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Save the drama for your...club

By R.R. Johnson

IRON RIVER — Abby Garcia and Liliana “Lili” Micola are combining their skills and passions for helping the youth of the community and turning it all into something special — a drama club.

However, when the organization gathers to hold its first meeting less than a month away on Jan. 7, 2022 at 3:15 p.m. in the Windsor Center's Auditorium in Iron River, it is not simply about honing and nurturing the young members' love of the stage and the art that is acting and performing into something masterful, nor is it merely about showing high school-aged kids (the target demographic) how to perform the behind scenes duties necessary to putting on a successful play, it is a lesson in life and in living. This is no doubt how Garcia and Micola see it.

“Ultimately I want a place for kids who don't fall into the category of wanting to be in a sport or music, or anything like that, for kids that want to have a home, to be seen, to be understood, to be felt, to be heard,” said Garcia.

What better place is there

to be heard than in drama club? It is a place where projecting one's voice in both a literal and figurative sense is a point of emphasis. Although it may seem easy for one to write drama club off as simply a place where people play pretend and go through exercises in imagination, Garcia and Micola know that it is more than that. They understand the sincerity in the exercises members will go through. As members of the West End Players, Garcia and Micola already have a firm grasp of the power of stage and its influence on one's personal development. One young actor, Lolita Grifka, has singularly embodied this idea.

“[Grifka's] confidence has skyrocketed since joining the West End Players production of Frozen Junior,” Garcia pointed out. It is said that she has made more friends, has become more out-going, and appears to be much more happy overall compared to when she first joined.

Personal changes like these are encouraging to Garcia and Micola, who have high hopes for the effect their drama club will have on the lives of its members. Furthermore, Grif-



Abby Garcia and Liliana “Lili” Micola are two of the driving forces behind the new Drama Club. The club's first meeting will be Jan. 7 at 3:15 p.m. in the Windsor Center's Auditorium in Iron River. The Drama Club will be more than just an extension of the West End Players.

ka's changes reflect some of Garcia's personal goals for the drama club.

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Brianna Walls fourth grade class will monitor close to 200 salmon eggs until they hatch. At that time, they will be released back into the wild. The release process will likely take place in spring around May.

WIC Elementary introduces “Salmon in the Classroom”

IRON RIVER — The local Fred Waara Chapter of Trout Unlimited has partnered with the West Iron County Elementary School to initiate Trout Unlimited's “Salmon in the Classroom” program. This program allows students to watch the life cycle of salmon from egg stage to young fish. It also allows them to learn about the importance to fish of clean water and productive fish habitat...the same things that are important to us big “kids” whether or not we are fisher-

man. We all depend on good, clean water. In this area we are especially blessed with the many opportunities clean water brings us, from swimming to fishing, watching wildlife around water or enjoying a sunrise or sunset on our favorite stream or lake.

The Fred Waara Chapter provided and installed all the equipment, and arranges for the salmon eggs which are donated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

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Car Insurance Refunds coming to U.P. drivers

UPPER PENINSULA — State Rep. Greg Markkanen announced car insurance reforms he worked to develop and approve will lead to money going back to U.P. drivers in upcoming months.

The Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association announced it will provide \$400 refunds for each insured vehicle early next year. The state's new car insurance laws call for periodic audits of the MCCA's finances, and require refunds for Michi-

gan drivers when certain financial criteria are met.

The MCCA said last month that refunds would be coming, and the specifics were announced. Drivers can expect to receive refunds in the second quarter of 2022.

“The cost of car insurance was a massive and burdensome financial commitment for many people and families across the western U.P. Change was sorely needed to provide people with relief,”

said Markkanen, of Hancock. “We are continuing to see costs come down and drivers saving money with the implementation of these reforms. That was what people demanded, and that was why I pushed for this legislation and helped advance it to the governor's desk.”

Markkanen and the Legislature voted to approve the measures in 2019.

The refunds will come in addition to annual MCCA rate

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MDHHS Child Support Advisory Council drives change in department

LANSING — Michigan's Office of Child Support has listened to parents who are on its recently formed Child Support Advisory Council and taken several actions in response to input.

Since February, Michigan's Office of Child Support — which is part of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services — has hosted the Community Advisory Council that it formed to help make sure the office is fair and works for everyone.

“MDHHS values input from the people that we serve,” said Lewis Roubal, the department's chief deputy director for opportunity. “Hearing diverse viewpoints helps the Office of Child Support make

decisions that are beneficial to children and families.”

Several significant program changes have been achieved since the council began meeting. They include:

- An improved process for handling child support program complaints.

- Greater sensitivity in the wording the Office of Child Support uses to refer to Michiganders the program serves. The office is moving toward referring to “case members, program participants, parents and caregivers” instead of “customers” or other terms.

- Changes to ensure the advisory council is aware of the Office of Child Support's projects and initiatives and to provide an opportunity for input

by council members.

Creation of this council is a part of MDHHS efforts to promote diversity, equity and inclusion.

“Being a part of the Office of Child Support Advisory Council has been extremely rewarding,” said India Hoskins, a parent from Kalamazoo. “The existence of this council alone shows the system can and wants to do better for the many families involved. We have started turning our experiences and our stories into an actual proposal. The sharing of these stories is honestly the best thing I think the council has done so far. We've created a safe space for people to share their experience as it relates to child support, custody, paternity, and the overall complexi-

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Christmas in Lights Parade Float Winners

Non Commercial:

1st Place: Friends of the Duke of Abruzzi
2nd Place: Lakeland Baptist Church
Honorable Mention: Classic Farm Machinery

Commercial:

1st Place: Highway 2 Animal Clinic
2nd Place: Young's
Honorable Mention: Custom Creations



It was a busy day, Dec. 4 in Iron River during the Christmas in Lights celebration. During the day the Windsor Center hosted an arts and craft show. In the evening was the Christmas in Lights parade and fireworks.





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COMMUNITY...

IC Museum Galleria basket winners announced

CASPIAN — The Iron County Museum winners of the baskets are as follows: *(Note: all information, including spellings, provided by the Iron County Museum).*

1. "Handmade Quilt" won by Jason Piwarski
2. "A Quilter's Dream" won by Judy Heikkila
3. "Yultide You-Time with Mane on Monroe" won by Karen Patton
4. "Exciting Entrepreneurs" won by Sylvia Lindwall
5. "The Magnag's Ultimate Pampering Basket" won by Pat Cullnan
6. "Break Time" won by Pete Judd
7. "Cuddle Up and Read" won by Courtney Leonoff
8. "Frozen Friends & Arendelle Castle" won by Peter Judd
9. "I Scream for Ice Cream" won by Nan Borske
10. "The Wrapping is in the Bag" won by Patti Gorr
11. "Winter, Warmth & Wine" won by Cyndie Paulson
12. "Chef's Delight" won by Sue Gilligan
13. "Rose Quartz Sampler" won by Kris Byczek
14. "Buon Natale" from Riverside Pizza won by Fancie Economy
15. "Yoooper Memory Keeper" won by Sanday Freelund
16. "Fore A Good Time" won by Cameron Jarvi
17. "Call Me Sweet Tea" won by Betsy Salonen
18. "Jordan's Spa Day" won by Melody Klink
19. "Quilt & Quiet Time" won by Natalie Walsh
20. "Hyvaa Joulua! The Raiha Way" won by Cyndie Paulson
21. "Christmas Cooking Made Easy" won by Jessica Christianson
22. "Good Boy's Goody Basket" won by Susan Fritz
23. "That's a Wrap!" won by Brenda Hill
24. "Massage & Relaxation" won by Cindy Mattson
25. "Baking for Santa" won by Nicole Donati
26. "Magination Station (Girl-Geared)" won by Danny Fitzpatrick
27. "Magination Station (Boy-Geared)" won by Mary Grones
28. "Tween Garden Party" won by Debbie Quick
29. "Best Dad Ever" won by Tammy Seymour
30. "Pawfect Gift for Furry Friends" won by Nonni Maki
31. "Snow Day!" won by Tony Dallavalle
32. "His & Her's Winter in the Woods" won by Karen Bosze
33. "Feeling Cozy in Da U.P." won by Jessica Christianson
34. "Forest Friends in Winter" won by Erika Sauter
35. "Stamping & Scrapbooking" won by Gary Burk
36. "Pixel-Perfect Home Spa" won by Susan Fritz
37. "Active Athlete" won by Susan Turner
38. "Follow the Star (Wars)" won by Heidi Curtis
39. "American Girl of the Year" won by Amy Pratt
40. "It's Always Grilling Season" won by Pam Farley
41. "Boy's Bike" won by Ben Jenkins
42. "Girl's Bike" won by Donna Rosi

Deadline Thursday at Noon

Meeting Date Change Notice

The West Iron County Sewer Authority's regular board meeting for December 28, 2021 has been changed to January 4, 2022. The meeting is held at Gastra City Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Jeffrey C. Dixon -WICSA Lead Plant Operator

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November Middle School award winners

Back Row: Ms. Miatech, 8th grade citizen of the month-Aiden Johnson, Ms. Westcott, Mr. Hansen, Mrs. Wrock, Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Story, and Mrs. Johnson. Front Row: 7th grade citizen of the month-Devin Koga, Science award-Noah Boehmke, English award-Josh Smith, Senior band award-Hannah Ruppert, 6th/7th band award-

Bella Tarter, Health/PE award-Dani Alquist, Math award-Rainey Vanoss, Social Studies award-Vienna Price, 6th Grade citizen of the month-Audrey Williams, Art award-Lauren Reed. Not pictured: Industrial Education award-Devin Martin, Spanish award-Jeahna Schmidt, and Trojan award-Natyela Martinez. (submitted photo)



November high school award winners

Back row: Student of the week-Kaidan Green, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Schultz, Mrs. Wrock, Mrs. Lefebvre, Mr. Huotari, Mrs. Smithson, Mrs. Gestopa, and 10th Grade citizen of the month-Chris Johnson. Front row: Industrial arts award-Zack Turner, English award-Will Curtis, PE/Health award-Felix Quevedo, Math award, Zach Brown, Art award-Kayla Hammerberg, Social Studies award-

Ella Gasperich, 9th Grade citizen of the month-Dalaney Wagner, Business/Media award-Kaylee Cadotte, Student of the week and Science award-Quinn Premo, and 12th Grade citizen of the month-Amber McDowell. Not pictured: 11th Grade citizen of the month-Melaney Carlson and Trojan Power award-Erin Hammerberg. (submitted photo)



November Middle School Students of the Week

Congratulations to the November Middle School Students of the Week- Emmi Carollo, Haven Vansickle and Kaitlyn Mathison. (submitted photo)

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Your generous support of the Iron County Museum is deeply appreciated!

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Remember when...

75 years ago (1946) Andrew Esbrook, a veteran of World War II has succeeded Edward A. Lundin as sexton of Resthaven cemetery. Esbrook was engaged by the Iron River township board which is also the cemetery board, and his salary was set at \$135 a month, the same paid Lundin. Esbrook will also serve as sexton of Rosehill cemetery at Beechwood.

Arnell’s Billiards, the city’s new recreation center, will open on Second Avenue behind the Boyington Hotel tomorrow. Lester Arnell, proprietor, expressed gratification upon being able to open in the new and larger quarters after three years in the Lalley building one-half block north which was razed to make room for the new Red Owl supermarket.

Miss Vina Karney left Tuesday for Detroit where she is employed, after visiting with her parents and relatives. She visited with Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Sukaniva of Morrison Lake and other friends.

Robert Hayden, student at St. Norbert’s college, De Pere, visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Haydon.

Harry Peterson, Jr., La Rue Pascoe, Jean Wittcock and Geraldine Peterson, students at Michigan College of Education, Marquette returned Sunday after spending the thanksgiving vacation with their parents.

50 years ago (1971): Dear Santa, Thank you for all the gifts you brought me last year. I still enjoy playing with them. This year I would like a cowboy suit, a cowboy hat, and cowboy boots. You see, I’m very fond of horses and cowboys. I would also like a stuffed whale. The one I saw in the catalogue was so cuddly. I would also like a doll and a nurse’s kit. I will be very happy to receive what whatever you decide to leave for me. I will leave hot coffee for you and sugar lumps for your reindeer. I would also like to wish you and Mrs. Claus a very “Merry Christmas.” Your friend, Lori Lee Lindstrom

Dear Santa, Thank you for the things you brought me last year. I am 6 years old and try to be a good boy. For Christmas this year I would like a Tonka loader, GI Joe, GI Joe Copter, GI Joe adventure set, Johnny West and his horse, and a mystery police car. My sister Lynn would like Live Action Pj with clothes, Crissy doll clothes, maxi skirt, snowmobile suit,occasins and jean boots. By brother Glenn would like Rock-Em, Sock-Em robots, creepy crawler set, “toomuch” and Camero aurora racing cars, bubble gum machine, and some pistachio nuts. Don’t forget my oldest brother Steve who would like some skis and ski boots and also my big sister Debra. I will leave some coffee for you and sugar lumps for the reindeer. Love, Paul Sartorelli

Dear Santa, I would like a

doll, doll stroller, Barbie dollhouse, plus and minus game and picture maker. I will leave sugar for your reindeer and cookies for you. Please bring something for my dog Trixie. I hope you have a nice trip. Bye Santa, Allison Edbauer

25 years ago (1996): Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Christian. I’m 5 years old and I’ve been a very good boy this year. Thank you for all the great stuff you brought me last Christmas. This year I would like a drum set, a two-face coin, and a monster truck. We will leave you some cookies and eggnog. Maybe we’ll leave you some cookies and eggnog. Maybe we’ll leave your reindeer some corn or apples or even carrots. If we don’t have any corn left we’ll leave apples. Love, Christian Valesano

Dear Santa, I’ve been very good this year. We have a new baby, and I help my mom with her all the time. This year I would like some ice skates, a Doodle Bear, Bananas In Pajamas, new clothes, some books, Fisher Price Radar, Penguin Shuffle game, and Cabbage Patch Bath Baby. And would you please bring some presents for my new baby sister, Sierra. Thank you! See you soon! Love, Desirae Rasmussen

Dear Santa, Hi I’m the new kid on the block this year! I’m only 9 months old and I decided I really like Christmas already! For Christmas I would like a “Tickle-Me Elmo.” (Mom and my grandmas have been looking all over in the stores for them, and they are hard to find...I hope that you have better luck!) I also would love some bath toys ‘cause I love to play in the tub!! And, if possible, I would like a Carhart jacket or bibs so I can work with my dad!!! If you have any surprises for me, I would love them too!!! We’ll leave you some treats to eat!!! Love & kisses, Maxwell John Maloney

10 years ago (2011): Dear Santa, My name is Eden Starr and I am 12 weeks old, so this is my first Christmas. Please bring me whatever you think I would like for Christmas. My big brothers think I need a pink lifejacket for swimming at GG’s lake. Eden Starr

Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents last year, I loved them all. This year I would like Ipod touch, Madden 12 for Wii, under armour like the NFL pro’s, camo snuggie, Just Dance 2 for Wii, Marioart for DSi and Packer tickets at home for 3. P.S. I was really good this year. Love, Daniel Franz

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Karli Lohrey I am in 4th grade. Sometimes I like to sing and dance with my twin sister Kali. I also have an older sister named Katelynn and I have a brother named Ryan. He likes a play station 2 and I have a mom her name is Shauna and I have a dad named Glen. My favorite sport is basketball. I want an Ipod touch for Christmas and some cute clothes from Justice and long boas. Love, Karli Lohrey

READERS VIEWPOINT...

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Nikki Hebert, Super Star Realtor

To the editor:

I recently sold a home in Iron River. Nikki Hebert was the agent from Keller Williams. She was professional and did a great job selling the property. Thank you to Nikki Herbert for a job well done.

--s- Tom Bregger
Iron River

Remember Pearl Harbor

To the editor:

Tuesday, December 7th, 2021, was the 80th anniversary of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. That event took our nation from peace to war in a matter of seconds. So, one again let us remember all the servicemen and women and their families, and the sacrifices they make, so all of us Americans can celebrate Christmas in a free country.

Respectfully,

-s- Don Wolf
Iron River

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COMMUNITY...

Windsor Center presents Christmas ‘Open Mic’ show

IRON RIVER — TThe annual Open Mic Christmas Show starts at 7pm on Saturday, December 18th at the Windsor Center. Admission is free to the public, good will donations are accepted. The current lineup includes Erika Sauter

with Holly Lindwall, Marc Ralston and Kevin Johnson, Kalee Hernandez, Jacob Rudd, Jim Dettlaff, Vivian Tass, and One Voice. Sponsor for the evening is the Italian Ladies Society. Concessions are available.

Hematite Township Board of Review Meeting

Meeting scheduled for December 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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From the Diamond Drill files

Out of the past...

130 years ago (1891): In what has become an annual affair, several “soiled doves”, who have been making Crystal Falls their headquarters for a week or so, were driven from their airy perches by local officials. They were given until 7 AM Wednesday to leave the City, which they did.

Household Hints: Wash marble with ammonia, Do not let left-over tea or coffee stand in tin, Where sunshine does not enter the doctor must, Use borax to remove finger marks from a hardwood door, Ripe tomatoes will remove ink stains from white cloth and from the hands, Wash the hands in cider vinegar before retiring. It will make them soft and smooth, Cold feet can be eliminated by sprinkling cayenne pepper inside stockings, to cook beets leave at least two inches of the top or the juices will be lost, The proper way to put salt fish is to soak in with the flesh side upward. In this way the salt settles to the bottom of the container.

100 years ago (1921): The rabbit hunt staged at Toleen’s Spur in Mansfield gathered a crowd of 30 sportsmen divided into competing teams, one captained by Gust Lithen the other by Edwin Shogren. Beginning at 8:30 and ending at 4:00 in the afternoon, the Shogren team harvested the most bunnies which meant that the Lethin bunch were compelled to pay for all the expenses of the event.

Not to be outdone, a gathering of rabbit hunters and dogs thicker than tangle brush took to the vicinity of Stager Lake. There were not so many rabbits brought in but as for the enthusiastic dogs several did not return to their owners and had to be left behind when darkness arrived.

Swedish Lutheran pastor Rev. Carl Rosander returned from Washington, D.C. where he attended the convention held by the Anti-Saloon League. He reports that the convention was one charged with a conviction that the prohibition experiment is progressing in the right direction. Although enforcement is not perfect, progress of reaching the objective has a distinct forward movement.

75 years ago (1946): In one of the “roughest” semi-pro games ever played on the Forest Park court, Iron River’s Scalcucci Truckers defeated the Crystal Falls Ramblers squad 54 – 47. Witnessed by a near capacity crowd the game was fast paced and exciting throughout the contest. The Ramblers held the lead until Jack Hammerberg, Chet Sartori and Mink Sartori were banished from playing via of the foul route. “Diz” Aeschliman and “Ticker” Pretto tried but were outclassed by the West Iron County team which was led by Edmond “Botch” Zyskowski and also

included Stan Ciokerka, George Grailer, Bud Hamacher and Ed Malinowski.

Mansfield Township now has two voting precincts. Some 25 electors living in north part of the Township, commonly called the “Dykes” country, will have the opportunity to vote at their own polling place in the spring election. For many years the “Dykes” farmers had great difficulty voting in the spring election due to the “break-up” that made their roads impassable. Precinct No.1 will comprise all territory lying outside Township 45N / Range 31W. Precinct No.2 will include all lands inside T45N / R31W.

65 years ago (1956): New officers were elected by the Crystal Falls Lady Lions at their annual meeting. President: Mrs. Charles Leonard, succeeding Mrs. Alec Malkin; Vice-President: Mrs. Bob Butler, succeeding Mrs. Ray Grattan; Secretary: Mrs. Ernie LaBay, replacing Mrs. Byron Bauer; Treasurer: Mrs. Ernest Pretto, succeeding Mrs. Gene Butler and Mrs. Tony Carlotto was designated tail-twister.

Letters to Santa: Dear Santa, I want a bike, sled, candy and other things. Thank You, Robert Mark Sundquist. Dear Santa, I always try to be a good girl. Would you give me these things for Christmas? I would like a Coca-Cola machine, Terry Lee Doll, Howdy-Doody hand puppet and a little play nurse kit. I would also like a black board and a doll bed. Thank you much, Claire Hayden. Dear Santa, I would like a bow and arrow set. Please Santa, I would like a Davy Crocket set. I will leave pop and lunch for you. Your friend Jerry Bortolini.

50 years ago (1971): The Forest Park eighth grade basketball team, under the direction of Jim Nocerini, is continuing their spectacular play. Last year as seventh graders they were undefeated and after defeating the Forest Park Freshmen team to open this year’s schedule (35-31), have scored 190 points versus 23 for their opponents (Florence & Aurora) in their last two games. Team members include: Larry Anderson, Mark Danielson, Bob Gervenak, Ray Hagglund, Dale Hendrickson, Bryan LaChapelle, Dick Mettlach, Kevin Mussatto, Paul Novey, Mike Peterson, Bill Santilla, Jon Schiavo, Mark Schiavo, Mark Trepasso and Scott Williams.

Progress continues on the Hwy-141 rebuilding project beginning at the US-2 intersection west of Crystal Falls. Filling of the Ravenna Hill section to establish a 5% grade is well underway with about 225,000 cubic yards of the required 250,000 cubic yards of sand having been placed to date.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD: DEC. 15, 2021

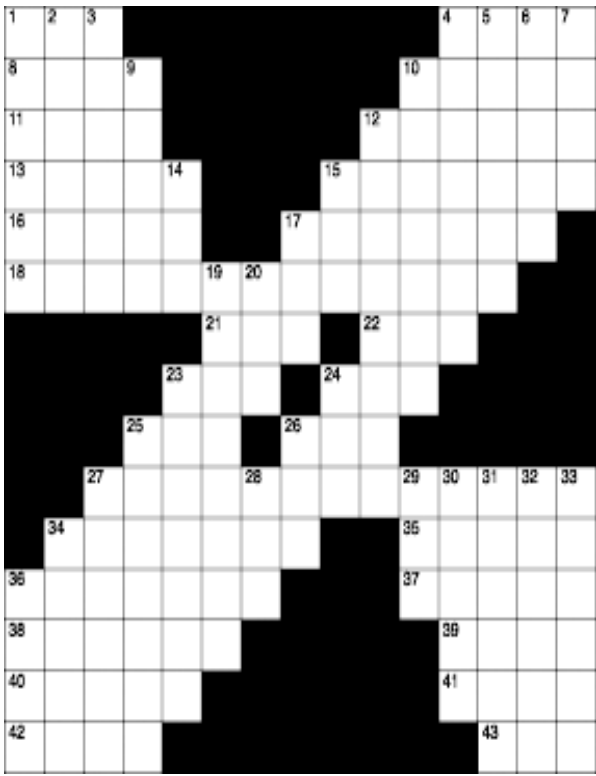
CLUES ACROSS

1. You fry food in it
4. Pesky insect
8. Gets older
10. __ Dern, actress
11. Uncouth man
12. One who sulks
13. Napoleon’s king of Naples
15. One who swims underwater
16. Make amends
17. Expressions
18. Document format
21. What a beaver makes
22. Limb
23. Photograph
24. Golf score
25. Moroccan mountain range

26. Wrinkled dog breed: Shar __
27. 20th century sex symbol
34. Remedy for all diseases
35. Bluish greens
36. Moved swiftly
37. Type of units
38. Madames
39. Indian religious god
40. Potentially hazardous asteroids
41. Leak slowly through
42. An association of criminals
43. A way to push content (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Town in central Brazil
2. Large burrowing rodent



3. Nerve cell
4. Estimating
5. Bakers use it
6. Regions
7. Small lake
9. Environmentalist nun
10. More kookie
12. Announce officially
14. Israeli city __ Aviv
15. Title given to friar
17. Inches per minute (abbr.)
19. Buildings
20. Pouch
23. They steal on the high seas
24. It’s mightier than the sword
25. Going off on a tangent
26. Monetary unit
27. Young woman
28. Type of bulb
29. Type of drug (abbr.)

30. City opposite Dusseldorf
31. Animal disease
32. Martini necessities
33. Elude
34. La __: Buenos Aires capital
36. An oft-enduring symbol

SOLUTION FROM: DEC. 8, 2021



MDHHS Child Support Advisory...

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ties of the system stretching much further than the Office of Child Support. Getting that on the table for others to acknowledge and turning those stories into a policy proposal provides a level of healing,” she said. “Each and every one of us is committed to making a change to benefit all Michigan families – regardless of race, educational attainment, sexual orientation, or economic status. We are real people looking to make real change!”

Another council member, Shaunta Patton, a parent from Jackson, said he feels blessed to be able to work together with a group that is diverse, committed and passionate.

“The work we started on behalf of child support payers and recipients has been amazing,” he said. “I learned so much about the work of the Office of Child Support and how complex the needs are

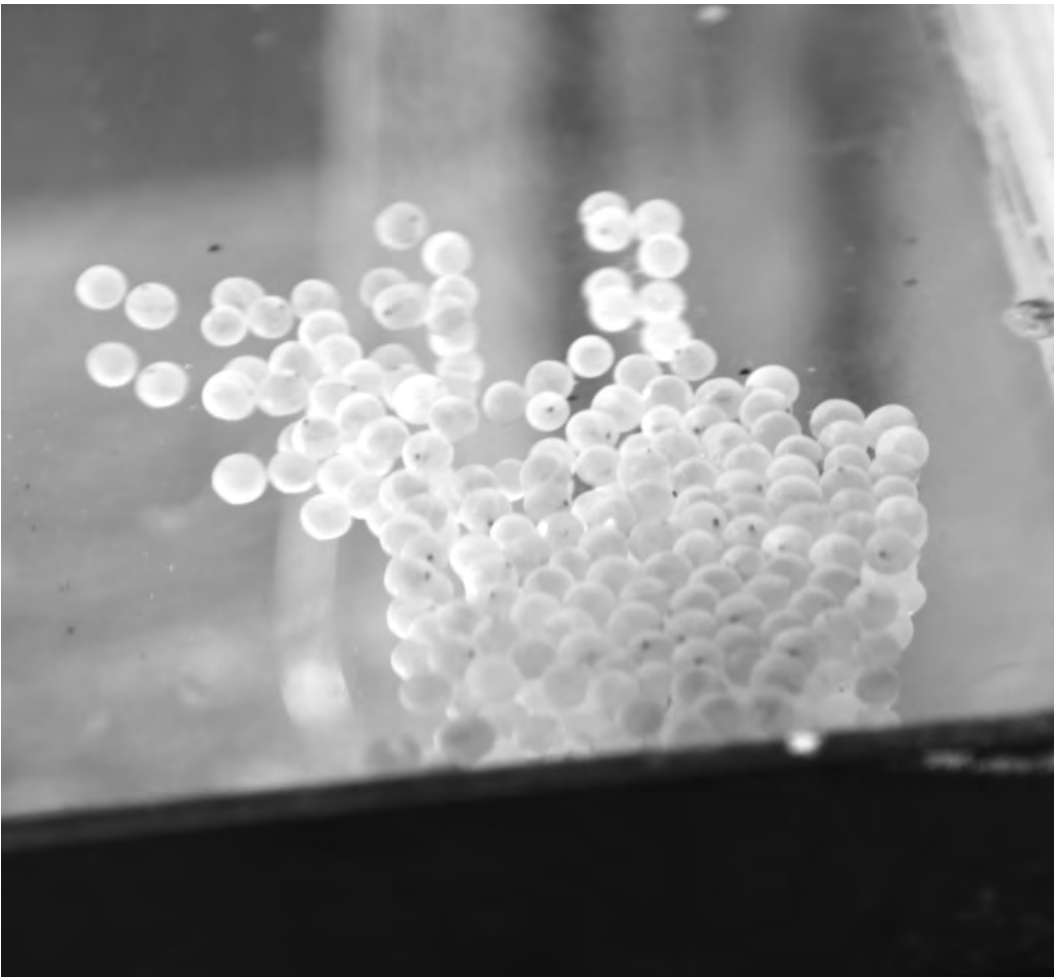
across the State of Michigan. I am sure all council members can say we appreciate the partnership and the opportunity to make the child support process more equitable for all families.”

The Office of Child Support held virtual informational meetings in October 2020 about plans to form the council. Invitations to these meetings were distributed to a wide range of individuals, groups and demographic populations using both traditional and digital methods. Interest in the meetings was higher than expected, with 56 attending. The 12 council members were chosen from 42 applicants who expressed a keen understanding of the council’s goals and objectives and a willingness to think globally beyond their own personal situation.

Council membership crosses an intersection of demographics, with represen-

tation from different races/ethnicities, genders, ages, education levels, LGBTQ status, incomes, and geographic locations. All except one have either paid or received child support in their families. Members have voiced special interest in areas including veterans, fatherhood, special needs children, domestic violence and accessibility/disability issues. Child support programs across other states and tribal governments have shown great interest in the council, and several Office of Child Support staff members have presented at national conferences.

“Child support programs recognize the need to grow and change to serve in ways that do not unintentionally harm,” said Office of Child Support Director Erin Frisch. “We’re proud to be partnering with this group of committed individuals in Michigan to be trailblazers in this area.”



Approximately 200 live Salmon eggs were provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Marquette Fish Hatchery. They will be monitored by fourth graders from Brianna Walls classroom.

Save the drama...

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“I want kids to have confidence in who they are and who they can be,” Garcia noted.

It’s possible that Garcia will take on a motherly role in the drama club. After all, she is the mother of three children whom she home schools. As a parent, she understands the importance of children being children. She wants members of the drama club to do just that along with a few other goals.

“I want kids to feel confident and free to be goofy and not to feel like you have to look perfect and have it all together all the time which a lot of that is getting lost in kids these days. I want them to have the chance to experience theatre without the pressure of performing.”

Micola echoed many of Garcia’s sentiments and then added some of her own.

“Theatre is really just a composition of a lot of practical life skills that I have definitely witnessed in my life. When you’re learning about the elements of theatre and

performance and empathy and emulating a human experience and learning about the world outside of yourself I think that’s not an experience you can consider to be wasted just because you maybe never did a show or never pursued anything theatrical outside of Drama Club.”

The duo of Garcia and Micola has a wealth of stage experience between them. For Micola, she has been drawn to the stage for quite some time and has experience at the middle, high school, and even did some studying at the college level at the University of Minnesota Duluth. Garcia has some similar experiences, also being involved in a production of Fiddler on the Roof.

Rather than focusing on her past experiences, Garcia was more enthusiastic about the future possibilities of the drama club.

“I want them to learn creative problem solving. I want them to learn how to work as a team for the same goal.”

Garcia wants to instill a distinct change of approach

and thought in the performers.

“I want this production to do well so I’m going to give it my best, I’m going to encourage my cast mates to give it their best.” She continues, “I want them to learn how to emote properly and how to emphasize what they’re feeling. I want them to get better at public speaking.”

“There is just tremendous opportunities for growth using theatre as an avenue,” Garcia stated.

“You’re teaching them the power of their own voice” Micola added.

Teaching individuals the power of their own voice may be one of the most valuable lessons of all.

WIC “Salmon in the Classroom”...

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Local volunteers help the fourth grade teacher in charge of the project. For example, several days ago volunteers filled the water and checked operation of the filters and water chillers that are critical to keeping the water safe and at just the right conditions for the fish. The students participate with certain responsibilities for monitoring and recording conditions in the 55 gallon fish tank which serves as the spawning grounds for the eggs. Let the school know if you would like to join the project

as a volunteer; you don’t need technical knowledge, just an excitement about helping kids and their teachers.

On Nov. 18 approximately 200 live salmon eggs were transported to the school, with great care, from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Marquette Fish Hatchery. The next day fourth grade students, under the guidance of their teacher Brianna Walls, got to see for the first time the new eggs in place. They will eventually see them hatch, and then raise them until they are ready to be released into the

wild, probably some time in May 2022. That release site will possibly be the Black River Harbor on Lake Superior.

Readers will be regularly update with the goings-on in the classroom with this project.

Check out the Fred Waara Facebook page for videos of Salmon in the Classroom projects from past years in other schools. West Iron will be one of eight schools in the central UP participating in the program. Trout Unlimited looks forward to getting other schools to join this free program.

Car Insurance Refunds...

reductions. The per vehicle assessment fee was \$220 in 2019, but it has dropped to \$86 per vehicle for the current 12-month period.

Markkanen pointed to the reduction as additional proof that the plans are working and delivering savings.

The annual fee is charged only to drivers choosing to maintain unlimited lifetime personal injury protection benefits in their car insurance policies. Drivers who choose lower coverage limits under

Michigan’s revised no-fault insurance law avoid the fee altogether.

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Golden K donates to Bay Cliff Health Camp

Clare Lutgen, Executive Director, Bay Cliff Health Camp recently spoke at a Golden K Meeting. She spoke of the challenges of conducting a virtual therapy camp the last two years during the Covid pandemic. Terry Spitz is shown presenting a check and a certificate to Clare. The Golden K donated \$300 to Bay Cliff Health Camp. BCHC provides physical, occupational, and speech therapy to children at the camp in Big Bay, Michigan.

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Driver Safety: Michigan road deaths near 1100 for the year

MICHIGAN — During the week first week of December 26 people died on Michigan roadways making a total of 1,067 this year. In addition, 103 more were seriously injured for a statewide total of 5,379 to date.

Compared to last year at this time there are 101 more fatalities and 369 more serious injuries.

Numbers are provided by the Michigan State Police.

In Michigan, drivers age 65 and older represent the fastest-growing segment of the state’s population. Michigan now has 1.2 million drivers 65 years old or older, and that number

is growing. By 2025, one in five drivers is expected to be 65 or older. Aging drivers and mobility are important topics to discuss among family members. The Safe Drivers Smart Options Communications Subcommittee created sample social media posts, a fact sheet, newsletter articles, a sample press release and talking points that your organization may use.

• These resources are available at Michigan.gov/Aging-Driver under About Us, Re-

sources.

• NHTSA is also offering resources to support Older Driver Safety Awareness Week

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OBITUARIES...

Murray Cohen

DELPHOS, Ohio — Murray Cohen, 92, of Delphos and Bloomfield Hills, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021.

Murray is survived by his wife, Barbara Safran Cohen; daughters Roberta (Alan) Cohen and Jennifer (Ami) Shneiderman; stepson, Jared (Lauren) Safran; and sister, Irma Schechter. He was an adored grandfather to Claire Cohen, Andrew Cohen, Jacob Shneiderman, Maya Mahoney and Alexander Safran. Murray was a loving husband, father, father-in-law, uncle, grandfather and friend to many people.

He was born on Aug. 30, 1929, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Ethel (Nassofer) and Nathan Cohen. He graduated from Stuyvesant High School in New York, Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky., and received his Master's in Journalism from the University of Missouri – Columbia. He was married to Barbara Safran Cohen for 29 years.

He was passionate about the community newspaper business and purchased his first newspaper, the Delphos Herald, Inc., in 1962. Over the years that followed, he bought weekly community newspapers throughout the upper Midwest including northwest Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, southern Indiana and Kentucky. He was active in the Inland Press Association (now America's Newspapers) for many years.

Murray had a great sense of adventure and fun. He loved ballroom dancing, playing tennis, travel and much more. Murray was an excellent chess player and enjoyed playing Scrabble and all kinds of word games. He enjoyed going to the movies (one time he took his daughters to three movies in one day) and read everything widely – from politics to history to comedy. He loved spending time with his children and his grandchildren. He contributed to many non-profit organizations and created a foundation named in honor of his parents that he and his daughters used to donate to a wide range of organizations supporting the arts, Jewish institutions, mental health/recovery and other charitable causes.

It is suggested that those who wish to further honor the memory of Murray Cohen may do so by making a contribution to:

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<https://donate.doctorswithoutborders.org>



Rose Seymour

IRON RIVER — Rose M. Seymour, age 92, passed away on Friday, Dec. 10, 2021, at Aspirus Iron River Hospital.

She was born on July 27, 1929, in Stambaugh, the daughter of Edward and Mary (Przybylski) Yackel. She attended the Bates Schools and graduated.

Rose married Fred G. Seymour on April 9, 1946, and they made their home in the Iron River area. The couple celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary in 2005. Fred preceded her in death on Jan. 17, 2006.

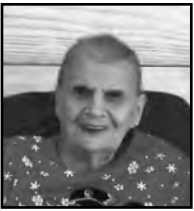
She was employed as a laborer at Coleman Products. Rose was a member of First Lutheran Church in Iron River, the Iron River Eagles Auxiliary No. 1603, and The American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed knitting, camping, sewing, and playing cards with her family.

Rose is survived by her daughters, Betty (James Haydon) Clements of Stambaugh and Susan (Kenneth) Hookenson of Iron River; daughter-in-law, Waunetta Seymour of Iron River; sister, Virginia (Robert) Rucinski of Grand Rapids, Minn.; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

She was also preceded in death by her sons, Steven, Gilbert and Freddie Seymour; brothers, James, Henry, Fritz, William and Edward Yackel; and sisters, Helen Yackel and Katherine Kempisty.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Jacobs Funeral Home in Iron River. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. with Pastor DJ Rasner and Vicar Lance Creiver to officiate.

Interment will be in Bates Township Cemetery in the spring. Condolences may be expressed to the family of Rose M. Seymour online at www.jacobsfuneralhomeir.com. Funeral arrangements by the Jacobs Funeral Home of Iron River.



WEATHER...

(At the WIC treatment plant)

	High	Low	Prec.	Snow
Nov. 29	30	12	.13	1.5
Nov. 30	34	14	T	T
Dec. 1	41	24	.61	-
Dec. 2	36	27	-	-
Dec. 3	34	25	-	-
Dec. 4	26	16	T	T
Dec. 5	29	20	-	-

BIRTH...



Peterson

Congratulations to Pat and Maria Peterson of Crystal Falls on the birth of Grant Peterson on Nov. 24, 2021. Weight: 8 pounds, 9 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Gerard and Christine Valesano of Crystal Falls. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Barb Peterson of Crystal Falls. Maternal great-grandparents are Joyce Myefski of Iron River. and Jim and Carolyn Hammis of Saginaw. Aiden joins siblings, Laine, 5 and Val, 2.

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Leonard Urban

CONNERSVILLE, Ind.— Leonard E. Urban, 79, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021, surrounded by his loving family.

Arrangements are pending.

Paul Hanold

PUEBLO, Colo. — Paul Matthew Hanold born Aug. 22, 1954, in Royal Oak (suburb of Detroit), to the union of Cecil Frederick and Dorothy Margaret Hanold. The family moved to Iron River when Paul was an infant. Paul grew up in Iron River and attended the West Iron County Schools. Paul loved to swim in the lakes in Iron River and had many friends growing up. Paul was number five of six children. They grew up in an old farm home and the family had dogs while growing up. Paul always loved dogs as did the rest of the family.

He graduated from West Iron County High School in 1972 and moved to Milwaukee, Wis., for a brief period. Leaving Milwaukee, he then attended college in Marquette. In 1974 he moved to south Minneapolis living with his brother Bob and sister-in-law Theresa. While living with Bob and Theresa he attended school at Brown Institute where he graduated from in 1977. He met Marlene Hellerstedt in 1974 while living in Minneapolis. They later married October of 1977.

He and Marlene lived in Minneapolis off 15th and Lake in a small apartment. During that time, he finished college and worked in the evening. Upon graduation he worked at Control Data, a few other odd jobs and started his career with Sperry Univac which later merged into Unisys.

Paul and Marlene moved to Eagan, Minn., a suburb of the Twin Cities, into a town home. On Aug. 26, 1982, they had their first child, Carla Adelle Hanold followed by a second child March 30, 1985, Andrew Paul Hanold.

In 1986 the family built a new home in Apple Valley, Minn. and moved. During his time living in Eagan and Apple Valley, Paul enjoyed his work at Sperry, had many friends and enjoyed playing basketball.

While living in Apple Valley, Sperry closed the plant and Paul was given the opportunity to move with the company. The options were San Diego, Calif., or Pueblo. They decided Pueblo was the place. Paul moved to Pueblo first living on the southside off Royal Crest in the townhomes while Marlene, Carla and Andy remained in Minnesota to sell the house.

In the late 1980's the new home in Pueblo West was built, it was a big adjustment. During this time, it was discovered Andy was developmentally delayed. There had been concern while still in the Twin Cities area, however, as Andy aged, it progressed. It became more evident after the move.

Right about the same time Paul and Marlene learned they were expecting. Erika Elizabeth Hanold was born May 21, 1990 in Pueblo. During those first few years in Pueblo he enjoyed working at the Unisys plant out east of Pueblo. He had many friends and enjoyed company get togethers. He and Marlene planted many successful vegetables gardens, built a clubhouse for the kids, planted multiple trees, enjoyed riding the Honda three-wheeler and playing Horse at the basketball hoop in the yard with Carla and Andy.

During the 2000's Paul went back and forth between Pueblo, the Twin Cities, Plymouth, Mass. and Colorado Springs, Colo.

After Unisys closed in Pueblo, Paul worked at Atmel in Colorado Springs, QualMed until they closed, Pueblo Winntronic, District 60, BF Goodrich, Johnson & Johnson and lastly Empirical Technologies Corp. in Colorado Springs.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil Frederick and Dorothy Margaret Hanold; grandparents from both his father and mother's side; brothers-in-law, Mark Hellerstedt and Matt Deal; father-in-law, Jerome "Jerry" Hellerstedt; brother, Bob Hanold; sister-in-law, Theresa Hanold; nephew, Donald Hanold; and most recently his grand puppy, Dewy.

He is survived by children, Carla Adelle (Seth) Hanold-Dolan, Andrew Paul Hanold and Erika Elizabeth Hanold; former wife and mother of his children, Marlene Hanold; siblings, Gary (Gwen) Hanold, Sandy (Frank) Phillips, Gus (Karen) Hanold and Ruth Deal; former sister-in-law, Carol Hanold; former mother-in-law, Erika Hellerstedt; and former sister-in-law, Monica (Gary) Stokvis. Paul is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews on the Hanold side who all adored him, he was the "cool Uncle" while they were growing up in Michigan.

In his younger years he enjoyed spending time with all his childhood friends and while living in the Twin Cities as a young man he continued those childhood relationships well into adulthood. He enjoyed swimming, riding bikes, playing frisbee and basketball.

He loved the Chicago Bears and Bulls, the Greenbay Packers and the Minnesota Twins. During the '80s he loved watching Larry Bird and Kirby Puckett and in the '90s he loved watching Michael Jordan and Dennis Rodman. If the Bears were playing, you always knew what he was doing.

Paul had amazing taste in music, he was the biggest Doors fan and they were his favorite hands down. Other favorites included: Led Zeppelin, Alice Cooper, Neil Young, Pink Floyd, The Talking Heads, Nirvana, Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers, The Moody Blues, The Rolling Stones, Genesis, Crosby Stills Nash & Young, Fine Young Cannibals, and he loved Mariah Carey's voice, not really her music.

He loved classic movies with Cary Grant, Clint Eastwood and classy beautiful women. He remembers seeing color TV for the first time when he watched the Wizard of Oz. He watched probably every single Twilight Zone, Rocky and Bullwinkle, and Alfred Hitchcock show and movie made.

But none of those shows compared to his favorite show ever produced and one he was a die-hard fan of till the end and that was Star Trek. He watched Star Trek from the beginning in 1966. During his college years he and his friends were Saturday Night Live fans, enjoying all the original cast members.

He also enjoyed history, playing the Texas Instrument Gaming System with his kids when they were little, cooking and playing horse with Carla and Andy. He taught all three of his kids how to swim. He taught Carla how to ride a bike and drive a manual transmission.

The hard thing about obituaries is it is impossible to sum up someone's life, interests, actives and memories. Paul was a lot of things. These last 20 years were hard, really hard. It's over now. May he be at peace, finally, may he be free. If Paul has it his way he is in the stars. He would say "Beam me up, Scotty."

Paul was laid to rest at a Private Graveside Service, Oct. 29, 2021 at Roselawn Cemetery, Pueblo, Colo. Wish Peace Upon Him.



Shirley Cavasin

CRYSTAL FALLS — Shirley A. Cavasin, 79, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021, at Aspirus Iron River Hospital with her family by her side.

Shirley was born in Stambaugh to Eino and Myrtle Maki of Beechwood on Aug. 25, 1942.

She graduated from Iron River High School. She married Victor Cavasin, from Crystal Falls, after graduation. They then split and she moved to Sheboygan, Wis. She broke her back working at General Box in Sheboygan. They said she would be in a wheelchair by time she was 40. She trained at Crystal Manor to be a CNA. She worked there for a few years then worked at the Crystal Falls Hospital. She then worked at the Iron County Medical Care Facility and then at the Iron County Hospital in Iron River, so she could see people go home. Shirley loved taking care of people. She worked as an EMT for Iron County for many years. She was known for her whistling down the halls and cheering people up. Shirley was a bartender in between jobs.

Shirley played softball and fast pitch most of her life. She was very instrumental in the formation of the Women's Softball League and was awarded the Player of the Year and Grandma of Softball when she was 48 years old, which proved the Sheboygan doctors wrong. She taught many the skills of fast pitch and softball, and she could outpitch most. She even almost made it to the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame. She also could play a mean accordion. Shirley would give you the shirt off her back and was loved by many. Shirley had a long and good quality of life. She didn't have any regrets.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eino and Myrtle Maki; sister, Susie; brothers, Richard, Tommy and Wally; nephew, Bobby; and niece, Susie; son-in-law, Chris Skrzyniarz; and special friend, Kathryn (Pudge) Harder.

Shirley is survived by her daughter, Sheri Skrzyniarz (Greg Hall); grandson, Skylar Skrzyniarz (Claire); and granddaughter, Rhya Skrzyniarz; brother, Ron (Sandy) Maki; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and -nephews. She leaves special friends, Anita Phillips (Krunch), Kay and Charles; plus many other special loved friends.

A Memorial Service will be held at Ravens Nest in Crystal Falls on Dec. 30, at 4 p.m.

The family would like to thank everyone on the Aspirus MedEvac, and the nurses and doctors at Aspirus, Iron River. Shirley said they all were very good to her and she actually trained many of them.

Shirley will be missed by many people.
Rest in Peace Mom, I love you!

OBITUARY POLICY

The *Reporter* will only accept obituaries sent from a funeral home. This policy protects the family of the deceased as well as the newspaper.

MENUS...

West Iron County Schools

—Wednesday, Dec. 15: Subs, Meat, Cheese, Lettuce, Fruit, Milk
—Thursday, Dec. 16: Dina Mia Pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk
—Friday, Dec. 17: Early Dismissal, Cook's Choice, Bag Lunch, Entrée, Veggie, Fruit, Milk
—Monday, Dec. 20: No School
—Tuesday, Dec. 21: No School

Iron River Senior Center – Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday Salad Bar 11:00 to 11:30, Lunch 11:30 to 12:30, To go meals can also be picked up. Transportation rides 906-282-2256 Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

—Wednesday, Dec. 15: Brat and Bun, Mac and Cheese, Pickle Spear, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk
—Thursday, Dec. 16: Chicken, Dirty Rice, Coleslaw, Roll, Fruit, Milk
—Monday, Dec. 20: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Roll, Fruit, Milk
—Tuesday, Dec. 21: Fish, Potato Wedges, Coleslaw, Roll, Fruit, Milk

Crystal Falls Senior Citizens Inc. – Serving inside the center every Tuesday and Wednesday. Take-out meals are also available, pick up at 4 p.m. – there will be an additional cost of \$1.00, for the containers-just call ahead and leave a message and your phone number. 906-875-6709. The center is not just for seniors, all ages are welcomed!

All Dinners include: Salad Bar, Homemade Desserts, Coffee, Tea or Milk.
—Wednesday, Dec. 15: Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Vegetables
—Tuesday, Dec. 21: Roasted Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Vegetables

Felch Senior Center – Open for Lunches.

Fruit and dessert served daily.
—Wednesday, Dec. 15: Evening Meal, Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Milk or Juice
—Monday, Dec. 16: Philly Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Three-Bean Salad, Milk or Juice
—Tuesday, Dec. 21: Spaghetti, Meatballs, Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Milk or Juice

Amasa Senior Center – Open for Sit Down Meals, it is no longer just carry out. Meals on wheels services will go on. If the public is interested in getting a meal from their local senior center they can call ahead to reserve one.

—Wednesday, Dec. 15: Poor Man's Lobster, Oven Browned Potatoes, Peas, Cole-slaw, Fruit or Dessert, Milk
—Thursday, Dec. 16: Pork Chop, Baked Potato, Corn, Lettuce Salad, Fruit or Dessert, Milk
—Tuesday, Dec. 21: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Coleslaw, Fruit or Dessert, Milk

Sagola Senior Center – Open for Lunches.
All Meals Served choice of Juice or Milk

—Wednesday, Dec. 15: Chili Dogs, Potato Wedges, Broccoli & Cauliflower
—Thursday, Dec. 16: Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots
—Tuesday, Dec. 21: Shepherd's Pie, Green Beans

Notice to Home-Deliver Clients in Iron County

As of now Iron River, Felch, Amasa and Sagola senior centers do carry out meals. Iron River Senior Center delivers 4 days a week as usual Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If those in the public want to sign up for a "to go" meal they can contact their local senior center. If they want home delivered meals, also offered through DICS, they can call the main office at 906-774-2256 ext. 230 or 235.



A Winter's Tale

Iron County Reporter 2022 Short Story Contest

The Reporter is elated to introduce its first short story writing contest. The officially titled, "A Winter's Tale: 2022 Iron County Reporter Short Story Contest" is the first of its kind at the Reporter.

Submissions for the contest will be accepted beginning Dec. 8 until Feb. 1, 2022.

The contest provides an opportunity for aspiring writers, young and young-at-heart alike, to introduce works of fiction or non-fiction to audiences across the country. For the experienced composer of narrative prose, the contest serves as an invitation to expand brand awareness or introduce unpublished and more obscure works to the public.

There are two divisions for entrants, Junior and Senior, which primarily align with 'children' and 'adult' respectively. Every entry will be judged first and foremost by its adherence to the rules. Beyond the listed guidelines, the only remaining limitations lie in the human consciousness.

To Arizona in the west, Florida in the south, and North Carolina in the east, Americans subscribe to the Reporter. For the sake of valued readers everywhere, the contest is open to entries from anyone with a love of writing. There are no residency requirements.

All entrants should refer to the complete list of contest rules and instructions below before submitting a short story for consideration:

Entry Rules, Instructions, Essential information, and Prizes

Entry Rules and Instructions

- The submitted story must not be currently published in any format
- Every contest entry must be typed; handwritten submissions will not be accepted
- Entries should preferably be submitted via e-mail to news@ironcountyreporter.com with the subject line "2022 ICR Short Story Contest"
- Only submissions printed in black ink on white paper will be accepted for consideration
- Stories must be a minimum of 3,500 words and a maximum of 9,000. Submissions exceeding the maximum allotment of words or failing to meet the minimum requirement will be withdrawn from publication consideration at the discretion of the Iron County Reporter
- All entries submitted as physical copies must be typed in

12point Times New Roman font, with double line spacing

- Only one (1) entry per person will be accepted
- All Entries must be submitted by February 1, 2022
- Entries can be based on fact or fiction
- "Fan fiction" — fiction stories based on copyrighted and/or currently existing literary/film/television characters — is not allowed and will result in instant disqualification
- Every submission must have the following information in the upper left corner of the first page:

- o First and Last name
- o City/Town and State of Residence
- o Contact information (Phone number, e-mail address, or both)
- o Age
- o Division of entry (Junior or Senior)
- o Word count
- o Title

• Failure to adhere to any of the aforementioned rules may result in disqualification at the discretion of the Iron County Reporter

Essential information

- There will be two divisions in which an entrant can make a submission: 'Junior' and 'Senior'
- The Junior division is intended for children aged 16 and younger
- The Senior division is intended for those age 17 and older.
- There will be two winning entries, one for each division – Junior and Senior
- Address, phone number, and e-mail address will not be published
- Stories may be subject to reformatting and editing for content; Any changes made will be kept to a necessary minimum as to maintain the submission's original meaning, purpose, and/or intent

- "Invented words" – spellings of fictional places and things are acceptable, but the intended idea must be clear
- All characters in works of fiction must be original. Copyrighted names and images will not be accepted and will result in disqualification

Prizes

- The winning submissions will be printed in the Iron County Reporter over a span of several issues
- The winning entrants may receive a free one (1) year on-line subscription to the Iron County Reporter

OUTDOORS...



Hunter success

Logan Holm of Lainsburg harvested a nice 145-pound, 8-point buck in Iron County on Nov. 25. It was the first buck he shot while on his own from his great-grandpa's (George Holm) blind and using his grandpa Bill's .30-06 rifle. (submitted photo)

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2021 marks 120 years since Beechwood murders

Erika Sauter
for Rural Insights
CASPIAN — This year marks the 120th anniversary of a spree of murders that took place in the pioneer community of Beechwood located in Iron County. There were five lives taken in the span of five minutes on Saturday, Oct. 26 of 1901. The murders were committed by 33-year-old pioneer and early settler, Anders Wilhelm Israelson at his homestead.

Israelson was among 15 or so Swedish immigrants who developed the settlement of Beechwood, located eight miles northwest of Iron River, in the late 1800s. His neighbors recalled him as ambitious and sober with a great capacity for hardship and labor – enabling him to make a fine farm in the hardwood forest. He was also said to be a great hunter and skilled marksman.

He took a romantic interest in another Swedish immigrant, 17-year-old Amanda Lindstrom, the daughter of Nels and Helena Lindstrom. Amanda was a favorite of the family and was sent to school in Iron River. Her parents saw a bright future for her as a great lady with an advantageous marriage -- a marriage that would certainly not be to a homesteader in the backwoods of Iron County.

Though the parents strongly objected, Israelson convinced Amanda to elope with him and the two were married at the courthouse in Crystal Falls on April 12, 1900.

In the months that followed, Mr. and Mrs. Lindstrom on several occasions demanded their daughter be sent home and encouraged her to divorce Israelson. The neighbors recalled several heated disputes between Israelson and the Lindstroms, the last of which ended with him warning them that further interference in the marriage would result in violence.

No one could have imagined the kind of horrors that were looming.

That fateful Saturday, a neighbor across the road from the Israelson homestead, Mrs. Greenlund, watched the following scene unfold from her front window, about 100 feet from the Israelson's yard:

Mr. and Mrs. Lindstrom and their youngest daughter, 11-year-old Minnie, arrived at Israelson's house via horse and buggy with the intent to take Amanda and bring her to town to get divorce papers.

As the neighbor recounted, Mrs. Lindstrom and Minnie went inside while Mr. Lindstrom attended to the horse, standing in front of the Greenlund home.

A short while later, Minnie ran from the house screaming, with Israelson after her, Winchester rifle in hand. He shot the little girl through the heart. Israelson then turned the gun on his mother-in-law, who had followed them outside, shooting her in the head.

He then took aim at his father-in-law on the road by his horse. The bullet passed through Mr. Lindstrom's body, killing his horse as well. Amanda, in terror, took off through the field and toward



Photo caption: Pictured, from left, are Nels and Helen Lindstrom. (Rural Insights photo)

the woods, but there was no escape. Israelson's bullet hit her in the back of her head.

In his rage, Israelson shot his cow and dog before setting fire to his house. He then picked up the body of his mother-in-law and threw her into the blaze. The eyewitness said he seemed insane and was "jumping and hollering like a maniac," as he watched the house burn.

After a while, Israelson sat down on a drygoods box with his rifle resting against him, his face in his hands. After sitting quietly for a while, he roused himself. With his rifle in hand, he walked over to where his wife's body lay, raised her head and kissed her cheek. He then rested the gun against the ground, placed the muzzle to his own head and pulled the trigger.

One neighbor later recalled that Israelson had an operation on one of his eyes two years prior, which was unsuccessful. He had complained of headaches and would imbibe frequently to find relief. It was speculated that this condition might have caused him to snap.

All four Lindstroms and Anders Israelson are presumed to be buried in the Iron River Cemetery, though there are no longer visible headstones for any of them.

'The Beechwood Murders' remains the most deadly of any crime in Iron County to this day. *Editor's Note: Rural Insights is a nonprofit online publishing outlet focused specifically on issues affecting the U.P. and its residents. To learn more or to sign up for its newsletter, visit ruralinsights.org.*

Michigan legislature expands Great Start Readiness Program

LANSING — Governor Whitmer celebrated the bipartisan expansion of the Great Start Readiness Program, or GSRP, Michigan's homegrown preschool program for four-year-olds. She encouraged families to enroll their children now to start preschool in January 2022. Over 35,000 four-year-olds are enrolled right now.

"Every parent wants the best possible start for their child, and for many families, this includes a high-quality preschool experience," said Governor Gretchen Whitmer. "Here in Michigan, we are fortunate to have a homegrown program that takes the guesswork out of picking a quality, affordable preschool. The Great Start Readiness Program provides eligible families access to quality, no-cost preschool that works. I'm proud of the progress we've made to enroll more four-year-olds and encourage more families to consider this option for their young Michiganders."

"I appreciate the governor and legislature's partnership on the funding of universal preschool for all eligible four-year-olds," said State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice. "Once fully realized, this effort to add a full year of education for tens of thousands of Michigan children a year will have a profound impact on student outcomes including literacy, graduation and post-secondary attainment rates for decades to come."

"Our Great Start Readiness Program provides more than 800 Muskegon County children a high-quality preschool experi-

ence each year in both public school and private childcare settings," said Dr. John Severson, Superintendent of Muskegon ISD and Chair of the Instructional Committee at the Michigan Association for Intermediate School Districts. "Outcome data show that 'graduates' of local GSRP programs consistently score higher on 3rd-grade assessments than their peers. In addition, a large focus of the GSRP curriculum is placed on developing children's social skills, which are so crucial for success later in their school careers. GSRP is an invaluable tool in building strong foundations in Muskegon County children."

"Our partnership with GSRP has helped to bridge major gaps within our organization. We can provide our staff with access to reliable resources, and we can provide competitive pay rates and room to grow within the early childhood industry," said Monique Snyder, Director of Brainiacs Clubhouse, a child development center in Detroit. "Our parents can breathe more easily knowing that their children are able to attend a high quality educational program without the financial stress that usually yields a program of this magnitude. Most importantly our students have opportunities that are not readily available within our demographics. We value our 7 year partnership with GSRP and can't wait to see what the future holds!"

Programs are still enrolling, and children can start preschool in January. To be eligible for free preschool, children must be at least four years old by December 1, 2021 and meet income eligibility requirements. Parents can find sites in their community by visiting Michigan.gov/GSRP or calling the Great Start to Qual-



U.P. sees increase in small farms

By Michael Broadway
For Rural Insights

MARQUETTE — A drive across Michigan's Upper Peninsula along U.S. Route 2 or M28 provides the casual observer the overriding impression of a sparsely populated, heavily-forested region.

Yet hidden among the trees are an increasing number of farms.

Most people would consider the region largely unsuitable for agriculture; its short growing season, poor soils, extreme weather and small market make farming a challenge.

Indeed, the number of farms, as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, peaked in the U.P. during the 1930s, and for the next 60 years their numbers declined. But in the last 30 years there has been a reversal.

In Marquette County, for example, the number of farms topped out at 1,381 in 1935

and covered nearly 10% of the county's land area. By 1992 there were 84 farms covering just 2.5% of the land area. However, 25 years later their numbers have more than doubled to 179 – but with little change in the land area.

Indeed, every one of the U.P.'s 15 counties experienced a boost in farm numbers between 1992 and 2017, with the region's total number of farms increasing from 1,688 to 2,313 – a 37% gain. By comparison, during the same period, Michigan's total number of farms increased by 1,079 or just 2.3%, with the UP accounting for nearly two-thirds of this gain.

Farming in the United States has undergone a process of consolidation since the 1930s, with fewer farms producing more food. This process is driven by economics, with farmers investing in machinery and improvements in seeds, fertilizers, herbicides and livestock to boost productivity and output.

Ironically, while increased output helped keep food prices low for consumers, farmers had to absorb lower prices for their crops resulting from supply increasing faster than demand, forcing many into bankruptcy or retirement.

Farmers in the U.P. have additional challenges: The region's low population means they have to absorb the transportation costs associated with shipping commodities to market. The net effect of these processes has been to reduce statewide farm numbers by nearly 150,000.

Against this backdrop of farm consolidation and low commodity prices, the recent increase in U.P. farm numbers is particularly striking.

However, a close examination of the dimensions of this growth indicates that all of the growth is occurring among small farms. In 1992, the U.P. contained 231 farms of less than 49 acres; by 2017 the equivalent figure was 785, with most of this increase occurring among farms of 10-49 acres in size; between 50 and 179 acres in size the number of farms rose from 587 to 841. However, among larger farms of 180 acres and more their numbers declined, from 870 to 688.

So, what explains the growth in small farms?

Since the late 1980s, increasing concerns have been raised about the viability of so-called industrialized agriculture with its dependence on chemicals and adverse environmental impacts.

Organic agriculture is seen by some as a more sustainable method of producing food.

The U.P. has land to spare for those willing to take the risk of farming in a challenging environment. Adopting hoop houses and greenhouses has made farming more viable while also increasing productivity; these improvements positively impact soil and water while reducing nutrient and pesticide usage.

Meanwhile, demand for locally-produced food is driven by consumers' interest in Community Supported Agriculture programs, whereby

participants provide upfront funding to a farmer who in return provides a weekly box of fresh vegetables once harvest begins.

For others who do not want to assume farming's risks, purchasing locally-produced food at farmers markets provides an alternative.

Farmers markets like those in Iron River and Crystal Falls, selling locally-produced food, can be found throughout the U.P. in large and small settlements, including Houghton, Iron Mountain, Manistique, Sault Ste Marie, Lake Linden and Pickford.

In 2000, the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market began operations with five Marquette County farmers; by 2021 their number had grown to over 30, including producers from nearby counties.

An additional factor contributing to the demand for locally-sourced food is the desire among some retailers, restaurants and institutional purchasers to emphasize their contributions to environmental sustainability by reducing so-called food miles – the distance between where food is produced and where it is consumed.

To meet some of this demand, a regional food hub, the Upper Peninsula Food Exchange, was created in Marquette to connect local farmers with wholesalers, retailers, restaurants, and institutional purchasers.

Before the pandemic, for example, some local restaurants in Marquette and Munising listed local farms that provided particular food items as part of their menus, while Northern Michigan University's dining services continues to purchase locally-produced food from several Marquette County farms.

Despite the increase in farm numbers and the desire among some consumers and businesses to support locally-produced food, farming in the region remains financially challenging.

According to the USDA County profiles for 2017, the average net cash farm income in Alger, Iron, Keweenaw and Marquette was negative, after farm production expenses were subtracted from farm sales and other income sources.

Among counties where the average cash farm income was positive, it ranged from a low of \$455 (Dickinson) to a high of \$26,537 (Menominee), emphasizing that most farmers, like many of their counterparts outside the U.P., are dependent upon off-farm income for their survival.

Farming has always provided challenges for U.P. agriculturalists. However, at a time when food supply chains can be disrupted by climate change or a pandemic, local farmers have a critical role in contributing to the region's sustainability.

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OUTDOORS...

Bob Ross-inspired Happy Little (Virtual) 5K registration is open

MICHIGAN — Inspired by Bob Ross’ love of the outdoors, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is bringing back the Run for the Trees / Happy Little (Virtual) 5K April 22-29, 2022, now in its third year.

Registration is open for this 2022 state parks-supporting race. The event is capped at 18,500 participants, so don’t delay.

Runners, walkers and hikers can complete their 5K anywhere outdoors anytime between April 22-29. For \$34 per person, each participant will receive a keepsake Happy Little T-shirt, a commemorative bib number and a finisher’s medal. There is an international shipping option available to

accommodate participants outside the United States.

Race proceeds support tree planting and forest protection efforts – such as invasive plant and forest pest management and early detection surveys – in Michigan state parks and recreation areas. Many of these locations have been affected by tree pests and diseases like emerald ash borer and oak wilt.

“We are thrilled to continue our partnership with Bob Ross Inc. in order to support our tree planting and stewardship efforts in Michigan state parks,” said Michelle O’Kelly, fund developer and Happy Little Trees race director for the DNR Parks and Recreation Division. “In just the first two years of this incredibly popular

event, race participants have helped generate a stable source of funding toward healthy, thriving forests at state parks throughout the next decade.”

The tree planting program – where seeds are placed in the care of inmates in a Michigan Department of Corrections education program – began in 2004 but grew into the “Happy Little Trees” program in 2019, when the DNR Parks and Recreation Division and Bob Ross Inc. partnered on programming to help raise awareness of tree planting and forest protection efforts in state parks.

Initially, the program began with hundreds of volunteers helping to plant “happy little trees” at locations hard-hit by invasive pests and tree

diseases, but the partnership quickly expanded to include nearly 40,000 participants raising awareness and funding for stewardship efforts through this virtual 5K. In the first two years, the event has raised more than \$600,000.

The program has produced more than 100,000 native plants, shrubs and trees since its start in 2004. With support from the Bob Ross partnership, more than 2,100 trees have been planted in 20 state parks across Michigan.

Learn more about the program and register for the race at Michigan.gov/DNRHappy-LittleTrees.

For more information, contact Michelle O’Kelly at 517-881-5884 or OKellyM1@Michigan.gov.



Alison Porter, of Southfield (left), and Kimberly Porter, of Farmington Hills (right), shared this picture with race organizers after completing their 2021 Happy Little Trees 5K.



This Bob Ross-inspired sign is installed at state parks and recreation areas where trees supported by the program have been planted.

Showcasing the DNR: Michigan’s forest stewardship heritage

By Kathleen Lavey

LANSING — At the turn of the 20th century, some of Michigan’s greatest conservation minds focused on a very important issue: turning vast, logged-over stump fields back into forests.

It wasn’t an easy sell at first.

Hillary Pine, a historian based in Crawford County at Hartwick Pines State Park – which features an old-growth white pine forest and a logging museum among its 9,762 acres – said the first state forests were founded in 1902.

The Higgins Lake Nursery in Roscommon County was started a year later.

“At that time, there was pushback from locals,” Pine said. “They said, ‘We’re growing crops, what are trees going to do for us? That’s useless.’”

Despite the opposition, conservationists carried on with their admittedly lofty replanting goal. It came with its own set of challenges.

“They wanted to regrow forests on a monumental scale,” Pine said. “How do you plant the seeds? How deep do you plant them? How do you protect them from birds and pests? It was a big experiment in how to do it properly and successfully.”

There were a few misses. An attempt to grow eucalyptus trees didn’t work out.

But there were many successes, and eventually, much of Michigan was successfully planted in jack pine, red pine and other species

is covered with forests, ranging from young aspens to ancient hemlocks. There are nearly 4 million acres of state forest in Michigan’s northern Lower and Upper peninsulas. There are also 3 million acres of federal forest land in the state.

That’s all because forests are managed to provide for a huge range of activities. That includes all types of recreation, wildlife habitat for everything from tiny birds and butterflies to enormous elk, and timber harvests to make products people use every day, from lumber to toilet paper.

“Vigorous and healthy forests would not be here with a hands-off approach,” said Jason Hartman, DNR silviculturist. Silviculture is



the science of caring for and cultivating trees.

“This new era with climate change is going to require a tremendous amount of stewardship,” Hartman said. “Everyone seems to want to plant more trees, which is great. We just need to be strategic.”

Some important Michigan

forests may lose a few iconic tree species in the next 100 years, but at the same time may gain a few different tree species as southern trees expand their range to the north.

One of the stewardship tasks the DNR is considering now is a process known as “assisted tree migration.”

“We are basically just selecting some species from farther south to plant as tests across different latitudes in Michigan,” Hartman said. “For instance, we are planning to plant some hickory trees in Lansing and Gaylord and Shingleton. We want to see which species perform best if assisted migration were to become operational.”

Hickory currently thrives in southern Michigan but becomes rare as you head north. It’s an important prospect because its hard-shelled nuts provide food for wildlife through the winter.

Other hardwood species under consideration for assisted migration include yellow poplar, walnut and perhaps some of the southern species of oak or blue ash, which resists the invasive and destructive emerald ash borer.

DNR foresters also are looking at species that could possibly replace red pine and jack pine in the distant future, and additional experiments are likely to include growing short-leaf pine and pitch pine in Michigan.

potential to be invasive,” Hartman said.

During the 1930s, the young men of the Civilian Conservation Corps planted 484 million trees in Michigan, twice as many as any other state.

“We may be entering a modern day CCC era due to the amount of reforestation being promoted,” Hartman said.

Sending an army of young men to turn fields into forests may not be feasible today, but there are other ways to get more, and healthier, trees into the landscape.

For example, the DNR and MSU researchers have been working on a large-scale project to improve the way that Michigan’s valuable hardwood trees, such as sugar maple, regenerate naturally.

They’ve set up cameras in the woods to watch deer as they browse for tender seedlings to eat and tested different methods of harvesting trees.



They’ve also studied different ways of disturbing the surface of the ground to allow seeds to set better and treating unwanted species in the understory to allow desirable trees to grow.

The DNR has also worked with various other researchers to blunt the devastating effects of disease or invasive species.

One historic success is lowering the impacts of *Lymantria dispar dispar*, formerly known as gypsy

moth. Although the size of the population cycles from year to year, its impacts on forest health have been greatly reduced by naturalizing the population across the state.

Today, predators, parasitoids, a fungus called *Entomophaga maimaiga* and the nuclear polyhedrosis virus play key roles in limiting moth outbreaks and keeping populations in a regular cycle.

Another effort under way seeks to restore the state’s ash trees, which have been devastated over the past 20 years by the bright-green emerald ash borer.

An ash orchard of insect-resistant trees has been established. Restoration work is still a few years away, but the effort has the potential to get resilient ash trees back into Michigan’s forests.

The DNR also is working with federal and local authorities to stop the spread of the hemlock woolly adelgid on Michigan’s west coast. The adelgid is another destructive insect pest.

These efforts include identifying infested trees and treating them to help prevent hemlock mortality, as well as educating people to be aware



of the invasive pest and help keep it from spreading.

Michigan’s state forests have come a long way in 120 years, helped along by human ingenuity. That will be even more important in the years to come.

“Stewardship is going to increase, it’s not going to decrease,” Hartman said. “It’s getting our hands dirty in nature. It’s finding ways to make good effects, planting trees of the right species in the right place, cutting trees at the right time, things like that.”

For more information on forest stewardship in Michigan visit Michigan.gov/ForestStewardship.

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of trees.

Nearly 120 years later, foresters are still carefully studying Michigan’s forests to determine the best ways to help them thrive well into the 22nd century and beyond.

Today, 20 million acres, or half of Michigan’s land mass,

trees such as aspen and jack pine are at the southern end of their current geographic range and need cool temperatures to thrive. But DNR data shows that mean temperatures in the state rose between 1969 and 2020.

That means Michigan’s

Besides looking at trees that thrive in warmer southern temperatures, the experiments also will include working to improve existing forests.

“It’s also about selecting genetic diversity from the species we currently have that would be the best performers,” Hartman said.

The DNR works closely with Michigan State University on tree genetics, to improve the quality of seedlings grown for state forests.

Hartman said any species that will be test-planted will be carefully studied to make sure they fit in with the current forest – so that eucalyptus experiment of the early 1900s is unlikely to have a modern repeat.

“We’re not going to move any species that have the



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SPORTS...

Wykons win with strong 2nd half

By R.R. Johnson
IRON RIVER — In their first home game of the season, the West Iron County varsity girls did not disappoint. It was four quarters of tough basketball that helped them capture the win on their home court against a no-quit Iron Mountain team, 50-47.

The Wykons instituted a press throughout parts of the game that proved effective at times.

Though this year’s incarnation of the Wykons are very young, featuring only one senior, they showed the

composure of a veteran team.

At the end of the first half, the Wykons led by three points. They exited the locker room in the third quarter and played stellar defense, limiting the Mountaineers to just seven third quarter points, their lowest point output in any quarter.

Although the Mountaineers would score 19 points in the fourth quarter, 10 of them would come from the free-throw line. In the end, it didn’t matter as West Iron played well-enough offensively to seal the victory.

Danica Shamion paced all scorers with 19 points and also corralled 13 rebounds to record a double-double.

Brynlee Nordurft played a solid game, scoring 4 points and grabbing 8 rebounds. Seanna Stine contributed 9 points, Haiden Gill added 6 points, and Adi Franzene had 5.

“I was impressed by the way the girls kept their composure and were able to get the first victory of the season. We had some great help from our bench tonight,” said Coach Eric Shamion.



The Forest Park girls varsity team receives instruction from Coach Kim Bjork.

Forest Park goes on two game skid

By R.R. Johnson
CRYSTAL FALLS — After opening the season with a close win against North Central, the Forest Park girls varsity team has suffered two crushing defeats. The first of those two came Dec. 3 against the Broncos of Bark River-Harris, 75-24

It was the kind of game that, had it been aired on television, viewers would have likely turned it off or switched channels after the first quarter. The score stood at 35-5 at the start of the second quarter, not even remotely competitive. This is no indictment on Forest Park though. Sometimes a team simply runs into a buzzsaw operating on overdrive and there is very

little that can be done to defend against the onslaught.

The Trojans were unable to get anything going offensively to at least attempt countering the potent Broncos offense. This was a classic case of one team was making everything thrown toward the hoop and the other was missing.

Post, who scored 10 points, was the only Trojan to reach double figures. Kudwa had 9 on 3 of 6 shooting while Van Sickle scored 3 points by making one from long range.

On Dec. 7 the Forest Park girls traveled to face the Carney-Nadeau Wolves. The result was more or less the same as the Trojans’ outing against Bark River-Harris just four days prior. Ineffective

shooting (the Trojans only shot 31% from the field), a bad start (Carney-Nadeau held a 20-2 lead after the first quarter) and losing the turnovers battle (13-5) cost Forest Park the game. The final margin, 67-32, was closer than in the Bark River-Harris game, but its clear that the Trojans, who are now 1-2, would benefit from working on their free-throw shooting (20%) and taking care of the ball. If the team continues to turn the ball at its current pace (40 times in the last two games), then winning will be extremely difficult.

The season is just beginning though. There is plenty of time for the Trojans to make adjustments and get back to their winning ways.

Trojans defeat Superior Central in season-opening rout

By R.R. Johnson
CRYSTAL FALLS — The Forest Park boys varsity basketball team started off their season on the right foot. With first year coach Jason Price at the helm, the Trojans bulldozed an overmatched Superior Central team, 59-29.

It was the play of the Trojan’s young players like freshman Kevin Guiliani and sophomore Gavin Rintala that charged an offense that needed new players to step up

after losing All-UP Division 4 Honorable Mention Keall Emmers to graduation.

The game was close at the end of the first, but Forest Park pulled away with a strong offensive effort in the second quarter. At the half, the score was 36-9, Trojans.

In the second half, the team scoring was relatively equal with Forest Park scoring 23 points and Superior Central tallying 20, but nearly breaking even in terms of point

differential was more than enough to secure the victory.

Rintala ended the game having scored 16 points, tied for the team high with Guiliani who also poured in 16. Felix Queveda and Sam McKissack both contributed 6 points each.

The Trojan next game will be a matchup with rival West Iron County in this high school basketball season’s first installment of the Battle of Iron County.



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Top Shooters: Dave Villeneuve (KHI) 19-2; Herman Foss (KHI) 18-3; Joe Kangas (MC) 17-4; Sean Miskell (OL) 17-4; Dominic Connell (OL) 16-2; Jim Miller (MC) 16-5.

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Jan. 20, 6:15 p.m. at Houghton (JV, 4:45)

Boys basketball
Jan. 24, 6:15 p.m. vs. Westwood (JV, 4:45)
Jan. 25, 6:15 p.m. vs. Hancock (JV, 4:45)
Jan. 27, 6:45 p.m. vs. Norway (JV, 5:30)

Forest Park Girls basketball
Jan. 4, 7 p.m. vs. Superior Central (JV, 5:30)
Jan. 7, 6:15 p.m. at West Iron County (JV, 4:45)
Jan. 14, 7 p.m. at Stephenson (JV, 5:30)

Boys basketball
Jan. 13, 7 p.m. at Munising (JV, 5:00)
Jan. 17, 7 p.m. at Bark River-Harris (JV, 5:00)
Jan. 20, 7 p.m. at West Iron (JV, 4:45)

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