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River Street clean up



Ontonagon Village employees clearing high snow banks from the main street.

Michigan Lottery Contributions over \$1 billion to schools for 7th consecutive year

Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced that the Michigan Lottery contributed more than \$1 billion to the School Aid Fund for the seventh consecutive year in FY25. The contribution of \$1.16 billion brings the Lottery's total contribution to Michigan's public schools to

more than \$30 billion since it began in 1972.

"Here in Michigan, we're connecting our kids with the tools they need to learn, grow, and thrive whether they're in pre-K or their senior year," said Governor Whitmer. "That includes record per-pupil

funding of more than \$10,000 for every child in every school, free breakfast and lunch for all to save parents almost \$1,000 a year per kid, and record investments to help kids read. This year's lottery contributions will help build on that progress and make a difference for students, educators, and schools across Michigan. Let's keep working together to make a difference for our kids."

"The Lottery team is extremely dedicated to our mission of providing funds to support public education in Michigan. We are especially proud of our record-breaking seventh consecutive yearly contribution of more than \$1 billion to the School Aid Fund," said Acting Lottery Commissioner Joe Froehlich. "I am also very proud of the support we provide to local businesses across

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Michigan licenses first dental therapist

Addressing workforce shortages

As part of an effort by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs to increase access to dental care for all Michigan residents, the state's first dental therapist has been licensed and is practicing in the Upper Peninsula. Additionally, to increase the number of dental therapists in the state, MDHHS is assisting with the development of a dental therapy training program.

Dental therapists are licensed providers trained to deliver routine dental care including exams, cleanings and fillings under a dentist's supervision. Because they focus on a limited set of procedures, training is faster and more affordable than

traditional dental school – three to six years compared to eight years.

"Strengthening the state's dental workforce is an important focus for the department," said Elizabeth Hertel, MDHHS director. "Licensing Michigan's first dental therapist is an important step in expanding access to care in underserved areas where there are limited providers."

Dental therapists can practice in traditional private offices and non-traditional settings such as schools, mobile clinics and community health centers. The profession has existed globally for more than 100 years and is authorized in at least 14 states.

"I am proud to be the first dental therapist in Michigan because I

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GCC and NMU finalize new Articulation Agreements

Gogebic Community College (GCC) and Northern Michigan University (NMU) have finalized new articulation agreements in Environmental Science/Natural Resources and Criminal Justice, expanding affordable and accessible bachelor's degree pathways for students in the western Upper Peninsula.

The Environmental Science/Natural Resources agreement follows recent updates to GCC's Natural Resources curriculum and allows students to complete their associate degree at GCC before transferring seamlessly into NMU's Environmental Science program. The partnership maximizes the strengths of both institutions while providing students with a clear academic roadmap.

"This agreement utilizes the attributes of both institutions to give students the tools needed to build rewarding careers in Environmental Science, which is especially important in the Upper Peninsula where natural resources are deeply connected to our communities," said Jared Evans, GCC Student Success Coordinator/Transfer Coordinator.

This pathway was developed through collaboration between Evans and Tanya Savage, Assistant Director of Admissions – Transfer Pathways and Partnerships at NMU, along with additional input from Bill Perkis and Chuck Norgren of GCC's Forestry Technology program, Chenin Limback, GCC Biolo-

E-TC Panthers reveal banner

By Jean Nordine

There is a new banner hanging on the walls of the E-TC gymnasium. At a recent basketball game the State Runner-Up banner was revealed by members of the 2024-2025 Ewen-Trout Creek girls state runner-up team.

The first attempt of the reveal failed when the cord became disconnected, however the girls assistant coach, Brad Besonen came to the rescue with a gaff hook to complete the unveiling.

The banner reads:
E-TC
24-25
GIRLS BASKETBALL
STATE FINALIST
CLASS D

(Below)

Members of the 2024 - 2025 Ewen - Trout Creek Girls Basketball Team pictured l to r: Irelynd McGeshick, Niibin McGeshick, Payton Hardes, Hannah Ferguson, Ali DeCramer, Leona Schutz, Bree Besonen, Emma Besonen and Coach Jacky Besonen



Ontonagon Republicans meet

By Vikki James

The January meeting of the Ontonagon County Republican party met on January 6 at 6:00 pm at the Rockland Community Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wilma Casey followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation for the evening was given by Sharon Haarala. The attendance sheet showed 8 members present. There were no guests.

The evening's agenda was approved as presented. The minutes from the December meeting were approved on a motion from Sharon Haarala and support from Dr. Kirk Schott, with all present voting in the affirmative.

Treasurer Debbie Miles presented the financial report for the past month. There were no expenditures

for the month.

There was no old business. In New Business, there was some discussion on the people who plan to run for office this year. It was agreed the party needs more information on these people before any commitments to support can be made.

There was also a mention of the county convention to be held later in the year. There was no decision made on this issue, and will be looked at again at the next meeting.

There was also mention of a meeting in Gladstone on May 2. Wilma will get information and bring it to the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on February 3 at 6:00 pm in Rockland at the Community Building.

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Words of Wisdom



Everlasting impact with compassion and kindness is called love.

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Letters to the Editor

This forum is designed to allow people the opportunity to express their opinions. All submissions are limited to 400 words and must be dated, signed by the writer and contain an address and phone number for verification. Send letters to herald@ontonagonherald.com.

The opinions of the writers are not those of the editor.

Editor,

It's clear that "the tail is wagging the dog" these days. In political terms, "wag the dog" means using a manufactured or exaggerated crisis, often a foreign conflict or military action. It's designed to distract the public and media from a domestic scandal or unpopular policy, making a minor event seem more important to control the narrative. The phrase comes from the idea of a small tail (the distraction) controlling the main body (the public's attention) and gained notoriety from the 1997 film *Wag the Dog*.

Do you remember when trump started selling his illegal attacks on Venezuelan boats was to stop "narco-terrorists"? That was the beginning of the larger story. No reasonably informed person bought the trump lie about narco-terrorists. We knew it was about the oil and spoke up about it AND against the liar-in-chief.

Reports from 2024 confirm that the crooked donald trump asked oil and gas executives to raise \$1 billion for his presidential campaign, promising to reward them with deregulation, faster permits, and other favorable policies in return for their financial support. His rich buddies responded with significant donations. This transactional pitch occurred at a private meeting in April 2024 at Mar-a-Lago, with trump suggesting the industry would save more in taxes and regulations than their contribution would cost.

Following the military invasion on January 3rd, which resulted in the capture of Nicolás Maduro, trump has made several statements regarding the future of Venezuelan oil: The snake oil salesman stated the U.S. will temporarily "run" Venezuela and that the U.S. will be "very strongly involved" in the oil industry to "get the oil flowing the way it should be". He asserted that the U.S. is "taking back" this oil to reimburse Washington for past damages and the cost of the military operation. Captain Unamerican did not rule out American boots on the ground.

Why go after the oil and why go after it now? When you pull back the curtain, you'll see that this is about taking attention away from the Epstein scandal while throwing a trainload of dog bones to his rich corporate buddies. He and "little Mike Johnson" have fought against the Epstein scandal since day one because they know that it will take down the trump presidency. Venezuela is just the latest diversion - the tail wagging the dog. Expect more distractions as time goes on.

Tony Smydra,
Ontonagon, MI

Editor,

January Third, 2025...In one night, less than a year into his second term, the no more foreign wars PTOUS started a war with two nations, Venezuela and Cuba, (31 killed in the attack were Cuban nationals).

Let's take a little look at history...Normally I like to go way back in time, because it really does not matter, history is history, remote or recent. History is not based on time, but human nature. Technology changes, but human motivation seldom does.

So, to our intervention into Venezuela. It could be said the government there was and is corrupt, and that could be true. Like that is uncommon.

Then the Secretary of State, and the POTUS, came out and listed the next states to be intervened in. Iran, Mexico, Colombia. Also Greenland? Well, that is a lot.

A lot considering that our intervention into Venezuela has amounted to nothing other than the capture of the family of the president. Trump now states, "we run Venezuela". About the same way we run North Korea, Vietnam, Libya, Panama, Iraq, and Afghanistan. About the same way we run any nation we have ever intervened in.

The exceptions of course would be Germany and Japan. After the Second World War, we did run those two countries, with major diplomatic concessions, on both sides. One of which was acceptance, on both sides of the legitimacy of NATO.

So, we did invest decades of blood, sweat, and tears into a stable world order.

In Trump's remarks after the capture of Venezuela's president he mentioned oil 25 times and freedom for Venezuela not once.

Trump stated that he was going to make the Venezuelan people great again, by taking over their oil industry. Not to go way deep into government theory, socialism and all that, but Venezuelans currently pay 10 cent a gallon for gasoline. How dare people benefit from their natural resources.

Trump states Venezuela's oil belongs to American oil companies. Trump's logic here is because they nationalized their resources some 50 years ago. FYI, every nation has nationalized whatever they wanted to. After all who actually owns the roads...Well it is the government.

American oil companies thought well that is just the price of doing business. After all the oil is under Venezuelan ground.

Meanwhile, Trump finds, once again, another reason to not make America great again. Instead, he is busy working on that Nobel peace prize.

William Eric Stone,
Ontonagon, MI

Editor,

Oil.

It was never about drugs.

Trump hasn't mentioned drugs once since the invasion of Venezuela and the capture of Maduro.

Two Latin American strongmen have been accused of corrupting their governments, and using presidential power to import drugs into the U.S.

Honduras President Juan Orlando Hernandez said that he would "stuff the drugs up the gringos noses." He was extradited and convicted in New York.

However, Hernandez had connections. He had had contributed money to right wing operative Roger Stone, so Trump pardoned him.

But no pardon for Maduro.

He has something that Trump wants. Oil. Since Maduro's arrest Trump has been talking only about oil, not drugs.

Now Trump is saber-rattling towards other countries, including allies.

Greenland has rare earths that Trump wants, "We do need Greenland absolutely."

Administration officials are discussing options for Greenland, including military invasion.

Trump offered to send troops to Mexico "because the cartels are running Mexico."

When Trump mentioned Cuba, the Cuban Foreign Minister responded that Cubans are "prepared to give their lives against U.S. intervention."

When asked about a military operation to Colombia, Trump said, "It sounds good to me." He labeled their president a sick man and a drug dealer, a complete fabrication.

Thousands of Colombians are protesting Trump's threats and disrespect.

In March Trump said that he was "reclaiming the Panama Canal."

Trump has insulted Canada by calling it the 51st state.

Trump has pulled the U.S. out of the UN climate treaty.

Trump is calling all of this the "Don-roe Doctrine."

And now, news that the Department of War has seized two Russian vessels in international waters, a violation of International Maritime Law.

Putin is incensed. This is truly frightening.

Donald Trump is abusing his power, and inflicting fear, insults,

pain, unpredictability, sheer chaos upon the entire world.

He has done the same within the United States of America.

He ignores courts orders, and uses the military and federal agents domestically within the U.S.

He challenges checks and balances, and stonewalls Congressional oversight mandated by the U.S. Constitution.

He targets individuals and institutions he sees as his enemies.

Trump is also profiting from the Presidency. His net worth soared from \$4.3 Billion in 2024 to \$7.3 Billion in 2025, due to foreign government payments, real estate visited by lobbyists and officials, cryptocurrency, merchandising, and payments from political groups.

None of this is okay.
Anne Snudden,
Bruce Crossing, MI

Editor,

Once again short and selective memories are distorting the facts and are creating a fraudulent reality. 'Life of Illusion', by Joe Walsh, anyone?

Those high speed 'small' boats have up to four outboard motors, producing up to one thousand horsepower. One of my old boats could do about 55mph when the Big Lake was mirror flat. The drug boats could easily top 75mph. The way they burn fuel, it's obvious that they aren't fishing. The only purpose of these 'small' boats is to meet freighters in international waters, for shipping and receiving illegal drugs.

Ever hear of Hugo Chavez? Didn't he 'nationalize', actually confiscate the oil drilling and refineries in Venezuela? Where did the initial investment to develop the oil industry come from? At the current time, their oil production is down to one million barrels/day. The failing infrastructure will have to be rebuilt, to bring production levels up to where they were under the control of those 'greedy oil companies'. Also in Venezuela, how many Iranian terrorists received Venezuelan passports? What about Iranian missiles and Chinese and Russian 'influence' in Venezuela?

When it comes to Nigeria, it is also more than just oil. Christians are being slaughtered by Moslems, again and again. Can't happen here? Just wait and see. Jimmy Carter, along with the UN's Refugee 'resetlement' Act, brought more Moslems into our Country. Why did they refuse to send us Christian refugees? Guess who these Christian refugees would vote for?

How many Chinese PLA are in Canada and Greenland? Didn't the Chinese CCP try to buy Greenland BEFORE Trump? Greenland, Denmark and NATO, could never stop a Chinese takeover of Greenland. On so-called 'green energy', look at what happened in Spain, with their blackout caused by too much dependence on solar and wind. With the contamination of the soil by leaking solar panels, and thousands of used wind turbine blades clogging up landfills, they're not so green. Thanks to shipping most of our industry and manufacturing overseas, we don't have the 24/7/365 electricity that we need. Nuclear plants are already on extended operating licenses. Coal is still a good alternative. For more info on energy, look up Dave Walsh, Energy Consultant, former CEO of Mitsubishi Power Systems.

Paul Olson,
Ewen, MI

Consumer Alerts

Here are the current top Consumer Alerts you should be aware of

• After the Disaster Scams
After disasters, scams increase. Watch out for imposters and fake repair contractors. Avoid pressure tactics. Verify credentials and get written estimates. Report price gouging or fraud to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Team.

• Government Imposter Scams
Scammers posing as government agencies may offer money or demand personal information or payment. Don't click links, open attachments, or respond. Block and delete the message and report it. Legitimate government agencies don't offer grants or demand payment by phone, text, email, gift cards, or apps.

• Utility Imposter Scams
Scammers may pose as utility companies. They may threaten utility shutoff and demand urgent payment through gift cards, wire transfers, or payment apps. Utilities never require instant or unusual payments. If you are suspicious, hang up. Verify your account using the phone number on your utility bill or website.

• Data Breaches
Data breaches are increasing. They put consumers at greater risk for identity theft. If you receive a breach notice, act quickly to learn what information was exposed. Review your credit reports and place fraud alerts or security freezes on them. Use two-factor authentication and take advantage of free services offered to reduce the risk of identity theft.

• File a Complaint
Consumers should know complaints become part of the public record. These records may be shared with third parties. Do not send original documents or sensitive information unless necessary. The Consumer Protection Team reviews complaints and acts as a go-between. The Team cannot act as a private attorney.

• Free Credit Reports: What Consumers Should Know
A credit report is a record of your credit history used by lenders to make decisions about you. Review reports often to spot errors and identity theft. Consumers can access free weekly reports at AnnualCreditReport.com. Confirm that the information is accurate and up to date.

• Business Sudden Closure - Protect Yourself
Consumers should act quickly when a business closes before delivering goods or services. They should also research the company in advance and limit down payments. Protect personal records and file a complaint with the Attorney General's office.

• Don't Fall Victim to Gift Card Scams
If someone asks for payment with a gift card, it's a sign of a scam. Criminals will pose as law enforcement, utilities, or even family members. They may try to pressure victims into sharing untraceable gift card numbers. Report scams immediately to limit losses.

• Gifting Circles Good, Gifting Schemes Bad: How to Spot an Illegal Pyramid Scheme
So-called "gifting circles" involving recruiting people for cash or gifts are illegal pyramid schemes in Michigan. Recruiting drives them. They may have friendly names like "Secret Sister" or "Women Empowering Women." They promise large payouts. But when they fall apart, most participants lose money or are at risk of identity theft.

• Avoiding Unhappy Returns - Returning Merchandise Bought

Online or In the Store
Consumers can avoid return surprises by reviewing store return policies before buying. Policies vary by retailer and may include time limits or store credit instead of refunds. Keep your receipts. Ask about holiday exceptions. Know your rights if defective items are refused.

• Payment Apps and Scams
The Attorney General warns consumers about peer-to-peer payment apps. Apps like Venmo and Zelle offer convenience but provide limited protections. Users can be victims of scams, payment errors, and fraud. Treat these apps like cash, verify recipients, and avoid unknown sellers.

• Online Shopping - Be Smart, Stay Safe
The Attorney General warns consumers about online schemes like countdown timers and pressure messages. These schemes are designed to cause impulse purchases. Shoppers are urged to secure devices and shop only on trusted websites. Research sellers and products, pay with credit cards, and report suspected fraud.

• Grandparents Scam
The Attorney General warns about the grandparent scam. Callers pretend to be a troubled grandchild and request money in this scam. Consumers should stay calm. Contact family members directly. Don't share personal or financial information.

• Drop-Shipping: What you Need to Know Before You Buy or Sell Online

The Attorney General explains that drop-shipping is legal but risky. Consumers should research products and compare prices. They should also be suspicious of social media ads and fake brands. Aspiring sellers should be cautious about "get rich quick" schemes. Sellers are also warned about lack of supply-chain control, and counterfeit or illegal goods.

• Data Breaches: What to do Next
Data breaches and identity theft are increasing. These events make it important for consumers to act quickly if notified of a breach. The Attorney General urges consumers to review what data was compromised. They should also change passwords and monitor credit reports. A fraud alert or freeze on accounts could reduce the risk of long-term damage from identity theft.

• AG Nessel Highlights Scam Alerts in Holiday Consumer Protection Campaign
Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel continues her Holiday Consumer Protection campaign. She focuses on 5 alerts. She highlights alerts on phishing scams, puppy scams, AI fraud, scanner law pricing, and credit card monitoring. The campaign can be found on the new @MIConsumerWatch social media accounts.

• Phishing Scams
The Attorney General warns that phishing scams impersonate trusted sources to steal money or personal information. Scams include smishing, romance fraud, and hijacked accounts. Consumers should watch for urgent requests, poor grammar, and suspicious links. Also, avoid clicking or replying to suspicious emails. Use spam filters and promptly report phishing and fraud.

• Michigan's Scanner Law - The Shopping Reform and Modernization Act
The Attorney General reminds consumers of their rights under Michigan's Scanner Law. Stores must display prices clearly. Con-

sumers can receive a refund plus a bonus of up to \$5 if a scanner charges more than the posted price. The alert explains exemptions, dispute options, and how to file complaints or pursue legal action.

• Puppy Scams
The Attorney General warns that online puppy scams frequently target animal lovers. Scammers often demand extra fees for pets that don't exist. Consumers are urged to research breeds, breeders, and listings. Avoid sight-unseen purchases; use credit cards; and keep records. The alert also cautions against pet store purchases and encourages adoption through local shelters.

• Artificial Intelligence and Scams
The Attorney General warns that scammers are using artificial intelligence to clone the voices of loved ones. Watch out for unusual payment demands. Contact credit card companies and law enforcement if targeted.

• Credit Cards - Did I Charge That?
The Attorney General warns that unauthorized credit card charges are a top consumer complaint. Consumers should review statements and avoid sharing card details by phone. Suspected fraud should be reported to the bank that issued the card.

• Postcard Scam
Attorney General Dana Nessel warns veterans about fake postcards they may receive. The postcards tell veterans about extra benefits they could qualify for. Scammers use these postcards to steal personal information. Veterans should check offers with trusted veterans services. They should also report scams to state or federal authorities.

• Website Spoofing - Scammers Disguised as Trusted Brand
The Attorney General warns consumers about website spoofing. This is when scammers use look-alike websites to steal personal information or money. Fake sites often pose as trusted brands through emails, texts, or ads. Check web address and avoid clicking on suspicious links. Also, watch for poor design or misspellings and use website safety tools.

• Wise Charitable Giving
This alert asks consumers to research charities before donating. Check the charity's registration status. Ask how funds are used. Be sure to confirm tax-deductibility and don't be pressured into giving.

• Prevent Identity Theft: Protect Your Mail and Packages from Porch Pirates

The Attorney General warns that many identity crimes involve mail and package theft. Consumers are urged to protect their mail, pause delivery when away, avoid leaving bills in mailboxes. These steps can help stop porch pirates to reduce identity theft risk.

• Computer Ransomware - What Is It?
Ransomware is a virus that locks your files until you pay money—but paying won't guarantee access. This virus is spread through fake links, emails, or pop-ups. Protect yourself by updating your software, avoiding unknown links, and using secure networks. Report attacks to law enforcement or federal agencies.

• Travel Tips
The Attorney General warns travelers to watch for common travel scams. The alert advises consumers to research agents and websites and pay by credit card. It also urges travelers to report suspected scams.

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Apply for spring turkey season now through February 1

Hunters should note changes to license options, turkey management units and mandatory harvest reporting for 2026 season.

The application period for Michigan's spring turkey hunting season is open now through Sunday, February 1. Applications cost \$5 each and can be purchased at any license agent, online at Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses or through the Michigan DNR Hunt Fish app.

Hunters should be aware of several important changes to the spring turkey season this year, including a major update to the number of turkey management units, or TMUs, and the license options available in those units.

"These regulation changes uphold the goals for the spring turkey hunting season: maximizing hunter opportunity while also maintaining satisfactory hunting experiences across the state," said Adam Bump, the DNR's upland game bird specialist.

New spring turkey management units

Beginning in 2026, the number of spring turkey management units is reduced from 14 to three:

- Unit M – Upper Peninsula
- Unit NN – Northern Lower Peninsula
- Unit ZZ – Southern Lower Peninsula

Before buying a license, hunters are strongly encouraged to review the official TMU maps in the 2026 Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations Summary.

License options available through drawing

These options are valid on public and private land within the three TMUs. When applying, hunters must select a first-choice hunt and may also choose an optional second choice. (Turkey license quotas limit the number of hunting permits available for each TMU and season.)

- Unit M (Hunt 0110): April 18-May 31. License quota: 6,000
- Unit NN (Hunt 0134): April 18-May 1. License quota: 18,000
- Unit ZZ (Hunt 0302): April 18-May 1. License quota: 8,000
- Unit ZZ (Hunt 0303): May 2-May 31. License quota: 8,000

License options available without application

The following licenses are guaranteed and do not require entering the drawing. The licenses can be purchased beginning at 10 a.m.

Monday, March 16.

- Statewide (Hunt 0234): April 25-May 31. License quota: Unlimited. Valid on public and private lands statewide except for public lands in Unit ZZ.

- Unit ZZ (Hunt 0301 – Private land only): April 18-May 31. License quota: Unlimited. Valid on private lands in Unit ZZ.

"These changes will give hunters longer seasons and bigger units to hunt in," said Bump.

Drawing results

Drawing results will be available Monday, March 2. Hunters are responsible for checking their own results online or through the Michigan DNR Hunt Fish app.

Hunters who are unsuccessful in the drawing may purchase a leftover license for a hunt with a remaining quota beginning at 10 a.m. Monday, March 9. Hunters who did not apply for the drawing may purchase leftover licenses beginning at 10 a.m. Monday, March 16. Depending on demand, leftover licenses may or may not be available in desired TMUs.

New spring turkey youth license

Hunters aged 17 and older during the hunt period who have a hunter education certificate, or those with an apprentice license, are eligible to apply during the application period.

Hunters aged 10 to 16 may purchase a spring turkey youth license and do not need to apply. Hunters aged 9 and younger may participate through the mentored hunting program and receive a spring turkey license.

Both the youth hunter and mentored youth spring turkey licenses are valid for all spring turkey management units and season dates. Details are available in the spring turkey regulations summary.

Mandatory harvest reporting

All successful spring turkey hunters must report harvests within 72 hours or before transferring possession of the birds, whichever comes first. Harvests can be reported online on the DNR's Report a harvest website or through the Michigan DNR Hunt Fish app. The reporting system provides near real-time harvest information throughout the season.

Season dates, license quotas, maps and additional seasonal information are available in the 2026 Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations Summary.

What's new on our shelves at Ontonagon Township Library



By Abby Ollila

The Ontonagon Township Library is always adding fresh titles for readers of all ages and interests. Whether you're interested in adult fiction, nonfiction or fun books for children, here is a snapshot of what free titles could be waiting for you at the library.

New adult titles are introduced every other Monday, rotating between fiction and nonfiction. Some of our newest adult fiction titles include the new historical thriller *The Omega Factor* by Steve Berry, and *The Cartel* series by JaQuavis Coleman and Ashley Antoinette, following the gritty, competitive world of Miami's drug cartel. Other recent additions include *The End of Drum-Time* by Hanna Pylväinen, a historical novel that explores a cultural division in 1850s Scandinavian tundra from an interfaith romance, and the adult graphic novel *The Structure is Rotten Comrade* by Viken Berberian and Yann Kebbi, which analyzes a collapsed Soviet society through the eyes of a foreign film crew. Additional highlights include the large-print gothic fantasy novel, *In the Hour of Crows* by Dana Elmendorf, as well as *The Unsinkable Greta James* by Jennifer E. Smith, a novel about a musician who reconnects with her father on a weeklong cruise following the death of her mother.

New adult nonfiction titles include *The 5 Love Languages: The Secret to Love that Lasts* by Gary Chapman and *Time Lord: Sir Sandford Fleming and the Creation of Time* by Clark Blaise. Other additions include business books like *Delivering the WOW* by Richard Fain and memoirs like *Deer Man: Seven Years of Living in the Wild* by Geoffroy Delorme.

Young adult readers can find recent additions such as the first two books in the TikTok-famous vampire romance series *Crave* by Tracy Wolff, and *Death in the Cards* by Mia P. Manansala, which follows a high school tarot card reader whose client goes missing after drawing the death card.

Our juvenile section holds new titles ranging from fantasy stories to educational reads. Recent comic

book additions include *Big Nate: No Harm Done*, the newest installment of the *Big Nate* series by Lincoln Peirce, and *Dog Man: Big Jim Believes* by Dav Pilkey, the 14th book in the popular *Dog Man* series. Other additions include the mystery adventure novel *The Sherlock Society: Hurricane Heist* by James Ponti, the middle-grade murder mystery *Blood in the Water* by Tiffany D. Jackson, and *Becoming Naomi León* by Pam Muñoz Ryan, a coming-of-age novel following a young girl who goes on a journey to Mexico to find her estranged father.

For nonfiction juvenile readers, our newest title *Giant Rays of Hope: Protecting Manta Rays to Safeguard the Sea* by Patricia Newman shares the story of marine biologist Kerstin Forsberg as she worked with her organization Planeta Océano in their campaign to protect manta rays in Peru.

For beginning readers, recent arrivals include the popular comedy book *The Book with No Pictures* by B.J. Novak, which uses words only to make a fun and entertaining experience for listeners, and *Tiny Jenny: Little Fairy, Big Trouble* by Briony May Smith, a tale about a mischievous fairy raised by wrens who goes on a journey to find her biological fairy family.

New wintry reads include *There was a Cold Lady Who Swallowed Some Snow* by Lucille Colandro and the level one reading book *Snow* by Marion Dane Bauer.

Recent additions to our movie collection include the political action thriller *Olympus Has Fallen* (2013), the romantic comedy *Because I Said So* (2007), the war drama *The Deer Hunter* (1978), the romantic sports movie *The Cutting Edge* (1992), and the romantic musical *Forever My Girl* (2018). We also have new juvenile DVDs, including *Escape from Planet Earth* (2013), *Rio: Party Edition* (2011), *The House with a Clock in its Walls* (2018), *Annie* (2014), *The Croods* (2013), and *The Nut Job* (2014).

Library card registration is free for all residents of Ontonagon, Greenland, Rockland, and Bohemia Townships.

Michigan licenses first dental therapist

Addressing workforce shortages

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have the opportunity every single day to show others how rewarding this career can be and the powerful impact a dental therapist can have on improving access to oral health care in underserved communities," said Dana Obey, licensed dental therapist. "I hope my journey inspires others to join this profession. Becoming Michigan's first dental therapist is more than a career milestone – it's an opportunity to go above and beyond to provide a safe space where patients feel respected and heard. I've seen firsthand how, with the right support, tools and education, lasting lifestyle changes are possible."

While Michigan has 59.1 dentists per 100,000 people, they are not equally distributed throughout the state or representative of the populations they serve. More than 1.5 million residents live in federally designated dental shortage areas with limited access to care. This includes children and seniors, low-income families, pregnant women, people with disabilities and rural residents.

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Michigan established a licensure pathway for dental therapists in 2021. However, as no dental therapy programs are offered in the state, Michigan students have had to pursue their education in other states with the intention of returning to serve in Michigan communities. Currently, only five dental therapy programs exist nationally.

This is set to change as Ferris State University is developing Michigan's first program, targeted to launch in the next couple years. MDHHS is assisting Ferris State with program development through a federal Health Resources and Services Administration oral health workforce grant. This includes \$85,000 in funding to help the university hire a consultant to assist with curriculum design and accreditation through the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

"The development of a Michigan dental therapy program is another way our state is working to ensure Michigan families can easily access care as oral health plays a critical role in overall health and well-being," said Hertel.

Learn more about dental therapy at <https://www.midentalaccess.org>.

VILLAGE OF ONTONAGON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontonagon Village Council will conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed Ordinance #2025-04: DDA Repeal Ordinance. The Public Hearing will be held on January 26, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 315 Quartz Street, Ontonagon. All interested parties are invited to attend or submit written comments prior to the above meeting date. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available at the Ontonagon Village Office, 315 Quartz Street, Ontonagon or call 906-884-2305.

Wendy Pence,
Village Clerk

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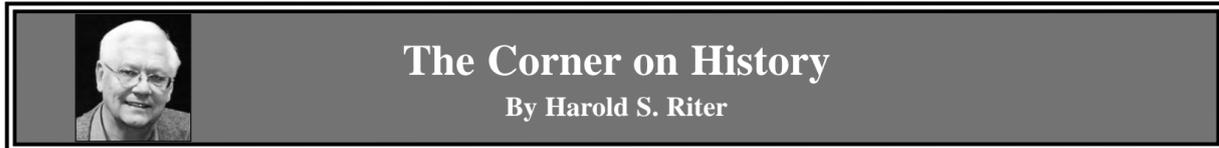
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The Corner on History

By Harold S. Riter

One way to kill a community

One of the most obvious problems a small community can have is to go out of the way to NOT attract business. Once upon a time, not so long ago, there was a magical and very unique place called Ontonagon. The Village had all the ingredients of a thriving little community. There were several (yes, several) automobile dealerships, furniture stores, two well established hardware stores, one of which also sold appliances, and even a jewelry store where watches and clocks could be repaired. On the main street there were two major banks, a national bank and a state bank, and even a small branch of a savings and loan. One could walk into a dry cleaning establishment and have specialty cleaning done quickly and efficiently.

On the main street there were a number of bars, one of which boasted a piano and local musicians could gather there and jam, not with just electronic instruments, but with real horns, drums, and woodwinds. Others were "sports" bars, or a most notable place that featured collectibles from the good old logging days, and hunting memorabilia.

Local services included at least two electrical contractors, a bottled gas company, two competing plumbing contractors, and a number of general contractors who could dig basements, pour concrete, set block, lay bricks, and frame up entire houses. There was a shoe repair shop, and a most extraordinary fix-it shop where nearly anything could be repaired, or even fabricated.

Back in the day, a man could walk into a downtown store to buy a new pair of pants or even be fitted for a suit. There was also a fine selection of shoes and boots, not to mention work clothes. There was an exclusive shop for ladies wear as well.

Auto repair was available at several places, a flat tire could be repaired, and an oil change could be as simple as driving in and waiting a short time over a cup of coffee and a piece of pie in one of the local restaurants, or walk over to one of the local drug stores to get a prescription filled.

It is nice to recall these times, and many of our readers can look at the listings above and name off the businesses that once were here and the few that yet remain. For certain, there are many who would like to see some of these services and business establishments back in the Village. Most of us know what businesses are now lacking, but what people want to have available and what they truly need and will support are two very different things.

Perhaps, a good place to start is to find out what goods and services require people to go outside the community to make purchases, or to seek services no longer available locally. One of the challenges of a community's ability to keep business local is to realize that success in this area lies entirely within the community itself. If what you need or are looking for is not here, did anyone ever consider that there may be an opportunity to do something to keep the 20-150 people who daily go elsewhere to get what they want or need?

A major factor to consider if we really do not want businesses here is that the local community must do its best to ensure that there is no com-

petition among businesses. There is a well voiced opinion locally that the Village has gone out of its way to discourage new businesses! It is important to note that no local business has an exclusive monopoly in goods and services...an exclusive jurisdiction that keeps out any potential competition.

Consider the grocery store situation. 60 years ago, the Village had three super markets...a locally owned IGA, a Midland co-op, and a grocery called Super Quality that was located on an out-of-the-way side street. There were also a number of Mom & Pop stores. All were thriving, and the larger stores competed in variety and pricing. There is no real correlation between community size and the number of groceries that can be supported. This reporter, for a time lived in a town with fewer than 500 residents. There was one grocery with limited selection. A chain store decided to open in the town and suddenly prices dropped in the original store and folks began to buy their groceries locally, patronizing both stores rather than driving 30 miles away to a larger town. Here at home, we have only one remaining main grocery outlet and one convenience store. A 12 oz. bag of coffee beans costs \$4.00 more here than the very same product 60 miles away. If this trend carries over to other grocery items as well, it may fall to common sense to be well worth the 60 mile drive to make purchases out of town and to combine grocery shopping with other services and purchases that may not be available locally.

Competition is good for a local economy because competition provides for better prices, a more varied selection, better quality, and in many cases, service. Keep in mind that

competition isn't always about the price, but can also be about quality of selection (such as produce), and available for servicing the items that we may purchase such as appliances or even an automobile. No single business can be all things to all people, but the most successful businesses are those who find that they can and will specialize in something that others fail at. Basically, competition provides the incentive for better behaviour (service) among competitors.

Now to turn this discussion into something more productive: could it be that nearly everyone in the Village is fully aware of why there is limited success in attracting and keeping businesses? A prevailing idea that allowing a new business into the community would provide unwanted competition for one already here may have some validity. Interestingly enough at one time there were two hardware stores located kitty-corner in the Village. One closed down due to the death of the owner. The other business owner told this reporter that the closing of the competitor actually hurt his business! Voila! A most insightful observation.

This reporter is certainly not an economist. Ask me about music instruments, history, or general humanities and I can give you an answer, but please consider this accepted economic principle...that each dollar entering a community changes hands seven times. That means that a dollar entering the community will be spent six more times before leaving the community, but a dollar that is spent outside the community is gone for good.

Ontonagon has a rich and colorful history, and a lot of money has changed hands here during the last

century and a half. Perhaps we must ask how much of it remained here?

If the intention is to kill the community, it is important that no new businesses be allowed to set up shop here. To make sure nothing happens to bring back the businesses that once flourished here we must make sure that there are no competitive business tax rates; that special rules or regulations must be in place to hamper new development, preferential zoning should be discouraged to protect neighborhoods, and any existing businesses should openly discourage any enterprise that could be considered a threat to their exclusive territory.

The Village has invested thousands of dollars in community improvement plans, such as the Hyatt-Palma plan and the Williams & Works layout. Instead, each plan has been shelved and nothing has changed. The Village Council could not take a definite position several years ago on the relocation of the M-64 bridge which resulted in the central business district being isolated and disrupting the historical flow of goods and services in the town... and then there is a loss of the local hospital that has created another loss of major services here that force so many to leave the area for medical help they can no longer get here. Doesn't it bother anyone that except for a very small number, there have been no children born in the County for decades?

This community faces many challenges in the years ahead, that must be addressed and solved from within the Village itself. Entrepreneurs such as James Mercer, and John Hawley knew this. Today we have the advantage of hindsight, but can we not begin to look forward for a change?

Aspirus announces top baby names of 2025

Aspirus is pleased to announce the most popular baby names of 2025 across its health system, reflecting both enduring favorites and the wide range of unique names chosen by families throughout the region.

In 2025, a total of 3,257 babies were born at Aspirus facilities. That total included 1,589 girls and 1,668 boys, highlighting another strong year for Aspirus birthing services across Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

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- Charlotte
- Eleanor
- Nora

For boys, the top three baby names of 2025 were:

- Henry
- Oliver
- Theodore

Several names continued their popularity from the previous year. Henry and Oliver held the top two spots for boys in both 2024 and 2025, while Charlotte, which ranked second in 2024, rose to the top spot for girls this year.

Beyond the most popular choices, Aspirus families also embraced individuality when naming their children. In 2025, parents selected 745 different boy names and 864 different girl names, underscoring the diversity of families and traditions served by Aspirus hospitals.

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From
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From the Vaults:

Ace

By Ken Raisanen

The following artist's names conjure up an instant mental image: Cher, Elvis, Prince, Madonna, Rihanna, Shakira, Adele, Beyonce, Bono, Sting, Eminem, Sade, Kesha, Flea, and Slash (to name a few more modern examples). Do you remember the black leather clad Elvis or the spangly jumpsuited Elvis? Do you see Cher standing next to Sonny Bono or the latter day Cher wearing a multitude of wigs and outrageous outfits. Sting? Does the black and yellow bumble bee sweater that inspired his name come to mind? A hoodie and ball cap clad Eminem reminds me of his menacing appearance when he first broke through. Madonna has gone through so many phases, a mental image of her would no doubt be tied to whatever song(s) of hers one likes the most. Then there is Ace Frehley. I am willing to bet most will picture him as the 'Spaceman' or 'Space Ace' in full KISS regalia from his two stints with that band.

Sadly, Paul Daniel 'Ace' Frehley (April 27, 1951 - October 16, 2025) left this mortal coil too soon at the not exactly ancient age of 74. The end could have come sooner for Frehley and he admitted in many interviews that it would have if he had not sobered up in 2006. In earlier interviews, Frehley said he never used effects pedals on stage because A) his guitar plugged straight into a stack of Marshall amps is the sound of rock and roll (also his sound) and B) he has always had balance problems. Effects would have just given him more stuff to trip over.

On September 25, 2025, it was reported Ace had taken a fall in his home studio which forced him to cancel his upcoming tour dates. A week later, he suffered a severe head injury after taking another tumble at home, this time down a flight of stairs. The second fall left him hooked to a ventilator with a brain bleed. When his health failed to improve, the family made the tough decision to end his around the clock life support. Frehley died a few hours later without ever regaining consciousness.

Frehley was born in the Bronx, New York, and during his teenage years, he survived a rough home life by joining a street gang. The 'Ace' nickname reportedly came from his knack for picking up women. He also got to be a pretty good at guitar after his father put a \$25 Japanese model in his hands. Ace was a self taught guitarist who idolized the British Invasion sounds of Eric Clapton, Jimmy Page, and Keith Richards. After he dropped out of school to pursue a musical career, life steered him into driving a cab to make ends meet. At the age of 22, his musical prospects took an upturn when he answered an ad in *The Village Voice* that said, "LEAD GUITARIST WANTED with Flash and Ability. No time wasters please. Paul 268-3145." The 'Paul' in the ad would turn out to be Paul Stanley and the band in question went by their pre-KISS name Wicked Lester.

Guitar World's Andrew Daly described Ace's first encounter with his future bandmates in the January 2026 issue (Vol. 47 NO 1): "Legend has it that Frehley showed up at the fledgling act's New York City rehearsal space on East 23rd Street with a guitar and two different-colored tennis shoes on his feet, one red and one orange. Frehley has often said that the chemistry between him and the other members of KISS (Gene Simmons, Peter Criss, and Paul Stanley) was immediate. But it was Stanley, the other guitarist in the band, that he initially connected with on a musical level." In his last interview with *Guitar World* earlier in 2025, he summed up his relationships in KISS as, "More than anything, it was chemistry. But it's hard to say: it's always that way with those things. I do know that the little things about my style fit well alongside Paul's playing."

Frehley added more than killer guitar parts to the evolving world of KISS. He designed the iconic KISS lightning-bolt logo and his Space Ace/Spaceman makeup. He also helped Stanley come up with his Starchild image. Ace added his touches to soon-to-be KISS hits like *Deuce*, *Strutter*, and *Black Diamond*. The band's records were not big movers but word of mouth about their live shows led young

fans to say, "I don't like their records but I buy them because I saw them live." By the time they hooked up with manager Bill Aucoin in 1973, KISS was at a tipping point with the label suits. KISS was very much in need of something to tip the balance toward success and away from getting dropped by their label. The latter scenario would likely have meant returning to their former day jobs.

The band's label, Casablanca Records, was also on the edge of going out of business when they took a calculated gamble. KISS was known for their powerful, theatrical live shows. The band felt their studio albums didn't show them at their best, so why not record a live album to showcase them in their best environment? The 1975 release of the double album *Alive!* was a major step forward for them according to Stanley: "It broke incredible ground for us. We were building this rabid following, yet we weren't selling albums that reflected that. *Alive!* was a sonic souvenir where people could go home and say, 'That's what I saw, and that's what I heard!'" The album also kicked their fan base KISS ARMY into high gear.

In his final *GW* interview in 2025, Frehley expressed similar sentiments about *Alive!*: "We felt that our studio albums were good, but they didn't capture the essence of our concerts. I think *Alive!* did. A lot of people jumped on the bandwagon." The multiplatinum success sent KISS rocketing up the charts and pulled Casablanca Records back from the brink of going bust. My first contact with *Alive!* happened in the fall of 1975 in the Ontonagon Area School's old Elementary/JH gym on Greenland Road. I had purchased a brand new stereo setup and was using the stage monitors from my college band Sledgehammer for speakers. I volunteered to spin records for the JH dances that year and yes, we were still spinning vinyl records and cassette tapes back then. There was one condition: the kids needed to bring the records they wanted to hear and nobody but me would handle the equipment. Songs from *Alive!* were big on the playlist and a few kids thought I would be shocked to see and hear such a radically different band.

Nothing takes the fun out of shocking an adult (never mind a teacher of all people) than finding out they have actually heard about the 'next big thing'. The kid who brought *Alive!* to the dance asked if I had ever heard KISS before. It was his turn to look shocked when I said, "Yes, I heard their first album back in '73 or so." A friend of my buddy Mitch had a super sound system in his Dodge Charger and when we would cruise around Marquette with him, he always had the newest music. Okay, it was an 8-track player, but it sounded great. On one night of our cruising adventures, he tossed on the first KISS album. My only remembrance of the music was looking at the artwork on the cassette and asking him, "Do they really dress like this?" He was the one who first shared the story with us about kids saying they didn't like their albums but they bought them anyway because they loved their live shows. For the record, this was the same scenario when I was introduced to the band Queen.

All in all, the concept of doing a live album made a lot of sense and the end results for the label and the band proved it was a shrewd move. The only mistake they made was to vehemently deny that it had been touched up in the studio. Years later, Gene Simmons admitted they had to do a lot of 'touching up' before they could put the album out. Watching them perform live, it isn't surprising there would be missed cues, fluffed notes, and even inaudible vocals - KISS was never a band that stood around shoe-gazing when they performed. For whatever reason, they decided to repeat the lie that the album was cut totally live with no fixes. Had they just said, "Well, we have a pretty energetic show and we didn't want to put out an album that didn't do the music justice, so yes, we had to go back and fix a couple of things," nobody in the KISS ARMY would have held it against them. They managed to turn what could have been their swan song album (had it been majorly flawed) into one of the premier live albums

of all time. From 1975 on, all other live albums needed to get over the high bar set by *Alive!*

The KISS rocket was still climbing in 1976, but by then Ace had developed a massive drinking problem. Things began to come to a head during the recording of the 1976 *Destroyer* album with producer Bob Ezrin at the helm. Frehley gave *GW* his honest assessment of how the wheels began to come off the bus. Ezrin got upset because he wanted everything done yesterday and Ace had a habit of showing up late. As Frehley put it, "Sometimes I showed up late because I had a hangover from the night before. Everybody knows I was an alcoholic. Bob was a guy who liked to get things done quickly, probably because he had a mountain of cocaine and a bottle of Remy Martin on the mixing desk with him. But, of course, Paul and Gene never mentioned that [when discussing why they kicked Ace out of the band]."

Ezrin ended up bringing in studio ace Dick Wagner (The Frost, Lou Reed, Alice Cooper) to play the lead parts on *Sweet Pain and Beth*. Frehley continued, "I was [later] told Bob did that because he felt my solos weren't as great as they should have been, so he had Dick play them. But it was more about punishing me for not being on time. I see it as partially my fault, but also partly Bob's fault. The thing that bothered me the most was that I wasn't told he had replaced my solos; I had to find out after I listened to the record at my home on my turntable. That bothered me for a long time." Ace continued with KISS, even contributing the song *Shock Me for the Love Gun* (1977) album. Not only was it inspired by a real incident (Ace was electrocuted during a show in Lakeland, Florida in 1976), it also marked his first-ever lead vocal, not to mention another great solo (and not a replacement).

Famed producer Eddie Kramer was on the board for *Love Gun*. Kramer was known for working with Jimmy Page and Jimi Hendrix, so he knew his way around guitar players. As for Frehley, Kramer said, "Right from the beginning, I knew Ace would be a star - that's for sure. Ace had intuitive talents; he could play blues and rock, and I loved that he could play all these cool blues licks but make them his own. He wasn't scared of anything." As much as he loved the guitar playing, getting Ace's vocal down on *Shock Me* took some doing. It took a bottle of something to 'calm him down' and multiple takes until Ace got comfortable. *Love Gun* was another big LP for the band and the success of *Shock Me* also lit a fire under Ace.

Even as his drinking and drug use escalated, *Shock Me* started Frehley thinking about leaving the band. The decision for all four members to record their own solo albums and to release them on the same day (September 18, 1977) was made to convince Frehley to hang around. Ace's album turned out to be the best of the bunch, both in terms of material and sales. It also underscored his growing perception that he was being 'held back' by KISS and could be more creative and productive on his own. Perhaps Simmons and Stanley realized this as the next three KISS albums (*Dynasty* (1979), *Unmasked* (1980) & *Music from 'the Elder'* (1981)) featured more tracks from Ace. When he told his bandmates he was going to quit prior to recording 1982's *Creatures of the Night*, Frehley said Gene and Paul begged him to stay. They were willing to 'work around his problems' because 'Ace was a unique player'.

Out of the band, everyone expected Ace's new confidence in his own music to produce instant

results. Daly said it wasn't so: "[Instead of his solo career taking off like a rocket]."

What followed was a whole lot of drinking, several near-death car crashes, failed rehab attempts, and a separation from his wife Jeanette. Through the chaos came very little music." Things began to turn around when he met a veteran bassist named John Regan in 1984. They began to collaborate and the chemistry was good. Regan's stability helped Frehley focus and they began writing and playing music together. Ace's old friend Eddie Trunk was the Vice President of Megaforce Records and he convinced his partner and head of the label, Jon Zazula to sign Frehley. The resultant record, *Frehley's Comet* (1987), almost went gold. Two more records (*Second Sighting* (1988) & *Trouble Walkin'* (1989)) were released before the wheels finally did come off the wagon. Ace's drinking and the new grunge era music more or less pushed him (and his old band) off the music scene's radar.

When MTV featured KISS on their *Unplugged* series in 1995, the band included drummer Eric Carr and guitarist Bruce Kulick. Simmons and Stanley asked Criss and Frehley to join them for a few tracks. Behind the scenes, they were planning a full costumed KISS comeback that would reunite the original line up. Ace was drinking and drugging in excess and even though the reunion tour was a success, the reunion album (*Psycho Circus*) was not. By 2002, Frehley was out again, however, his stalled solo career was not ready to resume. Once he sobered up in 2006, his musical output began to return to a more respectable level. *Anomaly* (2009) was the first of a string of strong solo albums that culminated with 2024's *10,000 Volts*. It was rumored that Ace had another album in the works when he passed and there will be much speculation as to if and when that material will see the light of day.

Happy to have survived his own demons, Ace still couldn't quite remove himself from the KISS drama. His old band went out on their massive *End of the Road* tour with a final set of shows scheduled for Madison Square Garden in December of 2023. You can pick the version of the story that makes the most sense to you (if any make sense, that is). Simmons said, "We would welcome both Peter and Ace to come up and do a couple of songs during our last show(s)." Stanley told Howard Stern in the weeks before the final show, "If Peter and Ace are involved, we might as well call the band *Piss*." Frehley wondered why he would have said this, but in the end noted, "Paul is talented but he is hot and cold. He sometimes says things that are nice and other times not so nice." This would have been a hard 'dis' to ignore.

Frehley himself oscillated between, "They wouldn't meet my monetary demands to show up," and "I was never asked to participate." He modified that stance as the final show loomed saying, "I'm the kind of guy who never says 'never'. I don't hate Gene or Paul. We are rock and roll brothers. Peter, too." It is too bad that Ace passed away before the band was honored at the Kennedy Center in December of 2025, but the event gave Simmons and Stanley an opportunity to say nice things about their former guitarist. Simmons posted, "No one can touch Ace's legacy. I know he loved the fans. He told me many times. Ace was the eternal rock soldier. Long may his legacy live on!"

Similar sentiments poured in from guitarists around the world. R.I.P. Ace Frehley.

The crucial role police play in health care

A patient in critical condition arrives at a hospital shortly after a car crash. Before the trauma team even sees them, a police officer has already described the scene and what happened. These critical details allow care to begin faster and safer, resulting in a better outcome for the patient.

This is just one example of how law enforcement offers crucial support to the medical field.

"Keeping people safe, keeping people healthy: that's our shared mission," said Mike Mock, Security Manager at Aspirus St. Luke's. "It's really a win-win relationship we have with law enforcement."

Police officers regularly offer the support health care teams need to care for patients. Here are just a few examples:

- Secure scenes so paramedics and staff can work safely
 - Share details that help trauma teams prepare for critical patients
 - De-escalate disruptive or unsafe behavior in clinics or hospitals
 - Partner on drug take-back programs, opioid response, and safety education
 - Coordinate with hospitals during severe weather, mass casualty events, and drills
- At Aspirus St. Luke's, this collaboration is built into daily opera-

tions as it is at many Aspirus locations. "Our relationship is super strong," said Mike. "There's direct communication between patrol officers and our security team from shift to shift."

Sergeant Joel Hopps oversees the Duluth Police Department's behavioral health team and works closely with Mike on a regular basis. The primary call they respond to is disruptive behavior. "We're here to make sure that no one gets hurt," said Sergeant Hopps.

The work isn't easy. Officers are often called into unpredictable situations where emotions run high, particularly in hospital settings. Still, many continue year after year to protect and support the communities they call home.

"Being a police officer and being part of the community is part of who I am. It's why I wanted to become a cop," shared Sergeant Hopps. "Working with Aspirus is another way to support my community."

With January 9, marking National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, Mike shared a message of thanks. "From here in Duluth to across the country, thank you," he said. "When law enforcement is engaged, present, and supportive, it makes a world of difference in health care."

SNHU Dean's List

Oliver Barger of Trout Creek, MI has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Fall 2025 Dean's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, non-

profit, accredited institution with a 93-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 200,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner.

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The Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District is seeking applicants for a CTE Construction Trades Program Teacher for the 2026-27 school year. The CTE Construction Trades Program Teacher will teach a new CTE program called "CTE Construction Trades" (previously Building Trades). This program will serve all six local school districts within the GOISD. One program location will be in Gogebic County and one in Ontonagon County. GOISD will consider one full time position or two part-time positions. Travel may be required.

Qualifications:

- Michigan Teaching Certification with endorsed subject area 46.0000 Construction Trades
OR – Meets the Requirements of Annual Career Authorization
4,000 Hours of Recent and Relevant Experience in industry within the last ten (10) years
- State of Michigan Licensure in Residential Building or Willingness to Obtain

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Teach construction courses including residential building, blueprint reading, and tool safety
- Plan appropriately for instruction to high school aged students
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- Successfully develop the program curriculum based on technical, industry and academic standards
- Develop instructional design including course objectives, content and laboratory experiences
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- Maintain an active advisory committee
- Monitor and evaluate student performance and provide appropriate feedback
- Utilize a variety of teaching delivery methods
- Participate in professional learning opportunities
- Work cooperatively and collaboratively with community organizations, industry, post-secondary partners, and local school districts
- Utilize community resources (field trips and/or guest speakers)
- Provide student leadership and credential opportunities
- Assist in the coordination of work-based learning opportunities and placements for students
- Maintain a positive learning environment
- Successfully create awareness and exposure of the program to help recruit future students
- Stay current with industry needs and trends
- Meet the program requirements developed by the Office of Career and Technical Education
- Maintain a high level of professionalism, content knowledge, and communication skills
- Manage annual projects - examples including residential building or remodeling and other student projects
- Promote career exploration and workforce readiness in the trades

Compensation: Per the terms of the GOISDEA Master Agreement

Reports to: Ashley Nevins, Associate Superintendent of CTE

How to Apply:

Interested individuals should submit materials including, at a minimum, a resume, three letters of recommendation, copies of any certifications, and transcripts to:

Shelby Walters

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District
200 South Elm Street; PO Box 20
Ewen, MI 49925

Electronic submissions can be emailed to swalters@goisd.org

Date Posted: December 17, 2025
Closing Date: January 31, 2026

Questions regarding this position may be directed to Ashley Nevins, Associate Superintendent of CTE, at anevins@goisd.org or 906-575-3438 ext. 200.

The candidate selected for this position must pass a criminal background check and drug test before being recommended to the Board of Education.

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Gladiator girls battle Jets and Speedgirls

By Jean Nordine

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The Ontonagon Gladiators girls started off the year on the road in Painesdale, on Monday, January 5th, where they fell to the Jeffers Jets, 54-34. The very next evening, on their own floor, the Gladiators bounced back with a big win over the visiting Bessemer Speedgirls.

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In Jeffers, the Gladiators were in the thick of things for the first half of play, as they trailed by just one after eight minutes of play, 14-13, then tied the contest 25-25 at intermission.

Jeffers got on the board first by draining a triple, the first of seven for the Jets on the night. Kylee Uotila led the Gladiators in scoring with eleven points. Uotila drained a triple for the first tie of the battle. Jeffers broke the ice with trey number two and proceeded to stay out front for the remainder of the frame.

The Gladiators took their first and only advantage at 7:28 courtesy of Jenna Tarnowski's hoop and harm. Ontonagon up 16-14. However, the Jets tied the game and proceeded to go up by two. Once the Gladiators tied it up 18-all, the knot was broken in Jeffers favor, followed by another triple for the Jets. As the quarter wound down, Jenna Tarnowski swished a triple, then Violet Amos hit a bucket as the horn sounded. All tied up 25-25 at intermission.

The third quarter of play was a disaster for the Gladiators. The Jets took the lead at 7:46 and proceeded to hold Ontonagon scoreless the entire frame. Ontonagon gave the ball away their first three possessions with Jeffers capitalizing on each TO. Jeffers didn't ease up and ended up scoring 19 points in the quarter, while the Gladiators committed nine turnovers, coupled with shooting 0 for 11 from the field. It wasn't that the Gladiators were taking bad shots, the shots just weren't falling. With eight minutes left in the game the Gladiators were in a deep hole, trailing 44-25.

Jeffers added ten in the fourth, with Ontonagon chipping in nine for the final tally, Jeffers 54, Ontonagon 34.

After falling to the Jets on Monday, the Gladiators girls took an easy victory the following evening, when they hosted the Bessemer Speedgirls.

There never was a doubt as to which team was the better one, as it was all Ontonagon the entire night. The Gladiators quickly jumped to a 18-2 lead after one quarter. Ontonagon held the Speedgirls to just one basket per quarter for the entire 32 minutes of play. By intermission the Gladiators were up 31-5, then 43-8 after three frames for a running clock.

Kylee Uotila had the hot hand from three point land. Uotila led in scoring with 19 points and sank four threes. Also in double digits for Ontonagon was Summer Sties with 16. With the 50-10 conference win over Bessemer, the Gladiators record now stands at 2-3.

1-5-26 BOX SCORES:

Jeffers 54

Ontonagon 34

Ontonagon: Violet Amos 4 0 0 2-8, Summer Sties 3 0 0 3-6, Gracie Guzek 0 0 1 0-1, Jenna Tarnowski 1 1 3 2-8, Kylee Uotila 4 1 0 2-11, Kylie Saari 0 0 0 1-0, Olivia Lockhart 0 0 3-0. Totals 12 2 4-6 13 34.

Jeffers: L. Asiala 1 0 0 3-2, I. Rajala 3 0 0 1-6, K. Rautiola 1 3 1 1-12, Makayla Helminen 1 1 0 5-5, Mia Nordstrom 4 1 1 3-12. Totals 13 7 7-11 15 54.

Scoring by quarters:

Ontonagon 13 25 25 34

Jeffers 14 25 44 54

1-6-26 BOX SCORES:

Ontonagon 50

Bessemer 10

Ontonagon: Violet Amos 2 0 0 2-4, Summer Sties 2 2 6 3-16, Gracie Guzek 2 0 0 1-4, Jenna Tarnowski 0 0 0 3-0, Kylee Uotila 2 4 3 2-19, Olivia Lockhart 3 0 1 4-7. Totals 11 6 10-12 15 50.

Bessemer: Haylee Smith 1 0 0 0-2, Marjorie Hoffenberg 1 0 1 1-3, Sarah Hoffenberg 1 0 1 3-3, A. Routsala 0 0 0 1-0, Haylee Elias 0 0 0 3-0, Sophia Elias 1 0 0 2-2, N. Aufdenkamp 0 0 0 4-0. Totals 4 0 2-10 14 10.

Panthers fall to Bobcats

By Jean Nordine

The Ewen-Trout Creek boys basketball team picked up a new opponent this season, as they hosted the Florence, Wisconsin Bobcats in roundball action at E-TC on January 6.

The Bobcats took an early lead as they spread the scoring around with all five starters finding success. Florence put up 19 first quarter points, to 13 for the Panthers. Cameron Logghe chipped in a bucket, while Brody Majurin had a hot hand from three-point land, draining a trio of treys to go along with a field goal for 11 first quarter points.

E-TC outscored the Bobcats 10 to 6 the second frame to keep the contest close, and only trailed by two at intermission, 25-23. Majurin was six of six from the charity stripe, with Easton Basel and Cameron Logghe adding hoops for the Panthers 10 points.

It wasn't until the second half that the Bobcats broke open the game. Florence nearly doubled their score in the third by posting 23 points, while the Panthers added a dozen. With eight minutes left in the contest the Bobcats were in control,

up 48-35.

Panther sophomore, Brody Majurin was unstoppable in the final stanza. Majurin ripped the nylon with five triples in the fourth, scoring 21 fourth quarter points to add to the 24 he had in the prior frames. Majurin's game high 45 points wasn't enough for the Panthers to pull off a comeback and the Panthers fell to the Bobcats 72-60. Majurin finished the night with nine triples and four two point baskets and went ten of twelve from the free throw line.

BOX SCORES:

Ewen-Trout Creek: Brody Majurin 4 9 10 0-45, Cooper Moilanen 0 1 0 4-3, Everett Miles 0 0 0 1-0, Easton Basel 1 0 0 2-2, William Anderson 0 0 2 2-2, Cameron Logghe 4 0 0 2-8, Kaiden Stith 0 0 0 3-0. Totals 9 10 12-14 14 60.

Florence: C. Christman 3 0 3 0-9, B. Steber 2 2 1 1-11, T. Setner 9 0 4-18, B. Spears 5 2 1 3-17, D. Setner 2 1 2 1-9, K. Larson 1 0 0 4-2, C. Reed 3 0 0 1-6. Totals 25 5 7-13 14 72.

Scoring by quarters:

E-T C 13 23 35 60

Florence 19 25 48 72

Cats beat Dogs

By Jean Nordine

The Ewen-Trout Creek girls basketball team picked up their first victory of the new year with a 48-37 win over the visiting Hancock Bulldogs on January 6, 2026.

Panther sophomore Bree Besonen put the first points on the board putting the Cats out front where they remained the rest of the night. McKayla Basel had seven first quarter points and by the end of the frame, the Panthers were in control, up 14 to 8.

The Panthers held the Bulldogs to just two buckets in the second, a triple and a two, while scoring 17 points themselves. Leona Schutz popped in six points, McKayla added a hoop and Irelynd McGeshick had a hoop and harm. Bree Besonen led all scorers with 17 points, six of those in the second stanza. By intermission the Panthers were well on their way to posting another W in the win column, up 31-13.

Each team had three three-point-

ers during the contest. Bree Besonen poured in a pair in the third where the Panthers added a dozen to their total, to take a 43-26 advantage into the last eight minutes of action. Emma Besonen had the other triple for E-TC, as she connected from beyond the arc to begin the final quarter.

Hancock outscored the Panthers 11 to 5 in the final stanza, resulting in a 48-37 E-TC win.

BOX SCORES:

Ewen-Trout Creek: Bree Besonen 4 2 3 2-17, Leona Schutz 3 0 0 0-6, Emma Besonen 2 1 2 2-9, Hannah Ferguson 0 0 0 1-0, McKayla Basel 3 0 3 1-9, Irelynd McGeshick 3 0 1 2-7. Totals 15 3 9-11 8 48.

Hancock: A. Larson 2 2 0 2-10, E. Chynoweth 3 0 0 3-6, L. Biekkola 0 1 0 1-3, R. Koskela 2 0 0 1-4, L. Pelli 0 0 0 3-0, A. Aho 6 0 2 2-14, B. L'Eperance 0 0 0 2-0. Totals 13 3 2-8 14 37.

Scoring by quarters:

E-T C 14 31 43 48

Hancock 8 13 26 37

Schools of Choice Notice

Ontonagon Area School District
701 Parker Ave, Ontonagon, MI 49953
Office Phone: 906-813-0614

Ontonagon School District has adopted resolutions to allow parents the choice of school districts for their children. The Schools of Choice Plan was provided for in Sections 105 and 105(C) of the 1996 State Aid Act. The Ontonagon Area School District is participating in this program.

Parents/Guardians should contact the superintendent or principal with questions regarding specific programs and classes. Vocational programming is not included in the Schools of Choice Plan since a cooperative agreement for the inclusion of students from all area schools already controls area-wide vocational classes. Ontonagon is accepting enrollment.

Applications for students are due to the district between **January 9, 2026, and January 23, 2026**. All students currently enrolled as Schools of Choice students need not reapply but may call the school district to verify their status.

By law, families who have children in Schools of Choice programs are given preference to other siblings, but otherwise, all schools may not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religious belief, or academic ability.

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This Week's Racing News

The Road to Daytona

Before the Cup Series stars take the green flag for the Clash at Bowman Gray Stadium on February 1st, grassroots champions are getting their shot at the big time. The ARCA Menards Series recently named its participants for the "Road to Daytona" program. On January 9 - 10, young standouts like 16-year-old ARCA East champion Isaac Kitzmiller will make their first laps at Daytona International Speedway during the annual pre-race practice. Additionally, NASCAR announced a new partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation for the "America 250 Florida Duel at Daytona" on February 12th. This event will serve as a dual-purpose celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary and a high-stakes qualifying battle for the 68th running of the Daytona 500.

Racing History

January 5, 1965 - On this date in 1965, NASCAR driver Billy Wade was tragically killed during a tire test for Goodyear at the Daytona International Speedway. Just months before his accident, Wade became the first driver in NASCAR history to win four consecutive races.

Racing Trivia

Which driver holds the record for the most Cup Series championships with seven titles?

- a) Richard Petty c) David Pearson
- b) Jeff Gordon d) Kevin Harvick

ANSWERS: a) Known as "The King," Petty was the first to reach seven titles, later led by Earnhardt and Johnson.

All-Time Top Driver's Bio

Bud Moore

Born: May 25th, 1925
Cup Wins: 63
Cup Top-Tens: 463
Cup Championships: 2

Walter "Bud" Moore Jr., born May 25, 1925, in Spartanburg, South Carolina, was a World War II hero who became a pillar of NASCAR. At 19, Moore waded ashore at Utah Beach on D-Day as an Army machine gunner. He fought through the Battle of the Bulge and the Siege of Bastogne, earning two Bronze Stars and five Purple Hearts before his discharge as a sergeant in 1945. Moore's transition to racing began as a "country mechanic" in Spartanburg. While he briefly drove in early NASCAR events, his greatest impact was in the garage. He served as the crew chief for Bud Baker's 1957 championship before founding Bud Moore Engineering in 1961. His team reached its peak immediately, securing back-to-back Grand National titles in 1962 and 1963 with driver Joe Weatherly. Over 37 seasons, Moore's cars earned 63 wins and 43 poles with legends like Dale Earnhardt and Bobby Allison. He also secured the 1970 SCCA Trans-Am title for Ford. Inducted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame in 2011, Moore remains one of the sport's most respected figures. Walter "Bud" Moore Jr. passed away in Spartanburg on November 27, 2017, at age 92.

Fall fingerlings stocked in Michigan waters

This past fall, the Department of Natural Resources worked hard to stock fish in waters across Michigan — fish that will provide angling opportunities in seasons to come. The fall 2025 effort saw DNR crews stock seven different species at 76 locations throughout the state: 648,557 fish, weighing in at a total of 8.6 tons.

"This was another exceptional fall fish stocking season, enhancing fishing opportunities throughout Michigan," said DNR fish production manager Aaron Switzer. "Combined with successful spring and summer stocking efforts, the 2025 total reached nearly 19.5 million fish stocked in Michigan's waters."

The number and type of fish stocked vary by hatchery, as each facility's ability to rear fish differs due to water supply and temperature. In Michigan, there are six state and three cooperative fish hatcheries that work together to produce the species, strains and sizes of fish needed by fisheries managers. These fish must then be delivered at specific times and locations for stocking to ensure that they thrive.

In general, fish are reared in Michigan's state fish hatcheries anywhere from one month to 1.5 years before they are stocked. Most fish in Michigan are stocked in the spring, but some fish are stocked in the fall because they require less time and fewer resources to rear in hatcheries. Fall-stocked fish also may adjust better to new environments as they are younger and more adaptable to change.

Seven species were stocked this fall: Atlantic salmon, brook trout, brown trout, lake trout, rainbow trout (Eagle Lake and steelhead strains), walleye and muskellunge.

• Marquette State Fish Hatchery (near Marquette) stocked 27,915 fall fingerling and 250 adult brook trout that weighed a combined 3,022



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pounds. These fish were stocked at a total of 27 locations in the Upper Peninsula.

• Oden State Fish Hatchery (near Petoskey) stocked 140,366 fall fingerling rainbow trout that combined weighed 7,508 pounds and were stocked at four locations in the Upper and Lower peninsulas.

• Thompson State Fish Hatchery (near Manistique) stocked 3,008 Great Lakes strain muskellunge that weighed 304 pounds in Lake Hudson and Thornapple Lake. Thompson also stocked 329,085 fall fingerling steelhead weighing 2,413 total pounds in six locations.

• Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery (west of Kalamazoo) stocked 64,532 fall fingerling steelhead weighing a combined 917 pounds in Crystal Lake.

• Harrietta State Fish Hatchery (near Cadillac) stocked 17,548 fall fingerling brown trout and 24,520 fall fingerling rainbow trout. These fish were stocked in four locations with a combined weight of 1,573 pounds.

DNR fisheries management units also stocked fall fingerling walleye this year.

• Southern Lake Michigan Management Unit stocked 33,580 Muskegon strain fall fingerlings weighing 1,373 total pounds in 20 locations.

• Central Lake Michigan Management Unit stocked 2,507 Muskegon strain fall fingerlings weighing 160 pounds total in three locations.

• Northern Lake Michigan Management Unit stocked Little Bay de Noc with 5,211 fall fingerlings (Little Bay de Noc strain) weighing a combined 88 pounds in five locations; 2,815 of these walleye fingerlings were raised in a co-op partner pond tended by the Bay De Noc Great Lakes Sportfishermen.

The DNR welcomes visitors to its state fish hatcheries and interpretive centers to see the fish rearing process and to learn about Michigan's waters. For more information or to plan your trip, visit Michigan.gov/Hatcheries.

To find out if any fish were stocked in your favorite fishing spots, visit the DNR's fish stocking database at michigandnr.com/fish-stock/.

Gladiators fall to Jets, then topple Lakes

By Jean Nordine

The Ontonagon Gladiators boys team began the new year on the road January 5th in Painesdale, where they fell 71-51 to their hosts. The following evening, Tuesday, Ontonagon welcomed the Lake Linden-Hubbell Lakes to the Gladiator Arena and put a "W" in the win column in an exciting 62-57 victory over the Lakes.

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In Painesdale, the Jets set the tone immediately draining back to back three pointers. Before the frame was over the Jets had poured in two more triples and held a 17-10 lead.

When it rains, it pours. The Jets were landing everything they put up. Jeffers outscored Ontonagon 19-13 in the second to hold a 36-23 advantage at the break. On the night, Jeffers sank eleven long bombs from beyond the arc, five for the Gladiators. For Ontonagon, Mason Pestka sank a pair of treys in the second quarter, another in the third. Ryan Holmstrom and Jack Nelson also had triples during the evening.

Kyle Nelson had six of his thirteen points in the third and shared high-scoring honors for Ontonagon with Mason Pestka. Jack Nelson also hit double digit with a dozen, four of those in the third, which ended with Jeffers up 57-40.

The Jets were piloted by Landon Larson with 27 points. Jeffers outscored the Gladiators 14 to 11 in the fourth stanza for the final tally, Jeffers 71, Ontonagon 51.

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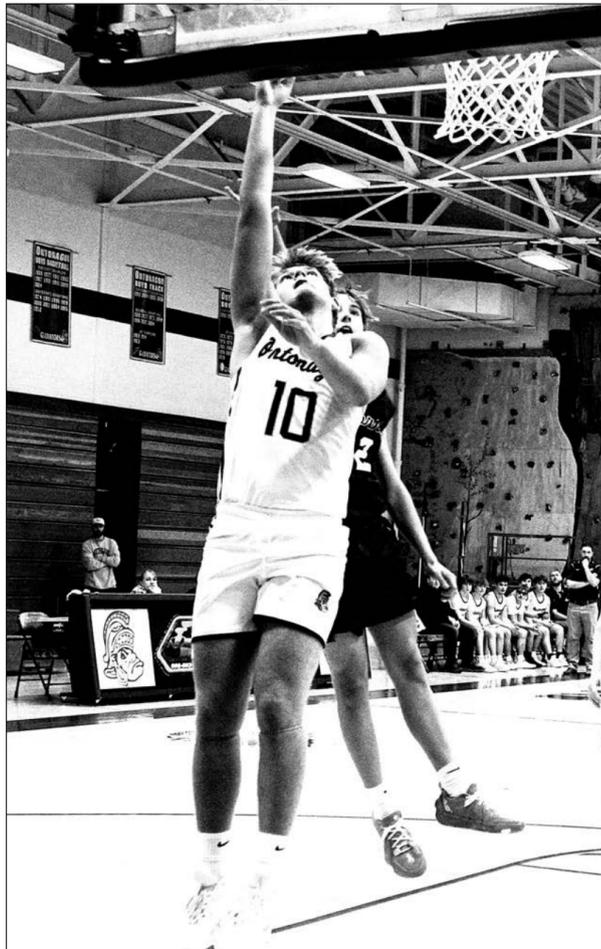
On Tuesday, the Gladiators had to battle from behind to overcome a sixteen point deficit to earn a 62-57 victory over the LL-H Lakes. The Lakes leading scorer Josh Daavattila was a beast in the paint and poured in eleven of his game high 26 points in the first quarter. The Lakes were up by 21-10 before Gladiator Kyle Nelson hit a triple at the buzzer to end the frame with Ontonagon down by eight, 21-13.

Daavattila nailed a triple to start out the second quarter, as the Lakes went on a run, and opened the gap to 29-13, for the largest deficit of the match. By intermission Ontonagon had sliced that margin to a mere four points, by outscoring the Lakes 16 to 4 the rest of the frame.

The Gladiators comeback began at 6:16 with a bucket from three-point land by Kyle Nelson, then another trey by Jace Pestka. The comeback continued as both players added field goals and teammate Jack Nelson hit back to back jumpers. The quarter ended with Ontonagon just four points down, 33-29.

The Lakes began the second half of play by scoring five quick points, putting the Gladiators down by nine, before the Gladiators rallied once more. Ryan Holmstrom had a hoop and arm, followed by buckets from Jace Pestka and Mason Pestka. By the end of three complete, Ontonagon was down a nickel, 45-40.

Both Kyle Nelson and Jace Pestka had double digits on the night, each with 14 points, however Jack Nelson was the leading scorer for Ontonagon with 20. Mason Pestka scored to start the fourth, followed by Kyle Nelson hitting a bucket at 7:00. At 6:20 Jack Nelson ripped the nylon with a triple and the Gladiators had their first advantage, one they retained for the remainder of the game. However, things did get a little chaotic, before the dust was settled. Ontonagon looked as if they



Jack Nelson, Ontonagon senior, takes it to the hoop in boys basketball action. Nelson popped in a dozen points in the Gladiators battle in Painesdale on January 5th, against the Jeffers Jets. The following evening Jack poured in 20 points at the Gladiators Arena, when he led Ontonagon to a 62-57 victory over visiting Lake Linden-Hubbell.

would run away with things, they went on a run and put the Lakes down 58-47 with two minutes left on the clock. The Lakes battled hard and with :36 on the clock Landon Larson, who led all with 27, hit a triple to pull the Lakes to down just one, 58-57. Brody Bobula scored at :20, then Ontonagon stole the ball with Jack Nelson capping off the night with a lay-in. Ontonagon wins 62-58 over the Lakes.

1-5-26 BOX SCORES

Jeffers 71

Ontonagon 51

Ontonagon: Mason Pestka 2 3 0 2-13, Kyle Nelson 5 0 3 1-13, Jack Nelson 4 1 1 4-12, Brayden Buzzo 1 0 0 0-2, Ryan Weiner 0 0 0 2-0, Dyceson Drew 0 0 1 1-1, Brody Bobula 0 0 1 0-1 Ryan Holmstrom 2 1 2 0-7. Totals 14 5 8-17 10 51.

Jeffers: Bentley Kinnunen 3 0 0 2-6, Evan Hiltanen 0 2 0 4-6, Braxten Kinnunen 1 0 1 2-3, Kaden Whittaker 0 5 0 3-15, Landon Larson 10 2 1 2-27, Levi Kinnunen 3 2 1 2-13, Liam Kinnunen 0 0 0 1-0, Jory Kangas 0 0 0 1-0, Trevor Kangas 0 0 0 1-0. Totals 17 11 4-7 18 71.

Scoring by quarters:
Ontonagon 10 23 40 51
Jeffers 17 36 57 71

1-6-26 BOX SCORES:

Ontonagon: Mason Pestka 2 0 0 1-4, Kyle Nelson 4 2 0 1-14, Jack Nelson 7 1 3 1-20, Jace Pestka 4 2 0 1-14, Ryan Holmstrom 2 0 2 4-6, Brody bobula 2 0 0 0-4. Totals 21 5 5-7 8 62.

Lake Linden-Hubbell: Blake Lebo 5 1 1 3-14, Brad Davis 4 0 2 4-10, Cody Thornton 1 0 0 2-2, Charlie Hainault 1 0 1 1-3, Josh Daavattila 7 4 0 4-26, Travis Holbrook 1 0 0 0-2. Totals 19 5 4-5 14 57.

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Michigan Lottery Contributions over \$1 billion to schools for 7th consecutive year

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Michigan. In FY25, Lottery retailers earned more than \$300 million in commissions for the sixth straight year. The support the Lottery provides to public education and to businesses throughout the state is critical and far-reaching."

Since the Lottery began in 1972, it has contributed more than \$30 billion to the School Aid Fund which supports public education programs in Michigan. In each of the last seven fiscal years, the Lottery has contributed more than \$1 billion to the School Aid Fund, totaling nearly

\$8.7 billion in contributions over that seven-year span.

Lottery retailers in Michigan earned more than \$330 million in commissions in FY25. Since FY19, when the Lottery's streak of billion-dollar contributions to the School Aid Fund began, retailers have earned more than \$2.3 billion in commissions. Lottery products are sold at more than 10,000 locations across Michigan, including both independently owned businesses and large chains. In FY25, more than 700 retailers sold \$1 million or more in Lottery games.

Michiganders won big playing Lottery games in FY25, taking home more than \$2.8 billion in prizes. Since the Lottery began in 1972, players have collected more than \$58 billion in prizes.

For each dollar spent on a Michigan Lottery ticket in FY25, approximately:

- 63 cents went to players as prizes
- 25 cents went to the School Aid Fund to support public education
- 9 cents went to commissions for retailers and vendors

• 3 cents funded the Lottery's operations and administrative costs

Under state law, all profits from the Lottery go to the School Aid Fund. Financial results reported in this release are unaudited and pending final review. Audited financial results and the Lottery's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report are expected to be available early next year.

The Lottery is also committed to promoting responsible gaming. Responsible gaming information and resources are available on the Lottery's website at www.michiganlottery.com/responsible-gaming.

Sudoku Solution

2	4	8	3	5	6	1	7	9
3	5	7	8	9	1	2	4	6
6	9	1	7	2	4	8	3	5
4	2	3	9	1	7	6	5	8
5	8	6	2	4	3	7	9	1
7	1	9	5	6	8	3	2	4
8	3	5	1	7	9	4	6	2
1	6	2	4	3	5	9	8	7
9	7	4	6	8	2	5	1	3

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OBITUARIES

Russell Huhti



Russell Huhti, 78, of Greenland, MI, passed away on December 19, 2025 in hospice in Green Bay, WI.

Russell was born on January 1 1947, to Walter and Ellen Huhti of Greenland. He went to school at Mass High School, graduating in 1965, afterwards honorably serving his country in the US Army in Vietnam. He worked for and retired from the United States Forest Service and thereafter spent many winters in New Mexico.

A lifelong athlete, he is remembered for teaching his nieces and nephews his skills in baseball (pitching especially) and basketball. Russell also earned many accolades in horseshoes, participating in many leagues and tournaments. A lover of the outdoors, he was a passionate hunter and the best uncle to go fishing with.

Russell is survived by multiple nieces and nephews in Wisconsin.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Ellen Huhti; sister, Marilyn (Moran) of Watertown, WI; and brothers, Eli (Junior) Huhti of Ontonagon and Dale Huhti of Watertown, WI.

A ceremony will be held at a date in late spring or early summer of 2026 with burial at Maple Grove Cemetery in Greenland. Arrangements are by Cane Funeral Home.

Russell's family wishes to extend their sincere thanks to the staff at St. Mary's Medical Center and Unity Hospice in Green Bay as well as friends and neighbors Todd Warner, Arnold Aho, and Al and Sharon Johnson for their support.

Dorothy Jean Kersten



Dorothy Jean Kersten was born on April 4, 1944, to Carmen and Henry Pole and joined her love, Ike, in the clouds on Friday, December 19, 2025.

Dorothy married the love of her life, Ike Kersten, on May 13, 1967, at the Lutheran Church in Bruce Crossing.

She is survived by two children, Cammie (Robert) Garrison and Richard (Darcy) Kersten, eleven grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandkids, three sisters and two brothers, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, two sisters, a daughter and a granddaughter.

Dorothy held many different jobs through the years. The job she absolutely loved was taking care of all of her family.

She will be missed more than words can say.

The Celebration of Life will be held at the Trout Creek American Legion Post #494, on Saturday, June 6 beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Hildebrand Funeral Home & Cremation Specialists, 24 E. Davenport Street, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, phone 715-365-4343. Everyone is invited to leave an online condolence at www.hildebrandrussfh.com.

Marmaduke John Trebilcock



Marmaduke John "Duke" Trebilcock passed away on January 8, 2026 at his home in Ontonagon, Michigan at the age of 86 with his family by his side.

Duke was born on November 12, 1939 in Ontonagon, Michigan to Marmaduke A. and Bertha S. (White) Trebilcock. He attended school and lived all of his life in Ontonagon, with the exception of moving with his father in Pensacola, Florida for a short time in his teenage years. He married Nancy Wirkkala on July 20, 1963 and made their home in Ontonagon and raised three daughters. They have been married for 62 years.

He worked on tug boats and his father's shrimp boat while living in Pensacola Florida. He moved back to Ontonagon in 1960. He worked multiple other jobs before starting at the paper mill. He retired in 2005 after 43 years of employment.

He loved spending time with his family and friends. He was very involved with his grandchildren in their activities including hockey, Boy Scouts, sports, and various others. Best remembered for his love of dancing; he never missed a song. He loved the great outdoors and enjoyed fishing, camping at Bob Lake, rides on his side by side, and driving his tractors and dune buggy that he built himself. He had lots of hobbies, but his favorites were building his model train set, wooden puzzles, making fishing lures, and was a jack of all trades. He was an avid Red Wings fan and rarely missed a game.

Duke is survived by his wife, Nancy Wirkkala Trebilcock; daughters, Kelly (Greg) Litts of Ontonagon, Colleen (Thomas) Owens of Escanaba, and Charlotte (Matthew) Morgan of Ontonagon; grandchildren, Rachel (Tyler) Rehak, Brandon (Kylee) Owens, Michael (Stacy) Morgan, Michele (Robert) Kallman, Nathaniel Morgan, and Ryan Wayman; great-grandchildren, Bella Berger, Lachlan Owens, Connor Rehak, Gemma Rehak, Lyla Owens and baby on the way, Caleb Marmaduke Rehak, who is due to arrive around February 7, 2026; sisters, Meriea Carlton of Green Bay and Rosemary Smith of Green Bay; and other extended family.

Duke is preceded in death by his parents, Marmaduke Allen Trebilcock and Bertha White Kullman; sister, Mabel Morien; and brother, Galen Doughty; and other extended family.

The family would like to thank the Aspirus Hospice staff for their care, compassion and support. Thanks to the family and friends that supported us during this difficult time with your prayers and thoughtfulness. Lastly, thanks to Cane Funeral Home for their guidance through this difficult time.

A celebration of life will take place in the spring when all of the immediate family will be able to attend.

PROGRAM MANAGER

Copper Country Mental Health, a four-county community mental health center, is recruiting a Program Manager in our Baraga County office. This individual will be responsible for the overall programmatic and fiscal concerns of the center; which includes supervision of the Client Services Managers and the Community Support Department who provide services to individuals with a mental illness. Candidates must possess a Bachelor's degree in a Human Services field and clinical and supervisory experience is preferred. Competitive salary with excellent fringe benefits. Send resume to Dawn Gibson, Human Resources Director, Copper Country Mental Health, 901 W. Memorial Drive, Houghton, MI 49931. EOE.



Focus on Faith

By Kathleen Johnson

Consumer or Christian!

There is so much going on in our current times that we sometimes forget what the core values are in our fast-paced lives. One thing I have noticed in recent culture is the use of media and communication to drive us to become consumers. Consumers of social media and trending culture, with the bottom line being getting an individual to follow a person, show, dress style, etc. In other words, that which is popular. To follow the current trends, one must literally buy into the item being sold or promoted. I often wonder whether we have surrendered our free will to be popular, or at the very least to be seen as part of the acceptable lifestyle being marketed.

If we look closely at this promotion of contemporary culture, there is a sinister side: control. For whatever reason, people seem eager to give their lives over to trends, fads, and consumer products that demand allegiance, if not at a cost. There is a subtext of control here.

I am speaking as a Christian; my observations arise from studying human nature and recognizing that we are, as Christians, given a path. For the last three hundred years, religion has been under scrutiny. I think here of the thinker, Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778). He was a philosopher of Naturalism. This idea was that the state of nature held the right path for society. Civilized society made humans selfish, self-centered, and morally bankrupt. It was the freedom we have in being our natural self, in short, it was about society and the corruption that created social problems. These ideas, along with a whole bevy of other thinkers (John Locke, Voltaire, Hobbes, Kant, to mention a few). It was these thinkers who fueled the ideas of the French Revolution. A revolution that was more about a social change than the dynamics of government. The revolutions in both America and France were the products of new social thought. They saw religion as keeping our human nature grounded in a negative way, based on Faith. Christianity, for many of these thinkers, was not grounded in actual, factual, measurable ideas. Christianity was also associated with the realm of authority, in which the Church and State were intertwined. This, in many instances, led to social unrest and violence over belief and the Church. It was in this pool of thinkers that new ideas emerged about the origins of power and authority. Recall that it was our own Thomas Jefferson, imbued by many of these ideas, who said in the Declaration of Independence that authority rests in the people.

These rights were given by God himself. Up until this time authority called "The Divine Right of Kings", that is, the power to govern, came directly from God. The people, according to the new thought, were given the right to govern themselves as they were given this "Unalienable" right from God. Enlightenment ideas sought not only to change the concept of authority but also to create a secular state in which Church and State were separate.

There is an understanding here that the governed in this new secular state would be of a Christian background. That morality would follow the Christian path but would not interfere with or impose demands on the government. Why would I bring this up? For several reasons. First, the United States has become a diverse society in which people follow divergent moral paths. The most consistent belief today is that society should be secular and tolerate many paths of moral behavior. But we have also become the largest market in the world, consuming more stuff than any other country on the globe. Is this a bad thing? Consuming things, fads, and celebrities has become the way we live our lives. Values grounded in Christian principles have become secondary to the acquisition of items that signal success and personal worth. As Christians abstract values come to life through use. What are these values? Compassion, empathy, care for others. In Christian shorthand, these are Faith, Hope, and Love. All of these abstracts are inherent in a Christian life. A Christian should reflect these values in both home and work. Many Christians today attend church, but it is lip service; they like the ideals of the Christian life but do not allow its teachings to affect their ordinary lives. Christianity, I remind you, gives us the tools and grace to serve our families and community with the Truth. It instills humility and helps us embrace the responsibility for our actions. It provides an opportunity to amend our behavior and to respect all those we meet on our path. We are unique creations and we are loved by God. We do not need things to define ourselves; we do not need to dress, buy, or follow ideologies that make us question our human value as individuals loved by God. When these values are lost, the pool of consumerism and social acceptance of manufactured culture becomes a threat to our community life.

"By your patient endurance you will win your souls" (Luke 21:19)

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MD Contracting, Inc of 16398 Wanttaja Road, Baraga MI is requesting bids from the following MBE, DBE, DVB and WBE MDOT Prequalified for a project at the Schuster Airfield in Ontonagon, MI.

Project name Phase II Runway Obstruction.

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Please send bids to MD Contracting, Inc prior to the mentioned date and time above.

Community Churches

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Northiron Church, Sunday Services and Kids Church 10:45am, live stream available at northiron.churchcenter.com. Celebrate Recovery Tuesdays at 6:30, Royal Rangers and Mpac Girls Wednesday from 6:30-8pm, Small Groups Wednesday 6:30-8pm, Northiron Youth Night in L'Anse Thursday 5-9 open to ALL youth 6th-12th. Northiron Ontonagon address is 104 Steel St (906-485-5561).

Calvary Temple, Trout Creek, 187 Division Street, Sunday School, 9 a.m., Sunday Worship, 10 a.m.

BAPTIST

Ontonagon Baptist Church, Ontonagon, 615 Greenland Road. Phone: 884-2453. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Study and Prayer Time, 7 p.m. Pastor Virgil Ruchti.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Christian Science Church, 209 W. Montezuma Ave, Houghton (at stop sign above lift bridge, before Fine Line Tire). Sunday Service & Sunday School 10:30 am. cs.houghton.mi@gmail.com

CATHOLIC

Holy Family Catholic Church, (515 Pine Street, Ontonagon) Sunday: Confessions 8:30 a.m., Mass at 9:00 a.m. - Fr. Michael Jacobus, Pastor 906-884-2569

St. Mary Catholic Church, (11 Elm Street, Rockland) 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month: Confessions 5:30 p.m., Mass at 6:00 p.m. - Fr. Michael Jacobus, Pastor, 906-884-2569

St. Jude Catholic Church, (8 Cedar Street, White Pine) 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month: Confessions 5:30 p.m., Mass at 6:00 p.m. - Fr. Michael Jacobus, Pastor, 906-884-2569

St. Ann Catholic Church, (401 Elm Street, Bergland) 1st weekend of month Saturday Confessions 3:30 p.m., Mass 4:00 p.m.; 2nd thru 4th Sunday: Confessions 10:30 a.m., Mass 11:00 a.m. - Fr. Michael Jacobus, Pastor, 906-884-2569

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, (201 Birch Street, Ewen) 1st weekend of month Sunday Confessions 10:30 a.m., Mass at 11:00 a.m.; 2nd thru 4th Saturday: Confessions 3:30 p.m., Mass 4:00 p.m. - Fr. Michael Jacobus, Pastor, 906-884-2569

LUTHERAN

Apostolic Lutheran Church, 15121 W. State Highway M-28, Bruce Crossing. Church Phone 827-3241. Sunday School 12 pm, Worship Service at 1 pm. Communion on 2nd Sunday.

Apostolic Lutheran Church, M-28, Watton, MI 49970. Sunday Worship services at 11:00 am, 1st Sunday with Communion.

Bethany Lutheran (WELS) - M-28 West, Bruce Crossing. Rev. Caleb Raasch. Sunday Worship 3:30 pm ET

First Lutheran Church - ELCA, M-26, Winona, 883-3602, Sunday Service 12:30 pm (May through December)

New Evangelical Lutheran Parish: Pastor Kay S. Richter. pastork-srichter@gmail.com Parsonage: (906)988-2318 Parish Office (906) 988-2594. Parish e-mail: flc@jamadots.com On Facebook at the New Evangelical Lutheran Parish Page.

First Lutheran Church - ELCA, Ewen, (906) 988-2594, Worships - 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 11:00 am.

Our Saviour Lutheran Church - ELCA, Paynesville, 988-2594, Worships - 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month at 11:00 am.

Trinity Community Lutheran Church - ELCA, Trout Creek. Services: Third Sunday-December 15, 11:00 am; Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm with Holy Communion.

Redeemer Free Lutheran Church - AFLC - By the bridge, 315 S. Steel St., Ontonagon, MI 49953; 906-884-4028; Pastor Jim Johnson, 218-770-0693. Website: Redeemefree.com; Sunday worship 9 am. Coffee and fellowship following the service; 10:45 am Sunday School (all ages). Holy Communion - last Sunday of the month; Wednesday 8 am Men's breakfast and Bible Study; 12 pm worship and silent prayer; 7 pm Bible Study; Thursday 10:30 am Ladie's Bible Study; Last Friday of the month, 6 pm, Game Night. For prayer concerns, call Edith at 906-884-4194.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - ELCA, 1409 Ridge, Mass City, 883-3602. Services 10:30 am with Holy Communion weekly. Souper Community Meal on the second Monday of each month 3-6 pm, all welcome. Wednesday Bible Adventures for children age 4 through 6th grade 4:00 pm-5:00pm when school is in session. Pastor Bill Jacobson. All are welcome.

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, 107 E. River Street, Ontonagon, MI 49953. Bible Study - Wednesdays 10 am, Church School - Wednesdays 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm, Worship Service - Sundays 9 am, all at church. Message Tree - Dial 906-884-4788 and follow prompts.

Siloa Lutheran Church - ELCA, 218 E. River Street, Ontonagon, (906) 884-2655. Pastor Bill Jacobson. Worship Services - Sundays 9:00 am.

Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS, Bergland. Worship, 9 am Holy Communion each Sunday.

Wainola Lutheran Church - LCMC, 223 Mud Creek Road, Mass City. Services 10:00 am Sunday. Mike Kocher 906-883-3162.

METHODIST

Bergland UMC: Rev. Ted Trudgeon. Worship Service at 11:00 am.

Ewen UMC: Rev. Ted Trudgeon. Worship Service at 9:00 am.

Ontonagon Circuit UMC: 109 Greenland Road. Pastor Pete LeMoine. Sunday 9:00 am Worship Services. Holy Communion First Sunday of the month. Office phone 906-884-4556.

Rockland St. Paul's UMC: 50 National Avenue. Pastor Pete LeMoine. Second Sunday service time 9:00 am. Holy Communion second Sunday. All other Sunday services at 10:15 am. Circuit office phone 906-884-4556, Church phone 906-886-2851.

Wakefield UMC: Rev. Ted Trudgeon. Worship Service at 12:30 pm

White Pine UMC: Sunday Service 11:00 am. Pastor Pete LeMoine. www.whitepinecommunityumc.org, Phone 906-885-5419.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh-day Adventist Church, Greenland, MI, corner of State Hwy M38 and North Firesteel Roads. Saturday Worship 10 am, Sabbath School 11:30 am. Sean Brizendine and C. Raymond Holmes, Co-Pastors.

NON DENOMINATIONAL

Bruce Crossing Bible Church, 15089 Maplewood Rd. Sunday Service at 10 am. Praise and Prayer Service on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7 pm Pastor Chris Daily 827-3614.

Greenland Community Church: 1002 Ridge Road. Sunday services 10:00 am with Communion at 9:00 am on third Sunday of Month. Church phone 906-883-3141.

Herald Time Machine

50 Years Ago This Week...

THE ONTONAGON HERALD

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Board Freezes County Funds

The uncertainty of the future of the White Pine Copper Company was reflected in every action of the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners Tuesday night, December 30, as the board froze budget appropriations, cut proposed salary increases 55 percent and indicated that some budget items may not be authorized at all.

The actions were all on 4-2 votes with some commissioners feeling even more drastic freezes are necessary until the situation at White Pine is clarified. In the end, the board passed a 1976 budget of \$921,192, a six percent increase over the 1975 budget, indicating that many of the budget items may not be authorized.

The longest discussion came on proposals to cut the sheriff's Department budget. Board members indicated opposition to the sheriff's wife being paid as a full deputy, when she is not used on the road.

After considerable discussion on how many deputies could be safely cut without damage to public safety, a motion was made by John Strancel and supported by Arne Huhtala to authorize five road deputies, two desk deputies, with the desk deputies paid at a lesser rate than the road deputies, and one clerk-desk deputy.

The board was informed that the county had lost two deputies in the past two weeks and said that the total staff would be eight positions, not including the sheriff. The motion passed 4-2 with commissioners Strancel, Huhtala, Daniel Piper and Clarence Maloney voting "yes" and Harold Amos and William Chabot voting "no." The cut made in the Sheriff's Department budget was \$14,240 out of a proposed \$22,625.

Also on a 4-2 vote the board decided to cut proposed pay raises of employees 55 percent and to accept the job classifications recently completed. The board indicated that reconsideration of the raises will be made in June.

The action was taken due to the uncertainty of the economic situation at White Pine. It was revealed that up to Tuesday night, White Pine Copper had not paid its taxes and board members said it would be a permanent situation. The county will have to take drastic steps.

Commissioners Piper and Strancel wanted a freeze on the salaries of White Pine employees. They felt the situation at White Pine might become clearer. Amos objected, saying that all the cuts made are being proposed in salaries. The board decided to completely eliminate them other places in the budget should be cut before salaries are. Chabot said that not to pass the new classifications would be to freeze the present inequities in pay scale.

On the motion to cut 55 percent from the proposed pay increases, Chabot, Amos, Maloney and Huhtala voted "yes" and Strancel and Piper "no." The 55 percent cut effected a \$17,286 saving in the budget. A third 4-2 vote was recorded on the motion to pass a budget of \$921,192. Strancel and Piper cast the dissenting votes and Piper indicated it was because of his belief that wage increases should be frozen that he voted "no."

On a unanimous vote, the general freeze of appropriations listed in the budget other than salaries, was made.

Board members also added that budgeted items such as salary for a comptroller, probably would not be authorized and that requests by each health and governmental agency would be studied and possibly cut, depending on a month to month assessment of the White Pine situation.

In another budget-related vote, the board agreed to retain for one month on county salary the animal control officer and five other CETA positions. The CETA positions run out of funds Dec. 31 and will not start again until February. The decision on which of the CETA positions were requested under CETA in February will be discussed later, commissioners said.

Gas Theft Probe At Bergland

Michigan State Police at Wakefield are investigating a gas theft at Bergland in his yard and fuel stolen from a tank in his yard and also from his pickup truck.

John Rosinski reported the theft New Year's day. He said a gas tank on an unnamed street near his trailer house was drained after the thief broke the lock on the hose and apparently drove up to the tank.

Police said an unspecified amount of gas was stolen from the tank and about 15 gallons was taken from the truck.

The matter is under investigation.

Trout Creek Bar Burglarized

The Community Bar in Trout Creek was burglarized sometime Thursday evening, January 1. Over \$230 in cash was taken and an inventory is being made to determine if anything else is missing.

Ontonagon County Sheriff's deputies received the report at 7:15 a. m. Friday and the matter is under investigation.

Booster Club Organizes

The Ontonagon Area High School Booster Club held its first meeting of the new year Monday night, January 5, 1976 at 7:30 p. m. The new slate of officers was presented and voted upon. The following officers were elected: President, Robert Mazurek; Vice President, Rudy Saari; Secretary, Arne Huhtala; Treasurer, Ron Johnson.

Group discussions were held on different projects that could be worked on in the coming year and the club could do to help in the Athletic Department needs.

The Booster Club is making an appeal to all persons interested in and willing to help more the Club become successful in maintaining its goals. No specific requirements needed, only a little time. The next meeting will be held on February 2, 1976 at 7:30 p. m. in the teachers' lounge at the Senior High School. New members are welcome to attend.

Landfill Funds Are Questioned

Several members of the Ontonagon County Township Supervisor's Association attended the public hearing on the county budget, which was held more than an hour later than anticipated Tuesday night, Dec. 30, because of the Association's objection to the county board.

The supervisors questioned the amount of money budgeted for sanitary landfills, \$15,000, indicating that more help is needed in the costly operation of landfills.

One supervisor indicated that constituents had requested him to question the county board on the Ontonagon County Road Commission practice of plowing private driveways outside of the more populated areas, such as the Village of Ontonagon and White Pine. He said it was his understanding that such a practice was illegal and his constituents question all taxpayers paying for a service only provided to some.

Board Chairman Clarence Maloney said it was his understanding that such services place only after all roads are cleared and to keep the men already on the payrolls busy during non-snowing intervals. The Township Association was advised to refer the matter to its attorney and report to the county board on the finding.

In other action, the board authorized a special meeting Tuesday, Jan. 6 with the chief of the civil service commission division, John Dempsey. The meeting will discuss the recent action of the County Welfare Board to transfer the Ontonagon Social Services director out of Ontonagon. The meeting also will include the resignation of persons charged and will take place at 10 a. m.

Jenkins Praises Former Police Chief

A letter from Ontonagon County prosecuting attorney James Jenkins to the Village of Ontonagon was made public at the Village Council's last meeting, Monday, December 22. The following is the chief of the letter: Dear Council Members:

I submit the following relative to Mr. Ronald Powelson, formerly the Ontonagon Village Police Chief. My remarks relate to his efforts in the investigation, subsequent arrest and ultimate conviction of Defendants Corbell, Shankle, Jenkins, Plutchak, Wilbur and Stephens, for violation of the Controlled Substances Act in the County of Ontonagon. To avoid any possible problem relative to such persons, I have not submitted this letter before; now that all trials have been concluded, it is my pleasure to submit this letter for Mr. Powelson's personal file with a copy to him. I am submitting a public statement to the newspapers.

Mr. Powelson's diligent efforts, patience and concern for the district, police work in these cases will be reflected in his chosen work hereafter.

Sincerely,
J. B. Jenkins
Prosecuting Attorney

SPORTSMENS CLUB

An important meeting of the Lake Superior Sportsmens Club will be held at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Jan. 8 at the clubhouse on M-64. David Young will answer questions regarding gun control laws. Everyone is invited.

Dan Piper Named Chairman of County Board

At its annual reorganization meeting on Tuesday, January 6, the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners chose Commissioner Dan Piper of White Pine as its chairman for the year replacing Clarence Maloney of Mass who had served as board chairman for the past seven years.

With County Clerk Irene Wolfe conducting the meeting, the board voted three times by secret ballot in search of a new chairman. Commissioner Maloney was nominated for chairman by Commissioner William Chabot and Commissioner Piper was nominated by Commissioner John Strancel. Following a 3-3 tie on the first ballot, the six-man board took a five-minute recess. Another secret ballot produced a second 3-3 tie and the board took a longer 20-minute recess.

Check with your family physician or call the Health Dept. at 884-4485.

Cub Scouts Hold Christmas Party

On Saturday, December 20, 1975, Cub Scout Pack 209 held its Christmas party in the Health Club. The party was held for the boys and their families to the party. Den 2 presented the collection and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The boys enjoyed a film titled Coho Fishing, obtained from the Department of Natural Resources.

When the film was finished, Cubmaster Miles received a telephone call from Santa Claus stating he was on his way. Santa Claus arrived and visited with every child and handed out presents and candy. Lonnie Walters, the oldest Webelo, presented Santa Claus with a gift from Cub Scout Pack 209.

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AFL-CIO Retirees To Hold Meeting

Walter Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer of the Michigan State AFL-CIO, will be the special guest speaker at the Gogebic-Ontonagon AFL-CIO Retirees Chapter meeting to be held Jan. 10, 1976 at 10 a. m. at the USWA Hall at White Pine.

The Retirees Chapter is a newly organized group made up of former members of the AFL-CIO who are now in retirement, and residing in the Gogebic, Ontonagon area. They are affiliated with the Gogebic-Ontonagon Labor Council AFL-CIO.

Secretary-Treasurer Campbell will present the retirees with the Michigan State AFL-CIO Charter. Other distinguished guests expected to attend include Francis Brouette, former Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives from the 11th Congressional District; State Representative Russell Hellman, Peter J. Benson, Director of District 33 USWA, as well as labor endorsed County Commissioners.

Historical Society Christmas Party

Seventy-three members were present at the Ontonagon County Historical Society Christmas party held at the Koneka on Thursday night, December 16. Grace was offered by Rev. James P. McKeever, Society Chaplain, following which a family style dinner of ham and turkey with all the trimmings was served.

During a short business meeting conducted by Earl Doyle, president, Charles Willman, secretary, reported that a tax bill for the museum building for 1975 had been received for which funds will be needed. He noted that it appears the property tax exemption for the Historical Society will not be effective until 1976 and wheels for this have been set in motion.

It was decided that the next meeting will be held in February with the place, time and date to be announced later.

Mrs. Florence Hegg, accompanied by Mrs. Elinor Hawley, favored the group with two solo selections. This was followed by lively group singing of favorite Christmas carols.

At the close of the evening, a number of members presented monetary gifts to the Society in lieu of exchanging gifts.

LEUKEMIA FACTS

In Michigan, more adults than children have leukemia. And despite its name, the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan provides services to everyone with the disease. Free drugs, free blood, family counseling and research are the things which the Foundation provides with the contribution it receives through its membership in the United Way of Michigan.

Inoculation Clinic January 15

The Western Upper Peninsula District Health Department will hold regular monthly clinics on Thursday, January 15, 1976. The Ontonagon Clinic will be held in the office of the Health Department located in the Medical Care Facility. The time of this clinic will be 8:45 until 9:45 a. m. Do not leave the clinic until you have received your inoculation.

The clinic will be held in the Western Community Building from 11:00 until 11:30 a. m. This is the new library.

Inoculations for diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, rabies, regular measles and the mumps will be offered. This is a free clinic and everyone is urged to attend. A parent or guardian must accompany the child if it is his or her first time at the clinic. This is to sign the consent form for these inoculations.

In your child's fully protected against childhood diseases.

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Ryan Named To FED Committee

James P. McFarland, chairman, General Mills, Inc. has been named to the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis for 1976, and was reappointed to a three-year term as director. McFarland has been a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis since 1948. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Mayo Foundation, Rochester, Minnesota, a director of the Minneapolis Metropolitan Housing Corporation, and in 1968 became first president of the Urban Coalition of Minneapolis.

McFarland's and Keating's appointments were made by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D. C. The Minneapolis Bank's board has nine directors: six elected by Ninth District member banks and three appointed by the Board of Governors.

In other action, the Minneapolis Bank board reappointed George H. Dixon, chairman and president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, to a third term as Ninth District representative to the Federal Advisory Council (FAC) of the Federal Reserve System.

SCHOOL HOT LUNCH MENU

The Ontonagon Area Schools Hot Lunch Facility will serve on January 12 to 16 as follows: Monday, Jan. 12: Pork chop, mashed potatoes, Corn, Applesauce, Milk. Tuesday, Jan. 13: Barbecue with bun, Potato chips, Mixed vegetables, Dessert, Milk. Wednesday, Jan. 14: Vegetable soup, Sliced Bologna sandwich, Dessert, Milk.

Thursday, Jan. 15: Fishburger with bun, Oven baked potatoes, Corn, Dessert, Milk. Friday, Jan. 16: Hamburger with bun, Tator tots, Buttered peas, Dessert, Milk.

Medicare Notes Holiday Activities

January birthdays of patients at the Ontonagon County Medical Care Facility were Adolph Bowman January 1 and John McCarthy January 4. Many people and organizations deserve appreciation and a thank you for helping the patients and staff enjoy the Christmas season. There were many cards, gifts, thoughts and prayers. Caretakers who came were the Girl Scouts, neighborhood girls, ladies from the Assembly of God Church and two second grade music classes of Mr. Bill Wilson. Cindy Antila and Bonnie Wentela each came and sang accompanied by guitar. Tray favors were received from the Apostolic Lutheran Church and from the Junior members of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. Mrs. Wallace Kempen spent some time doing hairdressing for a few ladies. From Ewen, St. Mark's Guild sent Christmas presents.

About 20 college students from Madison, Wisconsin visited as a group and led a special church service.

TOURIST ASSOCIATION

The Ontonagon County Tourist Association and Chamber of Commerce will hold a regular dinner meeting at 6 p. m. Thursday, January 8, at the Paul's Supper Club. The Board of Directors is urged to attend this meeting.

Planners Seek Industry Here

The unsettled situation at White Pine and the necessity of bringing industry and jobs to the county occupied much of the discussion at the meeting of the Ontonagon County Planning Commission on Monday, January 5.

The Commission discussed ways to bring tourist related industry to the county, such as snowmobile assembly, ski hills and the related building which accompanies that, and industry which turns chips into logs.

The planning unit discussed sking at the Porcupine Mountains and the need for expanded facilities there and decided to write to Greg Wykhus of the DNR in Marquette and ask what future plans there are for expansion of runs and tows and request that he attend a meeting of the commission.

When the commission decided to recommend to the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners that they purchase the requested maps for the Ontonagon County Tourist Association. The planning unit said that with the situation at White Pine, it was more important than ever to promote the area's second most important industry, tourism, and the maps, despite the cost, are essential to the promotion of tourism.

The planning unit chairman also informed the Board of 495 reviews on the proposals for improvements at Ontonagon County Park on Lake Gogebic, \$28,000 with \$14,000 federal, and improvements to the Mt. St. Elwyn, \$100,000 with \$72,640 federal money.

Food Stamp Meeting

The Ontonagon County Department of Social Services announced that there will be an informational meeting regarding the food stamp program on Friday, January 9, at 10 a. m.

The meeting will be held at the Union Hall in White Pine, but is not limited to union members. The general public is invited to learn more about the eligibility requirements for food stamps. It is anticipated that plans for taking food stamp applications for Ontonagon County residents will be announced at this meeting, a representative of the department said.

Lake Superior Basin Bibliography Underway

Although Lake Superior is the largest body of water in North America, it is also the least known. Laymen, scientists, and others seeking information on it are turning to the Lake Superior Basin Bibliography, a project developed by the Aquatic Research Group and becomes operational.

Bibliographic entries cover such diverse fields as geology, history, land-use, law, recreation, forestry, chemistry, weather, planning, mining, water pollution, fisheries, biology, and demographic economics, industry, transportation, and many others. They are currently being programmed for "FAMULUS," a computerized system using the Univac 1110 computer system.

The intent of the project is to create a resource base as the general public rather than the scientific community. Consequently, keywords are non-technical and are in plain language. Generally, the public will utilize the system by addressing a query to the Director, Lake Superior Basin Bibliography, Michigan Technological University. After processing, computer printouts of the requested citations will be returned to the individual making the inquiry.

It is conceivable that within the UP, all that would be required for system access is a portable remote terminal, a telephone, and a listing. Therefore, a high school class, city council, state legislator, industry, or private citizen could utilize the system from the intersection with M-64, the first step of problem solving.

Contributions to the system are welcome - particularly bibliographies. Any that is needed, and title of article, reprint, or book. There is no subject restriction, but information should have bearing on the UP and/or the Lake Superior Basin.

Investigators on the project are: P. G. Biesiot, Dean, School of Business, Project Director; J. L. Spain, Professor of Biochemistry and T. D. Wright, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences. Computer systems are the responsibility of George Funkhey, Systems Analyst for Academic Computing Services at Michigan Tech.

Support is being provided by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare under Title I. Overall coordination is being provided by Dr. Myron S. Schneiderman, University of Wisconsin-Superior, Director of Project, AWARE, funded through the Lake Superior Association. Schools participating in the project include: Michigan Technological University, Northern College, University of Minnesota, Duluth, University of Wisconsin-Superior and University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Extension.

D.A.V. To Meet

The regular meeting of Mirror Lake Chapter 91, Disabled American Veterans and the Auxiliary will be held at Cane Court on Thursday, January 15, 1976. A luncheon supper will begin at 6:30 p. m. before the meeting which is to be held at 7:30 p. m. All members welcome.

O. E. S. NOTICE

A regular meeting of N. Star Chapter No. 142 Order of Eastern Star will be held on Monday, Jan. 12 at 8:00 p. m. in the Masonic Hall. The lunch committee supper will begin at 6:30 p. m. before the meeting which is to be held at 7:30 p. m. All members welcome.

Joe Bigge Retires After 50-Year Hardware Career

Mr. Joseph F. Bigge, Hexco Hardware employee, retired December 31, after a 50-year career at Bigge, a lifelong Ontonagon resident, began his career with Mr. Fred Hexco as his employer at age 15. Except for a one-year stint working at the Curly Lake Prospect Mine in 1928-29, Mr. Bigge has been a dedicated employee at Hexco Hardware.

Although Hexco Hardware has had three proprietors - Charlie Hexco, Fred Hexco and Ed Hansen - and three locations - the old bakery across from Waeger's, the Citizens State Bank area and the current site, the former Pastime Theater - Mr. Bigge has remained with the firm.

Joe was born in Ontonagon in 1929 and graduated from the Ontonagon High School in 1928. On June 27, 1934 he married the former Annabelle M. Hoefler. They have five children: Wayne (Coeveland, Ohio), John (Ontonagon, Michigan), James (Midland, Michigan), Joanna Featherman (Madison, Wisconsin) and Bonnie Gookey (Lobby, Montana).

Gardening, fishing, hunting and visiting his family are some of Mr. Bigge's planned retirement activities.

The following has been offered as a tribute to Joe's years of service to the community:

Fifty years of living isn't much in this day and age. But fifty years of employment at the same job is another thing. That means fifty years of walking the same route to the same office, fifty years of treating the same aisles, ringing the sa's, cash register, and fifty years of helping new and old faces; all done on the same street, on the same block, between the same four walls. That is quite a feat, but Joe Bigge has done it. Yes, for fifty years Joe has done this and much more than has been added to the coffers of Hexco Hardware.

How? Well, I'm sure that there's many who could answer far better than I. How? Ask yourself how many times your stove or refrigerator or furnace or plumbing or appliance of any sort was repaired by Joe, either directly or indirectly. Ask yourself how many times you drew from Joe's vast expertise, so you could become an overnight "do-it-yourself" man. How many of you brought the right tool or parts because Joe knew what was needed? When there wasn't a part, how many times did Joe help you improvise so you could make do with what you had? And how many times did you call his home after closing time to have Joe get you that special part you absolutely needed, or that hunting license you forgot? And how many times did Joe refuse?

That's quite an accomplishment, Joe! We'll miss you! The old hardware won't seem the same from now on. But we know that you're just beginning, that you're off to bigger and better things - like traveling around the U. S. to visit your children and grandchildren, making your grand garden even grander and, of course, just putting around your own place. If we had to guess, we'd say your expertise won't be wasted, and maybe we could even gain from it. That is, if we ask!

TV Truck Stolen Here

A truck loaded with over \$1,000 in television repair tools was stolen Wednesday night, Dec. 31, and apparently was taken on a New Year's Eve joyride.

Ontonagon County Sheriff's deputies recovered the truck on the Walsh Road about a quarter mile from the intersection with M-64. It was found in a ditch around noon Thursday.

Officers said it couldn't have been driven far from Ontonagon in any case since the truck, property of Tallman Hotel and Television, had very little gasoline in the tank.

The tubes were not taken and the truck was undamaged except for a wheel alignment problem caused by hitting the ditch. An investigation is underway.

WOMAN'S CLUB NOTICE

The Ontonagon Woman's Club will hold its meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at the Ontonagon Middle School at 8:00 p. m. This will be a work session and Valentine favors will be made. The hostesses are Mrs. Fred Dreiss, Mrs. Douglas Francis and Mrs. Leonard Kekke.

Bicentennial Group To Meet

A third Bicentennial Town Meeting will be held Wednesday evening, January 14, at 8 p. m. at the Ontonagon Area High School Cafeteria.

All those interested in the community's Bicentennial program are urged to attend this meeting to carry on the work started at the first two town meetings in preparation for the community's observance of the nation's Bicentennial.

Sheriff, Board Discuss Budget

Following reorganization of the County Board of Commissioners Tuesday night, January 6, the first item of the evening's agenda was a meeting with the Sheriff and his staff to discuss the Sheriff's budget for the new year.

At its budget meeting previous to the reorganization meeting, the county board resolved to cut the Sheriff's budget by over \$14,000 and reduce his staff by one deputy and the department's manpower at five road deputies and two desk deputies.

Sheriff Donald Powelson and Under Sheriff Robert Bodkins reported to the board that because of the cuts and a 40-hour work week, overtime work of the existing force would amount to \$18,485, and that figure did not even include sick leave computations. The Sheriff asked "What do the people of Ontonagon County really want in the way of law enforcement?" He said with fewer men available for patrols the department will have to rely on the state police and, he said, the state police can only answer the call in this county if they have a car available at the time of the call. The Sheriff said now he has only enough personnel to run the jail (5 1/2 persons required by state law). The Sheriff said his operation was being hampered by the board. Commissioner John Strancel said the Sheriff's budget was down to whether Sheriff Bodkins would resign or not, Deputy Faye Powelson, on the road or on the desk.

The problem of the Sheriff's budget, the question of a layoff for animal control officer Bob Allaire for two to three months until better animal control facilities become available to the administrative committee, ordering printing of 100,000 county tourist maps at the cost of \$5595; appointed James Vivian, George Purser, Rachel Haney, Ray County Zoning Commission, reappointed Alice Linna and June Aho to the county special elections scheduling committee, hired Charles K. Grayling as county equalization director effective January 12 at \$11,500 per year; and authorized \$30 per diem to road commissioners for travel on the intersection with M-64 with a limit of ten such meetings a year.

300 Enjoy Travelogue

Close to 300 turned out Sunday night, January 4, to see the first in a series of travelogues sponsored throughout the winter by the Ontonagon Council for the Arts.

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During the intermission four free season tickets to the travel series were awarded to Mary Purser, Rachel Haney, Ray Baulinger and Melissa Blake.

Acting as ushers at the event were Elsie Robb, Hilma Hill and Raulha Baulinger, all dressed in native costume.

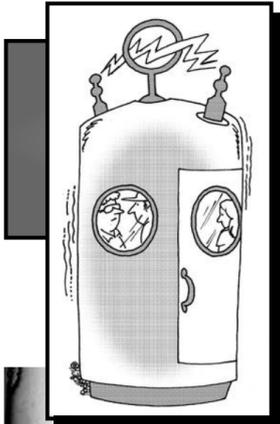
Tickets are still available for the remainder of the travelogue series. The entire series ticket is \$5 and entitles the bearer to view the following Sunday evening programs: February 8, Kaleidoscope Yugoslavia; March 14, Hawaii; Island State; April 4, The Land of Alaska; and May 9, Viva Mexico.

Faith - Siloa Luth. Church Schedule

Pastor John Ellertson has announced that Sunday School begins on Sunday, January 11 at 9:15 a. m. at the White Pine Grade School and at 10:15 at Siloa, Ontonagon. Services will be at 9:00 in Ontonagon and at 11:00 in White Pine. Following the service at Faith there will be a family pot luck and farewell dinner for the John Bleys who will be moving to Washington State at the end of the month.

Siloa confirmation programs will be following school on Wednesday and at 10 on Saturday morning. Faith confirmation classes will be held from 9:00-9:30 Wednesdays.

Troop 209 committee will meet Monday, the 12th at 7:30 at the church.



Herald Time Machine

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Alfalfa And Silo Meeting In January

W. Putnam, Director U. P. Experiment Station, and George Amundson, of Michigan State College Will Be Here

(From W. N. Clark's News Letter)

A series of special alfalfa and silo meetings will be held in Ontonagon county, January 9th to 23rd. The schedule is as follows: Mass Town Hall, Tuesday, January 19, at 1:30 p. m. Wainola Grange Hall, Tuesday, January 19, at 7:30 p. m. Ontonagon Court House, Wednesday, January 20, at 1:30 p. m. Mintsteel Beck School House, Wednesday, January 20, at 7:30 p. m. Popaz School House, Thursday, January 21, at 1:30 p. m. Owen Bank Building, Thursday, January 21, at 7:30 p. m. Bruce Crossing Town Hall, Friday, January 22, at 1:30 p. m. Painesville School House, Friday, January 22, at 7:30 p. m. Gate Community Hall, Saturday, January 23, at 1:30 p. m.

Official Proceedings of The Council

Regular and Special Meetings Held in Council Chambers December 7th, 8th, 18th, and January 4th—Nightwatchman to Be Laid Off

Regular meeting held on the 7th day of December, A. D. 1925. Present at roll call: Gus C. Cane, president; Messrs. Gauthier, Crook, Schober, Marley, Tousignant, trustees; A. J. Scovia, clerk. The minutes of the meetings of November 2nd and 23rd were read and on motion approved as read. Moved by Tousignant, seconded by Crook, that the regular routine of business be dispensed with for the present, as Mrs. Cune wants to address the council regarding the electric lights. Carried, all voting aye.

His Annual Stunt



island to a depth of 100 feet at \$250.00 per lot, the option to give the right to buy the lots individually or collectively. Ayes: Marley, Tousignant, Schober, Gauthier, Davison. Nays: none. Carried.

Harry J. Bush Accepts Place At Marquette

Harry J. Bush left last week for Marquette to assume his duties as office superintendent at the Marquette Branch Prison. Mr. Bush spent much of his boyhood days here. He graduated from the Ontonagon high school with the class of 1905. In the fall of the same year he entered the office of the County Treasurer with his father, as deputy. After his father had served his term, Harry remained as deputy under John Houle, of Rockland, and while serving as deputy under Charles Brown, of Mass City, he accepted the position with the Greenwood Lumber Company, and had worked there for nine years, having resigned on December 23rd to accept the position at Marquette.

W. A. Horejs Takes Big Job In Palm Beach

Formerly Operated the Dodge Service Station in This Village—Coming Here From Detroit Several Years Ago to Get Away From Big City

The following article is reprinted from the West Palm Beach newspaper:

What People Talked About Years Ago

The Herald Will, Each Week, Under the Above Heading, Print Items of Interest Clipped From the Old Heralds and Picked Up From Other Sources

Mrs. James Corgan has gone on a visit to relatives at Hancock, Mich.

Thirty-Nine On High School Honor Roll

- Holder to a Place on "B" List and Two "A" and Two "B" Marks or Higher Entitles Holder to "A" List
- Following is the honor roll of the Ontonagon high school for December. The figure before the name indicates the number of times on honor roll:
- "A"
- 4 Margaret Wilson... A A A A A
- 4 Louise Eisman... A A A A A
- 4 Irma Scott... A A A A A
- 4 Marjorie Rousen... A A A A A
- 4 Margaret Jones... A A A A A
- 4 Margaret Myrholm... A A B B
- 2 Ellen Hill... A A B B
- 1 Verna Johnson... A A B B
- 3 Mary Olson... A A A B
- 3 Lucille Wagner... A A A B
- 4 Bertha Loh... A A B B
- 3 Ena Holmes... A A A B
- 2 Cyril Clark... A A A B
- 3 Hedwig Schuster... A A A B
- 4 Flora Scott... A A A B
- 2 Orville Eichen... A A B B
- 1 Viola Hill... A A B B
- 1 Mary Dobbeck... A A B B
- 4 Raymond Keranen... A B B B
- 3 LeRoy Dowd... A B B B
- 3 Bernice Walton... A B B B
- 1 Dorothy Schoch... A B B B
- 1 Dorothy Boyden... A B B B
- "B"
- 3 Ernest Metsala... A B B B B
- 4 Esther Mallonen... A B B B B
- 2 Abraham LeVine... A B B B
- 1 Vienna Hill... A B B B
- 1 Satina Korvenpaa... A B B B
- 2 Evelyn Scharf... A B B B
- 1 Myrtice Hayward... A B B B
- 1 Osma Savinmies... A B B B
- 1 Bernice Walton... A B B B
- 1 Bernard Rebo... B B B B
- 3 Albert Mitchell... B B B B
- 3 Oliver Lamoureux... B B B B
- 1 Ida Wilson... B B B B
- 1 Mary Walker... B B B B
- 1 Louise Selzer... B B B B
- 3 Louise Pettier... B B B B

Chevrolet Announces Big Price Cut

Prices Go Up But in Face of This Fact Chevrolet Prices Have Been Cut to Rock Bottom—See Large Ad in This Issue

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COUNTY CLERK ENJOYING SUNNY CALIFORNIA

William Krohn, county clerk, writes from 4932 Maywood Ave., Eagle Rock City, California, that he and Mrs. Krohn are enjoying their vacation to the utmost.

How to Make Pea Soup

1 cup Scotch peas, 1 table-spoon sugar, Salt and pepper to taste, 1 or 1 1/2 lb. soup none, beef, lamb or venison are best, or 3/4 pound salt pork.

NOTICE OF STOCK-HOLDERS MEETING

The stockholders of the Citizens State Bank of Ontonagon, Michigan, will hold their annual meeting Tuesday, January 12, 1926, between the hours of four and six o'clock p. m. in their banking rooms.

MATCHWOOD NEWS

The Misses Vernece and Mildred Laird have returned to their school duties at Duluth.

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