorn girl for the downtown Gaslight Cinema, then she proposed and started a program for Harbor Cove modeled after the Bay View Boys & Girls Club which she attended as a kid. She was the activities director for Harbor Cove its first Summer, and then she was recruited to be a toy salesgirl for Game's Imported.

Since her beginning her insurance career years ago, her brother encouraged her to join the Petoskey Area Jaycees and thus began a long history of volunteering and local service in the community. A great believer in her mother's teaching that "the more you do, the more you can do" – Jenny strives to stay involved in good local causes and usually find that to be a



JENNY BROWER

win/win proposition, much to her delight.

Jenny has served many local organizations, including both the Petoskey and Harbor Springs Chambers of Commerce, The Little Traverse Bay Humane Society, Camp Daggett, Petoskey's Downtown Marketing Committee, The Harbor Springs Lyric Theatre, and serving on the board of Northern Community Mediation.

She is a member of The Petoskey Sunrise Rotary Club and has served as the Club's President. Her friend and mentor, Jane Millar, of Northern Community Mediation, served as Rotary 6290 District President.

Growing up and living in the Petoskey and Harbor Springs communities has

given Jenny many local ties, and her father's long-ago advice that "it's not what you know, but who you know" has also proven to be very much of an asset for connecting people and causes and getting things done.

Here are relatively new very worthy causes which are very important to Jenny, for example:

- Northmen Den Youth Services' program Give a Kid a Chance – raising funds, gathering food, and staffing the pantry at school to support the growing needs of many of our students

- Impact 100 Little Traverse Bay, in which women each contribute \$1,000 annually and each year they vote to select a non-profit in Emmet or Charlevoix County to receive a \$100,000 grant for a new idea towards the improvement of our community. Depending on the success to raising funds, there can be two or even three \$100,000 grants

- There several other initiatives which Jenny is active with which involve fun ways to raise funds for Rotary charitable contributions, our United Way, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the local Alzheimer's chapter, the Women's Resource Center, and other very worthy causes in our community

In closing, I do want to share valuable messages Jenny shares about her brother, her niece, and other team members at Harbor Brenn Insurance Agencies – treat each person well, offer flex time, have a family first culture, do not have a limit on time off for illness, do not micro-manage – and then good people will do their very best!

Thank you, Jane Millar. You recommended an outstanding community leader in Jenny Brower.

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LEO Announces New MiSTEM Network Regional Director

Position serves Michigan's northwestern Lower Peninsula, covering Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau Counties

LANSING — The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) announced that Sarah Roche has been named Northwestern Lower Peninsula regional director for the MiSTEM Network, which strives to make STEM learning more accessible across the state and position more Michigan students for career success.



Sarah Roche

"Sarah's leadership and expertise in education will help us empower students and prepare the next generation of innovators for high-wage, high-demand STEM careers," said Megan Schrauben, MiSTEM executive director.

"As the new Region 13 director, she will lead our Northwestern Lower Peninsula hub toward advancing PK-12 STEM education in an effort to create a vibrant STEM ecosystem here in Michigan where students are prepared to compete and fill the growing, in-demand career opportunities."

Roche has extensive

experience in education, including 21 years in an elementary classroom. She spent ten of those years teaching STEM to students in grades K-6. Most recently, Roche spent two and a half years as the elementary STEM teacher for East Jordan Public Schools, where she worked with students and teachers to develop a STEM program for all K-6 students. This work included collaborating with classroom teachers to provide problem, project and place-based learning

experiences for students. She received a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education and Master of Educational Psychology from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

In her new role with MiSTEM, Roche will utilize her plethora of experience to build collaborative partnerships that align regional activities to the statewide STEM strategy. She will also identify and coordinate resources to support regional STEM stakeholders and activities in the Northwestern Lower Michigan region.

"I am looking forward to connecting with regional stakeholders, STEM professionals and local industry partners in our communities as we work to provide meaningful learning experiences for our students," said Roche. "This is an incredible opportunity to advance STEM education within our region."

As one of 16 regional hubs focused on identifying and addressing

STEM education needs across the state, Region 13 spans several counties that include Northwest Education Services (North Ed) and Char-Em Intermediate School District service areas. With support from the intermediate school districts, Roche will coordinate and oversee the progress of STEM education activities in the region and align efforts with the state's goals.

"We are thrilled to have Sarah serving as Region 13 director for the MiSTEM Network," said Matt Olson, assistant superintendent of professional learning and innovation at North Ed. "Sarah brings a wealth of experience in the classroom to this position, and we know her talents and leadership will be valuable assets in support of STEM education throughout the region."

Learn more about MiSTEM Region 13 at mistemregion13.com and the MiSTEM Network at michigan.gov/MiSTEM.

HDNW Offers Radon Home Tests

Donate nonperishable food item and receive a home radon test kit

January is Radon Action Month, and the Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW), together with Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance (NMPHA), is using this month to educate residents about the dangers of radon gas.

Throughout January, HDNW offices are exchanging home radon kits for a nonperishable item or \$5. During the "Give a Can & Get a Kit!" event, all food donations and financial contributions given will be given to local food pantries.

"Radon is a major health concern that is often ignored because it is invisible and odorless," says Jeremy Fruk, HDNW Director of Environmental Health.

"The best time to test your home is during the winter, as doors and windows are closed."

Testing for radon is easy, and if high levels are found, there are ways to reduce exposure.

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Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, causing thousands of deaths each year. Exposure to radon causes no immediate symptoms, but the long-term threat of lung cancer can affect everyone. HDNW and NMPHA encourage you to test your home for radon during Radon Action Month. By doing so, you can play a crucial role in creating healthier homes and communities.

Learn more about radon by visiting www.nwhealth.org or call us locally at 800-432-4121. For additional information about radon, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) page at <https://www.epa.gov/radon> or the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) page at <http://www.michigan.gov/radon>.

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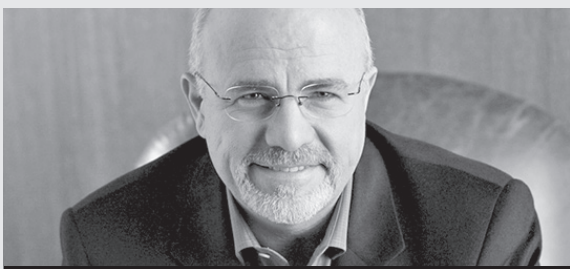
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DAVE

Says...

By Dave Ramsey

Hitting Your Goals Means Planning Your Goals

Dear Dave,

Do you have any advice for sticking with your goals and New Year's resolutions? I always have great things in mind to shoot for in December, but then they always seem to fall by the wayside before spring.

—Rae

Dear Rae,

Believe it or not, setting goals and making them happen is easier than most people think. You just need to keep a few guidelines in mind at the beginning of the process.

The first guideline is to be specific. What do you want to achieve? And be super specific when you answer that question. Things like "eat healthier" or "read more" are too vague. Instead, try something like "cut eating out to twice a week" or "read for at least 30 minutes every night before bed." Also, look out for any roadblocks that could keep you from reaching your goal, and make a plan to knock them out of the way.

Number two, make your goals measurable. A goal like "lose weight" has no target attached to it. But "lose 20 pounds" has a clear finish line. You can also break your goal setting into bite-size chunks. Give yourself daily, weekly and monthly steps to take. Focus on those, and when you accomplish one, tackle the next.

Three, set a time limit. You need a finish line, so take your goal, create a plan and break it all the way down into daily activities. Then, give yourself a deadline. You might say, "I want to lose 25 pounds

by December 31, 2025." To lose those 25 pounds by your deadline, figure out things like how many times you need to work out each week and how many calories to eat in a day.

Number four, make sure the goals are yours. Trying to achieve someone else's goals for your life never works. Why? Because working hard is hard work. You won't have the drive to stick with it if it's something you aren't not passionate about.

Finally, set your goals down in writing. Something special happens when you write down specific goals. Seeing them plainly in front of you hammers it home in a way nothing else will. There's a reason God said, "Write the vision, and make it plain," in Habakkuk 2:2 (KJV). Get those goals down on paper, along with all the steps it'll take to make them happen. And hey, don't beat yourself up if you get a little off track, Rae. Keep your chin up and your eyes on the prize. As long as you stay focused on the end goal and keep taking steps—even small ones in the right direction—you'll eventually turn those goals into reality!

—Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

Why is Jesus' birth celebrated on December 25?

Son of God was born in Bethlehem but probably in spring or fall

BY MIKE DUNN

There are some famous people who are born on Christmas day, including Sir Isaac Newton in the year 1642, the actor Humphrey Bogart (1899), Rod Serling (1924), Jimmy Buffett (1946) and a pair of NFL Hall of Famers, Ken "Snake" Stabler (1945) and Larry Csonka (1946).

But there is one person we can definitively say was not born on December 25 and that is Jesus. How do we know this? Because the clues we're given in the gospels indicate that Jesus would likely have been born in spring or fall because that is when shepherds were in the field watching their flocks by night. Most likely, Jesus was born sometime in March.

So how is that we celebrate the birth of the Son of God on December 25 each year? In the year 335 A.D. the Dec. 25 date was chosen by the Roman Emperor Constantine because on the same day the pagan festival Saturnalia was celebrated revolving around the Winter Solstice and the "birth" of a new year. The date for the birth

of Jesus caught on and that is how Christians around the world began to celebrate the birth of the Savior on Dec. 25.

The important thing, of course, is that we acknowledge the birth of the Son of God and the impact of the first coming of our Savior to this lost world. As the angel told Joseph, His earthly father, fear not to take Mary as your wife, for the child in her womb was conceived by the Holy Spirit. You are to give Him the Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins (Matthew 1:20-21).

And so we remember and celebrate each December the birth of Our Savior with the understanding that He came to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10), meaning us. And we are still lost without finding our true purpose in Him.

• Another interesting fact about Christmas is that there really was a Saint Nicholas. He was the Fourth Century Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor (present day Turkey), a godly man known for his charity and good deeds, particularly to children.

According to legend,



The Nativity scene displays the birth of Jesus more than 2,000 years ago in a stable in Bethlehem, but did it really happen on December 25? (courtesy photo)

there was a widower in Myra who had three daughters for whom he could not provide a dowry. The story goes that Saint Nicholas surreptitiously threw three bags of gold into the fireplace chimney one Christmas Eve and the gold landed into the stockings drying by the fire. Thus began the tradition of putting presents into Christmas stockings. (And, of course, for Christians around the world the giving of gifts each December reflects the manner in which the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, came into the world and gave Himself as redeemer

for the sins of mankind.) • When "A Charlie Brown Christmas" first aired on December 9, 1965, executives at CBS thought it would be a disaster. There was a battle pitched to remove the quotation of the Bible by Linus from the animation but Charles Schulz, the creator of the comic strip, was adamant that it remained because the whole theme of the program, as we know, was the real meaning of Christmas. Schulz won out, happily, and the cartoon became an instant hit, still shown every December nearly six decades later.

Boyer City Public Schools Plans May 2025 Bond Proposal

At the December 9, 2024, regular Board of Education meeting, Boyer City Public Schools Board of Education voted to place a \$24 million, zero tax-rate increase bond proposal on the May 2025 ballot. The proposal would provide facility updates and enhancements across the school district.

If voters approve the proposal, the current tax rate is projected to remain the same, and the existing bond millage would be extended to complete the proposed projects.

Most proposed projects relate to facility updates, enhancing educational opportunities, and replacing items that have ended their useful life. Projects fall into five general categories:

- Interior/exterior site improvements at school buildings;



- Two additions at Boyer City High School, one shared space for the Building Trades and Lineman programs and one for the Culinary program;
- Expanding and enhancing interior spaces at Boyer City Elementary;
- Enhancing district-wide technology and related safety components; and,
- Transportation, including replacement of buses.

"This bond proposal represents a unique opportunity for our district and community," said Superintendent Patrick Little.

"We intend to address our schools' evolving needs, provide safe and innovative spaces for our students, and prepare our facilities for the future—all without increasing the current tax rate."

School Board President Zareena Koch emphasized that voters will decide whether the school district should proceed with the five proposed project categories. "Our residents will be deciding how effectively the school district can continue addressing its academic mission while serving all students attending Boyer City Public Schools," she said.

To ensure the community is well informed about the bond proposal, Boyer City Public Schools will be informing residents about the bond proposal through various channels.

Information will be shared via community meetings, direct mailings, social media, the school district website, and local news outlets. The school district anticipates coverage of this proposal in BoyerCitizen.com, Charlevoix Courier, and the Petoskey News-Review. In addition, the school district plans to host informational sessions about the bond. More information will be shared on the school district's website and social media pages.

For additional information, visit www.boyer.k12.mi.us/page/may-2025-bond. You can also contact School Superintendent Patrick Little at plittle@boyer.k12.mi.us or by phone at 248/439-8190.

Camp Daggett Receives Grant from Great Lakes Energy People Fund to Support Day Camp Program

Camp Daggett has received a generous \$4,000.00 grant from the Great Lakes Energy People Fund to enhance facilities for its Day Camp program, which serves local children ages 5-12. The grant will be used to convert an existing cement pad into a covered picnic pavilion with four picnic tables, creating a dedicated space for campers to enjoy activities, lunch and snacks during their fun-filled days at camp.

The Day Camp program, launched in 2024, operates Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. over eight weeks during the summer. Campers participate in a variety of engaging activities, including STEAM-based learning, arts and crafts, nature education, recreation, water activities, and more. These experiences are designed to foster creativity,



learning, and community in an inclusive and supportive environment.

By transforming the existing cement pad into a covered picnic area, Camp Daggett aims to provide a comfortable and functional space for day campers to gather, fostering a safe and enjoyable environment for all participants.

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is supported by members of the cooperative who voluntarily round up their bills to the next dollar, with the rounded-up amount distributed to nonprofit organizations and charitable activities in the community. For more information, please contact Great Lakes Energy at 1-888-485-2537 or visit gtlakes.com.

State Rep-elect Parker Fairbairn on Friday pledged his support for efforts to protect tipped wage workers and small businesses when he takes office next month. Outgoing House Democrat leadership stymied any legislative discussions to reinstate the tip credit, which provides a key source of income for workers notably in the service industry and to make reasonable changes to the looming Earned Sick Time Act, which puts unrealistic mandates on local job providers.

"While these last few weeks have been anxiety-ridden for our restaurant workers and small business owners, I just keep telling people we're only a few weeks away from a House Republican majority and we will not leave our tipped

REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT FAIRBAIRN:

We must save tipped workers and small businesses



MICHIGAN HOUSE REPUBLICANS

wage workers behind," said Fairbairn, R-Harbor Springs. "We've all seen how these last few months have gone. Just over a week ago, about 1,000 tipped wage workers were in our state Capitol demanding action to save their industry. House Democrats shut the door in their face. I'll work hard to open that door and make the changes necessary to protect tipped wage earners and thousands of small businesses that provide their jobs."

Fairbairn has spent the weeks before Christmas speaking with restaurant workers and small busi-

ness owners throughout Northern Michigan and the eastern portion of the Upper Peninsula. His efforts were paired with other House Republicans throughout Michigan last week. Press conferences offering support to tipped wage workers and small businesses were held in Detroit, Kalamazoo, Lansing, and Midland.

"Republicans from Houghton to Downriver are united in our efforts to restore the tip credit and ensure that our small businesses aren't crippled by new burdensome and unrealistic mandates," Fairbairn said. "It's unfor-

fortunate to see this couldn't have gotten done before the new year – because of inaction by inaction by current majority, there are a lot of restaurant workers who are going to spend the holidays filled with stress over whether they'll still have a job in a few months. While we aren't in charge yet, things will be different in 2025. I can promise you that."

A recent survey by the Michigan Restaurant and Lodging Association found that if no action is taken 66% of restaurant owners believe they will be forced to lay off employees, 20% will be forced to shut their doors, and more than 92% of restaurants will be forced to hike prices, with many anticipating increases of 20% to 25% by early 2025.

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EAST JORDAN CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

East Jordan Lion's Club will be selling Christmas Trees from 3 - 6 pm every day at the Jordan Inn, 228 Main St.

IRONTON CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Looking for an old fashioned Christmas Eve service? One with all your favorite carols and cookies, too? We invite you to our candlelight Christmas Eve service on Tuesday, December 24 at 7pm. Join us in singing traditional hymns and celebrating the birth of the baby Jesus. Fellowship follows with coffee and cookies before heading back out into the crisp, snowflake filled evening air. We look forward to greeting you. We are located at 3805 Washington Street in Ironton.

BOYNE CITY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

The Church of the Nativity invites you to our Sunday worship service at 10:00am, as we prepare for the wonders of Christmas in this season of Advent. Our Christmas Eve service

of Holy Communion will be at 6pm. Our worship services are also on live-stream on our Facebook page. You do not need a Facebook account: just open your internet browser (Google, Edge, Bing, Yahoo, or similar) and enter: www.facebook.com/EpiscopalBoyne or find us on Facebook, @Episcopal-Boyne. The church is located at 209 E. Main Street.

EAST JORDAN CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

First Presbyterian Church is having their Christmas Eve Service at 5pm on December 24th. Everyone is welcome. East Jordan Lighthouse Missionary Church Christmas Eve Service is 6 - 7 PM St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Christmas Eve Masses 4:00 PM & 8:00 PM, Choir will sing Christmas Carols beginning at 7:30 PM - Christmas Day Service - 9:00 AM

ELLSWORTH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Community Christmas at Ellsworth Wesleyan Church and Belltower Reformed Church 6:00 PM

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Wednesday, Dec. 25. Celebrate the birth of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ.

BOYNE CITY COMMUNITY MEAL

First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St. is hosting a Christmas Day Community Meal on Wednesday, Dec. 25, Noon - 1pm. Meal providers include BC Pizza, Boyne City High School Hospitality, Boyne River Grill & True North Catering, church members and anonymous donors. Everyone is welcome to join for a complimentary meal to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Donations will go to the Good Neighbors Food Pantry.

EAST JORDAN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

A traditional Community Christmas Dinner at the East Jordan Cornerstone Church (formerly EJ United Methodist) at the corner of Fourth St. and Esterly Streets on Christmas Day, 1-3pm. This fellowship meal is our gift to the community. Everyone is welcome.

BOYNE CITY & BOYNE FALLS CHRISTMAS & HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Boyne Valley Catholic Community services are Tuesday, Dec. 24. Mass at 6pm and 9pm at St. Matthew in Boyne City. 9am at St. Augustine in Boyne Falls. Tuesday, December 31 - Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God mass at 5pm at St. Augustine. Wednesday, January 1, 9am at St. Matthew in Boyne City.

BAY HARBOR SENSORY FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE

On January 18, Great Lakes Center for the Arts, in partnership with Great Start Collaborative, welcomes Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia as they present a live, puppet-based performance of Margaret Wise Brown's children's classics "Goodnight Moon and The Runaway Bunny." Great Lakes Center for the Arts proudly offers the community two opportunities to experience this thoughtfully designed show at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

EAST JORDAN SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Please come and join the East Jordan Trailblazer club, 5586 Mt. Bliss Rd on Sunday morning for breakfast now thru March 30 from 7am-Noon. Adults \$10, Children 6 and under \$6.

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Join us every Saturday at Veterans Park Pavilion from 9am-12pm to shop local vendors. Northern Michigan's most talented farmers, bakers, entrepreneurs and artists create a market unlike any other in the region. Live music brightens up the morning starting at 10am

EAST JORDAN ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS

The Rotary Club of East Jordan has updated dates and times for their monthly meetings. The Rotary Club will meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12:15 PM and the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 5:15 PM. Both meeting times and dates will be at the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed Building

(FRJ). The club is always looking for new members. If you are new to the area or have always wondered how to get involved with Rotary, contact the Chamber Office and we will get you the contact information. 231-536-7351.

CHARLEVOIX FREE BREAKFAST CLUB TEAMS UP WITH COA

Collaboration between the Free Breakfast Club & Commission on Aging has begun. Anyone can come to the Shirley Roloff Center (old Elementary School on Division), between 8-9am and get a free breakfast sponsored by Safe Haven and prepared for you by COA chefs and our volunteers. You may dine in, take out or get curbside pick-up. This will happen at the Shirley Roloff center every Tuesday and Friday for all ages at no cost.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHILD CARE PROGRAM

The MI Tri-Share Child Care Program help companies retain their employees by participating and pay 1/3 of the cost of childcare, the OCEA (Grant from the State of MI) pays 1/3, leaving the parent only to pay 1/3 of the childcare cost. We are looking for smaller businesses that want to help their employees. Right now, some of the companies participating are Treetops Resort, Albies Foods, Gaylor Insurance. We can help self-employed families by paying 1/3 of cost. They would be responsible for 2/3 of the cost. Non-Profits can participate with this program to help their employees. For more information call 989-731-7510 or email Brandy@Gaylord-Otsego.com

EAST JORDAN TEEN CENTER

The Depot Teen Center Located in the Teen Zone at 214 Main St. Serving 6th-12th Graders throughout Northern Michigan Wednesdays & Fridays after school until 6pm. EJDepot.org. (231) 222-2224. DepotJTeenCenter@gmail.com

CHARLEVOIX ADULT GRIEF, LOSS & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our Monthly adult grief, loss & bereavement support group, which takes place the 2nd Sunday of each month from 4-5pm at the First Baptist Church, 6781 M66 North. This program is open to anyone in our community looking for assistance in their grief process and is facilitated by Rev. David Behling. There is no charge to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

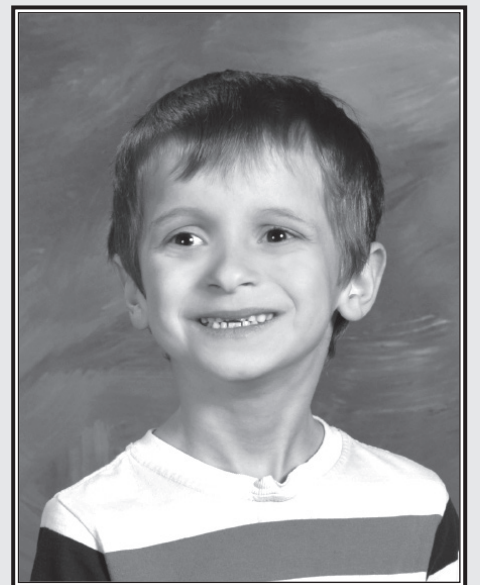
EAST JORDAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Cancer and Caregiver Support group meets at 10am the 3rd Saturday of each month at Lighthouse Missionary Church.



Boyne Falls Public School

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Robert Faulknor

Grade: 1st grade

Parent's Name(s): Chris and Tiffany Faulknor

What do you want to be when you grow up?:

Robert would like to be either Santa or a vacuum repairman.

Favorite Book:

Too Many Pigs in the Pool by Wendy Hinote Lanier, Illustrated by Iris Amaya

Hobbies and Interests:

Robert likes to play Animal Crossings, and enjoys bowling.

School Activities:

Robert enjoys playing with his friends. He has a great imagination and loves to talk about his video games. Robert also has an interest in vacuums and enjoys talking about, and using them.

Staff Comments:

Robert has made so much growth from kindergarten to 1st grade. He comes to school each day with a big smile, and ready do his personal best. Robert has a very kind heart and loves to be silly with his friends. He is working hard on his academics. Robert is willing to keep trying, even if something is difficult. I am so proud of all his hard work, and I'm excited to watch his growth for the remainder of this school year.

Submitted By: Mrs. Little



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ELLSWORTH ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

'Tis the Season!

Ellsworth Elementary held their annual Christmas Program and delighted the audience of family, friends, and community members as only a group of pre-school-5th grade students can! Singing songs of the season, with a theme cen-

tered around "O Christmas Tree," everyone's part came together beautifully.

The students who participate in the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program showcased their performance skills, upper elementary students per-

formed on recorders, and students acted out a special reading of "A Wish to be a Christmas Tree."

The event ended with a surprise visit from Santa himself-- complete with hot chocolate and cookies for all!

It was a very special event and Ellsworth Community Schools would like to thank the teachers and staff who make such programs possible as well as with the community a Merry Christmas!



athlete of the week



Jackson Crouse
Charlevoix Rayders
Boys Basketball

The Rayders led the entire game in a 56-38 win over the Manton Rangers. Jackson Crouse had a big night in the paint, getting 14 points and 20 rebounds.

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Maggie Sheaffer
Charlevoix Rayders
Girls Basketball

In a win over Alcona last week, Maggie Sheaffer had a well-rounded game with 10 points, seven steals and three assists.

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WEEKLY CHOICE & CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS ANNOUNCE 11-PLAYER FOOTBALL

DREAM TEAM



Korbin Sulitis and Ryan Spate are Co-Players of the Year. Jim Webb is Coach of the Year.



Co-Player of the year Korbin Sulitis spots an open receiver. File photo.



Co-Player of the year Ryan Spate takes the handoff. Photo Caton Walter

BY BEN MURPHY

Award season for the Weekly Choice and Charlevoix County News concludes with our 11 player football Dream Team. There was no shortage of talent on the gridiron this fall; which resulted in some big time moments this season and lengthy play-off runs.

Sharing the honor for player of the year will be Petoskey's Korbin Sulitis and Boyne City's Ryan Spate.

Sulitis could flat out make plays on offense. The quarterback threw for 1509 yards and 17 touchdowns and on 215 rushing attempts he ran for 1949 yards and 27 touchdowns. He played nearly every snap on defense too at defensive end too, where he racked up 52 tackles and two sacks. All this came for a Big North Conference championship winning football team that went undefeated in the regular season and claimed a district title as well.

As for Spate, he had quite the special year too. He rushed for 2015 yards and 26 touchdowns as a running back. While playing as a linebacker he just had a knack for making tackles, getting 108 of them. He also kicked 38 extra points.

Winning coach of the year is Petoskey head coach Jim Webb. The Northmen were flat out dominant this year; claiming an undefeated Big North Conference championship. They went a perfect 9-0 in

the regular season and had playoff wins over John Glenn and Mt. Pleasant to give them their first district championship since 2014.

Joining Sulitis on first team are four of his Petoskey teammates. Haden Janes was a lockdown cornerback; hauling in a program record eight interceptions this season, and he broke up 11 passes while getting 77 tackles as well. Logan La-Haie was another defensive standout for the Northmen, getting 123 tackles and five sacks. Wide receiver Seth Marek gets on the first team list too; despite being a focal point of opposing defenses he still had 28 receptions for 513 yards and seven touchdowns. Bradley Flynn is the final Petoskey player on the first team; the guard proved to be an anchor for the elite Northmen offense all year.

Other first team players for Boyne City are Owen Hewitt and Hyker McKinney. Hewitt was one of the best defensive secondary players in the area; getting 65 tackles and three interceptions. He also had 15 touchdowns on offense and also handled kick return duties. McKinney is only a sophomore, but he proved to be one of the best linebackers in the area, getting 77 tackles.

Gaylord offensive lineman Keaton Abraham and Zach Cowper get first team nods as well; they proved to be up to the task in the rugged Big North Conference all season long.

Kalkaska junior Brendan Piechocki gets the first team nod as

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ALL-AREA 11-MAN FOOTBALL FIRST TEAM



Korbin Sulitis (12) Petoskey – *Co-Player of the Year*



Ryan Spate (12) Boyne City – *Co-Player of the Year*



Owen Hewitt (11) Boyne City



Hyker McKinney (10) Boyne City



Haden Janes (12) Petoskey



Logan LaHae (12) Petoskey



Seth Marek (12) Petoskey



Bradley Flynn (12) Petoskey



Keaton Abraham (12) Gaylord



Zach Cowper (12) Gaylord



Brendan Piechocki (11) Kalkaska



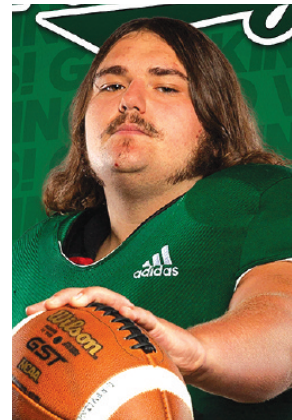
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Chauncey Lovelly (12) Cheboygan



Corbin Allen (12) Grayling



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Jackson Bennett (11) Mancelona



Ryan Naumcheff (11) Mancelona



Brenden Aenis (12) East Jordan



William Webb (10) East Jordan



Korbyn Russell (12) East Jordan



Logan Shooks (12) East Jordan



Logan Wadkins (12) Charlevoix



Sawyer Blaszczyk (11) Charlevoix



David Gray (12) Charlevoix



Brady Warchol (12) Charlevoix



Brady Jess (12) Charlevoix

DREAM TEAM

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well. He had 68 tackles and two interceptions on defense and was also the team's leading receiver on offense.

At Cheboygan, senior lineman Luke Munger and Chauncey Lovelly both make the first team. Munger was an absolute monster on both sides of the ball, blocking well on every play on offense and getting 40 tackles and four sacks on defense. Lovelly was a force as well, getting 42 tackles and three sacks while playing a steady offensive line as well.

At Grayling, Corbin Allen

and Gavin Cvitkovich join the first team list. Allen was a dynamic offensive player for the Vikings; seeing time at quarterback, running back and wide receiver. He had 976 total yards from scrimmage and 10 touchdowns; and he was solid at cornerback too. Cvitkovich was one of the best offensive linemen in the region as well.

Johannesburg-Lewiston's lone first team is Nate Hummel. A gritty player on defense, he also led the team in rushing with 604 yards and he found the end zone six times as well.

Taking a look at Mancelona, junior quarterback Ryan Naumcheff once again was a force. He missed time at the end of

the season with an injury, but was still the team's leading rusher and passer. Teammate Jackson Bennett joins him on the first team, and he was a solid running back and linebacker as well.

Charlevoix was able to win the Northern Michigan Football Conference Leaders Division. They had five first teamers; Logan Wadkins, Sawyer Blaszczyk, David Gray, Brady Warchol and Brady Jess. Wadkins ran for over 600 yards and they were all big time players on both sides of the ball.

At East Jordan, Brenden Aenis is a first-teamer. He was one of the best guards in the area and was the best lineman on a team that had over 4000 yards of total offense. William Webb had a

productive year at wide receiver, getting 774 yards and seven touchdowns receiving and he ran for another 568 yards and 10 touchdowns. Korbyn Russell missed two games at quarterback but still had a huge year; throwing for 1521 yards and 14 touchdowns. Logan Shooks wraps up the first teamers, as the running back had 1084 yards and 12 touchdowns on the ground; all while playing through an injury.

Aside from Webb, others on the all-area coaching staff are Boyne City's Dave Suttle and East Jordan's Adam Grybauskas. The Ramblers went 10-3 this year and won a regional championship. The Red Devils were 8-3 this fall and

had a playoff win over Bark River-Harris.

Co-Player of the Year Korbin Sulitis an ironman who rates among Petoskey's all-time best

BY ANDY SNEDDON

PETOSKEY – Finding

a weakness in Korbin Sulitis' game is difficult. About as difficult as it was for defenses to stop him.

The Petoskey High School senior quarterback ran for a school record 1,949 yards and 27 touchdowns, threw for 1,509 yards and 17 scores on 99-of-164 passing, and posted 52 tackles including two sacks among seven tackles-for-loss in leading Petoskey to an 11-1 finish, the Big North Conference championship, and a Division 3 district title.

The Northmen posted just the fifth 9-0 regular season in school history, their 11 wins is a school record, and the district title was just the second in school

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history. Without question, among the very best seasons at a school that has been playing football for better than a century.

And an historically good player, Sulitis, was the catalyst and is the 2024 Weekly Choice High School Football Player of the Year, an honor he shares with Boyne City's Ryan Spate.

A three-year starter at defensive end, Sulitis had played sparingly at quarterback throughout his first two varsity seasons after splitting time as the starting signal-caller on the freshman team in 2021.

Yet he never missed a beat in taking over at the most demanding position on the field – and then turning around and playing nearly every down on defense.

"If he's not the top, he's among the very toughest, hardest-working kids I've coached in my career and I think that says a lot in going over the number of kids I've had," said Petoskey coach Jim Webb, who in 2024 completed his 30th year as a varsity head coach. "I can't think of anybody that displayed what he did on a game-in, game-out basis.

"Even in practice you had to fight him to get out. We had to say, 'You need to sit down; we need to get some other kids some reps in here.'

"For him to play (the positions) he did and not miss a down I think speaks enormously about him."

Sulitis was at his best when it mattered most, rushing for a combined 888 yards in Petoskey's three playoff games. Throw in the 218 he rolled up in the regular-season finale against a good Clare team, and "the kid was basically a thousand-yard rusher against the better teams on our schedule," Webb said. "It's amazing."

Sulitis has signed with Division II Northwood where, he said, he will play a hybrid defensive end-line-backer position. He was named to every All-State team there is, headlined by a Division 3-4 First Team All-State nod from the Michigan Sports Writers



Petoskey's Head Coach Jim Webb is our All-Area Coach of the Year. FILE PHOTO.

(formerly the Associated Press).

Sulitis' parents, Jeff and Kate, played football and volleyball, respectively, at Saginaw Valley State. Sulitis is the oldest of their four children, including Leah, a junior at Petoskey and a standout athlete in her own right.

Sulitis, who carries a 3.9 grade point average in a rugged advanced placement curriculum, respectfully recognizes his place among the greats in Northmen history.

And while he was the centerpiece, he acknowledges that he was a part of a truly remarkable group.

"I have a historically good football team around me," he said. "I couldn't do what I did without the offensive line and the receivers. Everybody wanted to block and block until the whistle blows. They made it easy for me."

Ryan Spate Choice co-player of the year

BY BEN MURPHY

Boyne City just flat out won football games this season. Ryan Spate just flat out made big plays. The senior running back and line-backer led the way in multi-

ple facets for the successful Rambler squad, and as a result has been named the Charlevoix County News and Weekly Choice's 11-player football co-player of the year.

"I think Ryan kind of separated himself in the fact that he was a person who was more about the team than himself," his head coach Dave Suttle said. "That all started all the way back a year ago, he always wanted to include people, he always would make time for his teammates, work out with them and help pull them along. Even though he was a running back, he was at the lineman workouts and when we did something with receivers or quarterbacks, he would show up to that stuff. He was always trying to encourage his teammates and bring them along and build up that level of trust. That way they wanted to play hard not only for themselves but for him too."

The Ramblers went 7-2 in the regular season. Their ride didn't stop in the post-season either, winning tough football games over Negaunee and Kingsley to win a district championship. In the regional title game they defeated Reed City 34-21. They lost to Lansing Catholic in the semi-final game, 34-22.

In all, Spate ran for 2015 yards and 26 touchdowns on the ground and he also had 108 tackles on defense. He

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booted 38 extra points as well.

"Him being such a smart kid and he really got into the X's and O's of the game and wanted to know what all his teammates were supposed to be doing so he could help them out and know all the game plans," Suttle said. "He never let anything bother him and he would really try hard to keep the guys in line and have them follow him. He built that trust with them. Sometimes you get players who you would consider to be one of your better players and they get down on the guys, he was never that this year and he helped us out in some of our comebacks, staying strong in what we were doing and pushing forward."

Spate found much success on the field and Suttle thinks it reflects the type of person he is off the field too.

"Ryan is a unique kid, he is a better person than he is a football player and he is a pretty good football player," Suttle said. "It was a pleasure of having him be a part of the team and him being a team first guy it made it really easy to coach him."

Team effort lands Petoskey's Jim Webb Coach of the Year Award

BY ANDY SNEDDON

PETOSKEY – On paper back in August, it looked good – really good – for the Petoskey High School football team.

Potential is one thing. Delivering is quite another.

Jim Webb's Northmen delivered in 2024, winning the Big North Conference championship, a Division 3 district title, and a school record 11 wins.

"To do the things we did this year it really does take a special group," Webb said. It also takes a special coach, one who is the 2024 Weekly Choice Coach of the Year.

Webb came out of retirement in 2022 to take over a program that had not finished better than .500 in six years. His first Petoskey team finished 3-6 and then the Northmen went 6-5 in 2023, earning the program's first playoff berth since 2018 (not counting the 2020 COVID-shortened season when every team in the state made the postseason).

It was in that first season that Webb and his staff promoted four then-sophomores – Korbin Sulitis, Logan LaHaie, Haden Janes and Seth Marek – to the varsity.

In 2024, that core matured, leading Petoskey to just the fifth 9-0 regular season in school history and the first since 1974.

But the Northmen were more than that standout quartet.

"Obviously it's the players we had who are out there getting the awards, but it takes all the other players too," Webb said. "We had 27 seniors, 45 (players) on the team, and those guys worked their tails off. They just pushed each other to get better, and it takes that."

"They just came together and held each other to a standard. They didn't allow themselves to use excuses, they played with a great

deal of confidence every game. You don't get that every year."

The Northmen scored a school record 489 points on the season while surrendering 200. Their Big North title was their first since 2011.

"They're a smart group of kids and they're game smart too and you don't always see that combination," said Webb, whose team earned Academic All-State honors from the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.

A native of Davison, Webb started his football coaching career in 1983 at Hartford High School, becoming the head coach in 1988. In 1993, he led the Huskies to a 13-0 finish and the Class C state championship. He took over at Cadillac in 1998 and led the Vikings until 2014 when he retired from teaching.

In his 30-year coaching career, Webb has led three programs to a combined 169-112 record and 17 playoff berths.

When he took over at Petoskey, he retained several assistants who had long been with the program, including defensive coordinator Gavin Fralick.

"It isn't going to happen without assistant coaches who are doing a heck of a job," Webb said. "I know it's a cliché but really to me, in getting a coaching award, it's more a team award and what the coaches are doing day in and day out.

"I don't coach every position; I coach my position, and I've got 10 other guys coaching their positions and that's what it's all about. They obviously did a tremendous job with their positions."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Strong second half propels Charlevoix to win over Manton

BY BEN MURPHY

Charlevoix pretty much led the entire way in their home boys basketball game with Manton on Tuesday, Dec. 17. The Rayders really controlled things in the second half though, and managed to come away with a 56-38 victory.

“We turned the ball over too much in the first half, we were playing chaotic,



Joe Gaffney

had much better ball movement and passes in the third quarter. Our defense

Manton is a scrappy team but settled down in the second half,” head coach Anthony Troshak said. “We

was solid besides giving up some offensive rebounds and stand still threes.”

Charlevoix managed a 15-10 lead after the first quarter and 23-18 advantage at the half. They outscored the Rangers 23-9 in the third quarter, which gave them a 46-27 advantage entering the fourth. Joe Gaffney had a productive offensive game for the Rayders, netting 23 points.

Jackson Crouse had a big night in the paint, getting 14 points and 20 rebounds and Logan Wadkins was able to net eight points.

The Rangers had seven points apiece from Kaleb Musselman, Jaden Carstens and Reece Traxler.

Charlevoix (3-2 overall) heads to play Glen Lake on Monday and is scheduled to play at Traverse City St. Francis on Jan. 3.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ellsworth evens record with big win

BY BOB DELONG

The Ellsworth High School varsity girls' basketball team had a big victory



Ruby Pletcher



Bella Essenberg

against over-matched Boyne Falls last week. To say this game was a mismatch may be an understatement as the Lancers were 55-2 winners over the Loggers. It looks like first year head coach Nick Hopp has his Lancers playing well. After a couple non-league losses to Ski Valley powerhouses St. Mary and Bellaire to open the season, the Ellsworth girls have improved from their opening tough

schedule and have responded with a 2-0 start in the Northern Lakes Conference.

The Lancers led 14-0 after one, 30-0 at the half and Boyne Falls did not score in the game until the final period with Ellsworth up by over 50 points.

Ruby Pletcher led all scored with 15 for the Lancers; Bella Essenberg was also in double figures with 13 points; Hannah Essenberg had a dozen points; Nora Puroll scored eight; Samantha Pallman had four; Jasmine Kaufman scored a two-point basket; Kylee Fuller made a free throw and both Ella Spoonable and Lauren Rasmussen both played valuable minutes when they were in the game.

Ellsworth was to play Burt Lake NMC, (3-3), this past Friday and this weekend they will participate in the Central lake Christmas Tournament beginning December 26th.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Charlevoix girls top Alcona to claim first win

BY BEN MURPHY

Grit. Energy. Victory. The Charlevoix girls basketball team had all three on Wednesday, Dec. 18. The Lady Rayders were taking on visiting Alcona for a non-conference game, and played their way to their first win of the year, 41-38.

“I was proud of the fight and grit we played with,” head coach Reece Koepke said. “We had good energy and I know the girls wanted to get that first win of the season. It is nice going into break with ‘W.’ We had a few girls step up, underclassmen are playing well, Maggie Sheaffer and Ayla Kemp really stepped up and ran the show for us. Taryn Carey off the bench gave great minutes on the defensive end and rebounding. Glad we came away with the win.”

Emma Meadows hit a three pointer and had five points in the first quarter. Sheaffer netted four in the frame and Kemp hit a bucket as well, and the Rayders led 11-8 after one. The second quarter saw Kemp and Cordelia Cunningham score four points each and their lead swelled to 23-15 at the half.

The Tigers were able to knot the game at 30-30 by the end of the third quarter. In the final frame, Sarah Wyglendowski sank two field-goals and Kemp was able to hit a pair of free throws to help them hang on for the win.

The Rayders had Kemp finish with 11 points, three assists and two rebounds.



Charlevoix defense blocks a pass from Alcona #20 Lauren Travis

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Sheaffer had a well-rounded game with 10 points, seven steals and three assists, Meadows netted seven points and Wyglendowski was able to get six points. Cunningham chipped in with four points, Carey added two and Hanna Miller added one point.

The Tigers were led by Elliyana Grimshaw with 23 points. Gracyn Tracy also netted seven points.

Charlevoix also had a road non-league game at Manton on Monday, Dec. 16. They came up short in this one, 66-14.

The Rayders had Kemp get three points and haul in five rebounds. Meadows netted three points and with two apiece was Sheaffer, Dana Brown and Brooklin Schwenkee.

Charlevoix (1-4 overall) is off until Jan. 3 when they play in a home game with Petoskey. They also head to Kingsley on Jan. 7 for a Northern Shores Conference game.



CHX #3 Hanna Miller goes through traffic for a shot in the 2nd half



CHX #15 Ayla Kemp fires off a pass in the second half.

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

HOCKEY 12/20/24

Big North Conference

Team	W-L-Tie (Conference)	W-L-Tie (Overall)
Alpena	5-0-0	9-2-0
Petoskey	3-1-0	8-1-0
Traverse City Central	2-1-0	4-5-0
Traverse City West	1-2-0	1-6-0
Cadillac	1-3-0	6-5-0
Gaylord	0-5-0	0-10-0

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GIRLS BASKETBALL 12/22/24

Big North Conference			Northern Lakes Conference West Division		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)	Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Traverse City Central	2-0	2-4	Ellsworth	2-0	3-2
Cadillac	2-1	3-2	Alba	1-1	1-1
Petoskey	1-1	4-2	Harbor Springs Harbor		
Traverse City West	1-1	2-4	Light Christian	1-2	2-4
Alpena	1-2	2-3	Boyne Falls	0-3	0-3
Gaylord	0-2	2-3	Petoskey St Michael	0-0	0-0

Northern Shores Conference			Northern Lakes Conference East Division		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)	Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Harbor Springs	1-0	4-1	Burt Lake Northern		
Elk Rapids	1-0	3-3	Michigan Christian	2-0	3-4
Grayling	0-0	5-0	Mackinaw City	2-1	2-5
Cheboygan	0-0	3-2	Alanson	1-1	2-2
Kalkaska	0-1	2-2	Wolverine	0-2	0-4
Boyne City	0-0	1-3			
Charlevoix	0-1	1-4			
Kingsley	0-0	0-4			

Ski Valley Conference			North Star League-Big Dipper		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)	Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Johannesburg-Lewiston	3-0	4-0	Oscoda	0-0	5-0
Gaylord St Mary	4-0	5-1	Tawas	0-0	3-1
East Jordan	4-0	4-1	Rogers City	0-0	3-2
Indian River			Whittemore-Prescott	0-0	2-4
Inland Lakes	3-0	4-1	Alcona	0-0	0-6
Onaway	3-1	3-2	St Helen Charlton		
Bellaire	1-3	3-3	Heston Academy	0-0	0-3
Central Lake	1-3	1-3			
Pellston	0-4	1-4			
Fife Lake Forest Area	0-4	1-5			
Mancelona	0-4	0-6			

Ski Valley Conference			North Star League-Little Dipper		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)	Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Bellaire	5-0	6-0	Mio	1-0	3-0
Mancelona	3-0	3-3	Hillman	1-0	4-2
Onaway	2-0	2-2	AuGres-Sims	1-0	3-2
Gaylord St Mary	2-1	2-2	Atlanta	1-0	1-2
Indian River			Posen	0-1	3-3
Inland Lakes	2-2	2-4	Hale	0-1	2-3
Central Lake	1-2	1-4	Fairview	0-2	1-4
Pellston	1-3	2-4			
East Jordan	0-2	3-2			
Fife Lake Forest Area	0-4	1-4			
Johannesburg-Lewiston	0-2	0-5			

BOYS BASKETBALL 12/22/24

Big North Conference			Northern Lakes Conference West Division		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)	Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Traverse City West	2-0	6-1	Harbor Springs Harbor		
Cadillac	3-1	5-1	Light Christian	1-0	4-1
Petoskey	0-1	5-1	Ellsworth	2-1	3-2
Traverse City Central	0-0	4-2	Alba	0-0	0-0
Gaylord	0-1	2-3	Boyne Falls	0-1	0-4
Alpena	0-2	2-5	Petoskey St Michael	0-0	0-0

Northern Shores Conference			Northern Lakes Conference East Division		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)	Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Cheboygan	2-0	7-0	Alanson	1-0	2-2
Harbor Springs	2-0	5-1	Burt Lake Northern		
Elk Rapids	2-0	4-3	Michigan Christian	1-1	5-1
Charlevoix	1-1	3-2	Mackinaw City	1-2	3-5
Boyne City	1-1	1-4	Wolverine	0-1	1-3
Grayling	0-2	5-2			
Kalkaska	0-2	3-3			
Kingsley	0-2	0-6			

Ski Valley Conference			North Star League-Big Dipper		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)	Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Bellaire	5-0	6-0	St Helen Charlton		
Mancelona	3-0	3-3	Heston Academy	0-0	4-0
Onaway	2-0	2-2	Rogers City	0-0	5-1
Gaylord St Mary	2-1	2-2	Alcona	0-0	4-2
Indian River			Tawas	0-0	3-2
Inland Lakes	2-2	2-4	Oscoda	0-0	2-2
Central Lake	1-2	1-4	Whittemore-Prescott	0-0	1-6
Pellston	1-3	2-4			
East Jordan	0-2	3-2			
Fife Lake Forest Area	0-4	1-4			
Johannesburg-Lewiston	0-2	0-5			

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he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. Matthew 1:18-25 NIV

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The property tax millage used in the budget may be a subject of this public hearing.

A copy of the proposed change is available for public inspection at the Hayes EMS station.

Norwood Township NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Norwood Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 13th , 2025, at 7:00 P.M., at the Norwood Township Hall, 00640 Lakeshore Dr., Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 to consider the following rezoning (amendment to the zoning map):

Property described as 955 Norwood Road, identified as parcel number 011-135-010-10, and vacant property, identified as parcel number 011-126-008-15, located west of Norwood Roa and north of Center Street, consisting of 20.3 acres and 0.7 acres, respectively.

Applicant requests to rezone each parcel from A: Agricultural to R-1: Low Density Residential. The applicant is Craig and Billie Wagner.

Persons interested are requested to be present. Pertinent information relative to this rezoning request is on file at the Norwood Township Hall located at 640 Lakeshore Dr., Charlevoix MI, 49720 and available for review Mondays from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Written comments regarding these items can be submitted to the Zoning Administrator via mail; e-mail at zoning@norwoodtwp.org; or by phone at (231) 237-4404.

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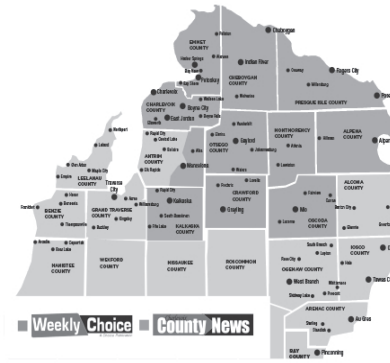
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BY JIM AKANS

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The shop consists of a 40x92 foot structure plus a 20x92 addition to the main building.

It features two 14 foot overhead doors, one 12 foot overhead door, a 20 foot pit, a 9,000 pound lift as well as two additional 14 foot doors. There is a large heated and insulated office and a heated and insulated upper loft area. The building is set up for “drive through” service.

The approximately one-and-a-half-acre property includes a 12x16 foot steel building with separate waste oil burner heat source. There is also a 30x70 foot steel lean to structure that could be closed in if desired.

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10 benefits of buying at the end of the year

The end of the year is a great time for renters to become homeowners, growing families to move to more accommodating homes, and baby boomers to find houses that fit their evolving lifestyles.

Benefits to buying at the end of the year include:

Tax savings. Closing on your new home by Dec. 31 means you can deduct mortgage interest, property taxes and points on your loan on your income tax return. You can also deduct the interest costs associated with a home equity loan. These deductions are significant, especially in the early years of your loan when you are paying off so much interest.

Sellers might be more motivated. Many sellers will also be anxious to sell by the end of the year so that they, too, can enjoy tax savings on the next home they purchase. That means you may have more leverage during negotiations and they may be willing to accept lower than their listing price. However, if you’re in a strong seller’s market, you’ll want to be conservative -- and always heed the advice of your real estate professional.

If you’re buying a new house, there’s a good chance builders will be offering incentives. Many builders will throw in nice little extras to sell as many houses as they can by the end of the year.

Generally speaking, your housing choices during the fall are still healthy. By December there are traditionally fewer houses on the market. October and November are great months to go house hunting.

It’s easier to move. Many moving companies are booked

six or so weeks in advance during the busy summer months. In the fall and winter it’s normally easier to secure the services of a moving company or rental equipment on shorter notice.

A new home for the holidays. The holiday season is a great time to celebrate your new home with family and friends.

In addition, you’ll enjoy the many benefits that come with homeownership, regardless of what time of year you buy, including:

Paying toward something you own. If you’re renting, your rent payment goes toward something that will last you a month -- a place to live for 30 or so days. When you buy a house, your monthly mortgage payment goes toward something you own.

Consistent payments. Landlords have the discretion to increase your rent, plus it’s exposed to inflation. Once you secure a mortgage, you can rely on consistent payments (if you have a fixed-rate mortgage).

A place to make your own. When you own your house, you can update your kitchen, paint your home’s exterior in any color you choose, change your fixtures, and replace your carpeting -- all with the knowledge that the changes you make are your own.

Gaining equity. In the beginning, most of your payment goes toward interest. But gradually more will go toward paying off your principal, meaning you build up equity -- or savings -- in your home. Another factor in equity is appreciation. As home values go up in your area, so too does your rate of equity.



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18th Annual Ellsworth's Breakfast with Santa

ELLSWORTH – The 18th Annual Ellsworth's Breakfast with Santa fed 144 this past Saturday. The event, sponsored by the Upper Chain of Lakes Women's Club, began in 2006 by what was then the Ellsworth Lioness'. In 2019 when the Lioness' dissolved nationwide, the active ladies of Ellsworth created the UCLWC, expanding it to include women from the surrounding area. "Some of the ladies serving here today have been doing this since the very first Break-

fast with Santa," said Diane Jolliffe, club member.

The event includes a stuffed animal for each child, a gift bag from the Dairy Association, free breakfast for all who attend, and, of course, a chance to get a photo with Santa.

Hard copy photos are mailed to all participants that want them thanks to the generosity of the Charlevoix State Bank. "The Women's Club hosts this event to give some holiday spirit and serve our community. Seeing happy kids and



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Christmas Dinner

December 25, 2024

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<p>2015 DODGE JOURNEY R/T Leather, sunroof, AWD, 109 K miles.</p>	<p>2015 SILVERADO 1500 LS 4x4, double cab, tow pkg, 121 K miles.</p>	<p>BUY HERE PAY HERE BUY. FINANCE. DRIVE ON.</p> <p>2251 US HWY 31 N., PETOSKEY, MI (231) 347-3200 www.byrider.com</p>		<p>2016 JEEP PATRIOT 4x4, 82 K miles.</p>	<p>2019 SUBARU CROSSTREK AWD, 111 K miles.</p>

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