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A candid interview with Representative Lahti

Harold S. Riter, Reporting

The Herald had a surprise visitor on December 21, when 110th District State Representative Mike Lahti dropped in for a brief chat. Of course, this reporter is always anxious to talk with and also to talk at our lawmakers, so Lahti’s dropping by was most welcome. He had just arrived home from Lansing on Saturday and was taking a quick swing through the district to talk to various organizations and individuals.

Being involved with education, this reporter decided to open up the chat on that subject. Currently, individual Michigan school districts are being asked to sign on to a promotion being pushed by the Department of Education as well as by US Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan.

Certain powers that be in Lansing are really pushing this “Race to the Top” as a way of getting ahold of \$400 million dollars. We asked Rep. Lahti about his feelings on this matter.

“It’s a red herring that will lead to bringing in more charter schools,” replied Lahti. He explained that the “Race to the Top”



State Representative Mike Lahti

funds are meant to shore up failing schools, or to replace them, “...and we don’t have any failing schools up here,” he continued, suggesting that jumping through a number of hoops and amending State school laws just to get the federal money didn’t promise that any of it would reach the schools in this area.

As for the Michigan school funding crisis, Lahti said, “We have to make cuts or raise taxes. Resolutions don’t solve problems. Talking about something else (such as ‘Race to the Top’ keeps us from facing the

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Traxys considers expanding renewable power business

Traxys is a global raw material marketing and sourcing firm specializing in base metals and concentrates, minor and alloying metals, industrial minerals and chemicals, materials for steel mills and foundries, and carbon products. It holds investments in various mining operations around the world and operates both coal handling facilities and power generation assets in the U.S. The company has 21 offices worldwide and in 2008 posted revenue of \$4.5 billion.

The Traxys Power Division is located in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The Group operates a 40-megawatt coal plant in White Pine and a 20-megawatt plant in L’Anse, MI. The L’Anse facility is a biomass plant that burns over 400 tons of waste wood per day, supplies

“green” steam to neighboring industrial plant and is recognized as Michigan’s first biomass green plant since Governor Granholm passed the “Renewable Energy Portfolio and Energy Efficiency Act” in 2008.

Mike Reid, Vice President of Traxys’ Power Division, indicated that Traxys is interested in expanding its green business to 115 megawatts using four different sites located across the Upper Peninsula. According to Reid, “It makes good sense to take idled existing coal plants and convert them to biomass, since wood is such an abundant resource in the Upper Peninsula. Biomass power is the most reliable source of renewable energy with an 85% dispatchable rate, compared to wind and solar power, which are 30-40% dispatchable”.



The 40-megawatt plant in White Pine will be converted from coal to biomass using the existing infrastructure. The engineering prefesability study is underway and environmental permitting will be submitted in early January 2010.

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OASD may build new garage

By Anne Sussex

The Ontonagon Area school board met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 21. President, Dean Juntunen called the meeting to order with all members present. A group of high school students were present to observe the proceedings.

At the last meeting, Member Bruce Johanson asked for an accounting on the music/band program for the school. Music teacher, Ben Mayer sent a written memo that outlined how the elementary and junior/senior high school band and music classes are conducted. Mayer noted in his memo that the number of students in band programs has almost doubled. Johanson asked if the school was providing instruments for students and who was the vendor for any rentals. Johanson also indicated that he was not happy with the lack of “beginning” instruments.

The board then agreed to increase the At Risk services for the Jr/Sr High school by one hour per school session day through the end of the current school year. Superintendent Gray Webber indicated there was enough money in the budget and with the high percentage of At Risk students that it would be a good move on the part of the board. The cost for the extra hour would be about \$3,000 for the semester. Some criteria that define

an At Risk student would be low MEAP scores, if a student is eligible for a free or reduced lunch, and family marital status.

The board then moved on to approve a second reading of the Jr/Sr High Handbook which further defines the meaning of a closed campus. The board also approved a first reading of a policy change for students who wish to graduate early. This policy would require a student to be enrolled as a senior and maintain a full schedule. If a student wants to graduate in advance of their current class, they would have to petition the board to be advanced to the level of a senior student. They would then be a member of the class. A student who requests early graduation after the start of the school year would not be considered as a class member and would receive their diploma through the mail.

The board also approved a virtual class access policy. This policy outlines requirements for a student to enroll in a virtual class as part of their curriculum.

Webber then introduced a Retirement Incentive Plan. This plan is a onetime deal outside of the regular contract for teachers who don’t fit parameters of the contract. Webber explained that it would be less costly than a layoff. He said that a maximum of five people would

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An afternoon at the museum



Eddie Stevens at the organ

By Anne Sussex

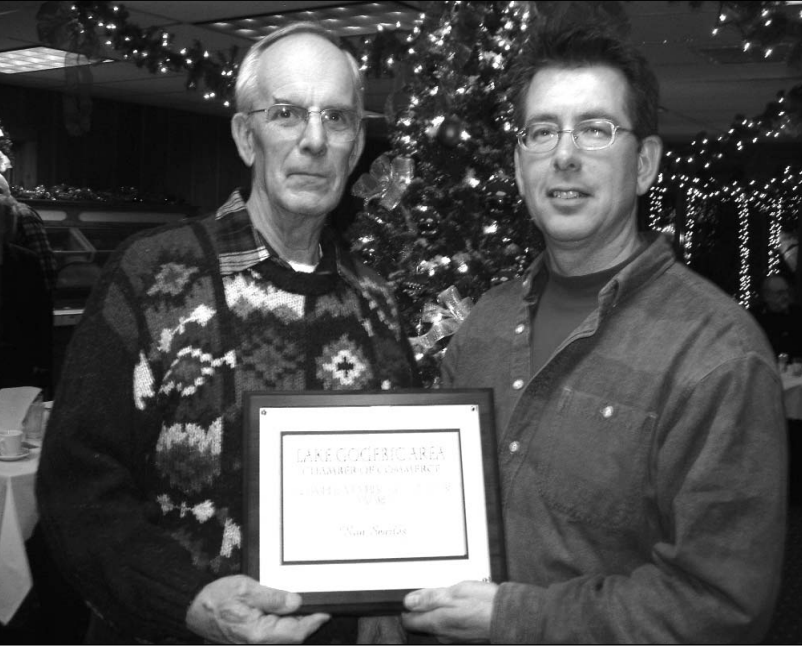
What kind of excitement could a person expect at the Ontonagon museum on a cold wintry Saturday afternoon? Plenty if you were lucky enough to stop by last weekend. Eddie Stevens, who now informs me that he is 10, spent the afternoon, playing four different instruments and making the day merry and bright. Young Mr. Stevens who is a fifth grader at Land O Lakes elementary school says he likes coming to the museum to play the musical instruments. This was his second visit to the museum and this time a group of people were waiting to see what he was going to play. This reporter had a favorite piece of music dating back quite a few years. Eddie looked at the music and said

he hadn’t played it before. The first time was a bit hesitant, but by the third time he played “Unchained Melody” so well that visitor Linda Koski sang along while he played.

Eddie played the pump organ, and his Christmas songs sounded wonderful. He said it took him a few minutes to figure out how fast to pump the organ so the sound just poured from the organ. Eddie brought his cornet with him and gave a great rendition of Silent Night. But when he picked up the antique Wurlitzer accordion and started playing polkas a lot of feet started tapping right along. He then moved on to the “square” piano. There were about 20 people listening to him play and he told the

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Lake Gogebic Chamber honors member and citizen of the year



Chamber Treasurer Dick Armstrong presents Ron Searles with the 2009 Chamber “Member of the Year” Award.



2008 Chamber “Citizen of the Year” Tom Chase presents Melanie Fullman and Bill Baer with the 2009 “Citizen of the Year” Award”.

Submitted by Chamber Treasurer, Dick Armstrong

The Lake Gogebic Area Chamber of Commerce held its’ annual meeting at the Konteka in White Pine, December 6, with the naming of the Citizen of the Year and Chamber Member of the Year along with the election of officers and directors.

Melanie Fullman, Ottawa National Forest Ranger and Bill Baer, Ottawa National Forest Recreation Manager were presented with the chamber “Citizen of the Year” Award for their support in the development of Multi-Use trails in the Lake Gogebic Area as well as being active on the National Ski Patrol, Bessemer Fire Department, local

search and rescue, the Ottawa Historical Center in Bergland and active in the Back Country Horseman Association and more.

Ron Searles from West Shore Resort was honored with the Chamber Member of the Year award for his long service on the board of directors, 15 years of activity in snowmobile trail signing and brushing, building and donating snowmobile trail map boxes and fish display cases for the chamber booth at sport shows, is chairperson of the Chamber’s Communications Committee and a member of the fishing committee. He has placed fish cribs for the Lake Improvement Association and writes articles for the Gogebic

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Stupak coming to Ontonagon

By Anne Sussex

Congressman Bart Stupak’s office has announced that he will be visiting the Western UP in January to hold town hall meetings.

He will be in Ontonagon on January 6, at the Ontonagon Jr/Sr High School. He is scheduled to hold a meeting from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

He will also hold meetings on January 5, at Gogebic Community College and in Houghton on January 7.

This will be an opportunity for Mr. Stupak to speak on a variety of topics from health care to the econ-

omy and an opportunity for local residents to let him know what is on their minds. Stupak said in a press release that he “looks forward to having discussions with residents in Ironwood, Ontonagon and Houghton. These town hall meetings provide me with valuable feedback and help to spur dialogue on important issues within the First District.”


It will also be an opportunity for local residents to speak directly to Stupak about their concerns for Ontonagon County.

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Weekly Snowfall Report

Snow Fall for the week of December 22 - 28: 21”
Total for 09’-10’ Season: 113”

As reported to the NOAA’s National Weather Service by local Weather cooperative observers along the shore of Lake Superior

HOLIDAY EARLY DEADLINE NOTICE

Due to the New Year Holiday, all ads and articles must be in the Herald office **Wednesday, December 30** for inclusion in the following week’s issue.

The Year in Review 2009

Harold S. Riter; Reporting

A year ago, when commenting on the year 2008, we wrote, “2008 was a year that many are happy to see gone.” Unfortunately, we may have some things to say about 2009 that make 2008 seem like a cakewalk.

In closing out 2009, we are confronted with the closure of the County’s single largest remaining employer, Smurfit-Stone Container and the impending financial crisis this means to many families in Ontonagon and surrounding communities. There has been a pulp mill operating in Ontonagon since 1920, and that same mill has been producing high quality paper since 1925. Though it was reported in the December 16 Herald, that executives of Smurfit-Stone had informed the employees that “historically, if a mill is shut down, it will not run again.” We remind our readers that historically, the Ontonagon Mill, has been shut down twice before, once in 1921, and was resurrected in 1922; and more recently, it was shut down in 1954, stood idle for just under two years, and became productive again. Until Smurfit-Stone closed it this year, the mill has run constantly since 1956. Folks, there is always hope.

In the meantime, there was some relief in gasoline prices and tourism, for all its limited affect on the local economy, seemed to bounce back somewhat.

On the national level, a year that started off as full of promise from a new leadership in Washington, health care reform was bogged down in partisan bickering. Health care reform, which had been touted as being the major earmark of the new Administration was so tied down in Congress, that the original ideals of a public option and containing the cost of health insurance for those who would now be required to purchase it were buried in even more partisan wrangling, as the people who elected and trust the representatives in Congress grew more and more disillusioned with what was taking place.

A war half a world away that has been draining national resources and a generation of our young people was about to switch fronts from the unfortunate venture in Iraq back to Afghanistan, where it all began in 2001, amidst expressions of dismay from those who have felt that a major contributor to the country’s economic problem is an undeclared war with no specific goals stated and no end in sight.

On the State level, the public schools were once again being held hostage by a legislature that is either unable or unwilling to address financing of public schools to the point that public schools all over the State of Michigan are teetering on the edge of insolvency. The image of Nero fiddling while Rome burned comes to mind

In our own County, Ontonagon schools are just hanging on and only by the regrettable action of closing one of the two remaining campus’ and putting all pupils under one roof.

The Ewen-Trout Creek School was strong-armed by the Department of Education into a debt reduction plan that would create havoc with elementary class division and size, as well as high school electives. There was a real concern that this large school District could survive as an independent entity for another year. Losing this District would be a real disaster for the children as well as the communities it serves.

Maple Manor Nursing Facility closed its doors in September which created a forced relocation of many local elders to unfamiliar surroundings, separated from family and friends by distance. Beacon Ambulance, which was affiliated with the corporation that owns Maple Manor created a crisis by announcing their plan to abandon ambulance service to the northern 7 Townships in Ontonagon County. This was met by a resourceful response from our people, the story of which is contained in the following report.

What follows is not an attempt to cover every happening of the past year, but only to skim the top of the news and events that make up our lives in this special corner of the world.

Business:

The Pamida store in Ontonagon has gone out of its way, over the past year to become an accepted member of the community. The Pamida Foundation presented \$1,000 to last year’s St. Nicholas Project, a local charity effort to make the Christmas holidays a bit brighter for those in need in the County. Pamida has made several other donations throughout the year to worthy causes as well, including \$1,000 to the County Food Pantry, \$640 to the Ontonagon Area Schools, and another \$1,000 to this year’s St. Nicholas Project, as well as \$1,000 to SONCO North to help tide things over until the election in February, and \$1,000 to the Ontonagon County Veterans’ Association.

The Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCo), divested itself of some of its real estate holdings to local businessman Norman Pestka. The land involved includes parcels surrounding the Victoria hydroelectric dam reservoir in Rockland Township and also the area surrounding the Prickett hydro in Baraga County.

UPPCo also started lowering the water in its reservoirs somewhat earlier, anticipating a heavier spring run-off due to the abundant snow fall experienced in the last months of 2008 and early in 2009.

Smurfit-Stone Container, parent firm of the Ontonagon mill, filed for protection under Chapter 11 bankruptcy laws in January. Smurfit-Stone had closed the Ontonagon mill, “due to market conditions” in November of 2008. Ontonagon’s mill is one of 14 paper mills operated in North America by Smurfit-Stone, and the Ontonagon mill had become a cornerstone in the local economy as a generational employer. It had been announced that the mill would reopen some time in January, but the long-delayed resumption of operations did not began until late May.

Ironically, Smurfit-Stone reported its safest year in company history for 2008 when CEO Patrick J. Moore announced “Our employees dedication to working safely every day continues to move us closer to our goal of an accident free workplace.” These words fell hollow on local ears where a closed plant certainly contributed to the company’s safety record.

After a little over three months of profitable operation, Smurfit-Stone again announced the closure of the Ontonagon mill to take place in mid-September. The reason given was, again, market conditions. During the summer, the Smurfit-Stone mill had utilized trucks for transportation of its product, abandoning rail transportation in spite of its reportedly much lower cost. The big white Swift Trucking semitrailer trucks rolled through the streets of town, many using outdated maps or GPS devices that showed a now nonexistent bridge across the river. One fully loaded Swift semi carrying 40,000 pounds of paper product was overturned on the Norwich Road attempting to take a short cut to M -28.

In October, the E & LS Railroad announced that it was in the early stages of beginning official abandonment of the railroad tracks north of Mass City leading into Ontonagon, and possibly, all of the trackage between Sidnaw and Ontonagon. This would leave the Village of Ontonagon without rail transportation. It was reported that an industrial crane company that was considering Ontonagon as a location for a new plant canceled consideration of Ontonagon as a site for a new plant upon hearing of the possible rail abandonment. Abandonment of the rail line would leave the local paper mill as the only paper mill in Michigan without rail facilities and make the closed mill practically unmarketable.

Congressman Bart Stupak waded into the railroad issue in October with a strongly worded letter to both the E & LS Railroad and to the Heartland Business Bank of Dubuque, Iowa stating his opposition to any rail abandonment to Ontonagon and his intention to direct his staff to investigate ways and means to stop any such attempt to leave Ontonagon without rail service. Reportedly, the Heartland Bank is demanding that the E & LS abandon the rail link to Lake Superior and use the salvaged iron of the rails to pay off part of its accumulated debt. The Smurfit-Stone bankruptcy had left the E & LS with \$1.3 million in freight charges unpaid.

On Saturday, November 21, a sad procession of rail cars left the Smurfit-Stone mill yard wending its way down the tracks towards Escanaba. Within a week, not a piece of railroad rolling stock belonging to the E & LS Railroad remained in Ontonagon. Does this end a tradition of railroading the

stretches back to 1881 in Ontonagon?

There was even greater frustration voiced over this turn of events which was compounded even more when Smurfit-Stone, in mid-December, announced the permanent closing of their Ontonagon Mill and invoked the WARN Act...a required 60 day advance notice of permanent closure. This cast a pall over the County reminiscent of a Christmas in 1953 when National Container, then owner of the Ontonagon mill decided on very short notice to close its doors. As the old saying goes, history repeats itself...what goes around comes around. Is there a new prospective owner in the wings? Is Smurfit-Stone willing to sell a working paper mill? The weeks ahead will reveal the end of this tale.

The Porcupine Mountains Convention and Visitors’ Bureau, formed in 2004 to collect the 2% lodging (pillow) tax to be used for the sole purpose of marketing the specific area from which is was paid held a marketing symposium in January at Silver City. Originally, the “pillow tax” had been paid to the Western U.P. Convention and Visitors’ Bureau in Ironwood and was used in an effort to market the entire Western U.P., but it had been felt that a large portion of this was being used to promote Big Snow Country and that Ontonagon County was not receiving enough benefit by being part of the larger effort. The firm of Pilch & Bernet was contracted to promote the local area through a “destination marketing” approach.

While not directly affecting the Port of Ontonagon, the Soo Locks opened officially on March 25, starting the navigation season on Lake Superior for the year 2009.

The Ontonagon County Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting on March 31, which featured presentations by Sheryl Mason, Assistant Manager of Pamida; Mike Drew representing Aspirus Ontonagon Hospital; and Tom Cogswell, Village Manager.

Yet another blow to the area’s economy became known on June 18, when it was announced that Hudbay Minerals, the Canadian mining company that has been shipping copper to the White Pine refinery will be closing its smelter at Flin Flon, Manitoba in July of 2010 and its White Pine Refinery shortly thereafter.

The Ontonagon County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was without an Administrative Secretary as of the first of the year following the resignation of Mary Smith. Ten applications had been received, but no decision to interview applicants had been made, instead, the hours of the office secretary were increased and filling the Administrative Secretary’s position was put on hold.

The late Brian Paulson of Upper Lakes Coal assured the EDC that the fire danger of the coal stored on the EDC dock near the historic Ontonagon Harbor Lighthouse was minimal. He also informed the EDC Board that White Pine Electric Power had purchased the entire stockpile of stored coal. In January, there were approximately 53,000 tons of coal in storage and through the year, much of this coal was removed.

The EDC learned of a huge appropriation for harbor dredging of \$800,000, roughly twice the amount required in previous years to clear the channel of silt. Harbor dredging got underway on May 21.

One of the primary roles of the EDC is to process and recommend loans from the County Revolving Loan Fund. Ontonagon County has roughly \$368,000 available for business loans. The EDC was alarmed about plans to bring all of the revolving loan funds in the region into one fund which would end the exclusive local control over this money. Ontonagon County has a relatively large balance available for business loans, whereas other units had as little as \$28,000. Authorities pressing for this regionalization of RLF money made it clear that it w as not a mater of “if,” this would take place, but when. If an EDC chose not to join the regional loan fund, the state threatened to “recapture” all the loan fund money anyway. By year’s end, the consensus of opinion on the EDC Board was to do nothing, neither to cooperate or resist the State of Michigan in this matter.

A Regional Innovation Grant had produced some interesting results. Led by Northstar Economics, a consulting firm, had analyzed data collected over the past year from Ontonagon County, across the Upper Peninsula and the northern counties of Wisconsin, with a regional development plan evolving from the study. The EDC was urged to get involved and take action on this plan.

Chamber of Commerce President Victoria James addressed the EDC strongly urging them to find someone who knows marketing and get them on board as soon as possible.

In July, Avanti Corporation, operators of Maple Manor Nursing Center announced the permanent closing of the nursing facility at Ontonagon. Lower occupancy coupled with reduced funding from the State of Michigan had made the operation unprofitable. Maple Manor had served the needs of the elderly in the Village for over 30 years.

In mid-August, Avanti Corporation, parent firm of Maple Manor offered to turn over to the Village the real property of Maple manor; that is the building and grounds, for a waiver of current taxes. Council moved eagerly to accept the building, though there were cautionary words from one council member who reminded the Village that it would be expensive to maintain this building without a specific purpose in mind, and that by accepting it, they were giving away roughly \$4,000 a year in taxes. By year’s end, the paper work had not been processed transferring the property. It then became known that there were some problems with the transfer that the Village could not accept. By mid-December, all bets were off and Avanti was offering the building to the EDC, but again, with stipulations that they too could not accept. It is left to the new year, or beyond to determine the fate of the former hospital.

With the closing of Maple Manor, Avanti Corporation, which also owns and operates Beacon Ambulance Service announced that as of August 30, they would be removing their ambulance service from Ontonagon County. SONCO Ambulance, a service supported by voted millage in the south end of Ontonagon County temporarily extended its license to include the north end and Aspirus provided an ambulance vehicle to be based at Ontonagon. Special appeals for funding brought the entire County together. Jackie Strauch, EMT, took the lead in evangelizing the need for support for an extended ambulance service and soon became coordinator for SONCO north. Thanks to her concern for a special need and the dedicated emergency staff that rallied to the need, ambulance service has been provided. A county-wide election is scheduled to make the arrangement permanent in a special election in February, 2010.

UPPCo announced plans to replace the main spillway gate at the Bond Falls dam with a two gate structure during the summer of 2010. Of some concern was the limited amount of water flowing down the middle branch of the Ontonagon River. In its announcement, UPPCo stated that a by-pass will allow water to flow over bond falls and down the Middle Branch to support aquatic life (trout). The project is expected to be complete by November of 2010. The original spillway and gate were installed in 1937.

Education and the Schools:

Following the defeat of a bond issue to replace the failed roof on the Ontonagon Area High School and to build a new elementary school wing onto the high school building (shutting down the older campus on the Greenland Road), a new proposal had been formulated by the Board of Education which presented to the voters a proposal to replace the roof using QZAB low or no interest bonds, a project that was considered absolutely vital to keep the building safe and usable. Besides replacing the roof with a rubber membrane material, the proposal was to include repairing water damage, adding additional insulation, and addressing several other health and safety issues to include replacing several windows and ceiling tile. Two other projects were also presented, one was to replace nonfunctioning kitchen equipment and upgrade the building in several other areas. The third proposal was to replace a part of the current heating system with a wood fired boiler to burn locally obtained wood chips. On February 24, the electorate of the district approved not only the roof proposal, but the other two

proposals as well, by a significant majority.

In February, it was announced that Gray A. Webber, who had been serving as interim Superintendent of Schools at Ontonagon, would be offered a regular three year contract to serve as part-time Superintendent of Schools. Webber had retired after 27 years in the District as manual training and building trades instructor.

The Ontonagon Elementary School, recognized as one of the most outstanding architectural design was 70 years old in February, being dedicated on February 2, 1939. This building, stands as a monument to the role that the federal government can, and perhaps should play in public education. 50% of the cost for construction was financed as a Works Progress Administration project in 1938.

The Ontonagon Gladiatoresses Varsity Basketball team took the 127th District Championship winning over Bessemer 61-29, a repeat performance for the Ontonagon teams. Shortly thereafter, Ontonagon’s ladies of the basketball court captured the Regional title with a 58-41 victory over North Central.

Not to be outdone, the Ewen Trout-Creek Panther boys captured the District 127 title over the Ontonagon Gladiators, giving them a perfect 0-22 season.

It was revealed, shortly after the successful passage of the bond proposal, that a majority of the Ontonagon Area board of Education members wished to pursue a single campus approach, and would do so by moving the elementary pupils into the high school building, following extensive renovations, which would be paid for out of borrowing from the General Fund over a period of roughly 20 years. This departure from the duel campus was necessitated by declining enrollment and thus, declining income for the district, which was struggling to remain operating “in the black.” The elementary school building would remain in use for the 2009-10 school year and the new elementary classrooms at the Parker Avenue campus would be ready for the start of the 2010-11 school year.

Over the summer, the massive task of replacing the roof on the Ontonagon Area high School was accomplished. A membrane-like product called DuraLast was in place with only a bit of finish work to be done by the time school opened right after the Labor Day weekend.

The annual School election on May 5, returned Ann Cleary to the Board of Education, confirmed Michelle Wilber for the three years remaining of the term of the late Mary Jane Rubich, and placed Marjory “Peg” Carrothers of Greenland Township on the Board. Carrothers, however, resigned after serving only until September and was replaced by the appointment of Charles Yost of Ontonagon.

The Music and Art departments of the Ontonagon Area High School shared the limelight with the first of their “Fine Arts Nights.” A band concert featuring the high school and junior high bands, as well as the 5th grade beginners’ group, a dance troupe, the school choir and several displays of the artwork created by local students in the art department. It was a grand display of creativity.

The White Pine School District was officially dissolved in March, with the territory becoming part of Ontonagon Area Schools, making the Ontonagon Area Schools the largest school district, in squares miles, in the State of Michigan. The children of the former White Pine Schools are now Ontonagon pupils, unless, by school of choice, they wish to attend classes elsewhere.

The Ontonagon Area Board of Education, struck out at the restrictions of the Michigan Merit Curriculum by endorsing HB 4410, a provision that would allow for accumulating mathematics credits as part of a Career Technical Education program. Better known as the Sheltrown Bill, this was later adopted into law by both Houses of the Legislature.

A team of history buffs from the Ontonagon Area High School competed in the 7th annual History Smackdown at Calumet on April 20. This is the sixth time that a team from Ontonagon has taken part, and out of those six tries, Ontonagon teams have brought home the traveling trophy three times! This year, Ontonagon had three teams participating, and the winning group consisted of Thane Fuller, Francesca Picotte, and Matt Wetsel. The compe-

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Sudoku Mania

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

Editor's Mail:
December 21, 2009
The Honorable Judge Shannon
824 N. Market St. 3rd floor
Wilmington, DE 19801
Re: Case number 09-10235-BLS
Chapter 11

Dear Honorable Judge Shannon:

This letter will most certainly not be your first and only regarding the Smurfit Stone bankruptcy, nor will it be your last. I am one of many concerned people regarding the closure of the Smurfit Stone mill in Ontonagon, MI. Having been born and raised in Ontonagon, I know the value the mill has in the community. My family owned and operated a small business in Ontonagon for over 60 years. In that time, I was lucky to live through some good economic times, and watched this fine community stick together through some hard times. Ontonagon is a unique community; nestled on the south shore of Lake Superior in Michigan's Upper Peninsula where logging and mining has been this area's mainstay for well over a hundred years. The White Pine copper mine and the local shipyard closed in the 1990's. This was a huge economic blow to the county. With a 19.5% unemployment rate, the residents of Ontonagon still remained strong and hopeful. Many residents were forced to move from the area to provide for

their families. A permanent closure of Smurfit Stone's Ontonagon plant will mean a permanent end to a once fine community.

I've been following closely the closure of the mill. On January 26, 2009 a motion for an interim order prohibiting utility providers from disconnecting services was filed in Bankruptcy Court. I respectfully request that a similar order be put into effect to assist in maintaining and sustaining the mill until it is purchased or ownership is transferred. Without an order of this kind with additional provisions to maintain a minimum staff to control vital electrical and heating systems, the mill will essential cripple and die and become useless to potential future production. This future production is the only hope that could save Ontonagon.

This bankruptcy goes so much deeper than the hundreds of legal filings and motions of another failed corporation due to tough economic times. There are very real human, family and community issues. The initial loss of almost 200 jobs from Ontonagon will be the beginning of the end. The domino effect of economic hardship will eventually and swiftly silence the heartbeat of this fine community.

This letter by Thomas Rosemurgy Jr. of Chassell, MI will be continued in next week's issue.

A candid interview with Representative Lahti

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the issue," Lahti said. (we found it interesting that Lahti would say something such as this in the face of such slogans from Mike Flannigan, Supt. of Public Instruction, who keeps telling school leaders to "Re-imagine education," and to support the Race to the Top as a "leap of faith.")

The gist of the matter is that these temporary federal funds are just that, temporary, and once they are spent, they are gone, and the problem of properly financing public education remains.

Lahti also pointed out that the total state budget is shrinking, predicting that soon we will have a budget the size that it was in 1965, "but we still have to have fire and police protection, and take care of our old folks," he added.

We broached the subject of the Michigan Merit Curriculum, an unfunded mandate that is causing schools to limit even more the number of electives for the students. Lahti told this reporter that most of

the Legislature agrees that the Michigan Merit curriculum must be amended or fixed, but we didn't get into more details.

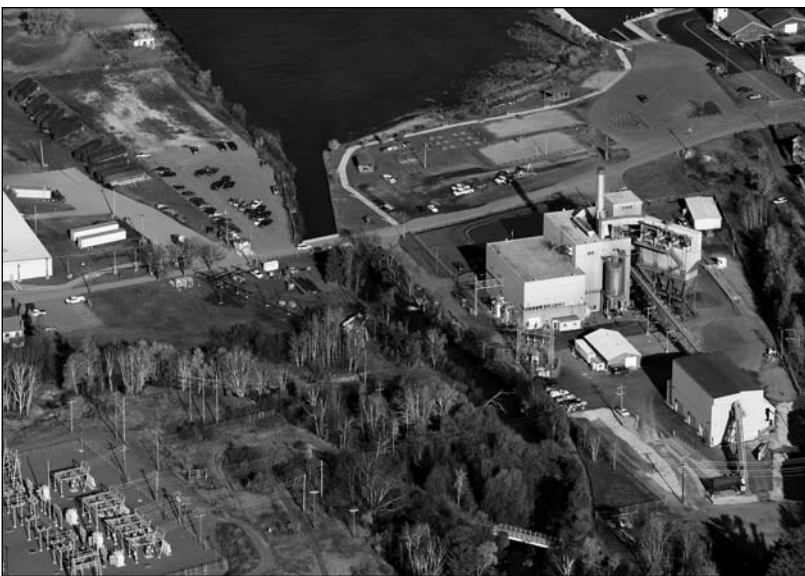
Briefly we discussed the situation with the railroad and the mill closure. Both Lahti and Senator Mike Prusi have been in contact with E & LS railroad president, John Larkin, and Lahti told this reporter that one of the problems with getting new industry into Ontonagon is the uncertainty of the railroad's situation. The mill closure make it harder to justify the railroad's existence, and precludes other industry, such as industrial crane manufacturers, from locating here.

Lahti alluded to the developments at the Copperwood Project, but was quite clear that the Mi-Water ballot proposal, if it makes it to the voters, must be defeated.

We thanked Mr. Lahti for his time and invited him back when he can stay longer for an extended grilling.

Traxys considers expanding renewable power business

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The L'Anse Warden site is already operational and is supplying 20-megawatts of green energy and steam on a daily basis. Ninety minutes to the west of L'Anse is the Sawyer site, which sits on 23 acres. It is planned that Sawyer would be a 30-megawatt plant with 50,000 pounds per hour of green steam and is in final engineering and permitting.



Escanaba; Traxys and the City of Escanaba are in exclusive negotiations for the purchase of the existing coal plant that would be converted to 25-megawatts of biomass.

The combined plants will use about 800,000 tons per year of biomass utilizing a combination of open loop and closed loop biomass. Closed loop biomass is agricultural product grown with the specific

intent of being burned for energy consumption and the ash from the wood is returned to the field for fertilizer; open loop wood consists of waste wood and wood bi-product materials.



Traxys Power Division has about 40-acres of hybrid willow and poplar closed loop material growing in Skandia and White Pine. The test plots will yield about 25 tons per acre of biomass on a 4 year rotation. Reid says this is an opportunity to take unproductive, abundant farmland and utilize it for cash crops, specifically biomass. In full production, it is the goal of Traxys to have 10,000 acres under management.

The capital expenditure of the plants would be approximately \$120 million with an 18 to 20-month construction period and would require over 200 tradespersons to build the facilities. Once commissioned and running, the Traxys Power Division would directly employ over 100 people to run the plants, as well as create an additional 100 to 125 spin-off jobs with the aggregation of the open loop and closed loop fuel

needed to fuel the plants.

The Traxys Power Division is in the process of securing long term green energy supply agreements supplemented by 15-year fuel agreements. Reid commented, "With those agreements in place, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan will see many jobs created in construction, farming and the trucking of the fuels needed to supply the plants"

An afternoon at the museum

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group he was working on an opera. The adults didn't really believe him until he pulled out his handwritten sheet music and started to play.

Later when he took a break, Eddie was asked why he likes to come to Ontonagon. He said it was the lake. He says that Lake Superior sings to him. He said he also likes to go to Bond Falls, because it sounds like a timpani. Eddie said that he can hear music almost anywhere. At one point, a visitor asked him to

play a song, but he didn't know it. The lady sang the song to him and Eddie played it back for her.

Eddie has a younger sister who has a talent of her own. She is an artist. While sitting and talking to the visitors, she drew a hummingbird that was really very good.

Eddie and Gracie spent several hours with the museum and said they would be happy to come in the spring. Gracie said she would bring some art work, and Eddie will bring his music!



Eddie (l) and Linda Koski, with Eddie's grandma (r) looking on

Lake Gogebic Chamber honors member and citizen of the year

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Times.

Barry Drews of Bear's Nine Pines resort was re-elected president of the Chamber for 2010 with Dale Kuivanen, Bergland, Vice President, Dick Armstrong Treasurer, Mary Lou Driesenga secretary and Lindy Moen – Konteka, Tom McCarthy – Bergland Bay Bar and Julie Berquist – Gogebic Lodge elected to a two-year director term. Returning directors are Kent McDonough, Ron Searles.

The Chamber is sponsoring a "Fun Run" which began on December 15, and will run through March 15, 2010 with \$200 "Snowbuck drawings to participants each month. Visitors to the area visiting a minimum of 10 of the more than two dozen business sponsors in the Lake Gogebic Area will be eligible for the drawings.

The Lake Gogebic Area Chamber represents over 80 businesses in the Lake Gogebic Area in Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties.

OASD may build new garage

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qualify for the incentive. Webber also believes that if a teacher has to be laid off, the retirement incentive would be less expensive for the district than having to pay unemployment. Member Ann Cleary said she would like to have more details on the savings stating the board had just completed the negotiation process. Member Nancy Mattson agreed stating that she thought this matter would have brought before the board sooner. Cleary also asked how many people had been offered and that without knowing the particulars, the incentive would be hard to support. Webber responded by saying there would be one less teacher next year and that it could either be a layoff or through a retirement.

The superintendent recommended the board accept a proposal from the Wolgast Corporation for \$20,000 to act as the construction manager for the school renovation. As construction manager, the company will oversee the bidding process and the bid letting. They would take care of all subcontracts and all paperwork and permits. The board agreed to this proposal.

Webber then introduced the idea of abandoning the current school bus garage located at the elementary school and building a new facility at the high school. The superintendent asked the board to accept an engineering proposal from Integrated Designs to engineer and spec the building for the amount of \$3,972. Webber had some information showing the cost of the current building compared to a new building. According to the information, he had, the annual cost of the new building would be less than the current building. The projected cost of the new building is \$66,200. The fee

for IDI services would be \$3,972, however, if the building is not approved, IDI administration fees would not be invoiced. This proposal was passed by the board with Bruce Johanson and Michele Wilber voting no.

The board discussed a memo of understanding as a request by the Michigan of Education's request. Webber said the State is hoping to receive up to \$400 million from the federal government as part of the Race to the Top initiative. While Michigan has not yet been offered the money, the State superintendent called it a "leap of faith" and school attorneys advised schools to proceed "at your own risk." Johanson said that State Representative Lahti had called the move a "red herring" stating that it would allow downstate districts to establish more charter schools. After some discussion the board agreed to take no action on the memo of understanding.

The board also approved an overnight trip for the Quiz Bowl team. The team is now in the third round and will be going up against Houghton.

Head teacher Jim Bobula thanked Kirsten Menigoz for her efforts for the Kaboom Play Day contest. The Kaboom organization is trying to get an NFL player to come to the elementary school for a presentation later in the year.

Principal John Shiner said the Christmas concerts went very well. He also wanted to thank the Booster Club for the financial support which is allowing the gym floor to be refinished. Shiner also informed the board that snowmobile safety for students will be offered on January 12-13. The accreditation committee for the North Central Association will be here on the same days.

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The Village of Ontonagon DDA is accepting applications for the 2010 Façade Improvement Program. Only businesses in the DDA District are eligible for the program. Maximum grant is \$1,500.00 and the maximum loan is \$3,500.00. Contact or stop by the Village Office, 884-2305, for program details and to pick up an application.

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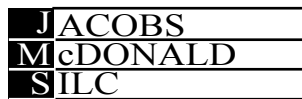
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Santa visits Stenson Park



Santa makes his grand entrance



Santa visits with Lucas Kin

Submitted by Nancey Withrow

Santa arrived at the log cabin in Stenson Park, located in Greenland on Sunday December 20, where there was a group of children and adults awaiting his arrival. Santa came prepared with 100 bags of candy and passed out over 50 bags of candy to all the children. Pic-

tures were also taken and printed while you waited. All of the extra bags of candy were then distributed to the senior citizens of Mass and Greenland. This event was made possible due to donations from the people, and Greenland’s 150th Celebration Committee.

Gustafson graduates from basic combat training

Army Pvt. Shane E. Gustafson has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship,

armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises. He is the son of Robert Gustafson of Hemlock Street, White Pine, Michigan, and Susan Gustafson of M-28, Merriweather, Michigan. Gustafson is a 2009 graduate of Ewen-Trout Creek Consolidated School, Ewen, Michigan.

Pilot project in Michigan’s U.P. aims to keep more ash trees alive

The emerald ash borer (EAB), an exotic wood-boring pest, continues to spread, killing millions of ash trees in Michigan and surrounding states. Now scientists and state and federal officials are working to find ways to slow the rate of ash tree death in EAB-infested outlier sites in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula as part of the SLAM – S.L.O.w A.sh M.ortality pilot project. Outlier sites are infestations of EAB that are well beyond the infested area in the state’s Lower Peninsula.

The research partners from Michigan State University (MSU) and Michigan Technological University (MTU), and officials from the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) and the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and forest health specialists from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the USDA Forest Service involved in the SLAM pilot project are continually surveying EAB infestations to track the spread of the pest and to develop ways to slow the build-up of the EAB population. The goal of the project is to delay the spread of ash mortality in the area. Lessons learned in the pilot project will benefit not only Michigan, but other states dealing with EAB.

“The data gathered this year in the communities of Moran and St. Ignace are giving us a better idea of the EAB population, how it grew and how it is spreading,” said Brenda Owen, SLAM project coordinator. “We know that EAB will never be totally eradicated, but we are developing ways to slow it down. If we can buy time, other control options may become available.”

In the St. Ignace area, EAB larvae were found in four areas this summer. One was just inside the state park boundary, another was in the city and two infested trees were outside the park and city boundaries. No EAB were found in the downtown of St. Ignace in ash trees that were girdled or had purple prism traps in them during the summer. Fifty trees in St. Ignace with no visible signs of EAB infestation

were injected with insecticide. The EAB survey size in Moran doubled this summer from a 3-mile radius to a 6-mile radius because of additional EAB finds in that area, according to Owen.

Survey methods to detect EAB included using purple prism “sticky” traps in ash trees. The traps are baited lures that may attract adult EAB beetles. They are placed in trees early in the summer when EAB beetles begin flying, then removed in the fall once the beetles are gone. Another method involves using ash trees themselves as “detection” trees. Researchers have shown that EAB beetles are attracted to stressed ash trees and lay more eggs on stressed trees than healthy ash trees. To survey for EAB, selected ash trees are girdled in spring by removing a band of bark around the trunk. This affects the ability of trees to move nutrients from the leaves to the roots and slowly starves the tree. In fall, the girdled trees are felled and the bark is removed to see if EAB larvae are feeding on the tree. Knowing which trees are infested and how many larvae are on the trees helps the SLAM partners monitor the growth of the EAB population. Partners in the SLAM project are also using insecticides to help slow the build-up of EAB populations. Once the data are gathered and processed, the approximate density and spread of the EAB population in a given area can be estimated.

The SLAM pilot project, which will continue in 2010, is providing new options for managing areas with low densities of EAB. Results will be shared with managers in other states such as Wisconsin, Minnesota, New York and Missouri, where EAB has recently been found.

Not only will the SLAM pilot project slow the rate at which EAB impacts ash trees, it also provides employment for another year for at least 15 Upper Peninsula residents.

More information on EAB can be found at www.emeraldashborer.info, or www.michigan.gov/eab.

Sleighful of Gifts winner



Ontonagon County Telephone Company’s annual Christmas Sleighful of Gifts winner was Pam and Dale Karttunen of Green. The sleigh was filled with a variety of gifts for every family member worth approximately \$150. Congratulations to Pam, Dale and their family!

The Night Sky

January 2010

MOON & PLANETS

Jupiter is the bright white object low in the southwest in the early evening sky. Mercury can be glimpsed in the early morning sky after mid-month. It will be extremely low in the southeast shortly before sunrise. High in the south before dawn are Mars and Saturn. Saturn usually outshines the much smaller Mars, however for the next two months Mars will be brighter. Saturn is slightly dimmer than average due to its rings appearing almost edge-on, while Mars is rapidly brightening as it moves toward opposition at the end of January. Reddish Mars rises well before midnight preceding Leo and yellowish Saturn rises around midnight following the Lion. The crescent moon is to the right of Jupiter on the 17th and above it on the 18th. The moon is near Mars on the night of the 2nd and by Saturn on the 5th.

STARS & CONSTELLATIONS

Mars starts out January in Leo but by month’s end it moves backwards into Cancer. This backward movement (which the ancients had a

hard time explaining) is called retrograde motion. This motion is in part due to Mars reaching opposition on the 29th. Opposition takes place when a planet is opposite the sun from us just like a full moon. It takes Mars about two years to orbit the sun and during this time the Earth is moving faster in its orbit and overtakes Mars. The Earth moves ahead of Mars just like a faster horse at a racetrack taking the inside rail position. From our point of view, Mars appears to start moving backwards as we pass it. Every two years as Mars reaches opposition it is closer to the Earth than any other time in its orbit. Mars will be 62 million miles away on the 27th. For all of January and February, Mars appears very bright to the unaided eye and large enough in even moderate-sized telescopes to be able to glimpse some surface features.

For more astronomy information on line: <http://www.space.com>, <http://skytomight.com>, <http://www.astronomy.com>

Visitor Center winter hours

The Ottawa National Forest Visitor Center in Watersmeet will begin its winter operating schedule on January 3. Beginning in January, the Visitor Center will be open to the public Tuesday thru Saturday from 9am to 5pm (CST) and closed on Sundays and Mondays.

The Center provides an excellent source of information about the local area and recreation opportunities (snowmobiling, hunting, fall color tours, hiking, maps, forest product permits).

Operated jointly by the USDA-Forest Service and the Ottawa Interpretive Association, the “Bear’s Den” gift shop offers many environmental books, unique gifts, and other nature-related items for purchase. Proceeds from these sales, after expenses, goes back to the Ottawa National Forest in the form of grants for interpretive projects around the Ottawa.

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Seventy-five percent of Americans suffer from ongoing stress-financial, personal, work related, health-the list of sources is endless. Over the long-term, stress can affect your everyday life, including your health, finances, your job and your personal life. This one-hour seminar will assist you and your family in learning how to handle stress and prevent it from affecting your everyday life. Taryn Mack, of Copper Country Mental Health, will provide

a variety of stress reduction tips and techniques. Breakout sessions will include instruction on yoga therapy with Brandi Steiner, massage for stress reduction with Kristie Koski-Gonzales, preventing children's stress with Jody Maloney and a stress reduction workgroup lead by Taryn Mack.

The workshop is free of charge and open to the public. Preregistration is requested by January 4th, 2010. Childcare will be provided by members of the Ontonagon County Children's Trust Fund for children age 3 and up. For more information or to register, contact the Ontonagon County MSU Extension office at 884-4386.



Corky's Corner

HAVE AN ICE DAY

"Have an ice day," the typo read. Not hard to do this time of year. But dealing with ice can be anything but nice.

My brother proved that one winter when he wiped out while delivering pizza. Unable to brace himself with his hands, "my keester took the full impact," he said. But he takes pride in the fact that the pizza remained unscathed.

"Oh sure," my sister replied when I asked. "I try to fall once or twice a year." She relayed the time she finished her night shift and carried a mug of cocoa to her car.

Sis slid on some ice and, though she didn't go down, her arms flailed in an effort to keep her balance. Cocoa splashed onto a neighboring vehicle and promptly froze to its windshield. "Not one of my more shining moments," she recalls.

Mom likes to share the story about the time her mother fell when they were out running errands. Grandma made a soft landing in a snowbank, her legs dangling under the car. My mother tried repeatedly to help Grandma to her feet before the ladies dissolved into a fit of giggles.

Mom is not immune to gravity either, though. One of our family stories centers on the time she broke her hip. The driveway had been clear except for one tiny patch of ice - the one her non-grip boot found.

Somehow she dragged herself to the front porch, where she extended the scraper as far as she could reach to ring the bell. Dad looked out, saw nothing, and resumed his business. So she rang it again, adding her voice for emphasis. That got his attention.

All of the commotion drew MY attention, as well. When I realized Mom was hurt, I added idiocy to injury by fainting, thus giving my father two patients for the price of one.

But it's not just fall in the family. Plenty of non-relatives wipe out this time of year and live to laugh about it. Others fail to see the humor. Like the folks who sue the owner of the premises on which they land. Instead of paying rent.

Then there's the Illinois man who took a digger that prompted nearby kids to laugh. He pulled out a gun and shot one in the ankle before making his escape.

So much for having a nice day.

Thank You

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*We thank the following for helping to give the soldiers of the 1431st Engineer Company (Sapper) of Ontonagon County a warm welcome home! The Village of Ontonagon, Ontonagon Area Schools and Students, Peninsula Graphics, and the Shamrock Bar - thanks to all!*

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*Your thoughts, support and donations were much appreciated!*

*Please continue to support our troops as many are still serving this great country!*

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Thank you to anyone who helped us out in any way during the loss of our home.

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Thank you to-- Vivian Fish LeMoine, who took us in the night of the fire until my parents got there; the Village Manager and his wife, who gave us clothes to put on; the Ontonagon Volunteer Fire Department; Tammy Lancioni and other faculty at the Ontonagon High School who started a fund for us and then Tammy and friend who took the girls shopping in Houghton; American Red Cross; Maurices of Houghton; Walmart of Houghton; Tammy Lancioni's Mother who works at Marquette Walmart and the Manager there; Employees of K&W Landfill in Greenland; Employees of Waste Management of Houghton and Iron River; Department of Social Services and Employees; St. Vincent DePaul; Paula Domitrovich's office; Domitrovich Insurance; our Neighbors, Friends and Family; whomever Kaylene is.

Again thank you to everyone who said a kind word, donated food, clothing, furniture and money. We will be forever grateful.

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**Friday:** Pizza, fresh veggie, fresh fruit.

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## NATIONAL LAMPOON SPORTS MINUTE ORSO

Written by

*Steve Hofstetter, Keith Alberstadt, Ryan Murphy, and Chris Strait*

The New Orleans Saints lost. Now the only ones with 14 victories are the Indianapolis Colts and Tiger Woods.

PGA commissioner Tim Finchem believes the Tour can survive without Tiger Woods. Though the groupies might get a bit lonely.

Only 2,600 fans showed up to watch the Clippers beat the Sixers in Philadelphia. And half of that was Allen Iverson's posse.

Nate Robinson's agent has issued a trade request. He'd like to be traded to another client.

And Mike Holmgren is interested in joining the Cleveland Browns. Now he just needs to find some players who will do the same.

San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich picked up his 700th career victory. New Jersey Nets coach Kiki Vandeweghe is hoping for his 3rd.

Greg Oden believes he can still return this season. Just as long as the rest of the league also fractures their left patella.

Larry Holmes said Tiger Woods shouldn't be punished for a series of meaningless "30 second" encounters. In related news, Larry Holmes is terrible in bed.

Terrell Owens complained that he is being underused by the Buffalo Bills, and might move on after the season. His agent is excited to see what team he can alienate next.

And free agents Jason Bay and Bengie Molina are still interested in the Mets. Mainly for the health insurance.

For more of the Sports Minute (Or So), visit minuteorso.com

## Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency Senior Meals Program

Ewen/Trout Creek/Bruce Crossing/Bergland

**Tues., Jan. 5:** Chili con carne, coleslaw, juice, bread, margarine, apple.

**Thurs., Jan. 7:** Salmon patties,baked potato, creamed corn, bread, margarine, apricot whip.

The Senior Meal Program is for people 60 and over or a spouse of someone 60 years of age or over. The suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal.

Anyone under age can also eat at any of the sites but it will be a charge of \$6.00 per meal.

Ewen meals are served on Tuesday and Thursday at the Cloverland Senior Center. This site also cooks for Trout Creek and serves at the Lutheran Church. Meals are served at 12:00. All meals include bread and milk.

Ewen also provides the Home Delivered Meals for Ewen, Bruce Crossing and Trout Creek.

**Call: Ewen 906-988-2463, Trout Creek 906-852-3426, for more information or to sign up for meals.**

## Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency Congregate & Home Delivered Meals

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**Tues., Jan. 7:** Chicken cacciatore, noodles, carrots, tropical fruit, sherbert, bread, margarine, beverage.

Portions sizes are 1/2 c. (#8 scoops) for fruit, veggies, potatoes, pasta & rice. Desserts are 1/2 c. (# scoops) servings or 1/4 c. (#16 scoops) for Diabetics. Meat portions are approximately 4oz. servings. Casserole meals are 8oz. portions (or 2-#8 scoops). Gravy is 2oz. serving, or 1oz. for Diabetics.

Cost: \$3.50 donation for seniors on all incomes.

Meals are served on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mass City meals are Tuesday and Thursday at the Greenland Township Community Building. Meals are served at 12:00. This site serves Home Delivered Meals to Mass City, Rockland and Greenland.

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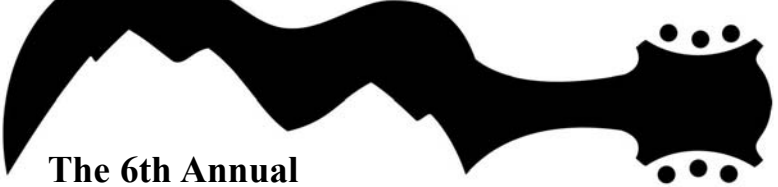
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Melvin P. Forrest

Melvin P. Forrest of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan died Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at his home. He was born July 2, 1918 in Brimley, Michigan. He was a Member of American Legion Post #3; Life Member of Welsh McKenna Post #3676 VFW; Life member of Elks Lodge #552 and a Veteran of the U.S. Navy having served during WWII. Melvin is survived by his wife, Delema ‘DOOD’ Forrest whom he married August 9,1947 in Ontonagon, Michigan. Delema is the former Delema “Dood” Geist from Ontonagon and she graduated in 1945 from Ontonagon High School. He is also survived by daughter, Loris (San Man) McKerchie; sister, Patricia Stevens; brother, Weldon Forrest; grandchildren, Diane Dias, C.B. Kempf, Wayne (Sara Slayton) McKerchie. great grandchildren Amanda Kempf, Tadd Hill, Cassandra Dias and Madison McKerchie; and great-great granddaughter, Haydon McLean. He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Carrie Mongeon Forrest; son, Eugene Forrest; sisters, Delia Lessard, Lenna Sims, Elva Alexander, Helen Hardyчук and Regina Deuman. Funeral services took place December 5, at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home with Deacon Bill Piche officiating. Final resting place will be at Bay View Cemetery in the spring. Memorial Contributions may be made to the VFW Post 3676 Children’s Christmas Party.

Carole Anne LeRoy

Carole Anne LeRoy, 69, of Menominee, Michigan, passed away at home on Saturday, December 12, 2009, surrounded by her family. Carole was born on February 24, 1940, in Trout Creek, Michigan to the late Robert and Effie (Bonnin) Mackey. Carole married Loran LeRoy in 1973. He preceded her in death in 2000. Carole was a member of the North Shore Baptist Church in Menominee. Carole worked as a nurses aid. She also like playing bingo, working on puzzles, crocheting and arts and crafts projects. Carole is survived by her children, Ann Schmidt of Mesa, Arizona, Pam Gibson and Kenneth (Lori) Kopsi, both of Menominee, Michigan, Linda LeRoy of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Patti O’Connor (Ralph) of Stephenson, Michigan, Peggy Aho (Bob) of Marinette, Wisconsin. and Mike LeRoy of Menominee, Michigan; twenty-six grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Leona (Ted) Banks of Las Vegas, Nevada, Ellen (Bill) Holden of Casper, Wyoming and Judy Komenda of Carla, Montana; three brothers, Don (Alice) Mackey of Kenton, Michigan, Fran (Mary) Mackey of Safety Harbor, Florida and Raymond (Cindy) Pittsley of Glenrock, Wyoming; many nieces and nephews and her special friend, Amy. Along with her parents and her husband, Carole was preceded in death by three sisters, Betty, Grace and Virginia and one brother, Bob Mackey. Funeral services for Carole were held at the Cadieu Funeral Home on December 16 with the Reverend Tim Gunderson officiating. A memorial fund has been established in Carole’s name.

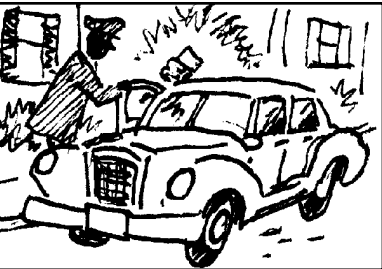
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ories. We miss him so much, but know that, because he believed in Jesus as his Savior, we can look forward to being with him forever in heaven! “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16).

From his wife, Lorraine and Daughters  
Phyllis (Bill) Vogelmann, Susan (Bill) Thomas, Claranne (Randy) Ongie, and grandchildren Karyn (Jerry) Juntunen, Jason (Melissa) Thomas, Robin (Drew) Mikola, David (Alissa) Ongie, Matt Ongie and fiance Lettie Hernandez, Jared Ongie and great-grandchildren Tyson, Joy, Fletcher Thomas & Fiona Ongie



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BAPTIST

Ontonagon Baptist Church, 615 Greenland Road, Pastor Brian Mason - 884-2453/390-0067. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Study and Prayer Time, 7:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC

Holy Family Catholic Church, Ontonagon, Michigan Ave. & Pine St., Daily Mass – Tuesday 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 a.m. Saturday Confessions at 11:00 a.m. with Mass at 6:00 p.m. Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m. Fr. Michael Jacobus, Pastor. St. Mary Catholic Church, Rockland. Saturday - Confessions at 3:30 p.m. with Mass at 4:00 p.m. Fr. Michael Jacobus, Pastor. St. Jude Catholic Church, White Pine, Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m. with Confessions after the Mass, Fr. Michael Jacobus, Pastor. St. Ann Catholic Church, Bergland, Father Thomas Ettolil, Pastor. Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m.

LUTHERAN

Apostolic Lutheran Church, 15121 W. State Highway M-28, Bruce Crossing, Church Phone: 827-3295. Interim Pastor, Jesse Aho. Summer Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion 2nd Sunday. Apostolic Lutheran Church, M-28, Watton, MI 49970. Worship services at 10:00 a.m. Worship service on fourth Sunday at 2 p.m. Bethany Lutheran - M-28 West, Bruce Crossing. Pastor Robert Oberg, (715) 561-3242. Sunday Worship 5:00 pm First Lutheran - ELCA, Ewen, Pastor Gerald Anderson - Interim Pastor, (906) 667-0891, 988-2594, Saturday Worship 4:30 p.m., Wednesday School after School. First Lutheran - ELCA, M-26, Winona, 883-3602, Pastor John West, 883-3450. Worship 11:30 a.m. with Holy Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. Our Saviour Lutheran Church - ELCA, Paynesville, Pastor Gerald Anderson - Interim Pastor, (906) 667-0891, 988-2594, Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m., Friday School after School. Redeemer Free Lutheran Church - By the bridge, Ontonagon. Reverend David Nelson. - Sunday worship 9 a.m. Fellowship following the service. Communion - last Sunday of month. Wednesday Noon worship music; 1 p.m. Praise Team Practice; 7 p.m. Youth at Heritage House; 7 p.m. Bible Study. Thursday 10:30 Women’s Bible Study.

St. Paul’s Lutheran - ELCA, 1409 Ridge, Mass City, 883-3602, Pastor John West, 883-3450. Worship 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. St. Paul Lutheran Church - Pastor Howard Neider - 906-884-4788 Wed., Dec. 30, No Bible Study in the Book of Isaiah. No Church School & Confirmation Class in the Upper Rooms. No Mid-week worship. Thu., Dec. 31, 12:30 p.m., Elders’ Prayer time, if you have a special prayer need please make the elders or pastor aware of it. Sun., Jan. 3, 9 a.m., Sunday Worship with the Eucharist. 10:15, St. Paul Family Fellowship. Wed., Jan. 6, 9:30 a.m., Bible Study in the Book of Isaiah. 4 p.m., Church School & Confirmation Class in the Upper Rooms resume. 6:30 p.m., Mid-week Epiphany Celebration with the Eucharist. Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS, Bergland, Rev. Steve Hyvonen - Interim Pastor, assisted by Lay Pastor Larry Oehlerking every other Sunday. Worship - 9:15 a.m. Holy Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sunday. Trinity Lutheran - ELCA, Trout Creek, Pastor Gerald Anderson - Interim Pastor, (906) 667-0891, 988-2594, Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Wainola Lutheran - ELCA, 223 Mud Creek Road, Mass City, 883-3602, Pastor John West, 883 3450.5:00 p.m.Saturday with Holy Communion on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month.

METHODIST

Bergland UMC: Rev. Ted Trudgeon. Worship Service at 11:00 am Ewen UMC: Rev. Ted Trudgeon. Worship Service at 9:00 am Greenland UMC: Rev. Cherrie Sporleder Sunday 11:30 am, worship service. Ontonagon Circuit UMC: Cherrie Sporleder, Pastor, Office Phone 884-4556. Sunday: 8:45 am, morning worship, nursery provided; coffee fellowship following. Everyone welcome. Church School at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday. 6:00 pm Bible Study at Maple Manor. Rockland St. Paul’s UMC: Rev. Cherrie Sporleder Sunday: 10:15 am, worship service. Wakefield UMC: Rev. Ted Trudgeon. Worship Service at 12:30 pm White Pine UMC: Rev. Rosemary DeHut, Pastor. Sunday, Praise Singing 8:45 a.m., Service 9:00 a.m. Christian Kids Club after school on Fridays for Elementary children, Jr./Sr. High Youth Group Sundays at 5:00 p.m. www.whitepinecommunityumc.org

PRESBYTERIAN

First United Presbyterian Church, Trout Creek. Worship services 11:00 a.m.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh Day Adventist Church, corner of Greenland & Firesteel Rds., Greenland, MI. Every Saturday worship services with childrens programs at 10:00 a.m. and Sabbath school for all ages at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Pastor, Israel Ramos at 523-6162 or the Church at 883-3433.

WESLEYAN

Northwoods Community Church, Former Hoefferle Building, 900 River Street, Ontonagon. Sunday Service 11:00 a.m. Discipleship groups held at various church families homes throughout week now through May. Pastor Scott B. Sacrey 884-2504.

Bruce Crossing Bible Church. Stannard Township Hall, 827-3170, 827-3279, 827-3670. Sunday Service at 9:00 am. Ontonagon Christian Centre. 22673 M-64, Ontonagon. Praise & Worship God with music and hear the Word. Coffee - fellowship after. Thursdays 7 p.m. Ladies lunch, Bible study and prayer Tuesday 12:00 noon.



The Bill Hall Column

JOHN GLENN AND THOSE BIG BILLS

Early in 1975, I found myself seated on a cross-country flight next to a green new senator from Ohio named John Glenn. And he wasn’t green because he was airsick. Airsick was my job. But I didn’t happen to be airsick that day. I was sitting next to a guy who had calmly sat atop the controlled explosion of a space rocket and then whirled around the globe in a bouncy little space boat without losing his lunch. I also had a steady stomach that day. Maybe freedom from airsickness is catching.

But Glenn was legislatively green. He sounded like some citizens I hear today talking about the astonishing size of a new bill before Congress.

“Good Lord,” some hysteric on a cable news show will say, “that bill is 2,000 pages long! Does anybody ever read it?”

Similarly, John Glenn, freshman senator, was boggled because he was encountering that problem for the first time. He sat there fishing thick bills out of two briefcases stuffed with proposed legislation. At one point, he turned to me almost in aguish.

“Look at all of this!” he said in a lament typical of a new legislator who had never realized the volume of bills before state and federal legislative chambers. The new senator said a person could read bills day and night and still not get through all of them before he had to vote.

His concern was common among beginners. In every new session of the state legislature or of Congress there are always a few brave and conscientious freshmen like John Glenn who are determined to read every word of all the bills that come before them.

In truth, it can’t be done. Too many bills. Not enough hours in the day.

I now hear a lament lately similar to John Glenn’s complaint. People trying to stop some huge bill like to use the size of the legislation as a tactic for defeating it. They say it is too long and windy. They go before the cameras and heft the bill like the lead weight it is. They ask how members of Congress can possibly read something so enormous before they vote on it.

It ain’t easy. Doesn’t that mean that members of Congress don’t know what

they’re doing? Yes. Many of them don’t. But even the many others who do know what they’re voting on are able to learn what’s in a bill without personally reading every word in every one of the thousands of bills they encounter each year. They do that with teamwork. Just as nobody in football can simultaneously play quarterback, center, left tackle and defensive back, nobody on a legislative team can simultaneously play speaker, minority leader, left waffle or offensive hack.

So the members specialize. Some make themselves experts on defense bills, some education bills, some wheat bills. And when you have a large bill like health care before you that threatens to remodel the entire national health system, the members specialize on various aspects of it, asking each other and Senate staff specialists about all the details before voting.

So there’s no reason a novice like John Glenn, who was just trying to do his new job well, should have been embarrassed about being overwhelmed by two fat briefcases glutted with long, boring bills. He didn’t know any better.

But some of the legislative veterans we’ve seen lately making a grand show of how large a bill is actually do know better. They’re funning us about their outrage and they probably should be embarrassed about that.

Mind you, I’ll bet I could cut at least 10 percent of any of those bills without hurting them. But some of them, trying to plug loopholes and cover all bases, do require a lot of detail. They aren’t meant to read like novels.

A legislative bill is a lot like the blueprints for a space capsule. You hope it covers everything crucial in long and boring detail.

And that reminds me of what John Glenn once said:

Asked what it feels like to sit atop a rocket during a countdown, he replied that it “felt exactly how you would feel if you were getting ready to launch and knew you were sitting on top of two million parts – all built by the lowest bidder on a government contract.”

Did he actually say that? I’m fairly certain he did but I don’t have time to read all the things that John Glenn ever said.

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## Ontonagon County 98th District Court

The following cases were recently heard and disposed of in 98th District Court in Ontonagon, presided over by the Honorable Judge Anders Tingstad, Jr. and Magistrate Mary Jane Loukus.

All fines reported include court costs unless otherwise noted.

- Speeding: Changjwok Nyikako, Chicago, IL \$150; Ursula Stock, Marquette, MI \$105.
- Seat Belt Violation, \$65: Farah Fors, Ewen, MI; Louis Morningsta, Bruce Crossing, MI.
- Other Violations: Changjwok, Nyikako, Chicago, IL., Fail to Change Address, \$125; Robert Walker, Caro, MI, Attempted Wildlife Conservation Pa., \$513.

## Ontonagon County Sheriff's Department

• On 12-19-09 at 5:50 pm Gerald Leaf of Ewen was traveling west on M28, 100 feet from Metos Road when a deer ran into roadway. He was unable to avoid hitting the deer causing moderate damage to his vehicle.

• On 12-19-09 at 8:15 pm Stewart Geldhof of Belingham, WA was traveling west on M28, 100 feet east of Choate Road when a deer ran into the vehicle. Geldhof lost control of the vehicle and ran into the ditch hitting a traffic sign. The vehicle sustained moderate damage.

• On 12-20-09 at 11:15 pm Karen Byrnes of Trout Creek was traveling west on M28, 1 mile west of US45 when a deer ran into the roadway. She stated she was unable to avoid hitting the deer causing moderate damage the vehicle.

• On 12-19-09 at 2:35 am the Ontonagon County Sheriff Office arrested a 50 year old Bruce Crossing resident for PPO violation and Resisting and Obstructing. He was released on \$3,000 bond to appear 12-21-09 in 32nd Circuit Court.

• On 12-19-09 at 6:30 am the Ontonagon County Sheriff Office arrested a 24 year old Trout Creek resident for Malicious Destruction of Property and Disorderly Person. She was released on \$200 Bond to appear 12-22-09 in 98th District Court.

• On 12-20-09 at 3:47 am the Ontonagon County Sheriff Office received a call that the Shamrock Bar in Ontonagon was being broken into. The Ontonagon County Sheriff Office investigated. Anyone with information is asked to call the Sheriff Office at 884-4901.

• On 12-21-09 at 7:35 pm Robert Marcotte of Hazel Park, MI was traveling west on M28, near Old M28 when he passed another vehicle and then lost control of the vehicle and then it rolled over causing considerable damage. The vehicle was removed by Howie's towing of Bergland. Marcotte and passenger were not injured in the accident.

• On 12-21-09 at 8:35 pm Brandon Butzler of Madison, WI was traveling north on US45, near Sandstone Creek when he lost control, struck a guardrail and crossed over to the east side of the road into the ditch. The vehicle had considerable damage and was removed by Howie's Towing of Bergland. Butzler was not injured.

• On 12-21-09 at 4:05 pm Mary Mazurek of Ontonagon was traveling east on M64, 800 feet west of Steel Street, as she was crossing the Ontonagon River bridge struck a patch of ice, spun 180 degrees and struck the bridge guardrail causing minor damage to the vehicle.

• On 12-22-09 at 9:44 am the Ontonagon County Sheriff Office received a call from the Citizens State Bank in White Pine reporting a possible attempted Robbery. Nobody was injured and no money was taken. The incident remains under investigation. If you have any information please call the Ontonagon County Sheriff Office at 884-4901.

## Michigan State Police

• On 12-18-09 Troopers from the Michigan State Police Post in Negaunee were dispatched to Marquette General Hospital in reference to an assault that took place in Forsyth Township earlier in the night. Upon contacting the victim of the assault it was reported that the victim was walking on Stratofort near the intersection of Panther when he was contacted by three or four fourteen to fifteen year old male subjects, One subject demanded items of value from the victim. When the victim attempted to walk from the scene it was reported that the suspects attacked him. During the altercation the victim received a severe laceration to his left wrist.

The victim was able to identify the suspects as white males, 5'6" to 5'8", who appeared to be between fourteen and fifteen years old with small to medium builds. Three suspects were wearing dark knit hats. One suspect had dark hair, a thin goatee, black (possibly Carhart brand) jacket with a hood, blue jeans and snowmobile boots. A second suspect was identified as a white male with brown hair and short pony tail.

Anyone who witnessed the assault or may have information leading to identification of suspects is asked to contact the Michigan State Police Post in Negaunee (906)475-9922.

## U.S. Department of Justice

• Grand Rapids, Michigan - Frederick Arnold Hogan, D.O., age 58, of Lansing, pled guilty to one count of unlawful distribution of OxyContin, U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis announced. Hogan, who ran a Lansing pain clinic doing business as *Non-Invasive Pain Management*, pled guilty before the Honorable Robert Holmes Bell, U.S. District Judge in Grand Rapids. Because OxyContin contains oxycodone, a Schedule II controlled substance, Dr. Hogan faces up to twenty years in prison.

The investigation leading to the charge and conviction began with the execution of federal search warrants at Dr. Hogan's office and the residences of several of his patients living in Marshall, Michigan, by Michigan State Police (MSP), the Southwest Enforcement Team (SWET), and the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), after law enforcement learned that the patients were selling Oxycontin pills. The investigation resulted in federal charges, convictions and prison time for three of those patients for their illegal distribution of oxycodone. Dr. Hogan was subsequently indicted by a federal grand jury in April 2009 for distributing Oxycontin pills containing oxycodone outside the usual course of professional practice and for no legitimate medical purpose. At the plea hearing, Dr. Hogan admitted that he issued prescriptions for OxyContin in the name of a patient who was in prison and allowed family members of the patient to pick up the prescription. Dr. Hogan admitted that, associated with these prescriptions, he received payment for office visits that did not occur and that he recorded notes in the patient's file falsely reflecting that he had actually examined the patient. The patient's family subsequently distributed the OxyContin on the street for profit.

U.S. Attorney Davis explained that his office "has taken notice of the growing problem of prescription drug abuse and is combating criminal conduct that fuels the abuse, specifically including the illegal diversion of prescription medicine from legitimate medical purposes." He noted that DEA statistics reveal that nearly 7 million Americans are abusing prescription drugs-- more than the number who are abusing cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens, ecstasy, and inhalants combined. Twenty-five percent of drug-related emergency department visits are associated with abuse of prescription drugs. The DEA also reports that misuse of painkillers represents three-fourths of the overall problem of prescription drug abuse, and this

level of abuse reflects an 80 percent increase in just 6 years.

This case is part of an initiative to combat the illegal diversion of prescription drugs in West Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. This initiative has included the participation of the DEA, MSP, SWET, the Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (SANE), the Uppers Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team (UPSET), the United States Attorney's Office, and other state and local law enforcement. Earlier this year, in May 2009, a Menominee doctor was sentenced to four years in prison for writing illegal prescriptions for methadone as part of this ongoing fight against prescription drug diversion and abuse.

Dr. Hogan is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Ray Beckering and Chris O'Connor.

• Grand Rapids, Michigan - Marcus Wade Buggs, age 23, of Grand Rapids was sentenced to 190 months in federal prison and Frederick Denard Buggs, age 25, was sentenced to 121 months in prison following their convictions on drug trafficking and firearms charges, U. S. Attorney Donald A. Davis announced. Both men will serve five years of federal supervised release after completing their prison sentences. The Honorable Robert J. Jonker, United States District Judge, imposed the sentences.

The convictions and sentences of these armed drug dealers are the result of an investigation initiated by the Grand Rapids Police Department when officers learned that Frederick Buggs was selling crack cocaine on the northeast side of Grand Rapids. A search warrant was executed in April 2009 at an apartment rented by Marcus Buggs. Police recovered crack cocaine with a street value in excess of \$9,000, a quantity of powder cocaine, a loaded and stolen Taurus .45 caliber handgun, an unloaded Walther .22 caliber handgun, assorted drug trafficking paraphernalia, and almost \$4,000 in cash. Both men were indicted by a federal grand jury in May 2009. Marcus Buggs pled guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine base ("crack") and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Frederick Buggs pled guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine base ("crack") and for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Both men faced up to a lifetime in prison for their crimes. Marcus Buggs was sentenced as a "career offender" under the federal sentencing guidelines because of his prior state criminal convictions, which included delivery/manufacture less than 50 grams of cocaine and third degree fleeing and eluding a police officer. Frederick Buggs had incurred several prior state convictions, including a felony conviction for delivery/manufacture of marijuana.

U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis praised the coordinated efforts of the Grand Rapids Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF). The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Chris O'Connor.

• Grand Rapids, Michigan - United States Attorney Donald A. Davis announced the sentencing on December 21 of Alonzo Lamar Holloway, 44, of Oakland, California, on a four-count Indictment that charged him with bank fraud, wire fraud, aggravated identity theft, and with conspiracy to commit bank and wire fraud and identity theft. Holloway, who is one of 16 defendants from Oakland charged in a long-running investigation conducted by the U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. Attorney's Office, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Robert J. Jonker to serve 11 years in Federal prison, to pay restitution of almost \$700,000, and to serve five years of supervised release following his eventual discharge from prison.

Of the 16 defendants, 11 have been convicted, two are fugitives, and three are pending trial. The con-

victed defendants include a former Bank of America (BOA) employee from Oakland, Mocha M. Aldridge, 31, who assisted the fraud ring by selling account information and personal identifying information of BOA account holders, information that was then used to make fraudulent high-value cash withdrawals from BOA branches across the United States between 2007 and 2009, including in the Western District of Michigan. The case, which is being investigated by the U.S. Secret Service, began on January 9, 2009, when employees of a BOA branch in Wyoming notified the Wyoming Police Department that a person had just attempted to make a large cash withdrawal under suspicious circumstances. Wyoming officers responded within minutes and arrested four suspects as they were driving away from the bank branch - Holloway; Shawncy McGowan, 26; Kamillah Brown, 33; and Kirk Usher, 51, all of whom were Oakland residents. All four have since been convicted. Members of the Metropolitan Fraud and Identity Theft Team (MFITT), working out of the Wyoming Police Department under the direction of Chief James Carmody, began the investigation, notifying the Grand Rapids office of the U.S. Secret Service within hours of the arrests when they developed evidence indicating that the activity under investigation reached well beyond Grand Rapids.

In imposing the sentence, Judge Jonker commented on Holloway's leadership role in the fraud, the large scope and geographic reach of the activity, the significant financial loss associated with the crimes, and the need to deter others from committing identity theft and related financial crimes.

U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis commended the Holloway investigation and prosecution, noting that its success was the result of a cooperative effort between the Wyoming Police Department and the Secret

Service that led to the destruction of the long-running fraud scheme, a scheme that lasted as long as it did because it spread its activities across many different states, which made it more difficult to identify, arrest, and prosecute those responsible. Davis also noted that his office is in the process of establishing an Identity Theft Working Group, with the participation of numerous Federal law enforcement agencies, including the Secret Service, the FBI, U.S. ICE and others, along with the Michigan State Police and numerous Sheriff's and Police Departments, that will focus on investigating and prosecut-

ing identity theft and related financial frauds.

That Working Group is being led by Assistant U.S. Attorney Hagen W. Frank, who is also prosecuting the Holloway defendants. According to Frank, "The goal of the Working Group is to make sure that identity thieves come to view Western Michigan as their Bermuda Triangle -someplace they don't want to stay in, come to, drive through, or fly over. Oakland, California ID-thieves are learning that lesson, and we want to help other ID thieves learn it as well."

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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**BRUCE CROSSING**  
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Jon and Norma Miller returned from Acworth, Georgia where they visited their sons and daughter, Pam and Robert Ryan, and Brent Miller, and also with Joe Saaranen. They all enjoyed a camping trip at Altoona Lake and the surrounding area.

Dorothy Wonsey spent some time visiting her daughters and son -in-law, Kelly Edwards in Bay City and Geoff and Peggy Spalding and daughters, Darcy and Dana at Marne City and also with her brother-in-law and sister, Everet and Joanne Pagan in Armada.

Leonard and Sally Ellsworth visited her brother and sister-in-law, Bruce and Debbie Rolston and fam-

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ily in Jackson, Wisconsin, with Bill Ellsworth in Hartford and with Sally's aunt Marge Mertin in Racine.

Corann and Ron Schuit returned to their home in Venice, Florida after visiting here with their son and daughter-in-law, Brett and Tracy Niemi and daughters, Molly and Taylor and with Corann's sisters and brothers, Pat and Dennis Brown and Alan and Vicki Kurtti.

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tion is sponsored by the Keweenaw National Historical Park. The competitors from Ontonagon use the Ontonagon Co. Historical Society Museum as their resource center.

The Class of 2009 graduated at Ontonagon on May 24 with 40 graduates walking down the aisle to receive their well earned diplomas. The Commencement speaker was Jennifer Cleary, 2004 Valedictorian.

At Ewen-Trout Creek Schools, a donation from the Ontonagon County Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited was received by Principal Paul Healey in the amount of \$300.

Other news coming from the Ewen-Trout Creek Schools was that Jim Rainer of Ironwood replaced Lee Lindberg as Superintendent and the Michigan Department of Education was tightening the fiscal loop on this financially troubled District. There had been resignations from the Board of Education and the Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate District had become involved in the search for replacement Board of Education members.

A real community booster and lifting of morale was accomplished when small town America triumphed over much stiffer competition in the Ka-Boom Playday competition. Ontonagon received over 91,000 votes amounting to over 46% of the total votes cast. In the end, Ontonagon took the lead and never looked back as people from all walks of life sat at their computers and voted for the underdog. Ontonagon was out-gunned, but certainly not out-classed. The KaBoom and NFL consortium will provide \$10,000 in amenities for the new Ontonagon Area Elementary School Playground. Such a spontaneous outpouring of support was indeed heartwarming in these difficult times.

## County and State:

110th District Representative Mike Lahti ( D Hancock) took the oath of office for his second term representing the area in the State Legislature.

The Ontonagon County Democratic Party took a very proactive role in voicing strong support for the local work force in demanding Federal and State intervention to restore the economy of Ontonagon County. A resolution to this effect was passed at the party's spring convention and sent to the Governor, State Legislators, Congressman Stupak, and both US Senators.

Mark Brewer, Michigan Democratic Party Chairman met with County Democrats in Bruce Crossing on February 10, and got a real ear full, especially regarding the Governor's proposal to curtail funding for the State Fair. Concerns about the mandated Michigan Merit curriculum being pushed in the public schools and the negative effect this unfunded mandate has on vocational education were also voiced. The Ontonagon County meeting with the Democratic Party Chairman was the largest turnout he had experienced in the UP.

The Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners went on record as being in favor of alternative # 3, a plan by the US Forest Service to increase the number of trail miles for ATV/ORVs. Proposal #3 would include a connector between route Sidnaw and the Iron River-Marenisco Trail creating a loop and a north-south connector.

Local units of government have been moving towards opening more areas for ATV/ORV use and a special dispensation was granted by the DNR to allow ATV's in the Twin Lakes and Baraga State parks. ATV's are overtaking snowmobiles in the number of registrations in Michigan and more touring groups are seen in the Western U.P.

It was announced in April that a U.P. State Fair authority has been created which would be given jurisdiction over the State Fair Grounds in Escanaba. This would, in effect, allow a U.P. State Fair to be operated, but without monetary support from the State of Michigan.

The Ontonagon County Road Commission has had a long-standing agreement with the Townships of the County that the Road Commission will pay 75% of the costs of road improvements, but on June 10, the Road Commission changed the formula for their cost share to 50%. This will severely hamper the efforts of Townships such as Ontonagon which voted in a special road millage to pave most of the Township roads over a 20 year period, based on the original cost-sharing formula.

The County Board, having held a parcel of land of over 800 acres of prime timber for sale was informed by Youngren Lumber Company that they could not commit to the Kennedy Lake timber sale in Haight Township. Rather than place the parcel's timber up for sale again, the Commissioners decided to hold onto the timber in anticipation of better prices in the future.

A major concern has been the barrels of industrial waste that were dumped into Lake Superior under the direction of the Corps of Engineers. The barrel dumping took place between 1957-1962 along the North Shore not far from Duluth, Minnesota. The dumping of the industrial waste from the Honeywell Plant in the Twin Cities was done in secret under tight security. Just what is contained in those barrels has never been determined for

certain, but according to one report, radioactivity was detected near some of the 1457 barrels. The metal skin of the barrels is deteriorating and they were discovered when a fisherman snagged the barrels in his nets. There has been much publicity lately on these barrels and a huge public outcry to bring them to the surface and remove them. The natural currents around Lake Superior could conceivably carry any contamination from the contents of these barrels into the drinking water supplies of communities that draw their water from Lake Superior. The Ontonagon Regional Water System draws its water from an intake located 1/2 mile offshore in Union Bay. The EPA has classified the barrel dump as a superfund site, but with a low priority! Incredible as it seems, some of the drums which have been brought up for analysis contained benzene, PCBs, lead, cadmium, arsenic, barium, and other dangerous substances. The Michigan Congressional delegation has been made aware of the situation.

Speaking of the U.S. Congress, which, at year's end, had the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate locked in two quite different health care bills, neither of which was meeting with wide-spread approval, except among the members of Congress. A wise man once said, "We have the finest Congress that money can buy." A very sad commentary on what seems to be happening on Capitol Hill. The U.S. House of Representatives, however, did vote to extend unemployment benefits up to 13 additional weeks. Some were wishing that they would stop taking the easy way out and work instead to encourage the creation of new employment opportunities in places such as Ontonagon County, an area rich in natural resources and with rail, harbor, and two first rate industrial sites, neither of which is available for local development, but are held hostage for the benefit of far away interests.

In September, the Road Commission replaced two bridges over the Firesteel River, one on Kangas road and the other on Wilderness Drive.

Governor Jennifer Granholm dropped a surprise on the DNR and MDEQ when, by Executive Order, she undid a 1995 order by Michigan's former Governor John Engler and reunited the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality back into one agency, effective in January of 2010. Though there were many who hailed this decision for various reasons, the primary motivation was said to be financial.

One item of interest from the DNR was an admission that there are cougars in the U.P. when mountain lion tracks were confirmed in the Eastern U.P. In addition, a trail photograph, taken near Bruce Crossing, reportedly shows a cougar walking through a food plot. This report is under investigation.

In November, at the specific invitation of the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners, all parties concerned with the economic health of the County area gathered. Among the groups represented were the Economic Development Corporation, the Ontonagon County Chamber of Commerce, The Ontonagon Village Downtown Development Authority, the Ontonagon County Historical Society, the County Planning Commission, the Ontonagon Village Council, Rockland Township, The Ontonagon County Democratic Party; Village Planning Commission; Friends of the Porkies; Ontonagon Township, Ontonagon Village Management; McMillan Township; the US Forest Service; the Ontonagon Area Schools, and many members of the business community. In all, the courtroom was packed nearly to capacity with over 53 present.

Chairman John Pelkola welcomed those in attendance and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to "bring everyone together to look to the betterment of conditions in Ontonagon County." Following the opening exercises, the floor was opened for public comment, but first Pelkola suggested remaining in session until 7:30 p.m., concluding his opening remarks with, "I don't think this County can survive unless we can work together for Progress."

Succeeding meetings have been held, but no specific action has been taken other than to formulate a job description for a County marketing coordinator, should it be definitely decided to hire someone to fill such a position. The sessions have led to the formation of an initiative called Ontonagon County Economic Partnerships.

In the meantime, Village Manager Tom Cogswell and Council member Victoria James have been attending U.P. Regional Planning sessions and rolled out an economic opportunity study that had been part of an effort by UPEDA and Michigan Works. Basically, the Ontonagon area has all the ingredients to be economically successful and there are many former residents, with specialized skills and talents who would move back home at the drop of a hat if there was employment opportunity. Again, the issue of marketing...selling the region to the world came up.

## Local Government:

The cleanup of the burned out district on River Street that had resulted from a disastrous fire that swept away several business buildings on August 31, 2008 had been delayed because of the early heavy snows and MDEQ concern about the disposal of the fire waste. Julio Contracting of Hancock was awarded the contract.

The Village of Ontonagon got very involved with zoning concerns. The concept of "form based zoning" and the development of yet another zoning plan for the Village would consume discussions for most of the year. It was agreed to hold the planning costs to a maximum of \$19,850.

The Village Council took official action to close the walkway leading to the East Pier until repairs can be affected. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has vacillated about repairing the damage caused by wave action that was amplified by pier "improvements" made in the mid 1990's. Council decided to push the issue of having the Corps live up to their obligation to repair the damage they caused. The Corps of Engineers, following a "study" on the problem with the walkway, concluded that they were not to blame for the collapsed walkway, stating in their report that the walkway was not properly constructed in the first place. As of this writing, the walkway remains closed.

At Bergland, the DNR announced that the construction of a new dock on Lake Gogebic would commence beginning July 30, the \$200,000 project was to include a parking area for 35 vehicles with trailers, a 36' X 70' ramp, and other amenities.

The Rockland Township Board became concerned over the nonprofit status of the Society for the Restoration of Old Victoria and the question of liability insurance for the historic site. Old Victoria is a partially restored residential location located near the Victoria Mine at the foot of Forest Hill in Rockland Township. Local effort to save and preserve the historic site began in 1973. The log village had been under the protection of Rockland Township, but had been given independent status with a reversionary clause in the deed issued by the Township that if Old Victoria were to lose its nonprofit status, the property would revert to the Township. An annual craft fair is held at Old Victoria in August of each year. Old Victoria is currently a

Heritage Site in the Keweenaw National Historical Park network.

The Village Downtown Development Authority offered a building facade improvement grant-loan program to spruce up the business district and was receiving applications by mid-February.

The Village of Ontonagon renewed the lease on the Recreational Facility to the Ontonagon Amateur Hockey Association, which has been operating the building, relieving the Village of the major cost of its operation and providing indoor skating for hundreds of young people and the public over the long winter months.

The Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners received word that \$597,415 under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act and of these funds, \$89,612 must be used for Title II projects that will be overseen by a Resources Advisory Committee which will make recommendations on how the funds are used. MSU Director Frank Wardynski asked the Commissioners to approve sending a letter to Smurfit-Stone Container thanking them for their existence in the community, and pledging that the County will do everything in its power to keep the harbor dredged.

In Haight Township, the results of the settlement of the suit filed by Naterra Land against the UPPCo was met with some measure of relief. UPPCo had sold land bordering the eastern rim of the Bond Falls dam flowage to Twin Cities land developer, Naterra, but due to zoning problems and other complications, Naterra had changed its mind and sued to recover their purchase price. As a result of the suit UPPCo reacquired the land and the back taxes were now going to be paid, amounting to a considerable sum. These property taxes are vital to the fiscal health of the Townships that border on Bond Lake.

The Ontonagon Village Council became embroiled in a request from a resident to keep a flock of chickens in the Village as his residence. This matter occupied Council for several weeks, reviewing the animal ordinance, and hearing comments from numerous residents. The issue was put to rest with a revision of the animal ordinance which would disallow keeping poultry in the Village limits, however, the matter is hardly settled. It seems there is a law on the books in Michigan that gives anyone the "right to farm, nearly anywhere which would prevail over a local ordinance. The matter has not been pursued further as of this time.

A joint Village Council and Planning Commission meeting took place in mid-October to review progress being made on the new zoning ordinance. There was concern expressed that the plans had exceeded their original scope but a zoning map has now been prepared. The project goes on into the new year.

Rockland Township was in the news when the Zoning Board approved a variance for a new road being built by Pestka Construction Company. Norman Pestka, who has purchased most of the land made available by UPPCo around the Victoria Dam Flowage told the Board that he intends to develop this area into smaller parcels, stating, "I have a pristine piece of property and we plan to develop as much as we can. This will not be a place for campsites. It's a place for nice cabins."

The Michigan Court of appeals reversed a previous Ontonagon County Circuit Court Decision dismissing a lawsuit which involved rezoning of Interior Township lands surrounding the Bond Falls flowage. Interior Township had rezoned the area in 2006 to accommodate the planned development of the area by naterra Land. A suit was bought against the Township for not submitting the matter to a vote, and a petition requesting such an election was dismissed by the Township Clerk. The higher court ruled that the petition to hold an election should not have been dismissed and the matter of the rezoning of the lands surrounding Bond Lake will now be put to a vote in Interior Township.

## Changes in the Community:

In early January of 2009, Ontonagon County had a total of 127 inches of snow along the lakeshore. At this time, the total stands at over 90 inches and rising, and the bulk of that snow came all at once, 58 inches over a 4-day period in December. For the year, it was generally a much cooler summer and very wet October. Global warming or a coming ice-age? Does anyone have a crystal ball?

The much ballyhooed change to digital television all but crippled over-the-air television reception in Ontonagon County, forcing residents to either purchase satellite dishes or go without in areas where cable television is not available. The promise of crystal clear images was, instead, no signal at all. It seems that the little boxes, which were being promoted and sold at government subsidized prices do not work well in fringe areas as the digital signal is not available.

Aspirus Ontonagon installed a new nuclear medicine machine in March. In appearance the new device resembles a CAT scan, but can actually demonstrate organ function, and detect the tiniest bone fractures. The \$85,000 diagnostic tool is available to the local medical staff and was just one more enhancement of services being brought by Aspirus to the local hospital. The entire X-Ray Department has been replaced with newer equipment, at a cost of \$250,000, and physical therapy services was being offered at Bruce Crossing.

Ontonagon County Animal Protection, which has had a new animal shelter under construction for the better part of two years, was nearing the point when it could begin to move some of the orphan animals into their temporary home. The building, located on M-38 just out of Ontonagon, boasts geothermal heating and a total air exchange system. Veterinary examination rooms, isolation rooms and other special facilities are part of the new shelter. An open house is planned later in the spring. As an added boost to the construction, Ontonagon High School building trades students helped with nailing up the dry wall.

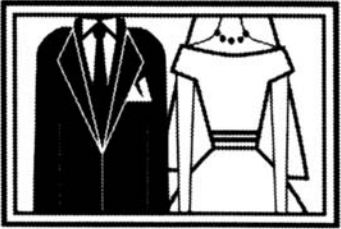
In April the cleanup of fire debris was begun, with Pestka Construction Company subcontracted to do most of the hands-on work. The Camp 1 building, which had also suffered extensive water and smoke damage was demolished and many truck loads of fire and building waste were removed from the west side of River Street. The former building sites were filled, graded, and grass planted where six business buildings had once stood. River Street now has a more open look, but a major hole now exists in the central business district.

Up on what was once known as Hawley's Hill stands the Ontonagon Memorial Township Building. Built in 1923 as a memorial to the young men from the Township who served in the Armed Forces of World War I, the building houses the Ontonagon Township offices, the Township Library, and the Ontonagon Theater of Performing Arts. Starting with the advent of the theater board's work on restoring the auditorium, other steps at restoration and upgrading of the building have been taking place. Over the summer, the front windows in the enclosed portico above the front entrance were replaced, providing a viewing room of the Village from the second floor. Other improvements in recent years have included new front steps and walks, a barrier-free entrance to the theatre, parking spade improvements on both sides of the building, an enlarged stage and performing area, new dressing rooms, a theatre lobby, and of course the new theatre seating and air conditioning. Not only is the Ontonagon Theater of performing Arts one of the favorite performance places for the many groups and solo acts that appear on the local stage, but the building is again becoming a show place. It also houses what is perhaps the best small library in the Western Upper Peninsula.

Rockland, the second oldest community in Ontonagon County, has established one of the nicest play areas in the region right in the center of town. In addition to slides and swings, a play train was constructed this spring and a picnic pavilion was completed by summer's end. Rockland's efforts to provide a play area for its youngsters is commendable and a real credit to that community.

At White Pine, the Carp Lake Township Library, which has occupied space in the White Pine High School for several years needed a space to relocate to. A new home for the library was found at the Mineral River Plaza, but the task of moving a library is a monumental task involving installation of shelving, reviewing the entire collection of books, reference

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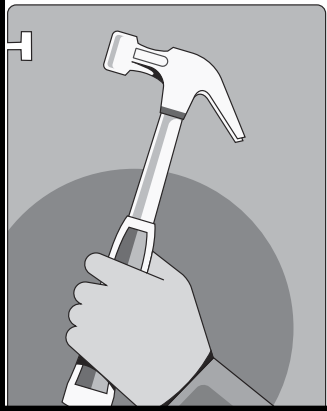
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materials and periodicals; setting up computers, etc. A grand opening was held on June 13.

By some strange stroke of happenstance, Ontonagon, from the air at least, bears an uncanny resemblance to parts of Iraq, the town was buzzed by F-16 Fighters. It was later learned that this was a training exercise by the military and that several areas in the community had been targeted for surgical air strikes, including Maple Manor, the Recreation Center, and even a blue pickup truck parked in Alston. Members of the ground crew had been in town and provided the coordinates for the simulated air strikes. Ontonagon was chosen for this training exercise because of the relatively small amount of air traffic in the area.

On the Ontonagon waterfront is located the oldest and westernmost lighthouse structure located on the mainland of the Keweenaw region decommissioned in 1964, the lighthouse was falling into disrepair until rescued by the Ontonagon County Historical Society. Starting in July, a major renovation of the building's exterior was undertaken, with all of the masonry work being restored. the original mortar was sampled and analyzed to assure that the new grouting would match the original. Broken bricks were replaced and the cracks in the walls repaired. Finally, to crown the work, the three terra-cotta flues that had been missing for a number of years were replaced. In late August, new emerald green shutters, built to match the original shutters that were removed in 1919 were put in place. Lighthouse Assistance Program Grant Funds paid for roughly two-thirds of the work and all work was approved by the State Historic Preservation Office. For all practical purposes, the lighthouse now appears just as it did in 1916, or perhaps a bit better!

The Ontonagon Lighthouse was recognized as the Featured Lighthouse of the year at the Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival held at Alpena in early October.

Bergland was in the news this past year when the Capitol Christmas Tree (Holiday Tree to some), selected to be displayed on the capitol grounds in Lansing was harvested at Bergland. The 67 year old spruce was carefully taken down and trundled off to Lansing to be the State Christmas Tree, while school children from Ewen-Trout Creek and Ontonagon Elementary looked on. Music was provided by the Ewen-Trout Creek School Choir which added a festive note to the occasion.

### Special Community and Cultural Events:

The Jock Kemp Snowshoe Mail Race took place as scheduled for February 14. This event, the last survivor of the former "Snow Go-Bye" winter festival had been hosted by the Ontonagon County Historical Society for the previous four years. The event had traditionally been run on the frozen ice of the Ontonagon River or on the frozen slough and would include an optional 5K course as well as a mile-long course. The race commemorates the US Mail delivery to Ontonagon from Wausau, Wisconsin in the late 1850's.

The snowshoe race took place, under the guidance of Tom Jachim. Taking first place in the 5K was Greg Nelson of Ontonagon; Gerry Platzke, the banker on snowshoes came in 2nd, and Jeff Jensen took third place. There were 4 placers in the 1 mile walk competition; Brook Thomas of L'Anse in first; Roberta Johanson of Ontonagon in second; Victoria James of Ontonagon in third, and Lisa Walters of Ontonagon in fourth place.

The Ontonagon Theater of Performing Arts continues to be a major cultural center for the Ontonagon community. The theatre's season opener was the Silver Express, a singing, dance troupe that has been in existence since 1985 and hails from the Hurley high School. In March, Miz Behavin and the Swing Cats, perhaps one of the most talented small jazz combo groups around, played the Ontonagon Theater of Performing Arts and did a return engagement on September 25th. U.P. Rising, a retro-rock group made their debut at the local theatre on May 1. Conga se Menne did a return engagement at OTPA on June 12. In June, Measured Chaos, the big sound from Detroit was in Ontonagon with their unique brand of blues, soul, rock n' roll. The Uptown Swingsters from the Calumet area appeared on June 24, featuring much of the same talent that played with Miz Behavin.

The Ontonagon Theater of Performing Arts offers variety and something for all tastes. In July, the Pine Mountains Music Festival presented a program of chamber music featuring the Clark String Quartet and the Sonrisa Woodwind Quintet. A magic show featuring master illusionist Timothy Tegge and his wife, Barbara took place in July, and a musical production of Dickens' Oliver Twist featuring music from the acclaimed Broadway Musical, Oliver, was produced by the Harbortown players, also in July. Tommy O, a program of music and impersonations took place as a theatre benefit, also in July, making that month an extremely busy one at the Theater.

It was in July that Dr. Jon Rieger, benefactor of the Ontonagon Theater of Performing Arts presented to Norman and Dan Pestka, a special community service award for the instrumental role that Pestka Construction played in the reconstruction of the theater facility and the various renovations that have taken place. By August, it was time for Kathy Skolasinski and her 'boys' to do an evening with Patsy Kline. The annual Voices for a Cure concert, a benefit for Huntington's Disease research, took place on September 11. Kitty Donahoe was featured on October 9, and the incomparable Bob Milne, ragtime pianist and musicologist. A stunning change of pace was only a sort time later with Alex Marciniak, on piano, but playing art music (not classical) by such greats as Chopin, Scarlatti, and Schumann. The Ontonagon Gospel Choir presented a program of inspirational music in November. A talent show of elementary schoolchildren was also at the Theater in November.

History was made when the Keweenaw Star, an excursion boat from Houghton became the first vessel to discharge commercial passengers at Ontonagon since the year 1909. Aboard were over 80 members of the Great lakes Lighthouse Keepers' Association. Ontonagon was their first shore leave stop and the group landed on the west side of the river channel near the historic Ontonagon Harbor Lighthouse and spent two hours walking through the buildings and over the grounds admiring the work being done there by the Ontonagon County Historical Society. SHIP interns were on hand to guide the group through the rooms, refreshments were served in the lighthouse kitchen, and there was even a brass band at the dock to welcome the arrival of the vessel and play for its departure. What was especially noteworthy was the fact that an excursion vessel entered the Ontonagon Harbor. Perhaps with a bit of promotion and enhanced docking space this could be a regular occurrence.

Bill Jamerson of Escanaba, troubadour of the U.P. was at the Ontonagon Elementary School where, dressed in lumberjack garb, he presented a program of music and action about the great white pine logging era, to the delight of the school children.

The Midwest Rendezvous, which was held at Ontonagon in 2005, announced plans to return to Ontonagon July 28-August 8, 2010. The Midwest Rendezvous is a federal nonprofit organization formed for the management of living history between 1640-1840. Participants come from all walks of life and every part of the United states and set up their camps, much as a fur trading spring rendezvous would have been set up on the Ontonagon River. The public is invited to visit the encampment. It is a great learning experience for children as well as adults.

The Lake Superior fishing classic was reeling 'em in on May 30-31. Prizes ranged from \$600 for the most fish weight caught, 36.89 lbs. down to \$25 for 30.43 lbs caught. Eight teams were in the money.

The Home Show, held in late April was well attended over the two days the exhibits were in place at the Recreation Facility in Ontonagon. Over 40 vendors were present with everything from quilting supplies, bicycles and canoes, seamless drain gutters, pellet stoves, and a host of other products and services. Radio Y-101 FM is the chief sponsor of the annual event.

The communities of White Pine and Bruce Crossing each held their traditional Independence Day observances. Each community stages a parade complete with floats, and there is usually food and music. A fireworks dis-

play at Bruce Crossing was donated by Lac Vieux Desert in memory of Cory Thompson.

In Greenland, the Adventure Mining Company hosted the first "Miner's Revenge" mountain bike race on July 12, in which contestants actually rode over Adventure Mountain and then through a portion of the adventure mine itself. The event drew 105 participants! The course was approximately 4.5 miles long and the race required several circuits of the course. Described as one of the most challenging races of its kind, the event received wide acclaim.

Lake Superior Day was observed in the Village of Ontonagon with festivities being centered near the Red Metal Minerals area near the foot of River Street. There was live music, a craft fair, a food booth, and three boat excursions using the services of the Keweenaw Star. The Ontonagon County Chamber of Commerce hosted the event and had arranged for the boat tours to 14 Mile point and a cruise along the coast to the Porcupine Mountains. All boat tours were narrated and the Star was loaded to capacity on all trips. An awareness walk also took place to draw attention to the very real dangers of the industrial waste dumped in Lake Superior. The event was a resounding success and the weather was in full cooperation.

In Bergland, the grand opening of the Bergland/Matchwood Township Museum took place in early August. Located in the former Ranger's residence of the Bergland Ranger Station, the museum collection contains school displays, and artifacts from throughout the community. Above the fireplace hangs a portrait of Gunlek A. Bergland, the Norwegian lumberman who founded the town in 1903.

The Bergland heritage Center also had its day to shine on September 25, with the dedication of a native plants garden behind the former Ranger Station with beautiful Lake gogebic as a backdrop. An open house was held at the Bergland/Matchwood Historical Museum where a presentation of a Hardinger Fiddle to the by members of the Bergland family took place.

At Rockland, the Historical Museum of that community celebrated its 50th year by introducing information on an opera that is currently being written memorializing a shooting incident that took place in Rockland in 1906, and based on the recollections of Alfred Laakso, an eye witness. The opera, entitled, Rockland, relates the story of the shooting of two Finnish miners during a 4th of July picnic in 1906 during the time of a miners' strike. The music is being composed by Julla Linkola.

In Rockland Township, one event that always brings a great turnout is the Arts and Crafts Fair at Old Victoria, and this year's event in August was no exception, with good food, good music, and a number of exhibitors on the grounds in a very unique setting.

The 5th Annual Porcupine Mountain Music Festival got off to a great start, however rain and cold marked a good part of the weekend. Undeterred, the festival planners moved operations inside and by Sunday, the sun was shining and the 27 different offerings were a pleasant memory to the approximately 1,200 who had attended this gala event. Plans were already under way to make next year's Porcupine Mountain Music Festival an event to be remembered. Mark your calendars: August 27-29, 2010.

Labor Day weekend is the "big weekend" in the Village of Ontonagon. Stretching out over Friday through Monday, this year's event was held as a tribute to the village firemen and others who helped fight the flames that threatened the town only a year before. Saturday's Maxwell Street sales and a large auto show set the stage for the gala parade on Sunday that continued the rivalry between the Stein club and the Norwich Country Club. This year, the Norwich Club's float, "Pirates of Gitche Gumee" took top honors. Monday's Kiddie Parade ended the weekend, during which the weather cooperated fully.

The Haunting of the Lighthouse is becoming an annual event that draws visitors to the Village from afar. There is something about walking into the lighthouse at night, with oil lamps flickering, and watching the characters of the past moving about. There is a certain appeal to being able to talk with those from a past age. The three nights' run of the Haunted Lighthouse played to capacity audiences and brought a bit of history alive in a setting that is appropriate for Halloween. The Historical Society, which produces the show is very clear about this being a history lesson and not simply a "spook house."

A final item on the supernatural. A proposed 280 foot communications tower is being considered in Haight Township, but investigation has shown that the tower falls close to the line of sight of the mysterious Paulding Light. A Haight Township Zoning meeting, to be held on December 22, and attended by representatives of Terracon, the company which wishes to build the tower was to consider the matter. In the words of a company representative who had contacted the Ontonagon County Historical Society and had been advised to seek more information on the WEB, "I think we have a problem." Will the Paulding Light be turned off? Tune in next year to find out!

The annual Hometown Christmas observance took place on the first weekend in December, with the trimming of the Community Christmas Tree, the Christmas Walk craft and art show, and the open house at the Museum. The Santa Claus Parade and the opportunity of the kiddies to visit with the Jolly Old Man, while mule train rides, dog sled excursions, and hay rides were conducted about the streets of the Village. Fireworks topped the events of Saturday night and a good time was had by all ringing in the Christmas season.

### People in the News:

The Ontonagon Area Board of Education had the sad duty of filling a Board vacancy because of the unexpected death of Mary Jane Rubich, who had been elected to the board the previous spring. After interviewing three applicants, Michelle Wilber was chosen to fill the vacancy until the regular election in the spring. Wilber has two children currently attending the Ontonagon Area Schools.

Steve Pollick, Outdoor Editor of the Toledo Blade had put in some time as a guest of the Friends of the Porkies as an artist in residence. He took up residence in a winter cabin in the park on January 25. Pollick presented a very engaging travelogue to the students of the Ontonagon Area High

## Managing meds

Learning ways to manage your medicines could help protect your health.

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School taking the students virtually around the world.

High School Principal John Shiner was presented a very pleasant surprise when he was handed an oversized check for \$25,000 by local Horace Mann Insurance Agent Tim Marczak in February. This was part of the Go for the Green promotion sponsored by Horace Mann Insurance.

Aspirus Ontonagon announced the addition of new members to their growing medical staff. Dr. Richard Chaltry was to be at the Family Practice clinic; Dr. Tim Hayes is available at the clinic at Bruce Crossing as well as te Family Practice clinic, and a new Nurse Practitioner, Jennifer Jaris Weaver joined the medical staff in early April. A newly renovated lobby and patient registration area had been added to the hospital and the Ontonagon Aspirus Foundation was making many improvements to the grounds near the Long Term Care Unit.

Deputy Sheriff Tom Cousineau of Bergland, longtime D.A.R.E. instructor to hundreds of Ontonagon County school children. Known as "Deputy Tom" to his many students, Cousineau was forced into early retirement because of health issues. He has been sadly missed by countless children that had come to know him through the years as coordinator of the D.A.R.E. Program.

The Pestka Pee Wee hockey team became the district 8 Champions winning over Lake Linden 4-3. This qualified the local kids to advance to the Pee Wee B finals at Mackinaw City in March.

Kathryn Dickerson, oldest resident of Maple Manor nursing home celebrated her 100th birthday on March 30, 2009, and then, sadly, quietly passed away on April 8. Kathryn had been active in the Historical Society, the Red Cross, and in 1996 had received the Chamber of Commerce Community Action Award.

In May, Leonard Rogers, formerly of the US Army Air Corps returned to the Ontonagon-Silver City area where he had bailed out of a flaming B-17 over the Porcupine Mountains. Then only 19 years of age, Rogers had wandered about the wilderness for nearly two days before being found. Rogers, now age 85 wanted to meet the "young teacher" who he heard had searched for him. That young teacher was none other than Victor F. Keefer, the 102 year old retired Superintendent of the Ontonagon Schools, who was all too happy to meet with Rogers and the two shared recollections of the incident. Later in the week, the octogenarian Rogers hiked up the mountain to revisit the wreckage of the plane he once served as tail gunner on.

In July, Greg Anderson was named interim manager of the Smurfit-Stone Mill at Ontonagon, replacing Chris Broome who was transferred to Panama City, Florida. Anderson has worked at the Ontonagon plant for 24 years and was formerly Production Manager.

In August, Charles E. Flood was welcomed as the new administrator at Aspirus Ontonagon Hospital, replacing Mike Gutsch. Flood had previously been the compliance officer at Marquette General, and assumed his new position at the end of August.

The Ontonagon County Veterans' Association took possession of a new Ford 6-passenger Ford Explorer. The van will be used in the disabled veterans transportation network to take veterans to doctor's appointments at the VA Hospital at Iron Mountain. Purchase of the vehicle was through generous donations by businesses and citizens of Ontonagon County. The van is driven by volunteers. Howard Walters coordinates the program.

One of the people in the news was a former physician who had been on the medical staff at the Ontonagon Memorial Hospital, Dr. Profirio Orta-Rosario. Dr. Orta was convicted of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances to an unlawful drug operation based in North Carolina. The drugs involved were prescription pain killers and other medications.

Eugene Sullivan, entrepreneur from Covington, has expanded his Stump Jumper Enterprises into Ontonagon County with a regular waste pickup, lawn care, and other services. Sullivan's business is a classic story of what hard work and a bit of willingness to take a chance can accomplish.

Michigan Works Director Jim Saari closed out 35 years of service to job seekers on Friday, October 23. Saari will be missed by those who have had the pleasure of working with him on job fairs and other community projects through the years.

Dr. James P. Strong, successfully completed his Recertification Examination as a Family Practice Physician. Strong is a native of Ontonagon and practiced with his father, also a revered local physician. To become certified by the American Board of Family Practice, a family physician must verify 300 hours of acceptable continuing medical education over the past six years and pass a stiff examination.

Chris Brees, demonstrating entrepreneurial spirit, found an alternative use for the former Building block Child Care Center by converting the building into the Superior Business enter which houses several small businesses in convenient location on the Greenland Road.

Speaking of people with unusual entrepreneurial skills, have you heard about the bee-keeper in Bruce Crossing who is the largest honey producer in the U.P.? Les McBean has been keeping bees for 23 years and has made a real business out of it. Besides honey, he produces bees-wax products as well.

Eddie Stevens, age ten, while visiting the Ontonagon Historical Society Museum with his parents and grandmother, eyed the numerous musical instruments on display and asked if he could play one of the pianos. The boy then tried an accordion, a cornet, and one of the organs, demonstrating facility on all of the instruments he handled. Young Stevens, played a return engagement at the museum on December 19

Those who keep track of such things noted with interest that on September 14, 1959, 50 years ago, Dan Dobeck of Ontonagon, a 1952 graduate of the local schools, entered the Major leagues by signing with the Washington Senators. Dobeck followed to Senators to Minnesota as a member of the Minnesota Twins. Dan, who lives in Portland, Oregon, is Ontonagon's claim to professional athletic fame.

### In Conclusion:

It has been a most trying year which has put new challenges before our people. Through it all, it must be remembered that Ontonagon County has weathered the worst of times before and survived. The curtain hasn't fallen on the last act of the Ontonagon Country yet by a long shot.

We have some of the most resourceful people on earth among us. Our people are proven survivors, and if not given a chance, they will create their own opportunities. Don't count this area out yet. It will take more than the greed and pressures of the outside world to do us in. Let's put our most hopeful foot forward in the year ahead.

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Gladiator girls perfect at 5-0

By Jean Nordine

The Ontonagon girls basketball team take a perfect 5-0 record into the holiday break and have four Copper Country Conference wins to their credit. Also in the CCC, the Chassell Panthers are 6-0 on the season with three conference wins. The two teams will not meet each other until February.

Last week the Gladiators girls chalked up their fifth win with a home victory over the Dollar Bay Bays, 63-37. Ontonagon jumped out to an 11-0 lead before the Bays ever got on the board. All ten of the Gladiator girls were able to get plenty of playing time, with everyone scoring at least two points. During the first, Sara Hirvela swished in a couple of long bombs. Janele Linna added four points, Lauren Siren six and Nicole Pestka two. After one complete the Gladiators were cruising, up 18-6.

Olivia Soumis scored the first four of her eleven points in the second quarter. At intermission Ontonagon led 28-15, then widen the margin to 22 at the end of the third. With eight minutes to go, Ontonagon had double the points of the Bays, holding a comfortable 44-22 advantage. Taylor Cleary was the seventh Gladiator to score during the third frame with two free throws.

In the fourth quarter Brittney

Penegor and Courtney Karttunen each scored, before Halley Borseth became the tenth Gladiator to score. At 1:09 Borseth sank two freethrows. Karttunen added another hoop at :35, then Dollar Bay scored the final basket.

Lauren Siren led the Gladiators with fifteen points. Janele Linna battled hard for thirteen points, while Olivia Soumis netted eleven. Ontonagon posted nineteen fourth quarter points to fifteen for the Bays for the final 63-37 Gladiator victory.

Box scores

Ontonagon: Nicole Pestka 1 0 0 4-2, Olivia Soumis 4 1 0 0-11, Brittney Penegor 2 0 0 0-4, Courtney Karttunen 2 0 0 1-4, Halley Borseth 0 0 2 4-2, Taylor Cleary 0 0 2 2-2, Sara Hirvela 0 2 0 2-6, Janele Linna 5 0 3 2-13, Emily Shiner 2 0 0 2-4, Lauren Siren 7 0 1 2-15. Totals 23 3 8-12 19 63.

Dollar Bay: Julia Tervo 0 0 1 0-1, Danielle Benson 0 0 1 2-1, Brittany Engman 1 1 3 3-8, Kelsey Fallon 2 0 1 2-5, Taylor Quarless 2 0 0 1-4, Hailey Messner 0 0 1 0-1, Taylor Patchin 0 1 1 0-4, Taylor Bakki-la 0 0 0 1-0, Mariah Marcol 3 0 2 4-8, Stephanie Leclair 1 0 1 2-3, Kate Zerbst 1 0 0 2-2. Totals 10 2 11-26 17 37.

Scoring by quarters

|            |    |    |    |    |
|------------|----|----|----|----|
| Ontonagon  | 18 | 28 | 44 | 63 |
| Dollar Bay | 6  | 15 | 22 | 37 |

Big comeback for Lady Cats

By Jean Nordine

The Lady Panthers came back from trailing by as many as eleven points, to take a nail biting 44-43 squeaker over the Bessemer Speedgirls in their final game before the holiday break.

E-TC scored the first three points of the Porcupine Mountain Conference battle, before Bessemer got on the board at 5:18 and scored seven unanswered points. The Panthers were having a hard time handling the pressure by the pesky Speedgirls, turning the ball over eight times during the first quarter. At 2:40 Panther freshman Taylor Niemi hit the front end of a one and one, then Bessemer poured in another five unanswered. After one quarter the Panthers were trailing 12-4.

In the second quarter the Panthers cut down on their turnovers with five and were able to hold the Speedgirls to six points, while posting eight of their own. Emily Jarvi put a rebound back up at 7:00. Zoey McGeshick hit a short jumper at 5:36. At 3:32 Jarvi chipped in a pair of free throws to pull the Cats within five, 15-10. Then a long field goal from Kelsey Byrne at 1:12. At the break the Panthers were down by just six points, 18-12.

Bessemer started out the third quarter by outscoring the Panthers 7-2 to hold their largest lead of the game, 25-14 with 4:46 on the clock. After a Panther timeout, the Lady Cats picked up their defense. The Speedgirls were denied the shots while the Panthers clawed their way back into the game with McGechick posting six of her ten points that frame. With one quarter to go the Panthers were down by just three points, 28-25.

Ten seconds into the fourth, Brittany Suomumaki nailed a three pointer tying the game. Heather Silen put the Speedgirls back out front at 6:36, before Panther freshman Rebekkah Driesenga, all alone under the hoop, put it in for another tie, 30-30. The Speedgirls made a couple of free throws, then Suomu-

maki was fouled attempting a long bomb. In a silent gymnasium, Suomumaki calmly sank all three free throws to erupt the crowd and give the Panthers their first lead of the game since early in the first quarter, 33-32, 5:18 to go.

The lead changed hands two more times with Bessemer taking a three point advantage, 38-35. Kelsey Byrne sank a free throw at 2:09, then another trey from Suomumaki. E-TC out front, 1:35 on the clock. Bessemer responded right away with a three pointer of their own from Jessica Rundell giving the Speedgirls a two point advantage. Twelve seconds later, Suomumaki ripped another trey from in front of the Panthers bench putting the Cats out front for good. Bessemer sent the Panthers to the line for two free throws giving E-TC a three point edge. The Speedgirls had to go for a trey in order to send the game into overtime, but the Lady Cats did a fine job of denying them the outside shot. Bridgette Whitburn did make a short jumper at the buzzer for the final, E-TC 44, Bessemer 43.

Brittany Suomumaki led all scorers with 20 points, fifteen of those in the fourth quarter. Zoey McGeshick was also in double figures with ten. Bessemer was led by Heather Selin with thirteen.

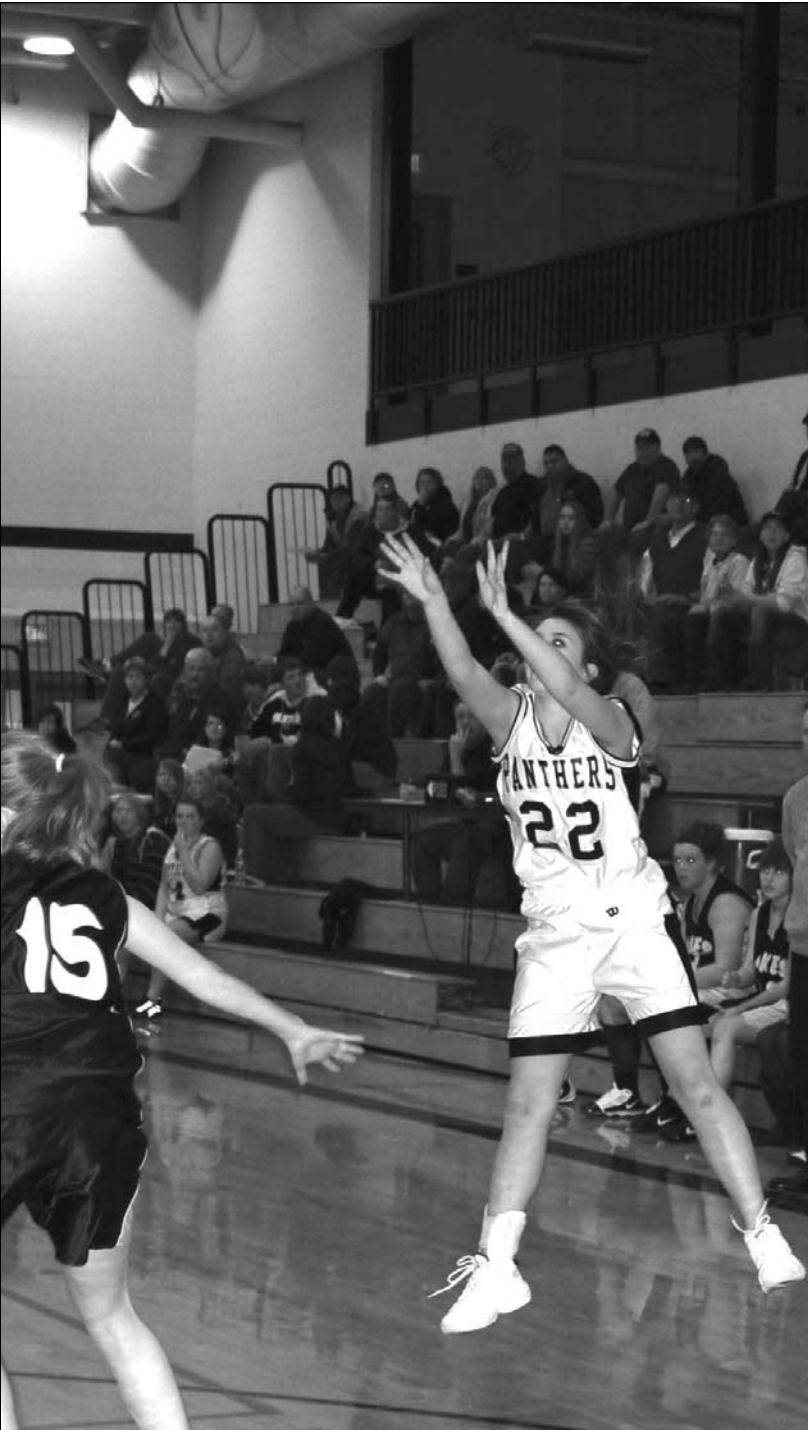
Box Scores

Ewen-Trout Creek: Sam Robl 0 0 0 3-0, Rebekkah Driesenga 1 0 0 1-2, Kelsey Byrne 1 0 1 3-3, Alissa Pietila 0 0 1 1-1, Brittany Suomumaki 2 3 7 4-20, Zoey McGeshick 5 0 0 3-10, Taylor Niemi 0 0 1 3-1, Emily Jarvi 2 0 3 4-7. Totals 11 3 13-24 22 44.

Bessemer: Bridgette Whitburn 1 0 0 0-2, Heather Selin 2 2 3 1-13, Shiann Dean 3 0 5 5-11, Carissa Marchelle 1 0 0 5-2, Paige Berwald 3 0 0 4-6, Megan Ahnen 1 0 2 4-4, Jenna Pedrin 1 0 0 0-2, Jessica Rundell 0 1 0 3-3. Totals 12 3 10-26 22 43.

Scoring by quarters

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|----------|----|----|----|----|
| E-TC     | 4  | 12 | 25 | 44 |
| Bessemer | 12 | 18 | 28 | 43 |



#22 Brittany Suomumaki led the Lady Panthers in their comeback win over the Bessemer Speedgirls landing three three pointers and finished with twenty points, fifteen of those in the fourth.

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Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

- Mark Twain

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Lakes drop Gladiator boys

By Jean Nordine

The Ontonagon Gladiators dropped a Copper Country Conference game against the Lake Linden-Hubbell Lakes last week in the new Lake Linden-Hubbell gymnasium.

Things started out alright for the Gladiators as they outscored the Lakes 14-11 in the first quarter. Ontonagon kept the momentum in their favor stretching their advantage to nine points in the first portion of the second quarter. After that the Lakes began to gel. Led by Troy Dove, LL-H pulled to within two by intermission, 28-26. By the end of the third the game was all knotted at 38-38.

The Gladiators had their chances to take the win, but the Lakes had some key defensive plays to hold Ontonagon to just four fourth quarter points. Cody Doan posted the last Gladiator bucket with three minutes left on the clock for an Ontonagon 42-41 advantage. LL-H scored on the next possession to take back the lead, then proceeded to hold the Gladiators scoreless for the remainder of the contest.

Brett Gervais blocked a Gladiator shot, then Dove sealed the deal with two free throws at 9.2 for a Lakes three point edge. With fouls to give, the Lakes made it very difficult for Ontonagon to get down the

court to tie the game with a three pointer. By the time the Lakes slapped the Gladiators with two fouls, there was less than two seconds left on the clock. Not enough time to get a good look and the Gladiators couldn't get a shot off. Lakes take the Copper Country Conference game, 45-42.

Two Gladiators had double digits, Nick Soumis and Jake Yaklyvich each had a dozen. The Lakes also had two in double digits. Troy Dove led all with eighteen and Brett Gervais had fifteen points.

Ontonagon is on hiatus until Monday, January 4th when they travel to Chassell to take on the Chassell Panthers.

Box Scores

Ontonagon: Nick Soumis 1 1 7 4-12, Jake Yaklyvich 5 0 2 0-12, Cameron Menigoz 1 2 0 4-8, Cody Doan 2 0 0 3-4, Joe Husar 2 0 0 2-4, Mike Schmaus 2. Totals 12 3 9-14 15 42.

Lake Linden-Hubbell: Troy Dove 8 0 2 0-18, Brett Gervais 5 1 2 2-15, Vincent Beaudoin 3 0 1 2-7, Joe Negron 0 0 2 3-2, Jordan Hahka 1 0 0 4-2, Travis Ambuehl 0 0 1 3-1. Totals 17 1 8-12 14 45.

Scoring by quarters

|           |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|
| Ontonagon | 14 | 28 | 38 | 42 |
| LL-H      | 11 | 26 | 38 | 45 |



Zoey McGeshick scored ten points for E-TC. Here she sinks a jumper during the Panthers, 44-43, Porcupine Mountain Conference victory over the Speedgirls.

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Everyone scored in the Gladiator girls victory over the Dollar Bay Bays. Here is Nicole Pestka making her basket at 2:55 of the first quarter to put the Gladiators up 15-2.



Gladiator senior, #50, Lauren Siren, battled hard to lead all scorers with fifteen points. On the right is the Bays #50 Mariah Marcol, and #54, Kate Zerbst on the left.



Ontonagon boys trounce Dollar Bay

By Jean Nordine

The last home game of the year for the Gladiator boys basketball team was a Copper County Conference game with the Dollar Bay Bays. Mike Schmaus tipped the ball to Nick Soumis, who bolted to the basket and was fouled by the Bays David Townsend. Soumis hit one free throws to jump start Ontonagon on their way to a 61-33 thrashing of the Bays.

Dollar Bay couldn't handle the Gladiators press and committed numerous turnovers. Joe Mell popped in two points at 7:22. At 6:29 Schmaus stole the ball and scored putting Ontonagon up 5-0. A timeout by the Bays didn't help, as they fouled a driving Soumis, who made both free throws, upping the margin to 7-0. Dollar Bay didn't get on board until 4:42 with a free throw. Cody Doan chipped two in from the charity stripe at 2:56, followed by a long bomb from Cameron Menigoz. Menigoz had three treys on the night and finished with fourteen points. The Bays added another free throw at 2:30, then hit their first field goal at 2:00. Ontonagon scored six more points before the quarter ended. Joe Husar found the hoop at 1:31, before Jake Yaklyvich, in the paint, scored back to back buckets. After one quarter the Gladiators were well on their way to another victory.

Yaklyvich had six of his twelve points, in the second quarter. The

Bays finally had a little success putting the ball through the hoop, landing three buckets from three point land. Ontonagon added sixteen second quarter points, while the Bays chalked up a dozen. At intermission the Gladiators were over double up on the Bays, leading 34-16.

Menigoz hit his other two treys in the third. Soumis also contributed six third quarter points, to lead all scorers with fifteen. With eight minutes of play remaining the Gladiators enjoyed a healthy 23 point lead, 52-29.

Ontonagon held the Dollar Bay Bays to just four fourth quarter points, while posting nine for the final 61-33 win.

Box Scores

Ontonagon:Cody Doan 0 0 2 3-2, Nick Soumis 6 0 3 0-15, Alex Taeger 0 0 0 2-0, Cameron Menigoz 2 3 1 0-14, Mike Schmaus 4 0 1 1-9, Joe Husar 2 0 1 2-5, Jake Mell 1 0 0 1-2, Joe Mell 1 0 0 0-2, Jake Yaklyvich 5 0 2 3-12. Ttals 21 3 10-18 12 61.

Dollar Bay: Jeremy Peltó 3 0 1 2-7, Adam Granroth 2 0 0 3-4, Dallas Bond 0 0 0 1-0, Tim Bumstan 2 1 1 4-8, Zach Matfolk 1 2 0 0-8, Danny Townsend 2 0 2 3-6, Dave Townsend 0 0 0 2-0, Derik Clements 0 0 0 2-0. Totals 10 3 4-12 17 33.

Scoring by quarters

Ontonagon 18 34 52 61  
Dollar Bay 4 16 29 33

Midgets too much for Panthers

By Jean Nordine

The Hurley Midgets were just too much for the Ewen-Trout Creek Panther boys to handle. The Panthers traveled to Hurley for their last game of 2009 on Tuesday, December 22, and fell hard, 88-50, to a well rounded Midget squad. This was the first regular season loss for E-TC since January 23, 2007 when they loss in Bessemer 60-56.

Hurley had four players in double digits and were led by Daulton Levra's 24 points. The Panthers were able to keep pace with the Midgets for the first half of quarter one, before the pendulum swung to the Midgets side and stayed there.

Paul Abramson scored the first basket of the game, before Hurley posted seven unanswered. Jordan LaPlant swished a three pointer for the Cats, followed by two points from Levra. Alex Brown put up two points to pull E-TC within two, 9-7, then Abramson's jumper from the free throw line tied the game at 9-9. The pace of the game was fast and furious, as Hurley quickly regained the lead on a hoop by Jake Rowe. From that point on the Panthers had to play catch up, but Hurley was on a roll. At one point the Midgets had stretched their lead to 25-15, before Abramson hit a couple of free throws and Daniel Livingston hit a bucket right before the buzzer. One quarter in and the Panthers were down by six, 25-19.

The Midgets manhandled the Panthers in the second quarter, pouring in 28 points to thirteen for E-TC, most of those coming off of Panther turnovers. E-TC's regular ball handler, Dillon Gordon was not playing due to a health issue, and those Cats that had to bring up the ball, were having a hard time with the Midgets pressure. Things weren't looking too bright for E-TC as they trailed 53-32 at intermission.

The second half of the contest the Panthers committed seventeen turnovers and just couldn't get things gelling for themselves. E-TC scored just eighteen points the entire second half, a dozen in the third and a meager six in the final stanza. After three quarters Hurley's advantage was twenty-one, 65-44. When all was said and done the Midgets took the win by thirty-eight, 88-50.

Paul Abramson was high man for the Panthers with twenty points. Jordan LaPlant finished with a dozen. The Panthers are now idle until Monday, January 4th when they play their previously postponed match in Lake Linden with the Lake Linden-Hubbell Lakes.

Box Scores

Ewen-Trout Creek: Michael Borseth 0 0 1 1-1, Jordan LaPlant 1 2 4 5-12, Alex Brown 1 1 0 2-5, David Livingston 1 0 0 5-2, Daniel Livingston 3 0 0 3-6, Paul Abramson 6 1 5 3-20, Aaron Schneider 2 0 0 4-4, Carter Robl 0 0 0 0-0. Totals 14 4 10-16 24 50.

Hurley: Dillon Windt 2 1 2 2-9, Jake Rowe 3 0 0 4-6, Alec Gulan 3 0 0 1-6, Mike Leinon 6 0 2 4-14, Daulton Levra 6 1 9 1-24, Ty Patritto 4 0 2 3-10, Dylan Laurin 7 0 1 1-15, Jimmy Kuklinski 1 0 2 1-4, Taylor Koski 0 0 0 0-0. Totals 32 2 18-31 17 88.

Scoring by quarters

E-TC 19 32 44 50  
Hurley 25 53 65 88

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Pro Racing Weekly Update

Postseason Edition



This Week's Racing News

Danica Patrick took five laps around Daytona International Speedway last week and said it felt "a little slow", no surprise since IndyCars go about 50 mph faster. Patrick started the day with a van ride around the track, getting a much better feel for the 2 1/2-mile tri-oval than she ever got testing IndyCars on Daytona's road course or racing in the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona in 2006 and 2009. Rain delayed the start of the session, and Patrick had dozens of photographers and reporters following her every move through the garage. Patrick was one of a record nine women at the first day of the three-day test. Part-time IndyCar driver Milka Duno, twins Amber and Angela Cope, Alli Owens and Leilani Munter were among the others. But none of them received the attention Patrick got. Even NASCAR president Mike Helton showed up to watch the sport's newest star. Patrick will make her stock car debut in the ARCA race at Daytona in February. She plans to drive a partial schedule in the Nationwide Series in 2010 and hasn't ruled out making her NASCAR debut at Daytona.



Racing History

**Dec. 28, 1921** - Nelson Stacy, who won four Cup races in 45 starts, was born on this day. After finishing 12th in his Cup debut at Dayton (Ohio) Speedway in 1952, Stacy didn't make another start until 1961. He won his first race that year, at Darlington, and won three more in 1962. He is the second driver to win consecutive Southern 500s at Darlington. Stacy, who also won the World 600 in 1962, was ARCA champion from 1958 to 1960.

Racing Trivia

*Jeff Gordon's karting career began in 1981, when he was 10 years old. That year he entered 25 karting events. How many did he win?*

- a) 5  
b) 10  
c) 8  
d) 25

**Answer :** d) In the year 1981, Jeff entered and won 25 main events in the karts.

Driver's Bio

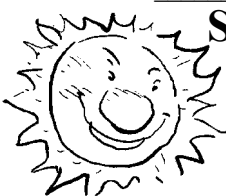
Kevin Harvick



Born: Dec. 8, 1975  
Sponsor: Shell/Pennzoil  
Crew Chief: Gil Martin  
Car: Chevrolet

Biography:

In 2001, Harvick became the Busch Series Champion while also driving full-time in the Winston Cup Series and finishing in the top 10, a first for any driver. In a somewhat controversial move, Childress tabbed Harvick as the replacement driver for Dale Earnhardt after his fatal crash at the 2001 Daytona 500. In 2003, Harvick teamed with crew chief Todd Berrier and moved from 21st in the points standings to 2nd. In 2006, Harvick had five victories, but he failed to keep that momentum going into the Chase for the Cup and finished 4th in the Chase standings. Harvick's 2007 season started off with a bang as he won the Daytona 500, but that would be his only win that year and he finished the season in 10th place. Even without a victory in 2008, he still managed a 4th place finish in the Chase for the Cup. Harvick failed to win a race again last year and finished the season in 19th place.



SPORTING TIMES SOLUNAR TABLE

Ontonagon, Michigan



FISHING/HUNTING TIMES

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| 2010   | A. M.   |       | P. M. |       | SUN TIMES |       | MOON   |        | MOON   |          |
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| 01 Fri | F 5:59  | —     | 6:30  | 12:15 | 08:43     | 05:16 | 6:39p  | 9:28a  | 1:28a  | 1:59p    |
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| 03 Sun | > 8:06  | 1:53  | 8:34  | 2:20  | 08:43     | 05:18 | 9:28p  | 10:31a | 3:26a  | 3:53p    |
| 04 Mon | 9:06    | 2:53  | 9:32  | 3:19  | 08:43     | 05:19 | 10:48p | 10:55a | 4:19a  | 4:45p    |
| 05 Tue | 10:02   | 3:50  | 10:27 | 4:15  | 08:43     | 05:20 | NoMoon | 11:17a | 5:09a  | 5:34p    |
| 06 Wed | 10:55   | 4:43  | 11:19 | 5:07  | 08:43     | 05:21 | 12:05a | 11:38a | 5:58a  | 6:22p    |
| 07 Thu | Q 11:44 | 5:32  | —     | 5:57  | 08:42     | 05:22 | 1:21a  | 12:00p | 6:46a  | 7:10p    |
| 08 Fri | Q 12:07 | 6:20  | 12:32 | 6:44  | 08:42     | 05:23 | 2:36a  | 12:25p | 7:35a  | 8:00p    |
| 09 Sat | 12:53   | 7:06  | 1:19  | 7:31  | 08:42     | 05:24 | 3:49a  | 12:54p | 8:25a  | 8:50p    |
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| 11 Mon | 2:25    | 8:38  | 2:51  | 9:04  | 08:41     | 05:27 | 6:01a  | 2:13p  | 10:08a | 10:34p   |
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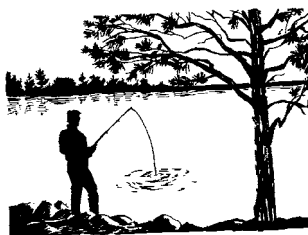
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The opening tip of the Gladiators game against Dollar Bay, went to Nick Soumis, who immediately drove to the basket and was fouled. Soumis led the Gladiators with fifteen points in the 61-33 win over the Bays.



#50 Jake Yaklyvich won this battle of the boards, in Ontonagon conference game with the Bays. Yaklyvich had ten first half points and finished with a dozen.



NOTICE OF **SHOW CAUSE HEARING AND JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING**  
**NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES**

On March 1, 2009 real estate with **unpaid 2007 and/or prior years property taxes** was forfeited to the Ontonagon County Treasurer pursuant to the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, as amended.

The **Ontonagon County Treasurer is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit** in proceedings to **foreclose** on this property for **unpaid property taxes**.

There are **two hearings** scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings.

A **Show Cause Hearing** is scheduled for 10:00am-3:00pm, January 20, 2010 at Treasurer's Office, 725 Greenland Rd, Ontonagon MI.  
Any person with an interest in the property forfeited to the County Treasurer may appear at the show cause hearing and redeem that property or show cause why absolute title to that property should not vest in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

A **Judicial Foreclosure Hearing** is scheduled for 10:00am, February 1, 2010 at the Ontonagon Courthouse, Circuit Courtroom, 725 Greenland Road, Ontonagon, MI 49953.  
At this hearing the Foreclosing Governmental Unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing the property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, must file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on the Ontonagon County Treasurer, the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The docket number of the petition is 2009-00037-CZ.

If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:

- \* You have the **right to redeem** this parcel from the foreclosure process by **payment** of all forfeited unpaid taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period. **You should contact the Ontonagon County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.**
- \* You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.
- \* The title to the property shall vest absolutely in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit unless all forfeited unpaid delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and fees are paid by March 31, 2010
- \* All existing interests in oil or gas in this property shall be extinguished except the following:
  - i. The interests of a lessee or an assignee of an interest of a lessee under an oil or gas lease in effect as to that property or any part of that property if the lease was recorded in the office of the register of deeds in the county in which the property is located before the date of filing the petition for judicial foreclosure.
  - ii. Interests preserved as provided in section 1(3) of 1963 PA 42, MCL 554.291.

**PLEASE NOTE :**

The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

**This notice is required to be given by law,** even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any **undischarged, apparent, or potential** title or lien right to the property.

**Listing of a party does NOT necessarily indicate that they are the owner** of a parcel, or that they are liable for the property taxes.

**This list is NOT an offering of property for sale.** These parcels are **NOT** being sold, auctioned, or otherwise made available by virtue of this notice.

There is **no procedure** for purchasing these parcels from the Foreclosing Governmental Unit at this point in the foreclosure proceedings. Those parcels that are foreclosed and not redeemed **may** become available at **public auction** in or after July of 2010. **These parcels remain the property of their current owner** until redemption rights have expired. **No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels** assuming them to be for sale until the final list of foreclosed parcels is determined and offered at auction in summer, 2010. **Most of these parcels will be redeemed from foreclosure. Entering upon them or contacting current property owners may constitute trespassing or undesired solicitation and may subject the offender to criminal prosecution.** The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

The **amount due** listed indicates the balance which was due **as of forfeiture on March 1, 2009**. The **current amount** required to redeem **must be obtained from the Ontonagon County Treasurer**, as additional penalties, fees, and interest have accrued since forfeiture.

| Name                              | Parcel #   | Amount    | Name                                     | Parcel #   | Amount    | Name                               | Parcel #   | Amount    |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS INC       | 0352025200 | \$973.39  | HUHTA, JOHN R                            | 1001600300 | \$613.93  | PERTTU, JAMES                      | 1120901000 | \$510.15  |
| AGRIBANK FCB                      | 1120300600 | \$557.06  | HUHTA, JOHN R                            | 1076600400 | \$737.07  | PERTTU, JAMES                      | 1121000500 | \$460.39  |
| APPLEKAMP, KEITH                  | 0810300110 | \$448.97  | HUNGRY HORSE INC                         | 4141300300 | \$731.92  | PERTTU, JAMES                      | 1121001000 | \$514.91  |
| APPLEKAMP, MRS KEITH              | 0810300110 | \$448.97  | HUNTINGTON, PETER JR                     | 0611402920 | \$346.46  | PERTTU, JAMES J                    | 1120300700 | \$762.22  |
| BAILEY, SHAWN M                   | 0860400150 | \$1293.56 | INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE                 | 0500900700 | \$803.18  | PERTTU, MILDRED                    | 1120300600 | \$557.06  |
| BAILEY, SUMMER L                  | 0860400150 | \$1293.56 | INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE                 | 0650300600 | \$4846.13 | PERTTU, MILDRED                    | 1120300700 | \$762.22  |
| BATESVILLE CASKET CO              | 1122701210 | \$8677.94 | INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE                 | 1122701210 | \$8677.94 | PERTTU, MILDRED                    | 1120301000 | \$2791.72 |
| BOTKINS, DWAIN LARRY              | 0113201300 | \$813.58  | JOHNSON, ERIK                            | 1121301401 | \$2148.29 | PERTTU, MILDRED                    | 1120400300 | \$598.58  |
| BRAMBLEBERRY INC                  | 0860103500 | \$2887.96 | KEMP, SARAH E                            | 0420501900 | \$1923.86 | PERTTU, MILDRED                    | 1120901000 | \$510.15  |
| BROWN, GARY E                     | 0475601500 | \$216.34  | KEMP, THOMAS                             | 0420501900 | \$1923.86 | PERTTU, MILDRED                    | 1121000500 | \$460.39  |
| BURGESS, PATRICIA LOUISE          | 4116600800 | \$970.84  | KENDALL, VIOLET                          | 4143400100 | \$920.12  | PERTTU, WILLIAM                    | 1120300600 | \$557.06  |
| BURGESS, PATRICIA LOUISE          | 4116700300 | \$224.58  | KINDRED, CHRIS A                         | 0421800500 | \$2115.14 | PERTTU, WILLIAM                    | 1120301000 | \$2791.72 |
| BURGESS, PATRICIA LOUISE          | 4116700500 | \$581.30  | KINDRED, CHRIS A                         | 0421800510 | \$829.88  | PERTTU, WILLIAM                    | 1120400300 | \$598.58  |
| BUSCH, DIETMAR                    | 0920201840 | \$300.48  | KINDRED, CHRIS A                         | 0421800800 | \$600.16  | PERTTU, WILLIAM                    | 1120901000 | \$510.15  |
| BUSCH, MRS DIETMAR                | 0920201840 | \$300.48  | KINDRED, MRS CHRIS                       | 0421800500 | \$2115.14 | PERTTU, WILLIAM                    | 1121000500 | \$460.39  |
| CITIFINANCIAL                     | 0420200900 | \$492.14  | KINDRED, MRS CHRIS                       | 0421800510 | \$829.88  | PERTTU, WILLIAM E                  | 1120300700 | \$762.22  |
| CITIFINANCIAL                     | 0420200910 | \$805.69  | KINDRED, MRS CHRIS                       | 0421800800 | \$600.16  | PERTTU, WILLIAM E                  | 1120301010 | \$1738.62 |
| CITIZENS STATE BANK OF ONTONAGON  |            |           | KOSKI, JOHN D                            | 0701500310 | \$370.97  | PERTTU, WILLIAM E                  | 1121001000 | \$514.91  |
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|                                   | 4141800900 | \$359.37  | KOSKI, PATRICIA                          | 0701500600 | \$254.21  | RUGE, LINDSEY E                    | 0352007300 | \$985.13  |
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| FIRST NATIONAL BANK               | 1041600700 | \$1269.25 | MARQUETTE GENERAL HOSPITAL               | 1122105200 | \$917.74  | STATE BANK OF EWEN                 | 1121001000 | \$514.91  |
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| GUY, BEATRICE ELAINE              | 0471601700 | \$2006.05 | MUNOZ, CATHY                             | 0812600200 | \$1860.18 | TUCKER, KAY M                      | 4141300950 | \$229.00  |
| GUY, JAMES EDWARD II              | 0471601700 | \$2006.05 | MUNOZ, ROBERT MICHAEL                    | 0812600200 | \$1860.18 | TUCKER, PATRICK                    | 4141300250 | \$635.75  |
| HAAG, KENNETH                     | 0100602100 | \$264.86  | NAGEL LUMBER COMPANY INC                 | 0611400100 | \$361.21  | TUCKER, PATRICK M                  | 4141300950 | \$229.00  |
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| HARTER, THOMAS C                  | 0300700100 | \$1712.96 | NEUMAN, ARTHUR M                         | 0501001110 | \$1469.24 | TUCKER, PATRICK M                  | 4141800900 | \$359.37  |
| HEADWATERS STATE BANK             | 0500900700 | \$803.18  | NEUMAN, DARYL G                          | 0501001110 | \$1469.24 | TULPPO INC                         | 1122701400 | \$9563.41 |
| HEIKKINEN, THERESA D              | 0835400900 | \$1825.37 | NEUMAN, JUNE E                           | 0501001110 | \$1469.24 | VANDERWAL, DANIEL L                | 0301300600 | \$667.32  |
| HEMMING, DALE ROBERT              | 0611401000 | \$1061.32 | NORDANG, WILLIAM C                       | 4110100800 | \$1120.67 | VANDERWAL, LORI J                  | 0301300600 | \$667.32  |
| HEMMING, LILA M                   | 0611401000 | \$1061.32 | NORTH COUNTRY BANK                       | 0471601400 | \$1628.62 | VELOCITY INVESTMENTS LLC           | 0611402920 | \$346.46  |
| HINDS, JERRY M                    | 0835301000 | \$1826.30 | NORTH COUNTRY BANK                       | 4116100100 | \$2186.37 | WALTERS, PATRICIA A                | 4116100100 | \$2186.37 |
| HINDS, KERILYN R                  | 0835301000 | \$1826.30 | OWEN, HAROLD H                           | 0611201200 | \$290.66  | WANDERSEE INC                      | 1122701210 | \$8677.94 |
| HOFFENBERG, ALFRED                | 0611401500 | \$931.21  | OWNER UNKNOWN                            | 0640302700 | \$214.95  | WELLS FARGO BANK NA                | 1121301401 | \$2148.29 |
| HOFFENBERG, HALLY SUE             | 0611401500 | \$931.21  | PELTOLA, RHONDA KATHLEEN                 | 0611102800 | \$2055.68 | YLITALO, MARTIN                    | 0915501600 | \$249.04  |
| HOFFENBERG, MARJORIE              | 0611401500 | \$931.21  | PERTTU, JAMES                            | 1120300600 | \$557.06  | YLITALO, MICHAEL W                 | 0915501600 | \$249.04  |
| HOKKANEN, TARA D                  | 1121301401 | \$2148.29 | PERTTU, JAMES                            | 1120301000 | \$2791.72 |                                    |            |           |
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## LEGAL

**December 30, 2009 January 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2010 NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE**

Default having been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Harold E. Ray, Jr. to Citizens State Bank of Ontonagon, dated March 20, 2007, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Ontonagon and State of Michigan, on March 21, 2007, in Liber 157 of Mortgages, on page 835 on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Eight Thousand Seventy and 38/100 Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage; whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Notice is Given that the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Main Entrance, Ontonagon County Courthouse, 725 Greenland Rd, Ontonagon, Michigan, on February 4, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. The premises will be sold to pay the amount then due on said Mortgage together with 8.25 per cent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and any taxes and insurance that the Mortgagee pays on or prior to the date of said sale. The premises are described as follows:

Lot 228 of the Plat of White Pine, Carp Lake Township, Ontonagon County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof; together with all tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances now or hereafter thereunto belonging. The period of redemption will be six (6) months from date of sale unless the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241 etseq. in which event the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale or until the time to provide the notice required by MCL 600.3241a expires, whichever is later. Dated: December 30, 2009 Citizens State Bank of Ontonagon 501 River Street

PO Box 187  
Ontonagon, MI 49953  
Mortgagee  
Paul J. Tomasi  
VAIRO, MECHLIN &  
TOMASI, PLLC  
Attorney(s) for Mortgagee  
Business Address:  
400 E. Houghton Avenue  
Houghton, MI 49931  
(906) 482-0770

## LEGAL

**December 30, 2009 STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF ONTONAGON NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**Decedent's Estate**  
FILE NO: 09-9870-DE  
Estate of William Michael Vlasak a/k/a William M. Vlasak a/k/a William Vlasak, deceased.  
Date of birth: March 24, 1931.

**TO ALL CREDITORS; NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**

The decedent, William Michael Vlasak a/k/a William M. Vlasak a/k/a William Vlasak, deceased, who lived at 306 Walnut Street, Village of Ontonagon, Michigan, died November 16, 2009.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Diane Lee Slachta, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 725 Greenland Rd., Ontonagon, MI 49953 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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7113 Queen Palm Circle  
Sarasota, FL 34243  
(941) 780-3852

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AA MEETINGS**

SUN. Bruce Crossing Fire Hall, 3 p.m., open, no smoking. OMH Cafeteria, 7:30 pm, closed, no smoking.

MON. Ontonagon, Cane Court, 7:30 pm, closed, no smoking.

TUES. Alternative School/ Greenland Township Community Center, 1502 Mass Ave., Mass City, MI 7:30 pm, closed, no smoking.

WED. Ont. Cane Court, 7:30 pm, closed, no smoking. Bruce Crossing Fire Hall, 7:30 pm, closed, no smoking.

THURS. White Pine Community Center 7:30 pm, closed, no smoking. FRI. Cane Court, 7:30 pm, closed, no smoking.

**SSA REPRESENTATIVE**

Area visits have been postponed indefinitely due to staffing constraints. For Social Security issues call 1-800 772-1213 or 932-1321.

**OCAP MEETING**

Ontonagon County Animal Protection meets the third Monday of each month, at 6 pm at the new shelter site, on M38, Ontonagon. All are welcome.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held every Thursday at 7:27 p.m. at the Assembly of God Church, 104 N. Steel Street, Ontonagon.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Habitat for Humanity is currently seeking motivated

individuals to help raise money. Contact Rosa Hill (906) 231-7168 or if interested in being a part of a committee contact Violet Kendall (906) 884-2404.

**PEOPLE FOR PEACE**

People for Peace meetings are held the first Wed. of the month at 7 p.m. at various homes. For more information call Bruce Ruutilla at (906) 884-4340. The group's purpose is to promote peace and justice, to exist as a voice and an instrument to define peace as a non-violent resolution of conflict at personal, community, national and global levels and it intends that all actions be positive. All are welcome to attend.

**RE AMBULANCE N. ONTONAGON CO.**

A group is working with SONCO to extend services, to North Ontonagon County and they are asking for the public's assistance. Please make a donation to help get this coverage in the North End. Send donations to Sonco, c/o Arlene Vlahos, PO Box 191, Bruce Crossing, MI 49912.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO VISIT ASPIRUS**

**LCTU**

Aspirus Ontonagon Hospital Long Term Care is looking for people to visit and share their talents. Call Activities Dept. at Aspirus LTCU at 884-8357.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER**

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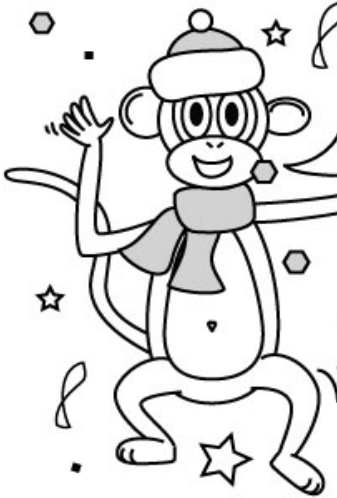
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## ★ Ringing In the New Year Around the World ★



I'm going to stay awake until midnight on New Year's Eve! It will be hard to keep my eyes open that late, but I want to see the new year come in.

Have you made your New Year's Resolutions yet? I have promised myself to write more stories in the new year. I want to read more books than I did last year. I'm going to ice skate, bike and hike more in the new year too! Hmm... maybe I'll keep my bedroom a little neater too. A happy, healthy New Year to you and your family!

New Year's Day is celebrated everywhere in the world, but not always on the first day of January and not in the same way! **Where would you be celebrating New Year's Day if:**

1. it is in the fall? It is a time to pray, think about the old year, forgive, and attend synagogue services. The period opens with Rosh Hashanah and ends 10 days later with Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year. Although it's a solemn time, families have festive meals together.
2. everyone's birthday is celebrated? There is a very large feast with a red tablecloth and red candles. There may be 12 vegetarian courses - one for each year in the Zodiac. Little presents of money are given to the children.

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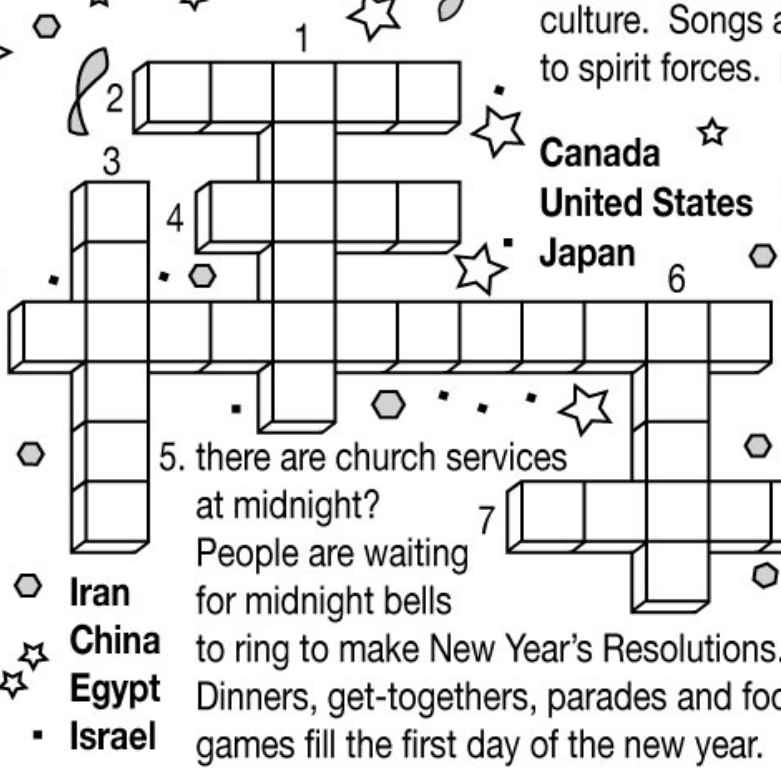
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Canada

United States

Japan

Iran

China

Egypt

Israel

3. the Iroquois of this country are gathering for their Midwinter Festival? It starts five nights after the new moon in January. They follow rituals for renewal of life and culture. Songs and dances are devoted to spirit forces. Feasts are shared.
6. the New Year is celebrated in the summer? In ancient times in this country people waited until heavy rains flooded the Nile River and valley. When the water retreated, it would fill man-made canals in the fields so they would be ready to grow grain again. Until then, people celebrated.
7. the Emperor prays for the country? Houses are cleaned. Rice cakes are ready. Ropes of twisted rice straw show strong ties. Businesses and shops are closed. Children play and fly new kites.




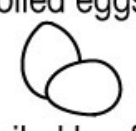


4. the first day of spring, March 21, is the first day of the new year? This is a joyful time, lasting about 12 days. There is a reading of the Koran at home. There are lighted candles and a green leaf for each member of family - to show life and growth.



If I plan my trip right, I might be able to celebrate the New Year in many countries and try many foods!

### Where in the World?

Fill in the name of the country where some New Year foods are:

1. fresh apples dipped in honey, challah bread, chicken soup  
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2. fish (to increase riches), white cabbage (silver money), carrots (gold)  
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3. boiled eggs, caviar, smoked meats, soup, tea  
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4. boiled beef, venison, corn soup, doughnuts, cookies, breads  
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5. wheat noodles, thick vegetable soup, fish, white rice with red beans  
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### Midnight Sights!

Fit the words into the poem:

When clocks strike midnight  
oh, what a \_\_\_\_\_!  
On New Year's Eve  
Father Time will \_\_\_\_\_,  
People will sing,  
church bells will \_\_\_\_\_,  
The party hosts,  
will all give \_\_\_\_\_,  
We think how fast  
the year has \_\_\_\_\_,  
Time's on the wing,  
watch what the future will \_\_\_\_\_,  
We give a cheer,  
in comes Baby New \_\_\_\_\_!

My New Year's resolution is to sign up for the reading club.

Don't wait... sign up for this great club today!

It's free!



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### The Magic Hour



It is the magic hour of midnight! Baby New Year is excited, full of energy and ready to start the new year of 2010.

**Who is weary and leaving to rest?**

R = Red Y = Yellow

