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Football, volleyball and seniors



Parade for residents

Awaiting arrival of family, friends and community members, L'Anse Bayside Village residents and employees lined up outside on Thursday, April 30, 2020. The weather cooperated for the parade and the

residents enjoyed the sunshine while waiting for the parade to pass by. Below, Fire Chief Mike Bianco led the procession to Bayside Village. The parade spread cheer and smiles for residents and employees.



EPA grants KBIC water application

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) announced that on April 21, 2020, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed KBIC's approved application for Treatment as a State (TAS) status for Water Quality under §518(e) of the Clean Water Act (CWA).

KBIC is the first tribe in Michigan to achieve TAS regulatory authority for water quality. TAS permits KBIC to administer a water quality standards (WQS) program for KBIC's L'Anse Indian Reservation under CWA §303 and the certification program under CWA §401.

Now that the TAS application has been approved, the KBIC will proceed with the next steps towards administering its WQS program.

First, KBIC continues its development of water quality standards while working closely with the EPA and the State of Michigan.

Once KBIC and EPA have determined standards that can be reasonably

attained, a public hearing will take place, at which time, the public will have the opportunity to provide comments. The EPA will then have 60-days to approve, or 90-days to disapprove, of KBIC's Water Quality Standards program.

The EPA has long encouraged and assisted American Indian tribes to create and administer locally-relevant environmental programs.

Kurt Thiede, EPA Region 5 Regional Administrator, provided the following in response to the KBIC TAS approval.

"I am pleased to recognize the Tribe's authority to protect rivers and streams on the L'Anse reservation and to safeguard the health and heritage of its community and natural resources," Thiede said.

Following TAS approval, KBIC President Warren "Chris" Swartz stated, "With honoring our first treaty with all orders of creation which include our obligations and connections to the natural environment, it is imperative that we take the next steps in exercising our sover-

eignty.

"The KBIC is excited to begin working on the development of water quality standards that will take into account the well-being of our local community," Swartz said.

"By obtaining Treatment as a Sovereign, we will continue building relationships with our local, state and federal partners in protecting our water resources here on the KBIC L'Anse Reservation," Swartz added.

For more about the KBIC WQS program and its process on achieving KBIC TAS for water, please contact Stephanie Cree at scree@kbic-nsn.gov

Read the EPA statement on KBIC Treatment as a State (TAS) for water, and see related photos on page 3A.

'Positive' turns up in county

The Western Upper Peninsula Health Department (WUPHD) received notification on Thursday, April 30, 2020, of the first COVID-19 positive case in Baraga County. The case is a male with a recent history of travel.

The Health Department continues to investigate to determine if the case is travel related and if additional people have been in close contact with the individual.

"We will be closely monitoring any individuals who may have had direct, personal contact with the identified case, such as household contacts," said Kate Beer, Health Officer at WUPHD.

"Additional information will be provided if our investigation reveals any possible lower-risk community exposures. Please remember this is a time for us to support each other and work together to reduce any possible spread of illness in

COVID-19

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Prison tests begin at Baraga Max

Beginning Monday at the Baraga Correctional Facility, medical specialists from the Michigan National Guard will assist Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) staff in testing every prisoner at the facility. The guard members will then move east across the U.P. with the goal of testing one facility each day.

"The medical professionals of the Michigan National Guard are proud to assist with COVID-19 testing in the Upper Peninsula," said Maj. Gen. Paul Rogers, adjutant general and director of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. "We are community members and neighbors, and we always ready to assist in the fight against COVID-19."

After Baraga, the facilities being tested include Alger Correctional Facility, Marquette Branch Prison, Newberry Correctional Facility, Chippewa Correctional Facility and Kinross Correctional Facility.

All prisoners will be tested, totaling about 7,500 prisoners.

Prisoners

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Assistance, info available to local businesses

by Barry Drue

As business owners and employees navigate through unprecedented situations relating to the Coronavirus shutdown, employee/customer safety, and thoughts of re-starting and re-opening, there are a wealth of information and resources available.

Baraga County's Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was reactivated in 2016 after being dormant for a number of years. The local EDC was originally founded in 1983. The group now has a contract with the business development group, Lake Superior Community Partnership (LSCP). In normal times, and now, there are resources available to business ranging from pathways to financial assistance, marketing correctly, business expansion, COVID-19 safety and precautions, etc.

The Baraga County Chamber of Commerce has also been a very helpful partner in steering information to businesses, and steering businesses to resources.

Baraga County EDC's 1983 mission was to "promote economic prosperity". The creation of the first L'Anse industrial park on Dynamite Hill Road was an early success. In 2016 the EDC was appointed by the county board. Community leaders were charged with the mission of retaining the area's youth, supporting existing

businesses and creating opportunities for new business.

Mary Myers is LSCP's Director of Business Development based in Marquette. She explained that the county EDC was restarted in 2016 through a grant from the Michigan EDC. Interest was high for information and business development leadership and the relation-

ship with the Lake Superior Community Partnership was formed.

The board of directors for Baraga County's EDC includes Chair Mark Massicotte, Secretary Koray Inal, Treasurer Ethan Johnson, and Directors Bill Menge, Bob LaFave, Roy Kempainen, Steve Koski and Margie Hale.

Myers emphasized that local businesses can benefit from the wealth of help that is available covering many areas.

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Local business folks have a history of working on job retention and expansion.

Businesses: 'We're all in this together'

Business

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"Businesses can use our expertise in retention and expansion. We have a staff of eight right now, usually nine, and I've been coming to Baraga County one day a week for four years meeting with businesses," Myers said. "Now (with the shut-down) we are doing it by phone and email."

"We have helped hundreds of businesses apply (for the current Payroll Protection Program and the Small Business Administration's disaster loans) in Baraga, Marquette and Dickinson counties," Myers said. "We can help with everything from business start-ups to succession planning."

The COVID era

Negotiating the unique challenges during the Coronavirus pandemic is certainly a daunting management task for many businesses. Re-starting is on the horizon for closed businesses and the local EDC and Partnership are there to help.

A "COVID-19 Business Restart Toolkit" was posted last week to guide businesses through the myriad details of restarting after

the shutdown. Go to baragacounty.org/edc to access the six-page toolkit.

The overview states, "As governors begin to ease restrictions on the economy, businesses are going to have to decide when and how they are going to re-open. Most health experts agree COVID-19 is unlikely to be a short-term problem, and as there is no vaccine, the signal to re-open may be unclear. Businesses will have to deal with this uncertainty by managing what will most likely be new regulations, ongoing management and phased stages of opening."

"It is important that businesses not only understand the current regula-

tions from local and state agencies, but, more importantly, understand their company, their employees, and their customers. Businesses will need to think strategically about how to re-open, as opposed to just opening their doors and resuming regular business."

The toolkit includes detailed guidelines in the areas of Regulatory; Safety and Confidence in the Workplace, Cleaning, Hygiene and Signage; Cashless Transactions; Marketing and Promotion; Human Resources; and Financial and Reporting. Links to additional information and resources are included.

LSCP sponsored its

second COVID-related webinar on Friday, May 1, 2020. Business people could send in questions that were addressed by a panel. The panelists included specialists in the re-start toolkit, health and safety, employment law, human resources and marketing and promotion.

"We want to help businesses have a guide to re-start and re-open when this is over," Myers said. "We can help them keep their employees and customers safe, help with marketing correctly. We want to make sure businesses know they are not in this alone."

The recorded webinar will be posted on the baragacounty.org/edc site.



GUIDANCE--is available to local business, as well as financial resources. The county EDC works with the Lake Superior Community Partnership to assist businesses, particularly in this time of crisis, and on a regular basis.

More business resources

Invest UP has developed a network of Upper Peninsula business support. Online at update906.com the organization has a listing of state and federal programs to assist small business. Information is included for the Michigan Strategic Fund Awardee Relief Program, PPE suppliers, start-up funding, a Business Accelerator Fund and Michigan Council for the Arts emergency grants from state sources.

Federal programs listed include the Paycheck Protection Program, SBA Express Bridge Loans, IRS Employee Retention Tax Credits, small business

COVID-19 support, and grants for advertising.

Disaster Loan status

Deb Stouffer of the Baraga County Chamber of Commerce has informed members and the business community how to check the status of Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) applications.

"Call 1-800-659-2955 and ask to speak to a 'Tier 2 Specialist'. The specialist will have read-only access to the file but can confirm the status of the application," Stouffer explained.

Wear a mask when in public

COVID-19

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our community."

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

Prevention steps include:

- Clean your hands often. Scrub with soap for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer if you cannot wash.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

- Stay home when you are sick. Call ahead before going to your healthcare provider. Learn what to do if you are sick.

- Clean and disinfect

frequently touched surfaces.

- Wear a mask while in spaces occupied by the public.

WUPHD is working to coordinate their response with community partners. A local COVID-19 informational call line is available Monday through Friday, from 8 AM EST to 4 PM EST at (906) 487- 5545. Updates are also available at www.wuphd.org.

There is a State informational hotline available from 8 AM EST to 5 PM EST seven days per week. That number is 1-888-535-6136. Additional information on COVID-19 can be found at the MDHHS (www.michigan.gov/coronavirus), or at the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>).



Western Upper Peninsula Health Department

COVID-19 testing numbers for the five-county jurisdiction, as of April 30, 2020:

WUPHD 04/30/2020	Baraga	Gogebic	Houghton	Keweenaw	Ontonagon	Total
Referred for Testing	56	124	322	28	33	563
Tests Canceled*	4	4	15	3	2	28
Positives	1	4	2	0	0	7
Negatives	47	106	279	23	25	480
Tests Pending	4	10	26	2	6	48
Deaths**	0	1	0	0	0	1

*Canceled tests are those tests that a healthcare provider decided not to submit after other diagnostic procedures confirmed a different illness, a clinical decision was made not to test after a referral was already assigned, or a patient declined testing after a referral had been assigned. Most canceled tests were done early on in the process but may continue as guidance and processes change.

**Deaths are also included in the number of positive tests (they are not additional positives).

Prisoners

"We are very grateful for the support from the National Guard in this effort to continue our testing of prisoners across the state," said MDOC Director Heidi Washington.

"Their assistance will allow us to accelerate our plans for testing our population, which will help us keep our staff, prisoners and the public safe," Washington said.

The majority of the soldiers working on this project are residents of the U.P. MDOC employees who are active members of the Guard at these facili-

ties will also assist in the process.

There will be 15, three-person teams of Michigan National Guard members working with MDOC custody and non-custody staff to complete the testing.

Medical specialists from the Michigan National Guard will be in each team and will handle sample collections from the prisoners.

Once samples are collected from each facility, the MDOC will transport them to a lab for testing. Results should be known in about 48 hours.

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"The clinicians, staff and patients of War Memorial Hospital appreciate the effort to fully test and identify the prevalence of the COVID-19 virus at Kinross Correctional Facility and other prisons in the UP," said David Jahn, president and CEO, War Memorial Hospital, Sault Ste Marie.

"As a CEO who could be calling upon my staff to care for very sick infectious disease patients, I need to have as much information as possible to be prepared for a surge," Jahn said.

Death Notices

Roger F. Griffin, of L'Anse died at his home on Wednesday, April 29, 2020. Interment will take place on Friday, May 22, 2020, in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi, MI. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel has been entrusted with the funeral arrange-

ments. **Arthur J. Hill**, a resident of Mohawk, died Saturday, April 11, 2020, at UP Health System-Marquette. Per Art's wishes, cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. The Erickson

Crowley Peterson Funeral Home in Calumet is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Roger Jack Harju, a resident of Commerce, MI, died April 29, 2020. A Memorial Service will be held in the future.

Support residents, staff

by Melissa Newland

Due to Covid-19 and the inability of Bayside resi-

dents to be able to visit with their families, Bayside Village invited family, friends and members of the community to participate in a drive-by parade for residents.

The parade was held Thursday, April 30 at 2 p.m. with approximately 50 vehicles, including the L'Anse Fire Department trucks and some individuals walking and holding up signs for their loved ones.

The parade route started at the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College (KBOCC) parking lot, went by Bayside Village and circled around the cul-de-sac and back out.

The nice weather permitted residents to be outside in the parking lot at Bayside to watch as parade members honked and waved at residents.

Bayside Activities

Director Deb Merrill noted the residents all had smiles and enjoyed the parade immensely.

She noted some of the residents made signs to hold up for loved ones, which was another highlight of the day.

"They (the residents) loved making the signs and using their own ideas," said Merrill. "A lot of them had family members in the parade and enjoyed being able to see them."

Merrill stated the parade was a great way for the residents to connect with family and friends while maintaining social distancing.

"We would like to thank all who helped make our parade for the residents and families such a huge success. Our community rocks. God Bless you all," noted Merrill.



Show of support

Friends and family were on hand to let Bayside Village residents know how much they have been missed since visitors have been restricted

at Bayside Village due to COVID-19. Many participated in a parade last Thursday and residents and employees gathered outside.



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KBIC WATER DAY--Women from KBNRD at the tribe's Water Day last March, celebrating the sacredness of pure water. L-r, Alyssa Norback, Dione Price, Shannon DesRochers, Evelyn Ravindran, Stephanie Cree, Serene Gauthier, Erin Johnston, Karena Schmidt and Kathleen Smith. Water Day, 2020, has been postponed due to Coronavirus, but the speakers want to attend and it will be rescheduled when it is safe to do so.

EPA on KBIC approval

The following is the EPA statement regarding approval of KBIC's TAS for water quality:

On April 28, 2020, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 announced the approval of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's (KBIC's) application for "treatment in a similar manner as a state" under the federal Clean Water Act for the L'Anse Reservation in Michigan.

The tribe is now authorized to set water quality standards for its reservation.

"I am pleased to recognize the tribe's authority to

protect rivers and streams on the L'Anse reservation and to safeguard the health and heritage of its community and natural resources," said EPA Region 5 Administrator Kurt Thiede.

"With honoring our first treaty with all orders of creation which include our obligations and connections to the natural environment, it is imperative that we take the next steps in exercising our sovereignty," said Warren C. Swartz Jr, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community tribal president.

"The KBIC is excited to begin working on the development of water

quality standards that will take into account the well-being of our local community. By obtaining Treatment as a Sovereign, we will continue building relationships with our local, state and federal partners in protecting our water resources here on the KBIC L'Anse Reservation."

"EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to fulfill our shared goals of preserving and protecting our natural resources and public health," said Teresa Seidel, Water Resources Division director at the Michigan Department of EGLE. "We are pleased KBIC has received this designation, and with their demonstrated commitment to improving water quality and quality of life on the L'Anse Reservation."

EPA's decision promotes tribal self-government and empowers the tribe to develop water quality standards and to issue water quality certifications for actions requiring federal permits on its lands to protect tribal waters.

With this authority, the KBIC can develop water quality standards as states can do under Sections 303 and 401 of the Clean Water Act. Once EPA has reviewed and approved the standards, the Tribe will administer its surface water quality program, building upon its existing successful environmental programs.

A copy of the KBIC Application and Response to Comments will be posted on EPA's website: <https://www.epa.gov/mi/keweenaw-bay-indian-community-application-treatment-state-water-quality-standards>

For more information on Treatment as a State, and for a list of tribes with the same designation, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/wqstech/epa-actions-tribal-water-quality-standards-and-contacts>



SAMPLING WATER--KBIC Water Resources Technician Jaren Forcia takes a sample. Reservation water resources are monitored year-round as data is gathered.

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Candidates filed to appear on the August primary ballot

The deadline has passed to file as a partisan candidate for August. Individuals who wish to file for Precinct Delegate may do so until May 5, 2020 at 4 p.m. Proposals can be submitted to be placed on the ballot until May 12, 2020.

Position	Name on Ballot	Party
County		
County Commissioner, #1	Gale W. Eilola Liz Hakola	Republican Democratic
County Commissioner, #2	Will Wiggins Michael R. Koskinen	Republican Democratic
County Commissioner, #3	Dan Robillard	Republican
County Commissioner, #4	Burt Mason Lyle Olsen Cindy Larson Fran Whitman	Republican Republican Republican Democratic
County Commissioner, #5	William Rolof	Democratic
Prosecuting Attorney	Joseph P. O'Leary	Republican
Sheriff	Joe Brogan Jim Gabe	Republican Republican
County Clerk/Register of Deeds	Wendy J. Goodreau Tammy J. Magaraggia	Republican Democratic
Treasurer	Jill C. Tollefson	Republican
Mine Inspector	Michael C. Legacy	Republican
Township		
Arvon Township		
Supervisor		
Clerk	Lisa M. Marinich	Republican
Treasurer	Krystal Larson	Republican
Trustee (2)	Chris R. Wahmhoff	Republican
Baraga Township		
Supervisor	Amy Isaacson	Democratic
Clerk	Michelle Fish	Democratic
Treasurer	Catherine F. Wadaga	Democratic
Trustee (2)	Jerry M. Dompier Glenn Juntunen	Republican Republican
Covington Township		
Supervisor	Amber M. Franti	Republican
Supervisor	Lowella Eskel	Democratic
Clerk	Amy J. Leaf	Republican
Treasurer	Lisa M. Karcher	Democratic
Trustee (2)	Tristan Leaf Laurie L. Ahola	Republican Republican
L'Anse Township		
Supervisor	Peter Magaraggia	Republican
Clerk		
Treasurer	Kristine Rice	Democratic
Trustee (2)	Shelley Lloyd	Republican
Constable (2)	John P. Robillard Jennie E. Nordstrom	Democratic Republican
Spurr Township		
Supervisor	Jack Wells	Democratic
Clerk	Danielle Mattson	Republican
Treasurer	Lori Carlson	Democratic
Trustee (2)	Rose Ekdahl Vickie Voegtline Richard P. Taylor	Democratic Democratic Republican
Two precinct delegates have filed:		
Baraga Township Precinct 1 ---- Karen Ross DeKleyn, Democrat		
L'Anse Township ---- Fran Whitman, Democrat		

To All Our Neighbors in Baraga County:

We would like to say we are thinking about you and praying for you during this time of crisis and uncertainty. We would also like to let you know that we have benevolence funds available to assist individuals and families in need during this time. Please contact Pastor Rich Little at 906-395-0886 for more information or to apply for assistance.

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 8:38-39

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Thank You!

Bayside Village residents along with our staff would like to thank our community for all of their support, patience and understanding during this challenging time. Our goal continues to provide a safe, caring and compassionate environment for our residents. We are truly blessed to have such caring families, volunteers and community.

For information, please call or stop in.

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Comments

Letters to the Editor

Renewed call for music in school

To the Editor,

In the 1950's, our little town's primary employer was a sawmill owned by Henry Ford. Then, in 1954, we received a punch to our economic solar plexus when the sawmill closed.

So, for over 5 years, until Celotex Corporation opened its new fiber board plant, there was no tax base. Whatsoever. Truly hard times.

Yet the citizens and the school board saw the need to nourish the souls of the young by not only funding their students academically and athletically, but also musically. As a matter of fact, the 1959 LHS yearbook, *The Envoy*, shows photos of the band and chorus where I count 48 band members and 87 in the choir, one of the largest in the UP.

How was it done, you may ask? Well, the vocal program started in the early grades, my 1st grade teacher was the legendary choir leader, Aino Hill, and the instrumental program began about the same time, I have photos of my first day in school, proudly showing off my ocarina.

Today, Ms. Poniatowski is doing a wonderful job building the numbers in the band program, but there is no vocal music program to speak of. As a result, if you're a church goer, take a look at the

choir in your church, all gray and white hair.

I predict that within 10 years, we'll have no church choirs left. As a matter of fact, two of our area churches have given up their choirs because there are no young singers to replace those who are no longer able to sing. The Bay Area Chorus also faces the same issue, with one or two exceptions, we're all gray hairs.

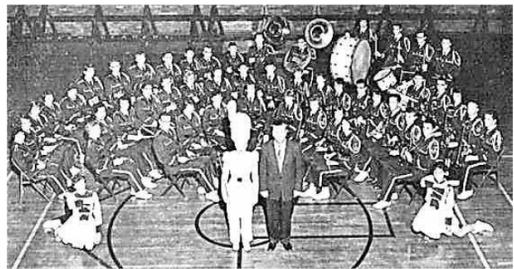
We're all born with voices, waiting to be stimulated and trained, and we don't have to plead with our parents to spend \$3,000 on a new saxophone to participate.

I realize we're again in "hard times", with state and federal mandates, Michigan Tax Tribunal rulings and other issues affecting school income, but we owe it to ourselves to once again develop programs that not only nourish our children's minds and bodies, we need to nourish their souls.

Perhaps a review of the school's finances and budgets in the late 50's will offer some clues how they were able to accomplish what they managed to do.

This county has always had a strong tradition of vocal music, we need to begin restoring that tradition so we can all sing again.

—Rik Moilanen
L'Anse



GLORY DAYS—L'Anse band, above, and choir, below from the LHS 1959 yearbook, *The Envoy*. Band and vocal music were very popular. Many youth also participated in the Golden Eagles Drum and Bugle Corps that earned statewide honors in the early 1960's.



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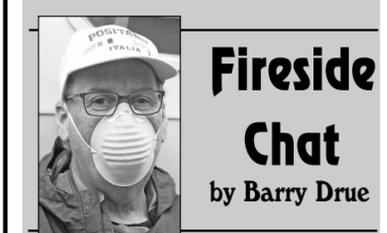


Planet of the Humans

A disturbing documentary

Just mention the name Michael Moore and you've already stirred up half the planet. The controversial filmmaker has topped all previous works (*Bowling for Columbine*, *Fahrenheit 9/11*) with the documentary released for Earth Day, "Planet of the Humans".

To say few are resting easy about this feature-length film is putting it mildly.



Written and directed by Jeff Gibbs, "Planet" shows humanity basically laying waste to the entire Earth, which, arguably has and is happening at frightening speed.

Forests are destroyed, mining is rampant for exotic minerals used in the supposed mission to go "Green". Green itself is a bad word in Planet of the Humans.

Self-described as a "full frontal assault on all our sacred cows," Planet exposes "Big Environment" such as the Sierra Club, Environmental Defense, Nature Conservancy, Natural Resources Defense Council, (and Al Gore) for depending on billionaires and corporate wealth for funding and promoting "green capitalism".

Planet trashes the movement toward electric vehicles, and thoroughly debunks wind and solar as dependent for their technology and construction on dirty fossil fuel. The documentary claims these alternative energy sources are expensive and unreliable, and that they are based on fossil fuel consumption.

Climate experts and scientists are so alarmed they've furiously called for Planet to be taken down. Yet it's free (check YouTube) and in just days it had three million views.

Many from all sides of the political and environmental spectrum claim Planet is laden with misinformation, false claims and twisted truths. It's a dark and disturbing story offering little in the way of hope.

Burning our way out

Where Gibbs and Moore hit the nail on the head was in debunking "biomass" and "biofuels" as the answer to making energy. Neither are "green".

And here's where Planet of the Humans hits home:

Environmental activist Catherine Andrews was filmed four or five years ago on Main Street in L'Anse with the Warden biomass plant looming. She claims the alleged green energy plant is an industrial incinerator and the film shows the mountain of chemically treated railroad ties and chipped tires that are burned every day in downtown L'Anse.



'Planet' targets biomass

"They're really trying to say all this alternative stuff isn't working," Catherine told me. "The only way to make a change is to change our lifestyles. The Coronavirus pandemic proves this out—the earth is cleaner right now (with man's activities curtailed)."

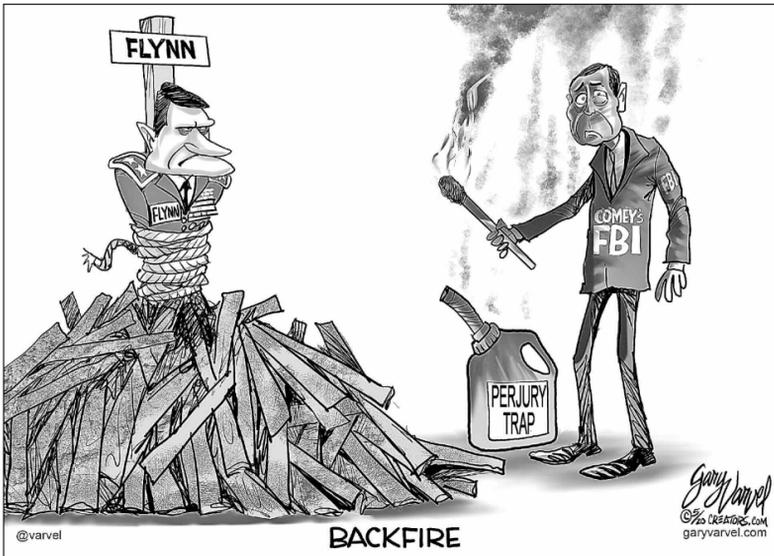
The film takes on industrial wood burning all over the world. Indeed, burning down the forests for energy is about as far from green as it gets.

Some advocates rightfully claim the solar and other alternative tech that is trashed in the film is much more effective and efficient now, as the film took eight years to create.

The left hates that "green" is debunked, the right loves that alternative energy is debunked. . .and on it goes.

The positive message buried in this somber story is that our lifestyles must change. We are not living sustainably; the demands of our increasing global population are not sustainable within the finite limits of the planet.

Since I celebrated the first Earth Day as a school kid in 1970, I've waited for those lifestyle changes to materialize. Instead, we wait to "tech" our way out of this without sacrifice. . .



What neglect means?

As if parents don't have enough to worry about in the midst of a pandemic, I got an upsetting email from a dad who wrote that Child Protective Services had come to investigate him.

Lenore Skenazy

Not because his kids weren't social distancing. Not because of beatings or deliberate exposure to dangerous germs. He was being investigated for allowing his kids, 10 and 4, to play on their front lawn.

Even in the midst of a bio-calamity, it seems the mere sight of kids outside on their own strikes some as irresponsible. A call is made.

Instead of allocating stretched state resources toward families in actual distress due to COVID-19, CPS is still treating children's outdoor play as a crime. How is that making kids safer?

The email came to me from a dad in Texas. He wrote, "While letting my kids play in my front yard, CPS called on me. I wasn't out there with them but I was going out every 5 to 10 minutes and watching through the window between checks."

When the caseworker arrived, his son made popcorn, and the caseworker commented on how self-reliant he was. But the caseworker added, Dad had to be by his kids' side at all times. That is simply not true.

"Misstatements of law like this happen all around the country," says long-time Chicago-based child welfare lawyer Diane Redleaf. "Neglect laws are intended to protect children from serious harm. That's why it is important to get child protection policy right."

The idea that kids can't play on their own lawn, lightly supervised, is nonsensical. When there's a pandemic and kids are cooped up 24/7 for weeks at a time, it is even more important that we all understand: Kids need play time; parents need work time.

And what of the fact we've been told to keep our in-person interactions to a bare minimum? Did the caseworker social distance? The dad told me she had not, and she questioned him for over 40 minutes. So, if his family had the virus and the caseworker caught it, "She would likely get sick and spread it."

In fact, protection during a pandemic means authorities must start recognizing that parents who give their kids a bit of independence, sometimes out of rank necessity, are not being neglectful. They're making the best decision possible.

Think of the single mom who has to run to the supermarket. Should she drag her kids to the store, where they might acquire or spread the virus?

Doesn't it make more sense for her to leave the 10-year-old home with the 4-year-old for a little bit?

Neglect does not mean making a decision you or I might not make. Neglect means making a decision that no decent parent would make.

And then, once the pandemic recedes, let's commit ourselves to allowing those kids and parents to keep enjoying that precious independence.

Lenore Skenazy is president of Let Grow, founder of Free-Range Kids and author of "Has the World Gone Skenazy?"

Comments-continued

Life in America always had risks

The country has survived the COVID-19 shutdowns -- so far. But it won't likely survive another major trauma. There are those who anticipate such a result with relish, as it presents opportunities to remake the nation into something they prefer, politically and economically. They get "cover" from those who call for much longer shutdowns, and warn that life "will never again be the same."



Dr. Laura Hollis

There are people of all persuasions who want to seize power to shape all policy around the avoidance of risk. They may pitch this as "doing what we do as Americans." But that is as un-American notion.

This country was formed by risk: The risks of separating from what was then the most powerful empire on the planet; the risks of instituting a form of government and an economy that depended

upon the virtue, decisions and self-interest of free people; the risks of accepting people who had neither language nor culture nor history in common but who sought the opportunity to fashion their own lives; the risks of new inventions; the risks to explore beyond the planet.

It isn't that our history is one of unvarnished success; many risks we have taken have failed -- most notably our inclinations to meddle in the complicated affairs of other nations. And some of our "successes" have come at great human cost, or with trade-offs we could not have foreseen.

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, however, we've lost sight of the fact life has always entailed risk. The conversations on the need for widespread shutdowns have somehow moved from "until we flatten the curve" to "until we have a vaccine." Those different goals have much different implications.

First, as Sean Trende pointed out in *RealClearPolitics* recently, we have yet to develop a vaccine for any coronavirus. While that doesn't mean we won't this time, our lives cannot come to a standstill while we pursue it.

The biggest risk is gradually capitulating to a small class of people who don't

know how to run a country, but who ask us to trust them to run things until everything is safe again. Which will be never. To be clear, our country runs as well as it does precisely because no one person or handful of people run it. If we lose sight of that fundamental reality, we risk destroying the very things we seek to protect.

Even assuming (and I don't) that all those clamoring for the power to "protect" us have beneficent motives, to retreat to our homes and wait for "smart people" to "fix things" will inevitably result in disaster. Why? Because they're inevitably wrong. Even the kindest and wisest people make mistakes. Look at the infection and death rate models we were given weeks ago. They were devised by the smartest people. And they were wrong.

Being wrong is far less problematic when thousands or millions of people are working at the same time on their own theories and ideas. That's what makes medicine and an economy work. Some ideas will fail. But as a country, we can survive those failures because so many others are taking different approaches -- and succeeding.

It's different when a small group of people has disproportionate power and

control. When they make a mistake -- and they will -- the failure is catastrophic.

Venezuela is a poignant example. Hugo Chavez promised Venezuelans he would right every wrong, that he would meet all their needs. Life would be better -- safer. His political and economic theories were wrong. His errors -- compounded by concentrated power -- destroyed a once-prosperous country. Venezuelans were destitute, hungry and lacking the most basic medical care before COVID-19. Now things are worse.

The impulse to defer to "experts" -- especially in a climate of uncertainty -- is understandable.

But we cannot just crawl into our hobbit holes and hand control of our lives, our businesses, our larger economy or our political systems over to "experts" because they promise to keep us safe. The risks of what people with too much power will destroy with their inevitable errors are far greater than the risks we face by allowing all Americans -- flawed though we are -- to run our own lives.

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Feds cannot bail out the blue states

Battle lines are being drawn between the two parties on the next round of "stimulus". Nancy Pelosi is demanding as much as \$1 trillion more in federal money to bail out state budgets. The blue states of California, Illinois, New Jersey and New York are lining up to be first at the trough. Mitch McConnell has said there should be "no blue state bailout."

The idea of the federal government giving money to states is foolish. It is based on the fiscal illusion that politicians in Washington have a multi-trillion-dollar stash they can pass out to mayors and governors. The federal government doesn't produce anything, which is why it is called "the swamp." Congress and the White House can only "give" money to states by taking it from other states and their people. Any federal money is a redistribution of income from taxpayers in states that are fiscally responsible to states that are not.

So, which states will win, and which will lose? Gee, that is no mystery. We know the states that have been hardest hit are the blue states such as New York, California, Illinois and New Jersey.

Except for Louisiana, the hardest-hit states are all the bluest of blue. We also know the states with the largest unfunded liabilities in their public pension programs are blue states. These states handed out massive pension benefits that, in some cases, pay \$100,000 or more



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per year to former government workers, which generally ranges from 30 to 50 percent -- in some cases 100 percent -- more than private sector workers get.

These blue states made their beds as fiscal conservatives howled in protest for years. Never should the federal government reward bad behavior. It isn't just bloated pensions with which blue states waste tens of billions of dollars. The blue states that want the most money from

Washington already spend and waste by far the most, and they are, for the most part, the richest states. Now they are asking to get subsidized by states that spend the least.

There is zero evidence the states that spend the most have better services. Few states have worse public services than New York. Meanwhile, Tennessee, which has better state and local services than New York, spends one-half as much per person. And it spends one-third as much as California, Illinois and New Jersey. California spends twice as much per mile on road construction than Tennessee. Why?

So, instead of blue states' begging for D.C. money, why don't they ask the folks in Tennessee or Florida, etc. how they can cut their government costs nearly in half? Maybe they could start with pension reform.

Our hearts ache for the residents of New York, Chicago and Boston, who have seen their cities paralyzed by the coronavirus. But those cities, too, spent far more with much less benefits than red-state cities before the virus hit. The resi-

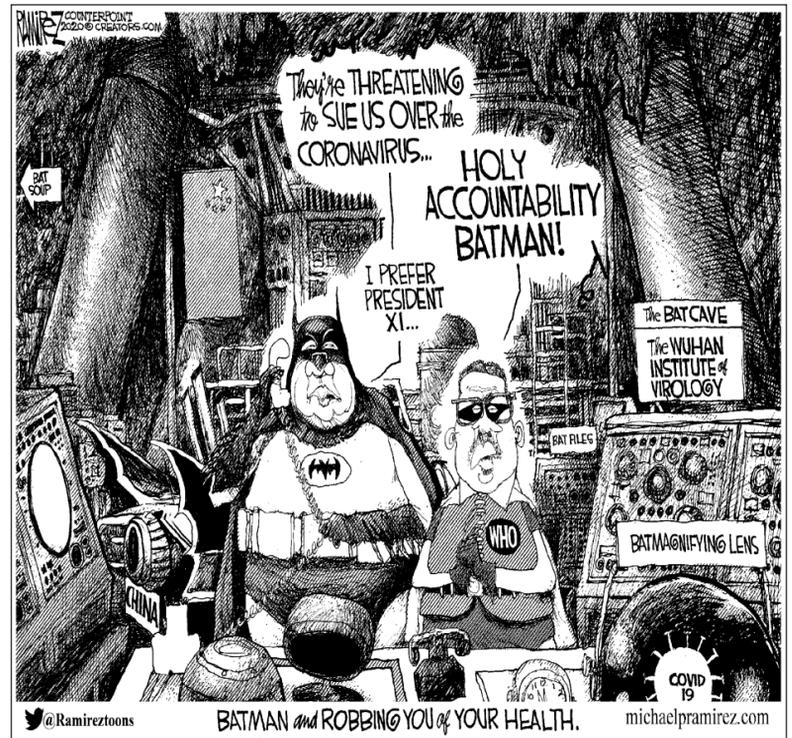
dents of these cities are victims of fiscal incompetence led by mayors such as Bill de Blasio of New York City.

The blue-state bailout is the most regressive idea in modern times because it would tax residents in low-income states to pay for government services in high-income states. How preposterous would it be for the residents of Arkansas or Mississippi to bail out Manhattan or Silicon Valley? Who would have thought Pelosi would be such a fierce advocate for reallocating money from the poor to the rich?

There is a much better way to get money to states. Suspend the payroll tax until the end of the year, and let the 150-million workers in the states and the 30-million employers keep their money to spend and invest in their local communities. Would you rather keep your money yourself or have mayors and governors elsewhere spend it for you?

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Will depression dictate Trump's fate?

As of April 30, the coronavirus pandemic had killed 61,500 Americans in two months and induced the worst economic collapse since the Great Depression.

And if history is our guide, the economic crisis, which has produced 30-million unemployed Americans in six weeks, may prove more enduring, ruinous and



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historic than the still-rising and tragic death toll from COVID-19.

The Spanish flu of 1918-1919, the deadliest pandemic in modern history, infected an estimated 500-million people worldwide, a third of the planet's population, and killed an estimated 20- to 50-million victims, including 675,000 Americans. Adjusting for the size of the American population then and now, that number will be the equivalent to two-million deaths today.

Yet, the Spanish flu did not shut America down. As the flu hit and spread in 1918, the U.S. raised, trained and equipped an army of four-million men, sent two-million soldiers to France, and turned the tide of WWI in favor of the Allies.

By December 1918, Doughboys sailed home from Europe's battlefields on flu-infested transports. As the scourge continued, Woodrow Wilson sailed to Europe, participated for months in the Paris Peace Conference, returned, went on a national tour to sell his Paris treaty and League of Nations -- and suffered a stroke.

The battle between Wilson and the Senate over the treaty he brought home, plus U.S. membership in the League of Nations loomed far larger in the media than the Spanish flu that killed as many U.S. soldiers as the Kaiser's armies.

But the Great Depression, to which our current crash is being compared, did not last for just a year like the Spanish flu. The Depression lasted from October 1929 to the eve of World War II. Economically, it was devastating. Unemployment during the 1930s never fell below 14 percent. In 1937, it was back

up to 17 percent.

At the bottom of the Depression, the stock market had lost 90 percent of its value, and the GDP had fallen 50 percent. Not until the end of 1940, when the U.S. began to gear up for the war, did America begin to pull out of it. From 1930 through 1946, Democrats controlled both houses of the Congress every year and elected FDR four times.

What this suggests is that the economic devastation we have brought upon ourselves to battle the pandemic may prove more lasting and historic in its impact than the terrible losses of human life to COVID-19. And the depression we inflicted on ourselves may kill more people than the virus -- let alone the lives it will damage.

Politically, the Depression worked for the Democrat Party like no other event in history. From 1932 to 1968, the Democrats won the presidency in seven of nine elections. Only Dwight Eisenhower's two terms in the 1950s interrupted a 36-year reign of Democrats in the White House.

Richard Nixon broke Democrat dominance and took back the White House for the Republicans in 1968. But it would

take another dozen years before the GOP won control of either house of Congress.

President Trump predicts a V-shaped recovery with a great boom. But just as the Civil War was the defining event of the 19th century, giving us 13 Republican presidents from Lincoln to Hoover and only two Democrats -- Grover Cleveland and Wilson -- how and when we emerge from this new Depression may tell us which party not only wins 2020 but also dominates the new era.

And as one sees the growing divisions along political lines, with conservatives and populists calling for the country to be opened up, and liberals and Democrats calling for continued sheltering in place, both seem to realize the stakes.

Democrats may proclaim that they are eager to see the pandemic come to a swift and early end and the economy to return quickly to the robust state it was in last February.

But the cold political interests of the Democrat Party today are what they were in FDR's time, to pray that the current president fails, and fails badly, so that they inherit the estate.

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'I live in Montana, I wear a bandana'

I live in Montana, I wear a bandana, My spurs are of silver, my pony is gray

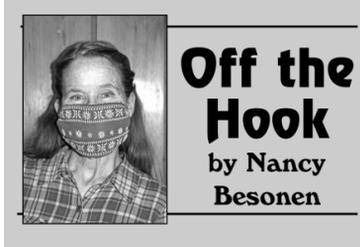
If you hear me loudly humming "My Home's In Montana" while out and about, feel free to walk a wide circle around me. You have to do that anyway, HAHHAHA!, and chances are good you're sporting a goofy looking face mask just like me.

There. I said it. Actually, I typed it, but someone had to admit the hard truth about face masks. If there is one thing Coronavirus has conquered it is our collective ego, because frankly, we all look like extras in a Spaghetti Western.

Face masks have a starring role in fighting the spread of Coronavirus. If you have it, they help protect others from contracting it from you. If you don't have it, they don't help as much, but at least you blend in with the crowd.

And what a crowd we are. Ever since Governor Gretchen Whitmer ordered their use in public spaces when in close quarters with others, masked

Michiganders have been crawling out of the proverbial woods. I mean, wood-work.



We're masking up to grocery shop, pump gas, run our errands and walk the dog. We wear them to do our banking, too, which by the way makes it very difficult these days for the tellers to tell the difference between the customers and the bank robbers.

Like the rest of our questionable fashion choices, our taste in face masks is a direct reflection of the person within. I mean, behind. There are dust masks,

painting masks, surgical masks and Halloween masks, often sported in the same line at the grocery store.

Patterns are as numerous as fish in the sea, which also make for a good face mask pattern. Other local favorites include flowers, skulls, stars, stripes, the Stars & Stripes and your basic bandana.

Bandanas have been around since time immemorial, which is what journalists type when we don't know the precise date. They can be worn on your head, around your head, around your neck, around your ponytail and most important, in front of your yap.

Historically, which is another popular dodge, they were folded in half diagonally and worn over your mouth and nose to shield you from range dust or bank tellers. More recently they are folded into a neat rectangle to protect you from Coronavirus and having to learn to sew.

As a public service message, and to make amends for calling all my fellow banditos goofy looking, here is how you

can fold your very own face mask using one bandana and two elastic hair ties in a complimentary color:

No-sew face mask

Lay bandana flat. Fold top to the center. Now fold bottom to center so edges meet. Flip it over and do the same on the other side. This side will be the front of your rockin' face mask.

Flip over once more and slip elastic bands over ends, sliding them one-third of the way in.

Fold one end over to the point where the elastic sits. Do the same for the other end to create a triple thickness. Slip the elastic over your ears, adjust bandana for comfort and, as they say in Finnish circles, "Viola! Sweet huivi, Heikki!" (translation: "Viola! Sweet scarf, Heikki!")

You can also get directions on Youtube, or you can get a safety mask at a hardware store or you can sweet talk a local seamstress. The important thing is to mask up and stay safe, so we can all continue to be goofy looking together.

Lifestyle

Reach out while sheltering in

by MI National Guard Staff Sgt. Tegan Kucera

Hobbies are a welcome relief during the Stay-Home, Stay-Safe state order. Some residents are even putting them to good use to try and put a smile on the face of another.

Alice Hokenson of L'Anse has been sending cards to the patients in the local hospitals and has now added the 'local' veterans' home that is over an hour away in Marquette.

"When this all came about, I decided that I wanted to make cards for some of the different hospitals, which I did, and then I made 180 of them for the residents of the Jacobetti Home for Veterans," said Hokenson.

Hokenson wanted to do something to help people anyway she could. She has been making cards for over a decade now and had the materials already on hand. So, she decided to put her love and talent to good use.

"I did that mainly to let them know that they weren't forgotten, because I know that they can't have visitors now because of the

virus," said Hokenson. "I just wanted to say thank you for what they have done for our country. To me the veterans are very special people, because I know the sacrifices they and that their family have made over the years."

Hokenson, a widow for 25 years whose husband was a Navy veteran that served two tours in Vietnam, understands what the families go through. She knows how hard it can be to have that loved one far away.

"I thoroughly enjoyed doing it and I did it to hopefully put a smile on somebody's face," said Hokenson. "I wanted to do it, and it made me feel a little closer to my husband."

Hokenson is making staying home work for her with her homemade cards. First, she stamps the front of the cards with a stamp that represents all the military components. Under that, she adds a Winston Churchill quote, and inside, a thank you to each one of them. Trying to make each veteran feel a little special during these times is the goal.

"You can't put a price

on the cards. Like anything that is homemade, you can't put a price on it because it's made with

love," said Hokenson. "I just want my cards to be able to touch someone. I just want them to feel that



HONORS VETS--Alice Hokenson displays a card she created for a veteran. She has shared her craft and caring for years.

they are special and to let them know that people are thinking about them and that they're not necessarily alone or forgotten."

During the response to this pandemic, many across the nation are alone, but Hokenson is trying to make it a little easier for the veterans. She has her hobbies with her, but the residents are unable to do the things that normally fill their day, although the Jacobetti Home does try to meet their needs at all times, especially now.

"Members do not have as much contact with family, with volunteers, or with each other, so receiving a card right now is exceptionally thoughtful," said Sarah Johnson, a volunteer coordinator with the Jacobetti Home.

Johnson said the Home gets cards all year round, especially during holidays, but she was surprised that they didn't get bombarded with cards at this time because the members really do enjoy them. The homemade ones are a little more special because it means someone put thought into it.

"At any time a card is

really, really special, and if it's got a specific kind of note rather than just a signature, that's what the members want, and what really lifts them up. It's really thoughtful and kind communication," said Johnson.

"When somebody does something that is personalized to the veterans, like with a military feel, that is definitely more memorable to the service members."

The veterans will display the cards in their rooms or on their doors, happy to know they are being thought of.

"They're pleased that people are thinking about them and sending good cheer, and we really appreciate that people are taking time to remember our members that served and take time to do something special for them," she said.

Hokenson, who turned 77 this month, doesn't know if she'll be able to keep up this current pace, but she knows of several veterans in her area that would also enjoy a card and will be making more for them, all to make a veteran smile.

Museum opens in July

by Barry Drue

The Baraga County Historical Museum on U.S. 41 in Baraga will be opening in the first week of July. The date will be a month later than normal due to concerns over the Coronavirus pandemic.

Nancy Mannikko is the volunteer secretary-treasurer of the Baraga County Historical Society.

"We are delaying opening of the museum until the first week in July. We usually open on the first Friday after Memorial Day. All our volunteers are elderly and we are worried about COVID-19. Our youngest volunteer is 72," Mannikko explained.

"We may request visitors to wear masks," she added.

Political theme

Each summer museum volunteers put together displays around various historic local themes. Last year the lumber era schooner George Nester model was displayed. The intricate model of the ship built at the Baraga Ship Yard in 1887. The 206-foot two-masted schooner could carry 1,200,000 feet of lumber.

The George Nester was lost at sea April 30, 1909. It was bound for Baraga when a storm struck near the Huron Islands. Seven lives were lost.

The model of the Nester

was donated to the museum by Darren Nester, a descendant of Thomas Nester.

Also displayed last summer were military uniforms from the Civil War, World War II and the Vietnam era.

This year is a presidential election year, and the museum will have a display of historic political campaign signs, candidate buttons, and the old manual voting machine where voters entered, pulled the big handle and the curtain shut behind them. They then flipped levers to vote for their candidates and proposals. The machine was donated by Baraga Township.



LATER OPENER--Baraga County Historical Museum will open a month later than usual, in early July, due to the Coronavirus threat.

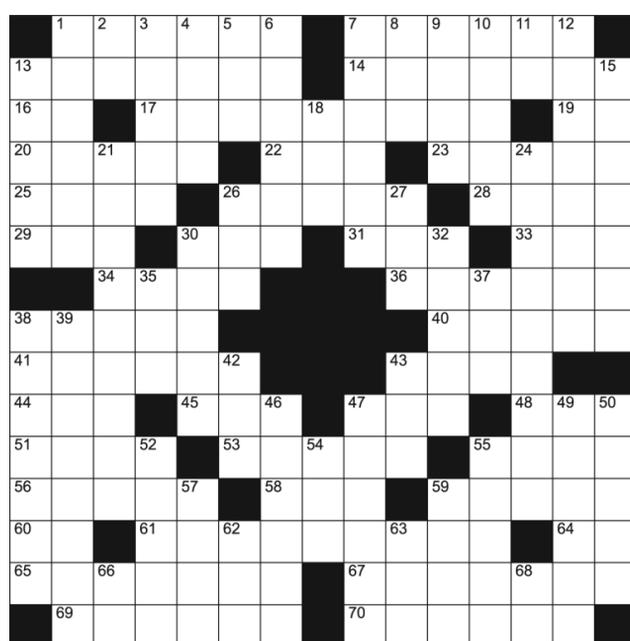
CLUES ACROSS

1. Seed part
7. Productive
13. Popular cocktail
14. Sausages
16. Western state
17. Natural desires
19. Defunct British automaker
20. Early media tycoon
22. Move from one place to another
23. Letter of Semitic abjads
25. Female birds
26. Umbrella brand
28. Delinquent
29. Tax collector
30. Cooking tool
31. Female sibling
33. Flat-topped hat
34. Angolan currency
36. Boardwalk candy
38. European nation
40. Leaflike part of

palm

41. Removed with solvent
43. Uttered words
44. Unfashionable person
45. Disappointed
47. Controversial device in soccer
48. 007's creator
51. Pain
53. UCLA mascot
55. Razorbill
56. Turkic people
58. Mimic
59. Crime involving fire
60. And, Latin
61. A saponaceous quality
64. Dorm employee
65. Estate lands
67. States
69. They slow you down
70. Gets up

Crossword puzzle May 6, 2020



CLUES DOWN

1. One or the other
2. Doc
3. Songs have them
4. Record of payment (abbr.)
5. Speak endlessly
6. American state
7. Digressions
8. Tell on
9. Brews
10. Belongs to the bottom layer
11. American cigarette brand
12. Legal voting age in US
13. Dish
15. Expelled air from the nose
18. Body art
21. Fierce, destructive act
24. Bear bright yellow flowers
26. Japanese delicacy
27. Get off your feet
30. Male organs in

some invertebrates

32. __, so good
35. Cleverness
37. Protest yacht
38. Anesthetized
39. Mollified
42. Touch lightly
43. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
46. Some windows have them
47. National capital
49. Squirrels like them
50. Grandmothers
52. Painter's tool
54. News organization
55. __ and thesis: musical term
57. Famed activist Parks
59. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
62. A number or amount not specified
63. Body part
66. Of I
68. Old English

Solution found in May 13 Sentinel

Obituaries

Roger F. Griffin

Roger F. Griffin, age 92 of L'Anse passed away at his home on Wednesday, April 29, 2020. He was born in Detroit on Nov. 21, 1927, the son of the late William and Marion (Crisp) Griffin. Roger graduated from Cooley High School in 1946. He married the former Helen G. Allen in Ohio on Feb. 22, 1948. She preceded him in death on May 6, 2008. Roger had been employed as a meat cutter for A&P grocery stores for 43 years, retiring on March 21, 1989. Roger was a former member of the Red Wings Farm Team and enjoyed going to bingo, fishing, taking rides and feeding the deer.

Roger is survived by his children, Michael (Trudy) Griffin of Vero Beach, FL, Bruce Griffin of Aura, Bill (Neena) Griffin of Clermont, FL, Laura Dault of

L'Anse, Tim (Carole) Griffin of Brighton, MI and Tamara (Steve) Still of Howell, MI; 12 grandchildren, Ann, Todd, Kathy, Chris, Jeremy, Nicholas, Amanda, Kimberly, Jeff, Brett, Scott, Sasha; 19



Roger Griffin

great grandchildren and many great-great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, special friend Bernice Anderson and his best friend and loyal companion Tao.

He was preceded in death by wife Helen, granddaughter Lynn, son-in-law John Dault and five brothers and sisters.

Interment will take place on Friday, May 22, 2020, in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi, MI.

Memorials in Rogers honor may be directed to the Humane Society.

Roger's obituary may also be viewed and condolences sent to the family at www.reidfuneralservicechapel.com

The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel has been entrusted with the funeral arrangements.

Arthur J. Hill

Arthur J. Hill, 75, a resident of Mohawk passed away after a brief illness, on Saturday, April 11, 2020, at UP Health System-Marquette.

He was born on Feb. 1, 1945, in Skanee to John and Aino (Olkkonen) Hill.

He attended L'Anse and Berkley High Schools and graduated with the Class of 1963. After high school Arthur went to work for Ford Motor Company as a draftsman and later was an illustrator drawing futuristic cars. He was the co-inventor of the safety ignition lock and latch mechanism for 1975 model cars.

He enlisted with the United States Army in 1966 and served in the Vietnam War as a Public Information Office Photographer and Battalion Artist & Draftsman. He was honorably discharged in 1969. After serving with the US Army, he moved to California and started work at TRW designing satellites and space ships.

Years later he changed directions and went to Art Center College of Design to further develop his advertising career. After school he landed a job as Art Director at Ogilvy & Mather. At Ogilvy he

worked on Mattel Toys and designed the Barbie campaigns for years, as well as Woody Owl.

He worked in Los Angeles for a few years and then became a freelance Illustrator and Art Director. As an Art Director and Illustrator for over 20 years, he designed an attraction for Universal City Florida and was the main illustrator for Honda and Kawasaki Motorcycles.

Art also spent a few years with Evans, Hardy & Young in Santa Barbara as a Creative Director, where he worked on Triumph Motorcycles and Idaho Potato Company.

For the last 10 years, Arthur was an art instructor at Finlandia University, which gave him immense joy.

Art loved motorcycles and shared his art with that community his whole life. He designed artwork for Abate of California & Oregon and also was one of the original group that started the Annual MDA Charity Motorcycle Event LOVE RIDE. He designed the artwork for the event for more than 15 years.

He enjoyed working on his motorcycles and antique cars. Designing,

rebuilding and tinkering was what Arthur loved to spend his time doing.

He adored being in the kitchen, collecting and perusing through recipe books, acquiring kitchen gadgets, and whipping up something delicious. He loved to travel, whether it be to a sunny beach or simply to Lambeau Field for a Green Bay Packers game.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Aino Hill, and his brothers, Karl Hill M.D., and John Hill.

He is survived by his beloved daughter, Becca (Travis) Marsh of Oregon, his grandson, Bodhi James Marsh who was born on April 12, 2020, his best friend and person, Valerie Butkovich, as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Per Art's wishes, cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Online condolences for the family may be left at www.ericsoncrowleypeterson.com

The Erickson Crowley Peterson Funeral Home in Calumet is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Governor Whitmer revised "Stay Home - Stay Safe"

Executive Order 2020-22 (COVID-19)

beginning at 11:59 p.m. on April 9, 2020.

This order is now in effect until May 15.

All worship services and events remain cancelled. Churches are offering online worship.



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Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

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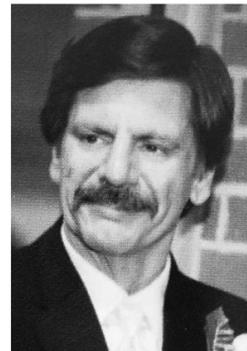
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Roger Jack Harju

Roger Jack Harju, a longtime resident of Commerce, MI, died peacefully on April 29, 2020.

Roger deeply enjoyed the Michigan wilderness, spending much of his free time hunting and fishing, and cherished his opportunities to be outdoors with his family.

He is survived by his son, Benjamin (Emily) Harju and daughter, Amanda (Brian) Walsh;



Roger Harju

grandchildren, Evelyn, Dominic and Leo; brother-in-law, Mark, as well as extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Orval and Maryann Harju and sister, Paula.

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May birthday wishes to: Bernice Anderson, Vivian Davis, Ronald Lahti and Sharon Tammelin.

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Fr. Corey hears Sammy Callejas' confession



Confession traffic at St. Ann. Photos by Eugenio Callejas

Catholic Community takes sacrament outside

by Nancy Besonen

Sheltering-in has kicked ingenuity into overdrive at Baraga County Catholic Community churches where Fr. Corey Litzner is now hearing drive-through confessions.

Litzner is pastor of Sacred Heart Church in L'Anse, St. Ann in Baraga and Most Holy Name of Jesus in Assinins. For the past three weeks he has been hearing confessions Saturdays at Sacred Heart beginning at 11 a.m. and at St. Ann starting at 2:30 p.m.

The change in venue is due to Coronavirus which has shut down schools and businesses across the

state. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer exempted churches and other houses of worship from penalty under her stay-at-home executive order. For their parishioner's safety, churches have chosen not to gather for services.

Instead, many broadcast services online via live streams and emails, or communicate in print with parishioners who lack online connectivity. Litzner said after he learned online about hearing confessions via drive-through, he presented the idea to Marquette Diocese Bishop John Doerfler.

"I heard about it being done in Connecticut about a month ago," Litzner said.

"It was impossible for us to do it then, with all our snow. I brought it up at a meeting with the bishop, he said he'd think about that, and afterwards we got the go-ahead to do it."

Litzner said the option has been well received at both churches where he has heard a total of about three hours of confessions over the past two weeks. Protocol calls for both social distancing and discretion as the faithful confess their sins outside the church.

"At Sacred Heart I stand on the sidewalk in front of the rectory," Litzner said. "The car comes up, and other cars keep their windows rolled

up during the confession. If there are other persons in the car they can step out during the confession."

The sacrament is sacred, Litzner said, but the drive-through concept has sparked some good humor.

"One person said we should put up a sign that says 'Toot and Tell,'" Litzner said.

Baraga County Catholic Community weekly mass is live streamed on Facebook Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., and is enjoying wide circulation. Litzner said Easter mass on April 12 registered 1,500 views, and the following weekend's mass had over 1,000 views, including one

from Australia.

Litzner said he received a letter from the bishop last week about entering phase one of opening the church doors to the public. All three churches reopened May 1, 2020 for private prayer and Adoration, according to the following guidelines and schedule:

Face masks must be worn inside the churches. Use hand sanitizer and cleansing wipes. Keep a social distance of at least six feet from others, one at each end of a pew, skipping every other pew. Don't come if you are experiencing symptoms. It is recommended children under age seven remain at home. Holy Name in Assinins

will be open from noon to 6 p.m. on Mondays. St. Ann in Baraga will be open from 6 p.m. Tuesdays to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Sacred Heart in L'Anse will be open from 4 a.m. Thursdays to 1 p.m. Fridays, and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Doerfler also noted confessions can be held inside of churches with privacy screens, but confessionals will remain closed to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus. Litzner said weather permitting, he'll continue providing curbside confessional service.

"I'll keep doing it outside, unless it's raining," he said. "For now, inside is our back-up plan."

DNR helping collect Michigan's Coronavirus story

By Casey Warner
Michigan Department
of Natural Resources

Face masks and hand sanitizer. College campuses and schools empty of students. Store shelves empty of toilet paper and disinfectant. Seeing coworkers, friends and family only on a computer screen. No sporting events, concerts or proms.

These are just a few of the ways life in Michigan, and around the country. Much as changed with the Coronavirus pandemic.

In October 1918, a deadly strain of influenza circulating around the United States and Europe arrived in Michigan. The disease killed many more Americans than those who died in World War I.

reported. Spain, being neutral in the conflict, was not subjected to the same degree of restriction, which resulted in the illness, known as the 'grippe,' often being referred to as the Spanish Flu. ... The Spanish blamed the French as the source. In reality, though, the disease likely originated at Camp Funston, Kansas, which is now Fort Riley."

Reflecting on what happened in the state during that pandemic a century ago to gain perspective on the state's current situation, Michigan History Center staff members found accounts of how state and local government officials responded to the outbreak.

"Looking back into his-

ed to make these requests until the area's hospitals were overrun and the flu had been circulating for months.

Some communities underreported infection numbers to keep businesses open. Some people protested that these restrictions were too harsh.

More than 15,000 people died of either influenza or pneumonia in Michigan between October 1918 and April 1919 - the equivalent of 50,000 people in today's population. Michigan had 554 influenza deaths in 1917. In 1918, 6,336 died of influenza between October and December alone.

Some places in Michigan, such as Oscoda, Roscommon and Kalamazoo counties, saw more

outbreak occurred in 1920, more than two years after the initial introduction of the disease.

Scant record

Researching the 1918 pandemic, Michigan History Center staff members found little information in the Archives of Michigan revealing details about the flu's impact on Michiganders' lives.

They don't want that to be the case for those looking back on the current pandemic.

As a result, the Michigan History Center recently launched Collecting COVID-19, an initiative that gives state residents the opportunity to share stories that reflect their experiences during the coronavirus pandemic for the benefit of future generations.

"When we look back at what the state collected during the 1918 flu epidemic, we find government records, but few glimpses into what the crisis meant on a personal level," Michigan History Center Director Sandra Clark said. "Our goal is to collect the stories of diverse Michiganders from across the state, and our hope is that the record we preserve in 2020 will help future generations understand what it felt like to live through this time."

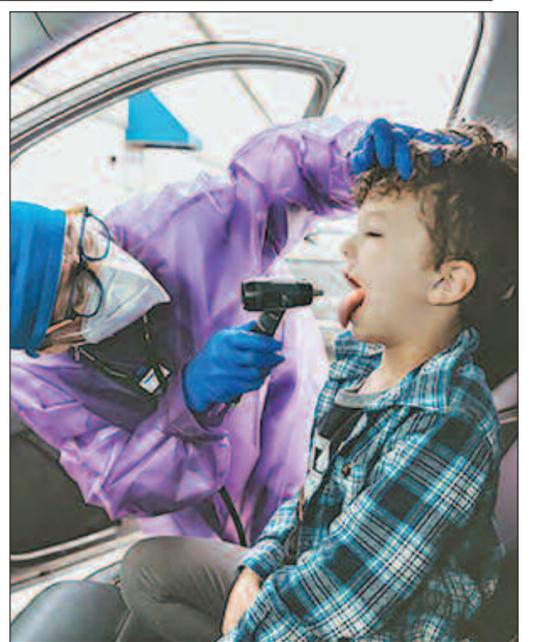
The COVID-19 pandemic is a critical moment in history, and the Michigan History Center is committed to documenting - through objects, archival materials, stories and experiences - how the coronavirus is affecting Michigan residents in the workplace, at home, in communities and in many other settings.

"Archives and museums preserve and share the real stuff of the past, but we also have an obligation to collect and preserve the documents, images and objects that will help future residents understand our present," Clark said.

Stages

The first phase of the three-phase collecting initiative is active right now. It offers a web-based platform for people to share and donate photos, videos and audio files that document their lives during this emergency - all of which will be considered for preservation in the Archives of Michigan's collections.

The site includes an



PANDEMIC PARENTING--Megan H. submitted this photo of her son getting a medical exam and explained, "Being a mom is always hard. Being a mom during a pandemic is a whole new ballgame. It is my job to teach him how to cope during the unimaginable."

image gallery that allows others to see what people are posting, in real time.

Stories that have been submitted so far include:

• "We started taking long hikes in the woods with our dog every day. It was emotionally healing to be in the woods and connected with nature." (Submitted by Sarai S.)

• "My 80-year-old mom died from Covid-19 after living in a Nursing Home. Please stay home and stay safe. This virus is not a hoax or a joke. She was healthy, just old. After contracting the virus, she struggled to breathe and spent a week in the hospital where they suctioned her lungs because she was too weak to sit up and cough. Her family could not visit her or be by her side during this time because of the precautions needed so that we would not contract the virus. The nursing home was on self-quarantine for several weeks before she contracted the virus so we could not see her for more than a month and then she died alone with only strangers in haz mat suits around her. This is why non-essential travel has been limited. It's not a civil rights issue it's a public health issue. No one has immunity from this disease." (Submitted by Jeannie K.)

The second phase of the project is collecting three-dimensional objects and documents related to the coronavirus emergency for the Michigan History Museum system's collections. In keeping with the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order, this phase will begin with a call to the public to help identify items and move to physically gathering them once it is safe to do so.

The third phase involves long-term collecting of stories, through oral history and StoryCorps interviews, memoirs and other materials created during the reflection period after an immediate crisis. These materials will be preserved in both the museum and archival collections.

In time of crisis, there is comfort in knowing that we are not alone and that we are not the first to experience the unimaginable. Looking back, we can see changes in science and knowledge and some similarities in human behavior.

The Michigan History Center hopes its Collecting COVID-19 project not only will document what is happening now, but also will help us and future generations understand the varied effects a pandemic can have on people and the diverse ways they cope and respond.



An emergency hospital in Brookline, MA, to care for influenza patients in October 1918. Flu patients were placed in the sun. Photo from the National Archives and Records Administration.

That influenza was sometimes referred to as the "Spanish flu," but that's a misnomer according to Jillian Reese, curator with the Michigan History Museum.

In an article in Chronicle magazine, published by the Historical Society of Michigan, the late Richard Adler (a long-time professor of biology and microbiology at the University of Michigan-Dearborn) explained the origins of the inaccurate name:

"Because of censorship associated with the Great War in Europe, the extent of influenza among both the Central Powers as well as the Allies was rarely

tory helps us understand how to handle today's public health emergency," Reese said.

Lagging response

She explained that, when military personnel in Detroit, Bay City and at Camp Custer started getting sick, containment efforts were sluggish. People insisted that the flu had been around forever and had high recovery rates.

Michigan's Gov. Albert Sleeper issued an order banning large congregations of people weeks after Michigan's first flu deaths.

Counties and cities had to individually request further closures from the governor. Many officials wait-

ed than a 90% increase in deaths from 1917 to 1918, and most counties saw a 20%-50% increase in deaths.

"Lax containment practices made Michigan's influenza pandemic worse," Reese said, explaining that hospital workers continued to go to theaters and dancehalls and families with sick members welcomed guests to their homes. The state saw spikes in infection after large community gatherings, including WWI victory parades and Thanksgiving parades in November 1918.

In all, Michigan had four influenza outbreaks. The last large community



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Sports

Off-season conditioning issue for football



HONORING SENIORS--The purple and white of the L'Anse Class of 2020 was displayed as seniors and some parents gathered on the lit L'Anse Hornet football field last Friday, May 1, 2020.

Parents are discussing ways to honor the seniors on upcoming Friday nights in May at the field. Music will likely be a part of it, and social distancing. Photo by Diane Richard.

by John Raffel

Even though school facilities are still closed down, football and other coaches have various expectations for their players which they hope are being followed by this time.

It's still not known when Governor Gretchen Whitmer will lift restrictions which would allow schools to be open and summer schedules to take place.

Official football practices started in earlier August and experts point out a 2 1/2 week preseason prior to the first actual game may not be sufficient for players who don't do some type of intensive winter training and conditioning before practices actually start.

"I am hoping that our kids are getting some workouts done on their own," football coach Mark Leaf said. "This is an important time of the year for our football players. They are missing out on track season. They are

missing out on organized team weightlifting and conditioning sessions. Hopefully we will be able to get back in the weight room soon. We need to get ready for the season.

"Practice starts Monday Aug. 10," Leaf said. "It's not not that far away." The schedule starts with West PAC Conference games on Aug. 28 with Hancock and Sept. 4 with Houghton. This is followed by non league games with Bessemer, Gwinn and West Iron County and then followed by league games with Negaunee, Ishpeming, Westwood, Iron Mountain and Calumet.

Playoff positioning is determined on computer points and strength of schedule. There is no longer a minimum number of games for a team to win to guarantee a playoff spot. Divisions are determined prior to the start of the season. L'Anse is in Division 7 which will have 32 teams make the playoffs base on computer points.

Budweg steps down from v-ball

by John Raffel

L'Anse's volleyball team is hopeful it will be opening up its season in August.

One thing is for sure. It will be under a new coach.

Purple Hornet coach Callie Budweg announced recently she has resigned the position.

"I coached the varsity team for four seasons, along with one season as freshmen coach before stepping into the role of varsity," Budweg said.

The coach added her thoughts on the rewarding part of the job: "I think just being able to watch the program really start to shine. I watched the current juniors and seniors grow into the athletes they are today. It was also really amazing to help them develop roles like leadership, teamwork and commitment. Taking us into a few district finals was always fun as well."

Budweg currently teaches at Hancock, which she indicated was the main reason behind resigning.

"It was extremely difficult and conflicting working in one district and coaching another," she said. "I'll miss working closely with my girls (of all ages), I do have a few who I will be extremely sad not to be able to help them through the rest of their careers."

"There are some very valuable athletes and fine young ladies coming through the L'Anse program and I'm so proud of all they've done. I'll also miss working closely with my assistants, Bill Raymond and Chad Rice. My head wouldn't have been on straight without them."

Nothing has been finalized on filling the post, athletic director Darrin Voskuhl said.

"It's obviously difficult to work in Hancock every day and then drive here," Voskuhl said of Budweg. "She had been teaching in L'Anse and in the beginning of the year she took a job in Hancock. We obviously knew it would be her last year.

"I thought Callie did a good job teaching the kids skill development," Voskuhl said. "She definitely put her time and

effort into the program and we appreciate that. Overall she did a great job teaching the fundamentals of volleyball."



Viking volleyball gears up last August. Jury remains out on 2020 season.

'Be the light' at BHS

In honor of the graduating class of 2020, Baraga High School is following a practice many schools have adopted. Every Friday in May the lights of the football field will be turned on in honor of the seniors.

"Every Friday in May at 9:20 p.m. the football field lights will be on for 20 minutes and the school song will be played," said Athletic Director Amy Lake.

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LAS earns 'A' for Chromebook coverage

by Melissa Newland

L'Anse Area Schools (LAS) administration, staff and families have been on the go since school ended mid March due to COVID-19.

LAS has been a leader in the region for transitioning to online learning, according to LAS Superintendent Susan Tollefson.

Tollefson noted that LAS has been the first in the area to get devices (chromebooks) to all students, with 100 percent of the students K-12 now having those devices available to participate in this remote learning platform.

Due to having the ability to connect everyone, LAS is able to assure that all students should have the same educational opportunities during this at home time and will be able to progress through more of the curriculum over the next 6 weeks.

Tollefson stated that LAS was also quick to get locker contents to students so they were ready with textbooks at home if needed.

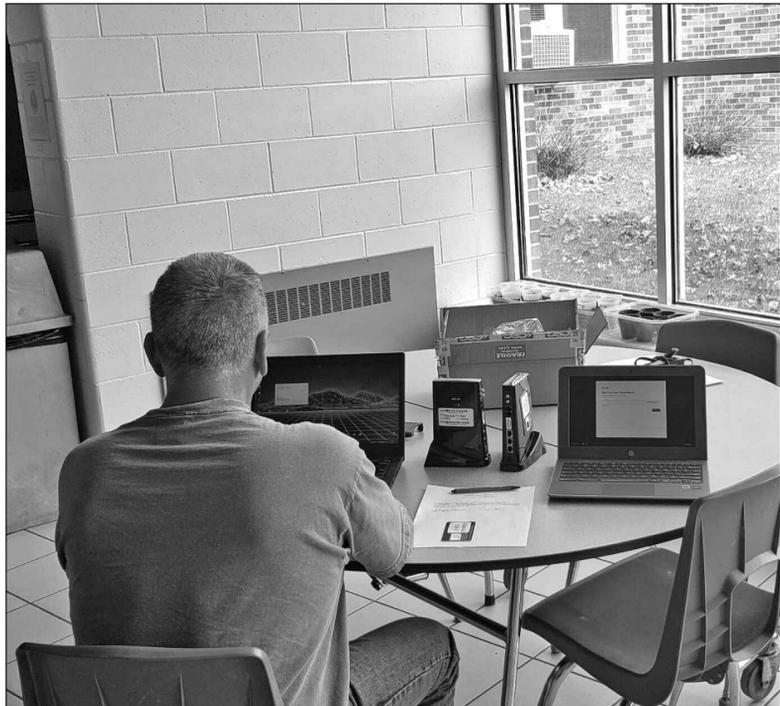
Assistant Principal Martin Meleen noted LAS is now a true blended learning district with a 1:1 ratio where every student has a chromebook.

"The distribution of those chromebooks was very big and timely and happened very quickly," said Meleen.

Meleen noted key reasons for the timely distribution were all the people on board in the L'Anse district and especially REMC1 support help from Eric Jarvey.

LAS grades 9-12 were already equipped with chromebooks before the shutdown, leaving LAS to distribute them to grades K-8.

Meleen noted many logistical challenges during the distribution, including logging in, dealing with



CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION—Assistant Principal Martin Meleen works on getting a Chromebook set up to connect to home internet that is still filtered through the school network.



GETTING SET—Eric Jarvi, REMC tech support for LAS, works on setting up Chromebooks for students in grades 9-12 who were already equipped. Now K-8 is, too.

filtering and safe practice, in addition to ordering Verizon Jetpack routers for those in need.

Families were surveyed to determine who needed internet services installed and then provided those families who were in need with the internet equipment.

"We are wrapping it up right now, getting the glitches out," said Meleen. "We are very committed to making sure there is no family without internet connectivity or devices so we can truly delve into this learning endeavor."

Meleen noted there were very committed LAS folks handling the distribution, with some even making home deliveries.

"It was a great success because of their commitment to this cause," noted Meleen.

Jarvey from REMC1 noted he was impressed to see how organized LAS has been throughout the shutdown.

"LAS did this on their own with only guided

assistance from me," stated Jarvey. "They knew what to do, I am just the support level."

Jarvey stated that looking at the broad scope of the UP, or the general area REMC1 supports, what L'Anse has done could be a great plan for other schools.

"I do not work for a particular district, and I have no favorite, I support them all," noted Jarvey. "I would like to see all districts move to this 1:1 ratio such as they have done in L'Anse."

Meleen noted that LAS has given out more than 600 chromebooks to date for the distance learning program and is proud how fast and able LAS was to step up.

"I think we (LAS) have a lot to be proud of here, it is a huge commitment," commented Meleen. "People have a tendency to downplay themselves, but there is nothing to downplay here."

Meleen noted one of the biggest reasons LAS was so fast in its endeavor to get all students set up for learning on line was due to the fact it has been dealing with on-line courses for years.

"If we had not been doing this for a decade, we would not have been so efficient," noted Meleen. "All of our mechanisms have been in place, we were ready."

Jarvey noted that most schools do have a 1:1 computer ratio, though those are through desktop devices and are not mobile.

"This might be a push towards getting things mobile for other school districts in the future," said Jarvey.

"We are very proud of our teaching staff having to adjust and to reach out and do what they can to provide educational support during these times," commented Meleen.

SLACK students take action for youth

by Melissa Newland

Student Leadership Advisory Council of the Keweenaw (known as SLACK) is a recently merged organization for high school students who want to take action in their communities.

Sierra Bishop, Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Specialist and SLACK Advisor, noted the two groups combined in the hopes of creating a greater impact on the community.

The 2019-2020 school year was the first year for the group, with 35 members compiled from the nine area schools in the three counties.

Students meet monthly in the local schools and have substantial plans for improving the lives of youth in Houghton, Keweenaw and Baraga Counties.

Three L'Anse High School students have dedicated themselves to being part of SLACK, including Kayla Kujansuu, Lexy

Sweeney and Isabel Ostermeyer.

Every three years, the youth division of the Community Foundation conducts a local survey to find the needs of the youth.

The last survey taken in early January was developed by the help of SLACK members Kujansuu, Sweeney and Ostermeyer and results presented to the LAS board at its last meeting held April 20, 2020.

SLACK also reviewed the results and compiled highlights and shared results with the Keweenaw Community Foundation Board, the Baraga Community Foundation Board, local School Superintendents, local Communities that Care groups and other schools and organizations.

SLACK members noted the granting application process will begin soon and SLACK members will give preference to grants that meet the needs of the youth, based on the survey results.



SLACK—L'Anse Area School Student Leadership Advisory Council of the Keweenaw (known as SLACK) students as they meet for a work session. Picture courtesy of Sierra Bishop, MTSS Specialist from the Copper Country Intermediate School District (CCISD).

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Notices in Brief

LADIES GOLF--

The L'Anse Ladies Golf League will be starting their league season soon. If you are interested in joining the league or have not yet signed up, please contact Sue Coffey @ 524-7255 or Cid Collins @ 524-6354 by May 18, 2020. All new members welcome.

MARSP MEETING--

Then annual May meeting of the Baraga Chapter of the Michigan Association

of Retired School Personnel has been cancelled. No decision has been made concerning the June meeting. Updates will follow. Contact Becky Stroube 524-7840 or rstroube@up.net if you have questions.

POST 7646--

The Kinnunen-Sutinen VFW Post and Auxiliary 7646 - Alston monthly meeting and pasty sale for May have been canceled. Regular monthly meetings

and pasty sales will resume when it's safe for everyone. Thank you for your patience and support.

LIFE OUTREACH--

Life Outreach-Baraga County is still assisting people in need with crisis pregnancies. Although our doors are closed, we can arrange for teleconferencing with clients. Call 524-2229 for help. Our clients needs remain even with the covid-19 pandemic, donations are appreciated.

ST. VINCENT--

L'Anse St. Vincent De Paul store remains closed, however donations will be accepted beginning Monday, May 4, 2020.

GROUP SUPPORT--

The Baraga County Shelter Home Women's Empowerment Support Group and Children's Group meets every Thursday from 6-7 p.m. Call 524-7079 for more details.

ANTI-VIOLENCE--

The Baraga County Anti-Violence Task Force meets every third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Baraga County Shelter Home Outreach office located in the American Legion building in L'Anse. Free and open to the public. Call 524-7079 for more information.

CTC HAPPENINGS--

Baraga County Communities that Care normal office hours are Friday from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

ADVISORY BOARD--

The L'Anse Area Schools/ Public Advisory Board meets the second Tuesday of Sept., Nov., Jan., March, May at 3:30 p.m. at the

library.

VETERANS AFFAIRS--

Joe Marzak, DAV Service Officer, will be at L'Anse American Legion Building, rm. 104 every second Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. American Legion Service Officer clients, until further notice call the Detroit Regional Office at 313-964-6640. Please be patient and have all your paperwork or information ready before placing call. Veterans requiring a ride to the Oscar G. Johnson Medical Center in Iron Mountain for appointments, schedule 7-10 days prior by calling 482-0102.

Public Announcement

Is your charitable organization planning on holding a raffle or selling raffle tickets on the L'Anse Indian Reservation?

Federal law through the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act granted Tribes exclusive right to regulate gaming activity on Indian lands. Even if you or the members of your organization are not tribal members, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Gaming Commission has the authority to regulate your raffle. It is unlawful to game without a license.

Please contact the KBIC Gaming Commission Office at (906)353-4222 or stop by the office located at the Tribal Center for an application and a copy of the rules and regulations.

Application deadline for submission of **ALL** Class I Drawings is 30 days and Class II Raffles is 60 days prior to your event. License Fee will be waived when the application is received within this timeline.



16429 Beartown, Rd.
Baraga, MI 49908
(906)353-4222

Family Reunion Cancelled

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the **Ole Christian & Hannah Pettersen Family Reunion on Aug 8th** has been postponed until summer of 2021. Unsure how long this Coronavirus will be affecting our daily lives, we felt that postponing is the most responsible step to take.

If any questions please contact:
Sonia Rice at 715-718-1070 or
JoEllen Lahti at 231-675-1431

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Application Review

Applications for the Title VI program will be available for review on
Wednesday, May 6 2020
between 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
at the L'Anse-Baraga Educational Office building,
located at 5 North Front Street in L'Anse.

LeAnn LeClaire is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.



Topic: May 12, 2020
Time: May 12, 2020 5:30 p.m.
Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 862 4750 0607
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Meeting ID: 862 4750 0607
Password: 277980

Find your local number:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86247500607>

Township Of Laird Notice

Laird Township is currently seeking lawn mowing bids for the 2020 season.

Areas to be mowed will include the Alston cemetery, the Nisula cemetery, the ball park/recreation area and the Town Hall.

Preference will be given to the firms/individuals who have insurance and are bonded. However, all bids are welcome and will be considered. Contact Patrick McLaren with any questions at 338-2403.

Bids can be mailed to:

Laird Township
P.O. Box 9
Nisula, MI 49952

Know What's Below... CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG



Michigan residents - whether Do-It-Yourselfers or professional excavators - can call **811** to have all natural gas lines located before beginning any digging or excavating project.

- There is no charge for this service.
- Someone will come to mark the location of all underground utility lines so you can do the work safely and avoid any interruption of your service.

Simply dial **811** (or call **800-482-7171**) three (3) business days before you begin your work, utility crews will come to your home or place of business to locate all utility facilities.



DIAL 811
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Baraga Area Schools Kindergarten & Little Vikes Registration



Must be **5 years old by
December 1, 2020**

We are excited to continue our **Little Vikes** Transitional Kindergarten classroom which will focus largely on developmentally appropriate early literacy learning and readiness math skills. With the rigor of the current state expectations, we offer this as a way to better meet the needs of our students and our community.

Classes Starting Fall of 2020

To register your child please call
Lori at 353-6663
or email lori@baragaschools.org.
A packet will be mailed to you.
A drop box is available on
Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
outside the main entrance.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE FOLLOWING MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED

In accordance with Governor's executive orders regarding shelter in place and social distancing to prevent further spread and allowing public meetings to be conducted remotely, the meeting will be held remotely. Agendas are published on the Baraga County website:
<https://www.baragacounty.org/government/departments/county-commissioners/>

COUNTY OF BARAGA BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING:

**Monday, May 11, 2020
at 5:00 p.m.**

The public may attend or participate in public comment:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81260552340?pwd=ZEo4SnJGMGZxZkVNRkpOLzgzdld3dz09>

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Password: 024365

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WENDY J. GOODREAU
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS ARE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

Legal

STATE OF MICHIGAN
97th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING
AND NOTICE OF ACTION
CASE NO. 20-0003-SC

COURTHOUSE 16 N THIRD ST, LANSE, MI 49946
906 524-9202

Plaintiff
K & N Contractors
106 W Houghton Ave
Houghton, MI 49931

Defendant
Daniel Snider
13818 Bayview Dr
L'Anse, MI 49946

TO Daniel Snider
IT IS ORDERED

You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to pay a delinquent bill. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before June 2, 2020 @ 11am, appear & defend on that date and time. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Affidavit and Claim filed in this case.

A copy of this order shall be published once a week in L'Anse Sentinel for three consecutive weeks and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

Date: March 13, 2020

Timothy S Brennan P41461
Judge

THE L'ANSE SENTINEL

50th Year. No. 21.

L'Anse, Baraga County, Mich., Thursday, May 5, 1932

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RICH AWARDS TO BE GIVEN FOR BEST YARDS

Chamber of Commerce Offers Cash, Merchandise and Honor Prizes

To enlist community-wide participation in the Yard & Garden contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce a list of prizes in gold, merchandise and honor awards will be offered to the winners. This has been made possible by the members of the L'Anse Council who realize the importance of this home grounds beautification and improvement project to the community.

The prizes will be distributed late in the summer when the contest closes and the winners will be selected on the basis of personal inspections made by a committee of judges. An official score card secured from the Yard & Garden Contest Association of America will be used in scoring the competing home grounds. The entire premises are to be considered but more points will be given for improving the back yard than the front yard.

Even though the prize list is a most attractive one, the contest committee wishes to point out that every family taking part in the campaign will profit by so doing whether they win a prize or not. The increased attractiveness of their property and the greater personal satisfaction derived from it in consequence will in themselves be sufficient rewards for the improvement efforts. This is well expressed in the words "You Win If You Lose," which has been adopted as the slogan of the contest. It was also pointed out by the committee that small places will be at no disadvantage in this contest.

Entries to the contest will be received either in person or by mail at the office of G. F. Biekkola, county agricultural agent, in the Court House up to June 9th, inclusive. Be the first to send in your entry and win the contest. Remember, "You Win If You Lose."

The rules and entry blanks appear on Page 3.

TAX SALE SMALLEST IN HISTORY OF COUNTY

The sale of delinquent tax lands held in the office of County Treasurer Russell H. Miron this week was the smallest in the history of the county. There were but few bidders present and practically all descriptions offered were bid in for the state. Tax payments were quite large prior to the sale.

BARAGA RADIO CLUB SEEKS CAUSE OF NOISE

Enlist Aid of Village Council in Eliminating the Trouble

The Baraga Radio Club, some 25 strong, attended a meeting of the Baraga Village Council Monday evening seeking their assistance in eliminating interference which has bothered them the past two months.

A general discussion was held and many reasons as to the cause of the interference were suggested. Wm. Calhoun, superintendent of the Houghton County Light & Power Co., was requested to make an investigation Tuesday and try to locate the trouble. It was said that some motors and battery chargers might cause the interference.

The Radio Club is determined to have the interference stopped if possible. The Council will co-operate with them as much as possible.

Gust Grawn, chairman of the Light & Water Committee, was appointed a member of the investigation committee.

Representatives of the Power Company made an investigation with City Electrician Frank Gerard Tuesday and found no interference was caused by their lines. The power was turned off but it did not stop the interference.

DANCING AND BOXING AT PELKIE SATURDAY

Saturday evening the Pelkie Ball Club will sponsor a dance in the hall at Pelkie. Grace's Royal Entertainers will supply the pop for dancers with a varied program of popular music. During intermission Earl Beckman and Oscar Westman will mix it with boxing gloves for three rounds, following which Beckman will meet Perkola of Keweenaw Bay in a second three round go.

The public is invited to attend and help the boys raise money for baseball equipment.

BOY SCOUTS TO AID IN CONTEST

The L'Anse troops of Boy Scouts have volunteered their services to clean up some of the "sore" spots in town. They have charted the town and located all the vacant lots that have been used as dumping grounds and will see that all rubbish is picked up and piled for hauling by the Village.

Do your part by cleaning up your premises and placing the rubbish in piles so that it may be easily hauled away by the Village trucks.

FAIR TO BE KNOWN AS "DEPRESSION" FAIR

Use Every Method Possible to Continue Exposition; Pare All Expenses

This year's Baraga County fair will be known as a "depression" fair, it was announced this week by President C. O. Holmes and Secretary Peter M. Getzen. Every outlay will be pared to the bone and expenses reduced to a minimum.

Home attractions will replace the expensive outside features usually engaged. Due to the hard times a band has agreed to play on a percentage basis. A premium list, to be paid on a percentage basis, will also be arranged.

Considerable interest is being manifested by Baraga residents in the perpetuation of the fair. Every possible effort is being made for its success.

Due to the depression no large expenditures will be allowed and if it is the intention of the management to reduce expenses to a minimum. Many local residents have already signified their intention to enter displays of fruit, vegetables, grain, livestock, etc., and the officials are working to make the fair, as good, if not better than any fair held in the past.

L'ANSE WOMAN NAMED ELECTOR-AT-LARGE

The Republican State Convention was held in Grand Rapids Wednesday of last week. Delegates to the Republican National Convention in Chicago were pledged to vote for the renomination of President Hoover. Seven delegates at large to the national convention were elected and two presidential electors-at-large were chosen.

The convention also adopted a resolution urging resubmission of the Eighteenth Amendment to the states and side-stepped the soldier bonus issue after hearing Secretary of War Patrick J. Hurley express opposition.

The delegates at-large and the seven alternates were given the unanimous vote of the convention. The delegates are: Gov. Brucker, Charles B. Warren, of Detroit; former Gov. Fred W. Green; Frank D. Fitzgerald, secretary of state; John W. Blodgett, of Grand Rapids; Mrs. W. Blodgett, of Lansing; and Thomas C. L. Barber, of Ishpeming.

The alternates are Frank W. McKay, of Grand Rapids; Judge W. L. Kay, of Detroit; W. J. Smith, Carpenter, Detroit; John Norton, Escabattle Creek; John Norton, Escabattle Creek; Mrs. Jennie Low Hardy, Tenabum; Henry Baird, Port Huron, and William Toomey, Ann Arbor.

As presidential electors-at-large, the convention chose Francis J. Flynn, of Niles, and Mrs. Alice Marshall, of L'Anse.

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S FUND IS ANNOUNCED

The Children's Fund of Michigan which was organized three years ago by a gift of ten million dollars from Sen. James Couzens, requires a published report of the activities and achievements each year. The report for Baraga County for the past year follows:

1,785 children of Baraga County were protected against smallpox during the year.
Miss A. Winnifred Golley, county nurse, examined 2,043 children.
1,604 visits to homes were made.
610 children received attention through the summer dental program and 340 children obtained glasses.
Class in Home Hygiene were held and 45 demonstrations in health practices were put on.

LEGION MEETING

A regular meeting of Wm. McGlue Post No. 144 of the American Legion will be held Thursday evening, May 5, in the club rooms at L'Anse. After the business session lunch will be served.



MOTHERS' DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 8
MOTHER'S DAY... the day of millions of thrills to mothers of America whose hearts throb with joy through the manifests of devotion tendered by those whom they love most, their children. It is the happiest day of all the year to the mothers who receive the tender tributes that mean to them but one thing... love recompensed.

SUITS FILED AGAINST SPURR OFFICIALS

Action Taken Against Supervisor and Clerk to Test Rights to Offices

Quo-Warranto proceedings were brought against Supervisor Peter A. Alexander and Clerk William Pascoe of Spurr Township this week to test their rights to these offices. The suits were filed by Olie Olsen and Oscar Wiljanen, defeated candidates for Supervisor and Clerk at the spring election April 4th.

The election was quite hot in that township and the results were not known until the last vote was counted. The fight for Supervisor and Clerk were especially close. Mr. Alexander won by a majority of two votes, the final results being Alexander 75, Olson 73. In the race for Clerk, Mr. Pascoe was the winner by a majority of only one vote, the results being Pascoe 73, Wiljanen 72.

Attorney J. J. O'Connor has been retained by Messrs. Alexander and Pascoe, the defendants, while Messrs. McCormick and Luisell of Houghton, will represent Messrs. Olsen and Wiljanen, the plaintiffs. The case will be heard in the June term of Circuit Court.

FIRE DAMAGES CARL COREY HOME

Early Sunday morning fire damaged the home of Carl Corey in Samardjic's addition to the amount of \$100. The blaze was around the chimney. The alarm was turned in at 2:30 and a fast run by the fire department saved the building. As there was no hydrant near the home the firemen were forced to use chemicals.

"THE PATSY" TO BE PRESENTED FRIDAY

Baraga Juniors Working Hard On Big Three-Act Comedy

On Friday evening, May 6, at eight o'clock, the Junior Class of Baraga High School will present "The Patsy," a three-act comedy in the new auditorium. The characters are as follows:

Bill Harrington, a hen-pecked husband who turns the tables on his wife—Gerald Mathes.
Mrs. William Harrington, a mother who aspires to climb the social ladder—Irene Ikonen.
Grace Harrington, who follows in her mother's footsteps—Inez Carlson.
Patricia Harrington, the abused member of the family—Helvi Liimainen.
Billy Caldwell, Grace's chief interest—Raymond Archambeau.
Tony Anderson, a well-meaning, though misunderstood individual—Leonard Stark.
Sadie Buchanen, Grace's rival—Myrtle Broemer.
Francis Patrick O'Flaherty, a jovial lawyer who befriends Patricia—Thomas Mathes.
"Trip" Busty, a taxi driver—Lloyd Getzen.
The play is produced with special permission of Samuel French, Inc. Between the acts, the audience will be entertained by song and dance acts. After the performance, the Nighthawks will furnish music for dancing.

WM. PETERSON BADLY BRUISED BY FALL

Accident Occurs While Washing Windows; Falls About 12 Feet

Good Fortune stood by William Peterson Tuesday afternoon when he fell a distance of from 12 to 14 feet and sustained no serious injuries except a badly bruised right side and hip.

Mr. Peterson was washing the rear window on the addition to his home when he slipped, lost his balance and fell to the ground. His wife and Messrs. Peter Ellis and John Rohlin ran to the fallen man and assisted him into the home. Dr. Winkler was called and after an examination reported that he could not find any fractures.

Mr. Peterson is quite prominent in the L'Anse, being Treasurer of the Board of Education and one of our honored citizens. He will be 68 years of age in July. Due to his age it was feared that he might have sustained serious injuries by the fall. His friends and acquaintances are hoping that his injuries will not prove serious and that he will soon be out again.

THANK YOU
We gratefully acknowledge the splendid patronage shown us by all those who appreciatively made the chop suey sale a success. Thank you! First Lutheran Ladies' Aid.

COUNCIL MAY FIND COST OF PRODUCING ELECTRICITY AT VILLAGE POWER PLANT

MONDAY IS 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRE

Next Monday, May 9th, will be the 36th anniversary of the big fire which destroyed the business section of L'Anse and left the residents dazed by the magnitude of the destruction. The fire destroyed the sawmill, the town's principal industry, besides the large lumber piles and the business places in its path. The day was hot and a strong south wind fanned the fire which soon got beyond control. Many of the residents lost practically all their property and were destitute. Considerable aid was received from nearby towns who were all eager to assist those who suffered from the disaster. It took many many years to rebuild that portion destroyed.

ELMBLAD ATTENDS CONSERVATION MEET

Distribution of Licenses and Fire Situation Thoroughly Discussed

Joseph Elmsblad, supervisor of Conservation district No. 1 comprising the counties of Baraga, Houghton and Keweenaw, attended a conference with Conservation Department officials in Marquette Wednesday of last week.

While the meeting was called primarily for the purpose of bringing about a better distribution of licenses the forest fire situation was thoroughly discussed. Although the fire menace in most districts of the peninsula has been virtually negligible to date.

Explains New System
Mr. Sayre, chief field administrator, declared that the new system under which fire fighters are procured from lists furnished by city, township and county welfare organizations and by lists of available labor prepared by fire wardens, would go a long way to reduce the enormous number of incendiary fires reported during the last two years. In addition to this Mr. Sayre said, fire wardens and conservation officers will have men under them upon whom they can rely in an emergency. The old system of "impressing" labor has been abandoned.

In Mr. Sayre's opinion, the fact that fire fighters will be paid only 15 cents an hour will not impair the efficiency of their work.

Wages Not Only Factor
"I believe that most of the men who are on these prepared lists will not be undertaking the work just for the compensation they will receive," he said, "but because they understand that in protecting forests they are safeguarding the welfare of the community in which they live."

"Smoker" Fires Increase
Mr. Sayre said that the conservation officers this year will make a particular effort to reduce the number of "smoker" fires, caused by carelessness of persons in throwing away lighted cigarettes, matches and pipe ashes. He pointed out that while "smoker" fires constituted only five percent of the total number of fires in the state in 1925, this percentage increased to the alarming proportion of 45 per cent in 1931. The chief field administrator stated that the educational campaign conducted by the state conservation department has brought gratifying results as regards other fires. While camp fires comprised 16 per cent of the total in 1925, this percentage was reduced to fire in 1931.

REED BARBER SHOP TO BE MOVED NEXT WEEK

George Reed, the tonsorial artist, will move his barber shop to the Paquette building on Main street the first of next week, having leased the rooms adjoining the A. & P. store. The room has been partitioned off and other improvements made. His shop has been located in the Exchange Hotel the past few years and he hopes his friends and patrons will follow him to his new location.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TO PLAY IN L'ANSE

The congregation of the Finnish Lutheran church of L'Anse are arranging a musical treat for the residents of Baraga County. They have engaged the Hancock Symphony orchestra to play for a concert the latter part of this month. The exact date has not yet been decided on.

The is composed of 38 of the best musicians of the Copper Country, a mixed quartet and a soloist. They have given several concerts in that district and have pleased large crowds.

Audit Would Take Figures on Total Cost of Operation for One Year

At a special meeting held Friday evening, the L'Anse Council decided it may be necessary to have an audit made to determine the actual cost of producing current at the Village plant. The Council invited John Ralph, manager of the Baraga County Light & Power Company, to be present since they wanted the people to know more about the new offer the Power Company had made, which would guarantee the Village an ample supply of current at all times for street lighting and water pumping, even though the river flow may be low in summer and fall. Mr. Ralph said it would also mean a marked reduction in the Village costs.

About one hundred people attended the meeting, of which considerably less than half were taxpayers.

It was explained by members of the Council that the first power contract was entered into because the Village was without an adequate supply of energy to care for the immediate needs of its residents. The contract also covered the furnishing of an engine and generator in the plant to supply this need during the construction of the hydro station on the Sturgeon River that would supply the Villages of L'Anse and Baraga with an unlimited amount of energy for residential and future industrial requirements.

Mr. Ralph explained how the dam had been constructed only after the Council passed the supplemental contract which made the term a ten year period and set the minimum to be paid for electricity at 2c per kilowatt hour.

It was also explained that the Company would save the Village a considerable amount in line losses by having the substation located near the center of the village. Mr. Ralph also stated in his talk that the Power Company wants to co-operate with the people and, contrary to the belief of some, they are not trying to put something over the people, nor could they since the Michigan Public Utilities Commission is the watch dog of the public. He then offered the following proposition, which he said could be tried for a few months or a year without a contract, so that the people had nothing to lose and it could be stopped whenever the Council wished.

COVINGTON FARMERS SHIP MORE POTATOES

Seventh Car of Green Mountains Shipped to Detroit Monday

Farmers of Covington and Watton shipped their seventh carload of Green Mountain potatoes to the Detroit market last Monday. This was the tenth car of potatoes shipped from Baraga county this spring.

The Covington Township farmers who loaded this last car were: William Norback, Hjalmer Huttala, Matt Laturi, Jacob Rajala, Nels Salli, Alex Lepola, Nels Rajala, William Pihlaja, Lauri Poutanen, Mrs. Hilma Trappu, John Jokinen, Victor Nurkka, Isaac Torma, Jacob Korpi, Axel Hill, Elias Maki, John Kivela, Matt Lepola, Emil Ahola, Nels Salo, Elias Nopola, Herman Rajala, August P. Maki, John Friberg, and Ivar Nykkoli.

Two cars have been shipped from Pelkie and one from Froberg Siding. A car is also being loaded at Keweenaw Bay by the following farmers: John Simula, Jalmer Rymann, John Jarvi, William Koski, Eli Ylimainen, Henry Ekdahl, Isaac Thinen, Jalmer Lehto, Charles Helberg, John Mettner, Victor Maki and Andrew Herrala.

L'Anse Township farmers are busy packing a carload which will be shipped out next week. They are: Joe Barbo, Howard Howe, Thomas Bobish, J. C. Jones, Paul Schultz, Alex Ahonen, William Saari, and Andrew Tolonen. The last three mentioned are Aura farmers.

MASONS TO MEET

L'Anse Lodge F. & A. M. will meet in regular communication next Tuesday evening at their lodge rooms in L'Anse. All members of that society are invited to attend.

CARD PARTY

The Ladies Altar society of Sacred Heart church will give a card party in the church parlors Sunday evening, May 8, at 7:30 o'clock. A small admission charge will be made. Everybody welcome. Lunch.

Fred Karlela, of Herman, transacted business at the Probate Office in the Court House yesterday.

This week's historic Sentinel page is sponsored by Baraga County Memorial Hospital. See ad on p. 5B.

Colorful history in local graphite mining

Editor's note: Historical researcher LeRoy G. Barnett has written about three failed graphite mines in this area.

We began a three-part series last week with the Silver River Graphite Co. east of L'Anse in 1876; and the Hathaway Graphite Manufacturing Co. in 1900. Three local men—August Menge, Herman Seifert and Roger C. Williams were involved.

Barnett's story continues:

The adjacent Falls River was tapped to power the operation, the current used to turn a 150-horsepower turbine wheel. The flow of the stream quickly proved to be too unreliable, so a boiler and engine were soon installed to drive the machinery by steam when necessary.

Inside the plant were crushers, grinders and pulverizers, reduction machines designed to turn the matrix extracted from the earth into a highly refined black powder. This product was then packaged in sacks weighing about one hundred pounds each and sold to firms in Chicago, Detroit and Flint to be used in making paint to protect metal surfaces.

The Hathaway Company revealed little to the public about its business operations, but the concern did offer a few clues in 1903, the first and only year it supposedly made a profit. Still relying upon the initial 400 tons of ore mined in 1900, the enterprise manufactured 3,153 gallons of graphite-based paint and bagged 75 tons of finely graded powder. This output allegedly gave the firm's coffers a surplus of \$1,567.42 in 1903.

Whether actual or contrived, this was the last entry on the plus side of the corporate annual statement. "Owing to a lack of proper management," the company's business trajectory was

unsustainable. As a result, in 1905 the corporate headquarters was transferred from L'Anse to Detroit, and the following year the stockholders authorized a sale of the mine and processing plant.

The enterprise went into receivership in 1908, and the entire operation was put up for sale that year. Buyers for the business were not found until the summer of 1909, and the Hathaway Graphite Manufacturing Company was thereafter referred to in the past tense.

One Last Effort:

The parties that purchased the Hathaway property were mainly Ishpeming interests operating as the Northern Graphite Company. In 1910, they made the mill in the old roundhouse ready to function again and had men extract 300 tons of ore at the mine site.

In 1911, manufacturing operations resumed at the L'Anse plant, requiring late that year the removal of another 200 tons of mineral from the workings along Plumbago Creek. Some of this material was processed into powder in 1912, but that was the last year in which the machinery functioned in that capacity.

The national recession of 1913-1914 caused a decline in business, thus reducing demand for the company's product. This situation—coupled with the fact that the ore being used was sometimes assayed as low as 20% graphite—meant that the firm just could not compete with others in the trade.

Consequently, in 1919 the factory of the company was dismantled and the equipment therein sold for what it might fetch on the open market. In time, even the firm's mine site disappeared, as a geologist at the location in 1942 found that "slumped ground has now covered



GRAPHITE MINE--A graphitic slate quarry operated by the Detroit Graphite Company during 1912 and prior years. Graphite was extracted from the quarried slate at a facility in L'Anse and used as paint pigment. The quarry consists of a shallow open pit accessed through a narrow cut through a hillside. It lies in the Michigan Lower Slate formation near the contact with a gneiss complex to the south.

all the rock exposures" at the place.

Thus, the Northern Graphite Company followed other such Upper Peninsula firms into oblivion. But not all efforts to mine plumbago in Baraga County were failures, as one in particular endured for decades.

Baraga Graphite Mining Company

October 9, 1888, saw the birth of the Baraga Graphite Mining Company when its articles of association were signed in what would eventually become known as the Motor City. "A company of Detroiters," it was formed "for the purpose of working a vein of graphite...near L'Anse."

The mine was located about eight miles south of the county seat in what surveyors refer to as the northern half of the northeast quarter of Section 16, T.49 N., R.33 W. The plan was to take the ore extracted from the site, put it on railcars, and then haul it to a processing

plant in Detroit. There, the raw material would be refined and supposedly turned into facings for crucibles in foundries.

The on-site superintendent was Robert Roger Williams, a local man with experience in the slate quarries northeast of L'Anse. In December of 1888 he put some men to work removing the overburden at the mine site so as to expose the bed of graphite. This task was quickly accomplished, and by the end of January, 1889, the first carload of ore was on its way to the factory.

Five hundred tons of mineral were mined in 1889 and another 1,000 tons in 1890, but that was the end of the line for the company. In January of 1891, the stockholders decided to sell the firm, a mission that was accomplished six months later.

The business was not sustainable given the product it was attempting to sell. At a maximum of 30% graphite, the ore from

the mine was really not suitable for foundry facings or cupola linings. The firm was losing money, so some other use for the raw material had to be found.

A Second Chance to Get it Right:

The successor to the Baraga Graphite Mining Company was the Lake Superior Graphite Company, a firm comprised of many of the men who founded the former business. Nearly everything remained the same after the 1891 sale with one exception: now the product to be marketed was graphite paint.

Graphite paint was showing great promise at the time as a protective coating for metal surfaces. About four pounds of exceedingly fine graphite powder in each gallon of paint seemed to guard iron and steel against corrosion.

To test the efficacy of this product, the Lake Superior Graphite Company applied its paint to ferrous structures like

smoke stacks, storage tanks, steel bridges, fire escapes, pipes and boiler tubes, along with metal roofs and siding. In every case the results were successful in keeping the surfaces rust-free.

Just one year after the establishment of the Lake Superior Graphite Company, many of the same Detroit investors filed with the State of Michigan articles of association for the Detroit Graphite Manufacturing Company. While the reason for this action has not been found in the historical record, it appears that the "Lake Superior" firm was created to develop and test the new paint product and—once the commodity was proven sound—it was turned over to the "Detroit Graphite" company to manufacture and sell.

The Start of Something Big:

Beginning slow, and relying initially on supplies of graphite ore already quarried and stored at the mine, the Detroit Graphite Manufacturing Company began producing a premium paint under the LSG trademark (Lake Superior Graphite).

Shortly before the turn of the century, the firm introduced a cheaper line called "L'Anse Paints." This product was modeled after its first-rate offerings, but the manufacturing process was "not as extended nor as expensive, and the [linseed] oils used are not refined to the same extent."

Meanwhile, the top-of-the-line paint was finding great acceptance all over the country, including protecting the original Ferris Wheel at the Chicago World's Fair.

To be continued. We are still seeking photos of graphite mining. sentinell1886@gmail.com

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Contact Mr. Mike Roth, Maintenance/Transportation Supervisor, at 524-0211 for additional information or to set up a time to inspect the site.

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County fair enjoys long history

Coronavirus causes break in tradition

by Nancy Besonen

The 2020 Baraga County Fair has been cancelled due to Coronavirus, interrupting a hallowed tradition that spans over 100 years.

With no fair to look forward to this summer, the *LAnse Sentinel* looks back this week at the history of the Baraga County Fair. A journey through historical *LAnse Sentinels* available online through the Library of Congress unearthed the fair's inception in 1912.

The first county fair story, titled "Pomona and County Fair Oct. 5," was published Sept. 14, 1912. It reported the Upper Peninsula Development Bureau was urging all 15 counties in Upper Michigan to hold a fair, and the LAnse Grange was in charge of seeing the project through.

The fair would be held at the opera house, and all local farmers, grangers and citizens were urged to get their exhibits in. "A splendid musical and vocal program will be arranged," the story noted, "also some good speakers secured."

Top exhibits would be included in a display at the Fall Convention of the Michigan Grange in the Soo. The first Baraga County Fair enjoyed a strong debut, leading to an even bigger and better event the following year.

The Sept. 20, 1913 *LAnse Sentinel* featured a banner headline across its

front page announcing, "Meet Your Friends at the County Fair." A subtitle added, "If You Have Any

Baraga Township. The program included speakers, soloists, various crop judgments, a demonstration

Fair Grounds. In 1935 the fair opened in the new Community Building at Baraga, but had no live-

crowd hopping. Hopes ran high for top-notch exhibits following a bumper growing year in Baraga County.

In 1941 both the title and venue changed when first Pelkie Dairy Day and Picnic were held Aug. 1 at the Pelkie Agricultural School. Dairy cow judging, pie eating contests, music by the WPA Band and more filled the day which also featured a county-wide 4-H picnic and farm machinery exhibits.

Dairy Day would endure for 25 years. "Pioneering in Pelkie," a history of the region, fills some gaps with its chapter titled, "Dairy Day—

Baraga County Fair." It notes the Baraga County Fair complex was named the G.F. Biekkola County Fair Building as a tribute to Fred Biekkola.

Biekkola served as County Agricultural Agent from January, 1931 through September, 1965. He was credited with establishing the Baraga County Fair—Dairy Day as both a success and an enduring tradition in the community.

On Aug. 25, 1965, the 25th anniversary of Dairy Day, the event's name was changed back to the Baraga County Fair, scheduled to return once again in August, 2021.



FUN AT FAIR--Will have to be on hold for 2020. The much-anticipated tradition is taking a time-out due to Coronavirus.

Interest Whatever, You Should Attend. Good Entertainment will be Provided by Those in Charge of Things."

The 1913 fair spanned two days, Sept. 26 and 27, and was held at the Baraga Grange Hall in

of the "Split Log Drag for improving our highways," and a plowing match with a first place prize of \$3.

The fair was initially put on by the LAnse and Baraga Grange. In 1914 and for many years after it was held at the Baraga

stock entries due to a lack of accommodations.

Henke's Carnival thrilled for that fair's Sept. 26-28 run. Jack Rubbe and his Orchestra performed Friday night and on Saturday, the Mandan Hayseeds kept the dance

UP State Fair vote still out

by Nancy Besonen

The U.P. State Fair Authority and Delta County Chamber of Commerce are working together to try to save the U.P. State Fair from becoming another casualty of Coronavirus.

Larger events based at the U.P. State Fairgrounds have already been canceled, including the Krusin' Classics Fun Run, Kiwanis Home and Garden Show, WLUC Spring Craft Show and the U.P. Whitetails Spring Banquet. The fairgrounds and organizations benefit from income from those events which may be rescheduled later in the year.

Vickie Micheau, Executive Director of the Delta County Chamber of Commerce and Management Agent for the U.P. State Fair, said they are proceeding with caution in hopes of preserving the tradition, if not all the regular features, of the U.P. State Fair.

"For now, we are under

the assumption that the fair will take place provided the Governor does not extend the Stay Home, Stay Safe order," Micheau said, "or if the Authority, after careful evaluation of the information received beforehand, decides that it is not in the best interest of the public health to hold the 2020 fair."

"We are processing all exhibitor entry forms, camping and vendor contracts, booking grandstand entertainment and fulfilling commitments to our sponsors as we normally do at this time," she said "Everyone involved in the fair is closely evaluating information as it is received."

Micheau said the public's safety is paramount in the Authority and Chamber of Commerce's decision.

"We will work alongside local, state and federal authorities to assure a safe and healthy plan is in place for the 2020 UP State Fair," Micheau said.

2020 Lumberjack Days cancelled

After much deliberation, the Baraga County Lumberjack Days Committee has made the decision to cancel Baraga County Lumberjack Days for 2020.

The cancellation was announced on the Lumberjack Days Committee's website, which read:

"During this unsettling

time in history, we feel it is much more important to be proactive in protecting our communities and tourists.

"There is a possibility we may hold a fundraiser the end of August or in September, only if it is safe to do so, and it would be announced on our page and website so please keep

an eye out for any future announcements.

"With that being said, we sincerely wish to thank all of the local businesses and all of our individual sponsors from past years who have helped us put on our celebrations. Even though our hearts are heavy, having to make this decision, we look ahead to

make next year a spectacular and triumphant return of a celebration to honor our nation's independence.

"Please remain safe out there as we truly look forward to seeing you all again in 2021. God bless you all and God bless America."

DNR updates outdoor rec opening dates

DNR updates opening dates and modifications for public outdoor recreation sites

Under updated EO, most state parks, trail and boating access sites are open for local use; campgrounds, other lodging, shelters to open in phases.

To help slow the spread of the coronavirus and carry out Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's extended "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order through May 15, the Department of Natural Resources has updated expected opening dates and available amenities at many of its public outdoor recreation sites and facilities.

Most state parks and recreation areas and state-managed trails and boating access sites remain open to provide local opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, but social distancing is key. Federal and state health officials consistently have said that keeping at least 6 feet away from those outside your household is vital to containing the virus spread.

Proposed facility reopening dates are based on the updated stay-at-home executive order that ends May 15 and are staggered to allow for proper preparation. Details on closures and changes in services, as well as frequently asked questions, are available on the DNR's COVID-19 response webpage at Michigan.gov/DNR.

The changes and planned public opening dates include the following, but further changes to the EO could affect these plans:

- Prep time needed to get facilities ready
- Camping, overnight lodging and shelters set to open June 22
- State forest campgrounds and DNR-operated harbors set to open

June 10

- Boating access sites – availability and safety
- Other operational announcements

Ron Olson, chief of the DNR Parks and Recreation Division, said he and his staff are eager to welcome back campers and visitors, but proper safety precautions and maintenance work must happen first.

"We know millions of residents are eager to return to state parks and recreation areas, and we will be here to serve them and make their visits as enjoyable as possible, but we have to open the right way and be certain that facilities and sites are clean, safe and ready to accommodate everyone," Olson said.

Prep time needed to get facilities ready

To prepare state-managed parks, trails and boating facilities, many important tasks must be completed once nonessential work is permitted. The department anticipates staff can start work May 15 once the stay-at-home order is lifted; prep work is expected to take roughly five weeks. Duties include:

- Acquiring drinking water permits from county health departments.
- Opening bathrooms.
- Hiring and training seasonal staff.
- Ensuring sanitation systems are running efficiently.
- Making progress on infrastructure needs.
- Other operational duties.

Camping, overnight lodging and shelters set to open June 22

Camping and overnight lodging reservations for dates between May 15 and June 21 have been canceled, but the following reimbursement options are available:

- Request to change reservation dates to later

in the season (pending availability within the reservation booking window) and earn a free night for that time period. No reservation fees or cancellation/modification fees will be charged. Reservation holders who want this option must contact the call center at 800-447-2757 by May 15 at 8 p.m.

•Choose a full refund to automatically be applied to original payment method, including the reservation fee. Reservation holders DO NOT need to take any action; all remaining reservations will automatically be canceled after May 15, and an email will be sent when the refund is completed. No cancellation/modification fees will be charged.

In addition, reservation holders whose camping reservations for stays between March 23 and May 15 were canceled due to COVID-19 are eligible for a free night of camping on reservations made later in the season. Those who want to make a reservation or have already booked one for a later date should call 800-447-2757 by May 15 at 8 p.m. and have their canceled booking number handy. **Please note:** Reservations extending beyond June 21 will be changed to a June 22 arrival date and canceled nights will automatically be refunded to the original payment method.

Shelter reservations between May 15 and June 21 will automatically be canceled. Reservation holders for those dates will receive full refunds to the original payment method, including the reservation fee paid at the time reservations were made. No cancellation/modification fees will be charged. Questions can be directed to the reservation call center at 800-447-2757.

State forest campgrounds and DNR-operated harbors set to open June 10

The DNR will extend closures in state forest campgrounds and DNR-operated harbors through at least June 9, allowing for additional time to prepare for public reopening.

Reservations for dates between May 15 and June 9 will automatically be canceled after May 15 for a full refund to the original payment method, unless a customer calls the call center at 800-447-2757 by May 15 at 8 p.m. to request a reservation be changed to a later date as outlined above (including one free night).

Boating access sites – availability and safety

DNR-managed boating access sites that already were open for the season and remained open during the stay-at-home order will remain open. The addition of various amenities, such as the placement of courtesy piers and the reopening of bathrooms at boating access sites, will begin as staff time and maintenance schedules allow.

The most recent stay-at-home order specifies that boating (including motorized) is now allowed, but people from different households are strongly encouraged to practice social distancing and stay at least 6 feet apart.

Other operational announcements

•Bathroom buildings and hand-washing stations are closed through at least June 3, although those facilities associated with campgrounds will remain closed until the campground opens. Trash service also has been halted during the same time frame; please leave the sites as you found them. Bring bags to carry out any trash with you.

•Dispersed camping on approved state-managed

lands is not permitted until at least May 15.

•Due to the extended stay-at-home order and operational functions associated with starting the season, the tentative opening date at Silver Lake State Park ORV Area in Oceana County is Wednesday, June 3. Staff is scheduled to return May 15 and the prep work is anticipated to take about three weeks. Read full

press release.

•In order to minimize face-to-face interactions and the exchange of money, the Recreation Passport requirement for vehicle entry to state parks and recreation areas, state forest campgrounds and state-managed boating access sites has been suspended until at least two weeks after the stay-at-home order ends.

Weekly weather reports

Date	Temperature		Precipitation		Snow
	High	Low	Rain	Snow	
4/27	54	35	-	-	7
4/28	47	31	.23	-	6
4/29	46	38	.62	-	5
4/30	39	32	.06	-	4
5/1	56	28	-	-	2
5/2	67	42	.15	-	T
5/3	66	39	-	-	T
Total this week			1.06	0.00	
Previous total			0.00	185.00	
Total to date			1.06	185.00	

by Cindy Parkola, Herman

Date	Temperature		Precipitation		Snow
	High	Low	Rain	Snow	
4/26	68	41	-	-	-
4/27	55	39	-	-	-
4/28	41	32	.24	-	-
4/29	54	32	1.24	-	-
4/30	65	42	.05	-	-
5/1	62	41	-	-	-
5/2	46	39	-	-	-
Total this week			2.0	1.85	0.0
Previous total			0.00	153.0	
Total to date			1.65	153.0	

by Dale Hutula, Watton

Snow Date	Temperature		Precipitation	
	High	Low	Rain	Snow
4/26	57	23	-	-
4/27	50	27	.17	-
4/28	49	37	.37	-
4/29	46	38	.45	-
4/30	60	34	-	-
5/1	74	29	.08	-
5/2	70	44	4.4	0.0
Total this week			2.54	119.0
Previous total			2.54	119.0
Total to date			3.68	119.0

by Gale Lilola, Pelkie