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## Briefs

### Rock woman gives up horde of animals

On August 25, 2020, Delta County animal officers seized 65 adult dogs, 69 puppies, and 20 horses from a Rock, Mich. property that had been functioning as a puppy mill. The animals were in very poor condition.

All animals were transferred to the Delta Animal Shelter, which has rehabbed them and returned them to good health and normal living. Many of the dogs were pregnant, the shelter is now caring for 216 animals as a result of the seizure.

Pending a court case, all animals were simply stuck in the shelter's care. But on Monday, January 11, 2021, the owner agreed to forfeit the animals.

As a result, all animals are technically eligible for adoption.

### Snowman contest extended to Jan. 31

Because the snow is not cooperating with the Luce County Snowman contest, and current snow conditions aren't useable, the contest has been extended to January 31. Email submissions to [jwiegand@clmcaa.com](mailto:jwiegand@clmcaa.com) by midnight on the 31st. Open to Luce County residents only.

### COVID by county

This is encouraging: Luce County has now spent a second week without a new coronavirus case. We appear to be in rare territory here, as cases continue to climb across Michigan and are soaring higher than ever in other parts of the country.

Here are the numbers.

County	Cases	Deaths
Alger	212	1
Baraga	478	29
Chippewa	660	13
Delta	2,552	60
Dickinson	2,051	56
Gogebic	747	16
Houghton	1,780	27
Iron	800	32
Keweenaw	84	1
Luce	127	0
Mackinac	269	3
Marquette	3,275	51
Menominee	1,539	31
Ontonagon	283	15
Schoolcraft	223	3

Michigan now has the 14th most cases in the nation.



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The Pfizer and BioNTech mRNA vaccine is now being offered to Michigan's senior citizens and people in select other risk categories.

## Seniors now eligible

### Ages 65 and up can receive vaccine

By Carol Stiffler

There's good news on the vaccine front: Michigan seniors above age 65 are now eligible for the COVID vaccine.

There's a caveat: There isn't currently enough vaccine for everyone who wants it. Getting vaccinated will be a start-and-stop scenario, with bursts of vaccinations happening when new shipments arrive.

Though local health officials originally stated there would be no waiting list, it turns out it has been necessary to make one. Seniors who want the vaccine can use online scheduling at the LMAS District Health Department site - [LMASDHD.org](http://LMASDHD.org) to put their name on the list. From there, they just have to wait for a phone call.

"We all have some vaccines right now," said Kerry Ott, public information officer for LMAS. Ott said the district and hospitals within its four counties received a total of 2,940 doses of the vaccine, and that 1,340 of them have been administered to health care workers. The rest is now prioritized to senior citizens, and agencies like law enforcement, fire fighters, CPS workers, day care workers, and teachers.

The shortage of vaccines isn't a local phenomenon. "It's the whole world," Ott said. "There's a lot of moving pieces. It's a lot of arms to get vaccines into

twice."

While the original doses shipped to our region have been from Pfizer, Ott anticipates follow-up vaccines will come from Moderna as well.

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer has been making efforts to secure more vaccines in Michigan and asked the federal government to release more. After receiving no response at first, she then sought approval to purchase 100,000 more vaccines. Word came early yesterday that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services agreed to release millions of doses of the vaccine which had been held back from distribution.

When there is more vaccine available locally, there will be several places to get it. The vaccine will be administered by appointment at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital, at the LMAS District Health Department, and Hometown Pharmacy. Ott said additional partnership locations may be developed in an effort to avoid a bottleneck of people at any facility.

That's because local interest in the vaccine is high. Within two days of making sign-up available on the [LMASDHD.org](http://LMASDHD.org) website, Ott said more than 1,000 people had signed up. She thinks that's fantastic news.

"We are so grateful for the number of people who

### Where to get it:

(when available)

- Hospitals in the four LMAS counties
- Hometown Pharmacy in Newberry

First, look for details for your county at [LMASDHD.org](http://LMASDHD.org) See page 2 for more.

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Pixabay

ENT services focus on the ears, nose, and throat.

## New ENT services and doctor at HNJVH

Helen Newberry Joy Hospital is excited to announce the addition of ENT services to our clinic and welcomes experienced otolaryngologist Dr. William Scalf, to its medical staff. Dr. Scalf will provide ENT services and procedures to patients in the Gibson Second Floor Clinic beginning January 19, 2021.

Otolaryngologists diagnose and manage diseases of the sinuses, larynx (voice box), oral cavity, and upper pharynx (mouth and throat), as well as structures of the neck and face. Dr. Scalf may treat a variety of disorders that affect upper-airway breathing, speech, swallowing, and balance and hearing, among other functions. Common conditions treated by an otolaryngologist may include post-nasal drip, asthma, and ear infections in both children and adults.

"We are extremely excited to welcome Dr. Scalf to our team and add a new medical specialty at HNJVH," said Hunter Nostrant, CEO of HNJVH. "We are fortunate to have someone with Dr. Scalf's experience join our rural healthcare team. He has a long history of providing outstanding ENT care."

Dr. Scalf has been practicing for over 35 years, most recently at Metro Health in Wyoming, MI. Previously, he spent 17 years in private practice in the Grand Rapids area.

Scalf completed his general surgery residency at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, an otolaryngology residents at the Indiana University School of Medicine, and is certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Scalf, call 293-9239.



## And now, for some good news

Local music students in Newberry and Engadine were unable to perform their annual holiday concerts after schools returned to virtual studies right when bands were prepping for the concerts. Now that school is back in person, bands in Newberry and Engadine schools have recorded their holiday concerts, which are being shared online. Watch each school's Facebook page for more.

Send your good news to [nbyeditor@amadots.com](mailto:nbyeditor@amadots.com).

## The Scouts went winter camping

What do Scouts talk about when in-person meetings are not allowed and they have to communicate on a tiny screen? Camping, of course!

Over the last month and a half, Newberry Troop 130 used much of their screen time to plan a winter hike/camp out. With students back in school, four Scouts and two leaders took advantage of the mild weather and set out Saturday morning to get some fresh air, appreciate the outdoors, enjoy each other's company, and just plain have some fun. Leaving from the falls parking lot, they set out through the trails to a back-country camp site. Several carried



Taliesan Cox, at left, hauls in camping supplies during the Scouts winter camping event. At right, Aaron Edie pitched his tent in the snow. See more photos on page 10.



Photos courtesy of Dave Edie

their gear in backpacks, but many took advantage of the snow, loaded their gear onto sleds, and pulled it. The original plan was for

the Scouts to make snow shelters for overnight lodging. However, Mother Nature has not been cooperative in the snow de-

partment, so plan B: tents were pitched. This left more time for exploration and just plain having fun in the snow. The Scouts

cooked a group supper, enjoyed the outdoors a while longer, then retired for the night. Sunday morning was greeted with a warm breakfast and packing gear for the trek out.

Another project the Scouts have been working on is earning their citizenship in the community merit badge, where Scouts learn how to be a participant in their community and expectations of a good citizen.

Planning their next outing is also always in the works. To join the fun, call Dave Edie at 293-3880 or go online at [BeAScout.org](http://BeAScout.org)



*VACCINE, continued*

want the vaccine in our four counties,” Ott said.

The vaccine itself, which does not contain the coronavirus, is widely declared safe and effective. Local health care workers who have received their first dose reported having a sore arm and some fatigue after, but quickly rebounded.

Ott received her first vaccine three weeks ago, and her second one yesterday. The first one was “easier than a flu shot”, she said. Some of her counterparts who’ve had the second shot noted a few more symptoms than in their first: A fever and a headache, she said. Those went away after a day and some ibuprofen, and are not a sign of contagious infection. The COVID vaccine cannot give a person COVID, Ott said.

Now that the vaccine is rolling out, Ott is asking everyone to stay patient and trust that if they’ve put their name on a list for a shot, they will receive one as soon as possible.

In the meantime, and even after, she says it will be important to keep doing the “small things” that are helping our community get through the pandemic: Wear a mask. Wash hands. Stay home if you’re sick.

“We’re good,” she said. “We just need vaccines.”

## Snowmobiler dies after Chippewa County crash

A man who crashed his snowmobile in Chippewa County earlier this month died Jan. 8 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Richard David Dufty, 55, of Cassville, succumbed to injuries he suffered in the Jan. 2 crash along Snowmobile Trail UP 472 (Bobby Gay Truck Trail), in the Hiawatha National Forest, northeast of Trout Lake.

Dufty was riding with a group of six riders traveling west on the trail.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer Mike Olesen and Sgt. Calvin Smith were dispatched to the crash site at 3:35 p.m. EST.

Investigation showed Dufty had passed the other riders in the group at a high rate of speed. When they caught up, they saw a snow cloud in the air at the spot where Dufty’s sled left the trail.

Olesen said Dufty’s sled gradually went off the righthand side of the trail, traveling on a slight corner. Toxicology reports indicated alcohol was a factor in the accident.

Dufty’s snowmobile hit several trees alongside the trail before the snowmobile rolling and ejecting Dufty.

Dufty, with attending EMS personnel, was transported in the back of Sgt. Smith’s DNR patrol vehicle from the crash site along the trail to a waiting ambulance.

After forecasted poor weather conditions prevented air transport to Petoskey, Dufty was taken to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital by Mackinac Straits EMS personnel. On Jan. 3, Dufty was transferred to the hospital in Royal Oak.

Additional agencies assisting at the scene of the crash included the Chippewa County Sheriff’s Office and Michigan State Police.

Including Dufty, four snowmobilers have died from snowmobile crashes in Michigan this winter. Three of the four crashes have occurred in the Upper Peninsula. Last winter, the DNR logged a total of 14 snowmobile fatalities, 10 of which occurred in the U.P.

## Luce County government events

### Today, January 13

—The Luce County Parks and Recreation board will meet at 4:30 p.m. today in the county commissioners boardroom, which is located in the southwest corner of the Luce County Government Building.

—The Luce County Planning Commission and the Luce County Board of Appeals will have an organizational meeting at 6 p.m. today in the county commissioners boardroom, which is located in the southwest corner of the Luce County Government Building.

### Monday, January 18

—The Luce County Government building will be closed all day on Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Business will resume on Tuesday, January 19.

### Tuesday, January 19

—The Luce County Board of Commissioners will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the circuit courtroom. If you come, please observe social distancing.

—The Luce County Animal Shelter Board will have their organizational meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. In new business, they will discuss the 2021 meeting schedule, election of officers, 2021 meeting dates, and budget recommendations and changes.

## Help us share your good news!

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## Luce County 4-H has clubs for your kids

January and February are teeming with local and statewide virtual opportunities.

Locally in January, there are several programs that will begin, including:

Engineers R’ Us, a 4-H club for youth in Luce and Mackinac Counties ages 8-12 years old. Perfect for the hands-on learner that likes tinkering and engineering, participating youth will receive a small supplies kit. This club will meet every Tuesday and Thursday beginning January 19 - February 4 from 4-5 p.m. via Zoom.

The January Playgroup, an offering from the Great Start Parent Coalition and the EUP ISD, will take place on Thursday, January 21 at 4:30 p.m. These playgroups are geared for youth ages 2 and up and their caregivers. This month will feature an Elephant and Piggie theme with lots of great literacy components. Kits are available for pick-up to go with the playgroups. Families can expect the playgroup to last 30-45 minutes and include a story, an activity, and some physical movement.

Back by popular demand, Luce County 4-H and Mackinac County 4-H will present the return of



The Great Start Parent Coalition, with the EUP ISD, has begun offering monthly virtual playgroup opportunities for youth children and their siblings and caregivers. Here, the Hutchinson Family of Newberry, are shown painting pumpkins as part of the very first playgroup which took place in October. The pumpkins and paints were supplied in small kits that went home to all participating families.

Jedi Training Club. Loaded with Star Wars clips and discussion, each session explores a new skill of the Jedi through mindfulness, physical activities, and at home challenges. Get ready to build your own lightsaber and join the ranks of Obi-Wan, Luke, and Rey. Open to youth ages 7 and up. Join us via Zoom from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, January 26 - February 23.

Opportunities abound at the statewide level as well. Youth interested in animals can find virtual horse pro-

grams, vet clubs, bee presentations and more. For kids who love science, there is a household science experiment club starting on January 20. There’s also a new coding program beginning as well as a 4-H Lego Club, an Among Us club, and much more! Remember to find the Luce County 4-H Facebook page for more details.

Please ‘like’ the Luce County 4-H Facebook page to read more about these and other upcoming programs. For more information on programs listed

here, contact 4-H Program Coordinator Jessica Price at [brown130@msu.edu](mailto:brown130@msu.edu).

For parent and caregivers, MSU Extension is offers programs including: The Parent Talk System; Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Families; and Extension Extra Parenting Hour programs.

For more about MSUE programs, email Jessica Price at [brown130@msu.edu](mailto:brown130@msu.edu). Stay up to date by liking the Great Start Parent Coalition Luce County Facebook page.

## Local COVID vaccine announcements

### From LMAS District Health Department

As of January 7, 2021, LMAS District Health Department and the hospitals in each of the four counties, had received a total of 2,950 doses of COVID-19 vaccine. As of January 10, about 1,340 doses of those vaccines have been administered, or about 45% of what has been received in the district. With health care workers taking priority in Phase 1A, and then the state of Michigan opening up parts of Phase 1B and 1C (those 65 years and older) last week, there has been a lot of planning to expand opportunities for individuals in these groups to make appointments to receive their first of the two-dose series. With more clinics already occurring on Monday January 11, and additional clinics in the words for later this week, the number of doses administered will continue to rise quickly.

The new priority groups as of January 11 include continuing to vaccinate healthcare workers in 1A, individuals 65 years and older, along with priority agencies such as law enforcement, fire, CPS workers, pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, and day care workers.

“We are grateful for the longstanding partnership that LMAS has with each of our hospitals and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians,” stated Kerry Ott, public information officer for LMAS. “These local relationships have helped us to be as ready as we could be for addressing the chal-

lenges of the pandemic and for developing plans to administer the vaccine. We are grateful for the positive response from individuals in all our communities who are anxious to receive the vaccines, but we ask for patience as we deal with logistics, changes in state guidelines, human capacity, and of course, vaccine supply.”

LMAS encourages all residents to know that there will be many starts and stops through this process, depending on vaccine supply. Community members can help by using online scheduling or getting on lists to be contacted for appointments by going to [LMASDHD.org](http://LMASDHD.org). Anyone who has already made an appointment or called to be placed on a list for notification should not contact the health department or hospitals additional times. For those who fall into the 65 and older age bracket and have not made an appointment or added your name to a list for scheduling, it is best if you can do this online – details for all four counties are at the LMAS website. If you do not have internet capability, each hospital has a dedicated COVID vaccine line you may call. These numbers are listed at the end of this release.

For the general population, it is likely going to be late spring or into summer before we have enough vaccine available to hold mass clinics or for you to be able to receive your COVID vaccines through your family health care provider. In the meantime,

patience is needed, and of course everyone – even those who have had both doses of vaccine – will need to continue to do small things to protect each other as there has not yet been enough study to determine if a person who is vaccinated might still be able to pick up the virus and pass it to others, even though they themselves might not become ill. So, please stay strong and wear a clean cloth face covering that fully covers your mouth and nose, stay home when you don’t feel well, wash your hands, and avoid gathering with people who do not live in your immediate household.

We have come too far together to give up now. This process is going to take time. You can learn more about the COVID vaccine and follow changes in plans and events by visiting [LMASDHD.org](http://LMASDHD.org).

You may also contact each hospital through their websites or their dedicated COVID Vaccine lines (be prepared to leave your name and number and wait for a call back) at:

Helen Newberry Joy Hospital – [HNJH.org](http://HNJH.org) or call (906) 293-9289.

Mackinac Straits Health System – [MackinacStraitsHealth.org](http://MackinacStraitsHealth.org) or call (906) 328-2159.

Munising Memorial Hospital – [MunisingMemorial.org](http://MunisingMemorial.org) or call (906) 387-4111.

Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital – [SCMH.org](http://SCMH.org), or call (906) 341-2153, ext. 1.

### From Helen Newberry Joy Hospital

While the COVID-19 vaccine has made its way to HNJH, distribution follows guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to ensure that those with the most critical need receive vaccination first.

We have received permission from the State of Michigan to move into Phase 1B which includes persons 65 and older, as of on January 11.

Our clinic patients will have the opportunity to receive the vaccine.

If you are 65 years and older and have a scheduled appointment with your PCP and would like the vaccine, please call your provider’s office.

Helen Newberry Joy Hospital will be holding appointment-only vaccination events. If you would like to be put on a list to schedule a vaccine appointment at one of these events, you can do so online by visiting [bit.ly/hnjhvaccine](http://bit.ly/hnjhvaccine) or leave a message on our COVID-19 Vaccination voicemail box by calling 293-9289. A member of our team will contact

you to schedule your vaccination appointment.

Hunter Nostrant, HNJH CEO, said, “We want to assure residents that we will do everything we can to ensure you receive the vaccine as quickly as possible. As you can imagine, this is a large undertaking, but your health and safety are of the utmost importance.”

Please be patient. Appointments will depend on vaccine availability. Remember to wear your masks and social distance before (and after) you are vaccinated.

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 (Dorothy Heimark)  
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 – Dennis & Carol

## Read all about it... Let me make a stat correction

By Dion Mindykowski



Dion Mindykowski

A few weeks ago I was promoting the Tahquamenon Library's Overdrive and Hoopla collections in this column and on Facebook, celebrating the fact the both services combined provided access to nearly 750,000 items.

When we signed on to Hoopla in March 2020, the Hoopla collection totaled 650,000 items. A few months later another library asked for my advice on Hoopla. After they signed up, the collection grew to about 700,000 items.

I had assumed that number hadn't changed much. I was wrong. As I was gathering data for an annual report, I discovered that our Hoopla account now provides access to 881,186 items! When combined with our Overdrive items, that's over 900,000 items available for checkout.

I have mentioned this before, but in case you missed it, I prefer a physical book in my hand to reading an eBook. However, over the last year, I have really grown to appreciate our digital collections. The selection helped to win me over.

Our library holds just over 30,000 physical items. Those 900,000

items in our digital collection increase the chance of finding what I'm looking for. In addition, there is the convenience factor. If I am going out for an early morning walk and realize I will need a new audiobook at 5 a.m., I can have one downloaded via Hoopla or Overdrive in a couple minutes. Or, if I have trouble sleeping at night and am out of reading material, I can have an eBook downloaded quickly. I've warmed up to the idea of digital content, reading a mixture of eBooks and Overdrive books.

If you need some guidance about where to start when it comes to Overdrive or Hoopla, please call the library at 906-293-5214, or email [tahquameirc@gmail.com](mailto:tahquameirc@gmail.com). Library staff will help you get started.

## A message of hope

# He descends down the deep with you

By Kyle Kuehl

From what depths do you cry to the Lord? Loss, grief, illness, anxiety, the death of a loved one, or the prospect of your own death may become deep pits from which you cannot escape. No matter the depth of despair, God hears your cries and stands ready to lift you up. Holy Scripture testifies to His long practice in doing just that.

Joseph, the favored son of Jacob, received from God dreams of future power and authority. Angered by those dreams, his brothers threw Joseph into the pit of a deep, dry well. Raised from the pit, Joseph was sold into slavery in Egypt, where, after a time, he once more found himself in another kind of pit: Pharaoh's prison. Even there, "the Lord was with Joseph and sowed him steadfast love" (Genesis 39:21). According to God's steadfast love and perfect timing, Joseph was freed

and raised to the position of power revealed in his dreams.

Jonah fled from the Lord to avoid preaching the Word of God to the enemies of Israel. To restore the reluctant prophet to God's service, God allowed Jonah to be thrown into the sea, where a great fish was sent to swallow him up into the pit of its stomach. Jonah prayed from that slimy pit, "I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and He answered me" (Jonah 2:2). On the third day, God restored Jonah to dry land, and at the prophet's proclamation, the people of Nineveh turned from their sins.

The prophet Daniel was an exiled Israelite in the service of King Darius. Faithful to God, even when the king had forbidden such worship, Daniel was condemned to death and sealed in the pit of hungry lions. God sent His angel into the depths of that pit

to shut the lions' mouths, and Daniel was set free and restored to his position of authority.

What Joseph, Jonah, and Daniel experienced, our Lord also knew. Like Jonah, Jesus prayed in distress as He faced death. Like Joseph, Jesus was betrayed and delivered into captivity. Like Daniel, the Son of God was condemned to death, but no angel came down to save Him. This was the purpose for which He had come: to carry our wrongdoings in His own body to the cross. Suffering the penalty of death in our place, Jesus was taken down from the cross and sealed in a tomb, a pit of death. Then, like Jonah restored, on the third day Jesus was raised to life and exalted to reign at the right hand of God. All authority in heaven and on earth is His (Matthew 28:18).

Whatever the depths in which you find yourself, you are never out of reach



Kyle Kuehl

for our almighty Savior. He hears your prayers, and with His healing presence He descends into the depths with you. As He restored His people in the past, He will lift you up according to His gracious will. "And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you" (1 Peter 5:10).

Kyle Kuehl pastors the Trinity Lutheran Church of Newberry.

## College News

Alma College has released the Dean's List for those students who achieved outstanding academic performance during the 2020 Fall Term.

Students from the area include:

Carlee Corinth, Eryn Corinth, Alexander Henry, Mark LaRoue, and Adrika Tomica of Newberry. Gracie Oven of Engadine. Andrew Blanchard of Gould City.

## Curtis Notes

Thursday, January 14

— Marcy's Pantry will be open from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Coming Up:

— The Curtis Library will host a Zoom book discussion on January 25 at 1 p.m. on *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck. To join the discussion, email [curtislib@uproc.lib.mi.us](mailto:curtislib@uproc.lib.mi.us)

### Help us keep the community informed!

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## Luce County Animal Shelter ADORABLE ADOPTABLES



Salem

The Luce County Animal Shelter is looking for volunteers for cat and dog care.

Volunteers over 18 years of age are preferred, but all are welcome to apply. Looking to help animals from the comfort of your own home? We're also looking to expand our foster program for the dogs and cats!

Send inquiries to [luceshelter.lcas@gmail.com](mailto:luceshelter.lcas@gmail.com) or call the shelter at 906-293-6622.

Find us on Facebook for information on how to donate or volunteer at the shelter. Luce County Pet Pals, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

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## OBITUARY

### Gerald William Pillion

Longtime Newberry resident, Gerald William Pillion, 80, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 3, 2021 at Golden Leaves Living Center in Newberry.

Born May 11, 1940 in Iron Mountain, son of the late William and Laura (Broullire) Pillion. Jerry was a 1958 graduate of Iron Mountain High School and attended Northern Michigan University in Marquette for a year before enlisting with the United States Navy on January 7, 1960 where he served until his honorable discharge on January 6, 1966 attaining the rank of Radioman 2nd Class. Following his discharge, Jerry attended Badger Business School in Green Bay and married the former Mary Kay Lindeman of Channing.

Jerry was briefly employed as a bookkeeper in Green Bay, Wisconsin. After moving to Newberry in 1968, he was employed at Superior Studs for 17 years and retired from Louisiana Pacific in 2002 after 17 years of service.



He was a member of St. Gregory's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus #2929, and B.P.O.E. Lodge #1705 of Newberry. Jerry enjoyed playing golf and tennis, loved watching sports, especially the Green Bay Packers, and rarely missed a chance to be on the sidelines supporting local sporting events. Those of you that knew Jerry well knew that he loved to joke around and show us his wit and sense of humor.

He is remembered with love by his children Marc (Margie) of Escanaba and Scott (Rebecca) of Lansing; grandchildren Alexis (Josh) Lewis and Riley Pillion; sister Arlene Butterfield of Iron Mountain; and mother of his children, Mary Kay Pillion of Green Bay. Preceding him in death are his parents, William and Laura and sister Betty Ann Krause.

Per his request, cremation services were accorded with no public services at this time.

Memorials may be directed to Golden Leaves Living Center Activity Fund, 502 West Harrie Street, Newberry, Michigan 49868 or B.P.O.E. Lodge #1705, P.O. Box 391, Newberry, Michigan 49868 in Jerry's memory.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff of Golden Leaves Living Center for the kindness, loving care and friendship so freely given to our father.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.beaulieufuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulieufuneralhome.com).

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry is assisting the family.

## OBITUARY

### Ronda Lynn Shigwadja

Ronda Lynn Shigwadja, age 40, of St. Louis, MI, passed away Saturday, January 9, 2021, at Mid-Michigan Medical Center - Midland, MI.

A Memorial Service will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes St. Louis, MI, on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. Visitation will be held on Saturday at the funeral home from 12:00 P.M. until the time of the service. The service will also be live streamed on the Smith Family Funeral Home Facebook page.

Ronda was born in Flint, MI on July 21, 1980, the daughter of Roger and Linda (Glenn) Pease. Ronda graduated with honors from Tahquamenon Area Schools with the class of 1998. She went on to Lake Superior State University where she received her bachelors degree in Nursing. On October 18, 2003 Ronda married William Shigwadja at St. Gregory Catholic Church, Newberry, MI.



Ronda was employed as a Registered Nurse for the Mid-Michigan Health Systems (Mt. Pleasant, Alma, Midland, Breckenridge, and Shepherd). She had an amazing work ethic.

Ronda was a softball mom and loved cheering on her daughters in sports they were involved in. She enjoyed being at the beach by the water and spending time in warm weather. She liked listening and singing to music while mowing the lawn, telling "short" stories, morel mushroom picking with her husband Bill and playing corn hole and games with her family. Most of all Ronda loved her family and time she spent with them. She had the ability to see good in everyone. She was a very loving, caring and patient woman who touched everyone she met.

She is survived by her husband William Shigwadja of St. Louis, MI; daughters: Alyssa and Xavier Rodriguez of St. Louis, MI; Cadence Shigwadja of St. Louis, MI; and Lana Shigwadja of St. Louis, MI; parents: Roger and Karen Pease of Dimondale, MI; Linda Pease of McMillan MI; siblings: Roger and Jessica Pease of Charlotte, MI; Amanda and Trent Fraley of Charlotte, MI; Robert Wilson of Glendale, AZ; Michael Wilson of Charlotte, MI; father and mother-in-law Clifford and Kim Shigwadja of Newberry, MI; brothers and sister-in-law: Clifton and Squeek Shigwadja of St. Ignace, MI; Robert Shigwadja of Newberry, MI; Kenneth Shigwadja of Newberry, MI; Shirley Shigwadja of Negaunee, MI; and grandmother Marilyn Sisco of Harrison, MI. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, her dog Sarge and her grandkitty Belle. She was preceded in death by her 2 brambabies, step-father Terry Carroll, grandfather James Sisco, grandmother Merle Glenn, aunt Janet Louise Freeze and uncle Jerry Glenn.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family. Online condolences can be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, St. Louis, MI.

## OBITUARY

### Mark Lawrence Turner

Lifelong Grand Rapids resident and seasonal resident of the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club, Mark Lawrence Turner, 69, died Thursday morning January 7, 2021.

Born November 3, 1951 in Grand Rapids, son of the late Lawrence and Elaine (Smith) Turner, Mark was a 1969 graduate of Ottawa Hills High School in Grand Rapids.

At the age of 18, Mark started his employment career with Lear Siegler in Grand Rapids and, during this time, attended Michigan State University. He was an engineer and worked at Lear Siegler, Fireboy, Benteler Automotive, and finally retired from GE Aviation.



In recent years, Mark spent time in the Upper Peninsula at the residence on the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club. During his lifetime, he enjoyed flying, sailing, photography, astronomy, feeding birds and the general knowledge of learning things.

Survivors include his loving wife, the former Mary DeJong, siblings Sharyn (Paul) Richardson of Hillsboro, Wisconsin, Lauryn (Robert) Ronis of Cleveland, Ohio and Troy (Monette) Cowan of Nashville, Tennessee; several nieces and nephews.

A gathering of family and friends will take place Wednesday, January 13, 2021 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at St. Stephens Catholic Church in Naubinway. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:00 am at the church with Fr. Marty Flynn officiating. Rite of Committal will take place in the spring of 2021 at the Naubinway Cemetery. Due to COVID-19, social distancing and masks are required in accordance of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Memorials may be directed to Love Incorporated, Melville Street, Engadine, Michigan 49827 in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.beaulieufuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulieufuneralhome.com).

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry is assisting the family.

## OBITUARY

### Daniel Richard Vandercook

Daniel Richard Vandercook, 73, of Newberry, died Tuesday afternoon January 5, 2021 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Born May 16, 1947 in Highland Park, son of the late Richard and Lillian (Webb) Vandercook, Dan served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War until his honorable discharge on June 30, 1967 attaining the rank of Specialist Fifth Grade.

Following his discharge, Dan resided in Royal Oak and was employed as a tool and die maker for Fitzpatrick Manufacturing in Warren, Michigan. On June 24, 1972, Dan married the former Cindy Pedit in Newberry and had been of resident of Newberry since 1973.



Dan was employed as a patient account representative at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital for several years until his retirement. Dan was a member of National Rifle Association and enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, woodworking and tinkering on anything he could lay his hands on.

In addition to his parents, Dan is preceded in death by his sister Patricia and in-laws Curt and Mary Pedit.

Survivors include his loving wife, Cindy, of Newberry; son Adam (Evelynn) Vandercook of Fruitport; grandchildren Hunter Mason and Tyler Vandercook.

Per his request, cremation services were accorded with no public services scheduled.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.beaulieufuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulieufuneralhome.com).

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry is assisting the family.

## Caregivers: Here's a helpful online workshop

Powerful Tools for Caregivers, a 6-week online workshop, designed for the non-professional, informal family caregiver, will be held on Wednesdays, beginning February 10, through March 17 from 2-3:30 pm with an optional Zoom orientation on Wednesday, February 3 at 2 pm.

The Powerful Tools for Caregivers online program will provide caregivers tools to help reduce stress and increase relaxation, make tough decisions, reduce guilt, anger and depression, communicate effectively, set goals and problem solve, and take better care of themselves while caring for a relative or friend. Caregivers will benefit from the class whether they are helping a parent, spouse, or friend living at home, in long-term care or across the country. The workshop focuses on self-care for the caregiver, not on specific diseases or hands-on caregiving.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is offered by Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress (UPCAP) in partnership with Tri-County Office on Aging.

There is no charge for this online workshop, but registration is required. Participants must also have a computer, tablet, or smartphone with internet connection and email address to participate. Class size is limited and registration ends on January 31.

To register, visit [www.upcap.org](http://www.upcap.org) or call 2-1-1 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, for assistance.



### Beyond the classroom

## TAS and HNJV partner to bring health science CTE program to students

Tahquamenon Area Schools (TAS) in conjunction with Helen Newberry Joy Hospital (HNJV) plans to implement a new Career Technology Education (CTE) course for juniors and seniors in high school who are interested in the field. The program was slated to begin earlier this school year, but was put on hold temporarily while students studied from home.

CTE programs provide job skills to students, allowing them to join the workforce after graduation. This program is made possible through a CTE millage from the EUPISD that voters supported in 2017. Since then, TAS has also added a Geometry in Construction course that is in its second year. TAS superintendent Stacy Price says, "We are very excited to add another CTE opportunity for students. The hospital is one of the largest employers in our area, and to be able to provide students with a potential opportunity for employment upon graduating is what the CTE program is all about."

For two hours a day, five days a week, students in the CTE course will have an opportunity to learn the initial building blocks of the healthcare field through written and hands-on instruction. The program also provides the opportunity for students to achieve/obtain a BLS (Basic Life Support) and CNA (Certified Nurse's Aide) certifications upon completion of the courses.

Hunter Nostrant, HNJV CEO, explains, "The goal of implementing the program with TAS is to provide students with an introduction to the healthcare field and prepare them for a potential career in healthcare. HNJV has many employment opportunities for those who are interested in staying in or coming back to the area."

Course instructor Jill Beaudin, BSN, RN, received her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from Bellin College in Green Bay in 2008. Beaudin has over 12 years of experience in inpatient rehabilitation, occupational health, school nursing, psychiatry, and long-term care. Most recently, she was a travel RN for an inpatient psychiatric hospital in Montana. She will also work as a Nursing Supervisor at Golden Leaves Living Center.

Former science teacher Gene Schroll was asked to fill in for Beaudin until she could complete her assignment in Montana.

## Counseling Corner: Brain fitness can help fight memory loss

It's a common problem many of us encounter as we age — we forget more things and it seems to happen more frequently. It can be a frustrating experience and even a frightening one as we worry that serious issues of dementia are just around the corner.

While researchers are only beginning to understand exactly why our brains seem to be more prone to memory issues as we get older, they have, however, begun to make real progress in finding ways to help fight memory problems as we age. And the latest advice is that we all ought to begin proactively working to keep maximum brain function at a much earlier age.

Many older folks try to keep mentally ac-

tive through activities like crossword or Sudoku puzzles, and that's a good thing. But more recent research is finding that such activities simply may not be providing the level of stimulation needed for real "brain fitness."

Brain fitness starts with mental activities that truly engage your brain. They can take a variety of forms. Critical thinking, for example, requires you to think about a topic that you understand and agree with, and then to look at that same subject from the opposite point of view. Can you evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of that subject from a totally different side than the one you're normally on?

You want to stimulate your brain in ways that require it to really think about finding new solutions. Locating new recipes and then working out ways to improve them is one idea. Learning and using new vocabulary words, tackling a foreign language, or taking up a new hobby like art or music, are all ways to maximize brain effort and increase brain stimulation.

Brain fitness also requires recognizing that the brain is a part of your body and is affected by your fitness. It requires exercising more, eating healthier, and staying fit overall. It means staying on top of potential health risks, like your blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

Doing a daily crossword puzzle may be fun and provide some brain stimulation, but really working for brain fitness means doing things to improve your reasoning, problem-solving and memory abilities; these activities are a real mental stretch. At the same time, staying fit and managing health risks are the keys that can all add up to better mental health and long, positive brain function.

*Counseling Corner is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to [ACACorner@counseling.org](mailto:ACACorner@counseling.org) or visit the ACA website at [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org).*

# Dear Beautiful America: A letter

Dear Beautiful America,

*Thine alabaster cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears.*

I cried on January 6. I saw pictures of lawless people invading the beautiful, symbolic U.S. Capitol. Guns were out. A woman got killed. A shirtless rebel wearing Viking horns stood in the front of the Congressional hall. A looter ran off with the podium used by the Speaker of the House. I kept crying.

How could this be America?

We have been gravely hurt. We have been ripped apart from each other by words intended to win votes. We were told terrible things about each other. We no longer have differences of opinion; these days, we are told it's a matter of good versus evil. Us versus them. Us Americans, them Americans.

A nation divided, we know, will not



Carol Stiffler

stand. There's going to be a civil war, they say. Some people guarantee it.

Who wins when America battles America? Who won last time? America, you might say. But who lost? Also America. How painful. Who would win this time? Is "winning" even possible?

We cannot let civil war destroy our nation, and we cannot encourage this fury. The fracture in America is ruining us. We stand to lose everything.

*America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw.  
Confirm thy soul in self-control.  
Thy liberty in law!*

Who wins when  
America  
battles  
America?

What is our plan for healing? What is your plan?

Yes, you need one. I need one. Our healing will not come from any other source. No one else can heal the pain and anger each of us carry. No one will apologize to us. No president can step into office and magic it away.

We must plan our own healing. Plans have to be thought out, plotted into manageable steps, then put into action. And we need to do it now.

Here are some ideas.  
*Who more than self  
their country loved  
And mercy more  
than life!*

Remember what you learned about the start of our country. Our forefathers insisted that all men are equal, regardless of belief. They were right! They still are! Revisit the Declaration of Independ-

ence, the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution. Those are brilliant documents. We are rooted in greatness.

Take down any political signs in your yard. They are visible fractures, a geographical fault line right in your yard. Be an American first; a member of your political party second.

Check on your neighbors. Rebuild America by symbolically reconnecting your back yard to their back yard.

Look people in the eye and smile at them. Smiles are so powerful. We are all right here, right now. Let's be us again.

*And crown thy good  
With brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea.*

Sincerely,  
Carol Stiffler

You can reach Carol at  
nbyeditor@jamadots.com.

Words in italics from Katharine Lee Bates' *America the Beautiful*.

## Just Bill

# Rep. Bergman voted with the mob

By Bill Diem

We were watching CNN as the Joint Session of Congress started. They were to count the Electoral College votes and declare who won the Nov. 3 election. After a while, the network moved to cameras outside the Capitol where supporters of the President, carrying American flags and flags with his name and confederate flags and at least one Nazi flag, had broken past the police lines. They were climbing the steps to the Capitol, breaking windows and going inside.



Bill Diem

My wife, who is French, cried to watch it. The hopelessly outnumbered police force backed up before the flood. The Senators and Representatives were first locked in their chambers, then spirited away via tunnels to safer areas. Some were wearing gas masks. Some were hiding in the gallery.

At a rally earlier, the President had told a crowd of his supporters that they should be strong and march on the Capitol. His mouthpiece Rudy Giuliani said there would be a "trial by combat".

The President has been saying for two

months that he won the election by a landslide and that it was stolen from him. There is no reason to believe that. There is no evidence that Republican of-

ficials in Georgia overlooked 11,700 votes for the President, or that Democratic election officials in Michigan overlooked 153,000 votes. Court cases alleging problems but presenting no evidence were denied 60 times by judges, including the three Supreme Court judges appointed by the President. This was not the year 2000, when the vote in Florida wasn't clear and a Supreme Court case was

needed.

Afterward, it was clear to almost everyone in Washington that the President is either mad or a calculating liar. Cabinet members resigned, and there is talk of another impeachment or using the 25th Amendment to make Mike Pence President for two weeks.

But what really made my wife sick to her stomach, and what made me angry, was that six Republican senators and 100 representatives — including Jack Bergman, who represents the UP — voted to challenge the election results in

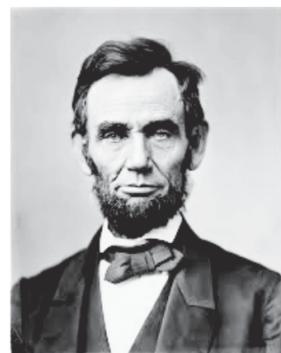
Arizona and Pennsylvania. Their votes are despicable. They voted exactly the way that the riot wanted them to vote: to overrule the voters in those states.

Jack Bergman is trying to wriggle out of a damned position. He claims only to have wanted to ensure fair elections. But he and the other Republicans didn't challenge the voters in any other states, just the ones that changed their minds between 2016 and 2020. Bergman's challenge was based on who won the election. It was based on the lies coming from the President.

Supporting those lies by a vote to challenge the results may have been just a political ploy before the invasion of the Capitol. Other Democrats and Republicans have done that in recent years. Jack didn't expect that his votes would carry the day. But after the murderous invasion of Presidential supporters pressuring Congress to keep the President in office, his vote was shameful.

He should have acted like the Republican Senator Kelly Loeffler of Georgia. She had planned to challenge the votes in Georgia, and she had just lost her job a special election, so she had nothing to lose. But she took the moral high ground: "I cannot now object to the certification of these electors."

Bill Diem lives in Paris.



Consider this

From Abraham Lincoln:

"We can succeed only by concert. It is not 'can any of us imagine better?' but, 'can we all do better?' The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise to the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew, and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves, and then we shall save our country."

-From his Annual Message to Congress on Dec. 1, 1862.

# Traveling through time: This week through the years

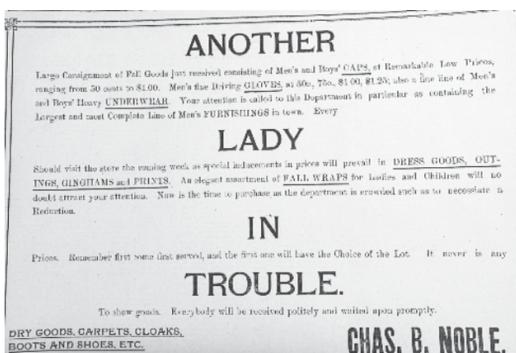
By Sterling McGinn

From January 10, 1896  
Local and County

—Mr. William Green, of the Newberry and Deer Park mail and stage line, has provided a very comfortable rig for passengers this winter.

It is simply a small house on sleighs, made of canvass stretched on an oak frame, but it is a great improvement over an open sleigh box. With a small oil stove or even a lantern the rig might be made comfortably warm even on the coldest days. McDurmon & Webster made the outfit.

The Chicago Rivals will appear at the Bank Hall some time about



This ad appeared in the Newberry News in 1895.

middle of February, under the auspices of the Lecture Course Association. Exact date and other particulars in future issues.

—Mrs. J. Shreve, music teacher, is contemplating giving lessons in music at Dollarville, and will call upon families there next week to make arrangements with such as may desire to secure her services. Mrs. Shreve is an accomplished instructor of over eight years experience.

From January 14, 1921  
Michigan Pikes Tour

Fred S. Case, of Sault Ste.

Marie, president of the Michigan Pikes Association, has announced the complete route for the 1921 good roads tour of the organization. The tour will start and finish in Detroit.

Its itinerary includes both the upper and lower peninsulas of Michigan and portions of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Ontario. The date for the tour has not been definitely decided but it will start the second week in July. This will be the second international tour.

The Michigan Pikes Association covered almost 1,000 miles in Ontario last

July. On the last trip the caravan roughly circled Lake Huron. As this year's tour, with the railroad jump of the motorists almost follows the shore line of Lake Superior, it will be known as the "Around Lake Superior" tour.

From January 14, 1971  
NHS debaters go on air tonight on WNBV

With basketball occupying the limelight for a good share of the school year, parents should be made aware of the many other student activities at Newberry High School, which are equal or greater importance in student development.

With this thought in mind, the *Newberry News* is sponsoring a full-length debate team in WNBV to be aired Thursday evening at 6:10 p.m. The debate is on the question, Resolved: That the Federal Government should Establish, Finance and Administer Programs to Control Air and Water Pollution in the United States. The debate was taped during an exhibition given for the B. & P. W. Thursday evening.

Jeff Sainio and Garth Chenard argued for the affirmative, and Ann Foley and Barbara Foster for the negative. Coaching the de-

bate team this year is Mrs. Helen Fossitt, who is upholding the tradition established by Miss Genevieve Dwyer.

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*To gaze and to ponder*

## Making a family cameo

By Tom Hoogterp

On my family's weekly Covid Zoom Call, I announced, to nobody's surprise, that 74 years ago this day, Dorothy Hoogterp, our mother, bore a fat little baby which was me, and nothing's been the same since, from my point of view. That observation led to the following piece of family lore:

The day Tom (me) was born everything was going along smoothly. The "signs" indicated the blessed event was growing near. The car started, the roads in Grand Rapids were dry, and my 30-year-old mother-to-be arrived at St. Mary's Hospital in ample time. The hospital was busy that day, and some patients, including my mother, were being cared for in beds in the hallway. Daddy drove home to watch his five children.

Now, at that time, (January, 1947) St. Mary's Hospital was integrated, but the patient rooms were not. In other words, "colored" patients were accepted for treatment, but they did not share rooms with white people.

Out there in the hallway awaiting my arrival, my mother struck up a quick friendship with a stranger named Elle Winston who was waiting to have a baby of

her own. Before long a semi-private room became available and they wheeled my mother in. Since there was no other patient in the room, Ma requested they move Mrs. Winston from the hall into the room. They'd both enjoy the company. After the request was re-

*'Let them be offended then!'*  
*Ma replied.*

peated, an answer trickled in from somewhere. "White and colored don't share rooms."

Well, Ma was not 1947's normal 30-year-old woman; she felt entitled to an explanation. Someone explained that the Catholic priests in Daddy's family might take

offense. "Let them be offended then!" Ma replied. Soon Elle Winston was resting and chatting in the room's other bed. Both women bore healthy baby boys.

The mothers remained friends and started a Bible study group that included their husbands and two other couples. The group met regularly for some years until my family moved out to the country.

This tiny act of Christian defiance did not merit mention in the Grand Rapids Press, nor is there a plaque denoting the room where friends of different races stared down a cultural barrier that wilted before their eyes. But their children know. And their children's grandchildren will know that their great-great grandma Dorothy and a lady named Elle Winston integrated St. Mary's Hospital the day that great-great uncle Tom was born.

A dozen years ago I had a chance encounter with the man who had been my roommate those first few days. We were professional acquaintances, not close friends. We chatted about our kids and our careers before musing about the circumstances surrounding our births. We recalled our deceased mothers with a touch of reverent sadness, before wishing together, out loud, that they had lived long enough to see President Obama.

*Curtis Chirpings*

## A day that will live in infamy

By Lyle Painter

I sit here this morning looking out my window, seeing a very quiet Curtis. No bars open, no restaurants open, no tourists at the rental cabins, no roaring snowmobiles, and almost no snow. It's eerily quiet.

As a student of history and an individual who likes statistical numbers and projections, I watch election polls, voter turnout, percentages of Republicans and Democrats voting, voting trends, and the statistical probabilities. I think only professional baseball has developed more conceivable statistics.

After WWII, our country still did not like the Germans and the Japanese. But, by 1950, we'd found a new enemy: Russia. Formerly our WWII ally, Russia started expanding its geographic territory and its Communism doctrine into Europe. Senator Joseph McCarthy (R-WI) and the House Un-American Activities Committee decided to eliminate all communists and communist sympathizers within the United States.

This "witch hunt" destroyed the careers and lives of a large number of United States citizens. People were arrested, fired from their jobs, and harassed with no proof they had any involvement with communism. The saying became, "I would rather be dead than

red." Red was the color associated with communism. People wearing red clothing and red hats were considered un-American and traitors.

In 1950, Senator Margaret Chase-Smith (R-ME), eventually the first woman who had served in both the US House of Representatives and the United States Senate, delivered a passionate, 15-minute speech in the Senate opposing McCarthy and his McCarthyism antics. That speech became known as the "Declaration of Conscience". In part the speech said:

"I would like to speak briefly and simply about a serious national condition. It is a national feeling of fear and frustration that could result in national suicide and the end of everything that we Americans hold dear...I don't want to see the Republican Party ride to political victory



*Lyle and Marge Painter*

on the Four Horsemen of Calumny—Fear, Ignorance, Bigotry, and Smear...Surely we Republicans aren't that desperate for victory."

On Monday I watched both the President-elect and the President give speeches to their respective constituents about the importance of Tuesday's senatorial election in Georgia. The demeanor between the two presentations was extremely different. The President-elect stressed the importance of voting and the need to set aside our political differences. The current President expressed, unproven by any court in the United States, statistics concerning how he lost the election and urged his people to join him and "never surrender" this election.

On Tuesday both incumbent Republican Senators lost their seats in the U.S. Senate. One attention-grabbing quote

that day came from a person in Georgia who said, "The Democrats stole the election because they had more Democrats vote than the Republicans had Republicans vote." Intelligence does come in a wide variety of sizes!

On the now infamous morning of Wednesday, January 6, 2021, I listened to the President and his people repeat unconfirmed statistics of his lost election to the demonstrating supporters. It was becoming obvious these enthusiasts were getting hyped into an uncontrollable mob.

I was truly afraid when I heard him tell his constituents to challenge congressional delegates and the Vice President to do the "right-thing" when counting the Electoral College votes. We now know the rest of the day's events and dreadful ending. No matter what political policy or party we ascribe to, violence, breaking and entering, stealing, and threatening lives has no place in our democracy.

It is still very quiet in Curtis. Maybe everyone has had enough noise and violence this week.

Continue to stay safe. But, do remember to wear your Morally Acceptable Social Kindness (MASK) face covering. Consider this fact: COVID-19 will be around for much of 2021.

*Jim's Jottings*

## Newberry still feels like home

By Jim Diem

I've been listening to the "Storytime with Sterling" podcasts over the past month. They deal with all sorts of information about the history of Newberry. Everything from there was never a swimming pool in the basement of the high school, to the downtown Christmas Bells along Newberry Avenue, to how Newberry got its name, to the latest how electricity came to the village. His podcasts can be found on the Newberry News webpage ([mynewberrynews.com](http://mynewberrynews.com)) or on the Newberry News Face Book page.

They have made me nostalgic for the 30 years my family has lived there. I will always consider Newberry to be my home even though we are in the process of selling our house on W. Truman Ave. It was very convenient to be just blocks away from the Helen Newberry Joy Hospital, the school, IGA, the post office, and the office at the *Newberry News*. It was also a short drive to Mac's Market,



*Storytime with Sterling is a weekly feature where Newberry News historian Sterling McGinn fills listeners in on the history of Newberry's people, places, and things.*

Ace Hardware and Newberry Motors. I miss living in Newberry — even with dealing with the snow levels. Elyria just does not have the same convenience. I

need to drive everywhere I need to go. Plus there is no sense of community spirit; no parades for Homecoming, July 4th, or triumphant sports teams. There

are no Christmas decorations on main street (I don't even know if there is a main street). People I have known in Newberry always ask me how I like living in Elyria and my answer is always the same, "It's a nice place to visit but... I have to leave it hanging."

I have to admit it was good to be able to spend time with my brother John who came to the Cleveland Clinic for surgery before he passed away. The clinic is where my Parkinson's doctor practices, which is one of the reasons we bought a house in Elyria (it is only 15 miles to the clinic). We also have relatives in the Cleveland area, which was the main reason.

We also have a home on Big Manistique Lake where we are able spend six months of the year. So we are not entirely devoid of the Upper Peninsula experience and we are able to visit with our U.P. friends. I'm looking forward to May to cure my 906 fever and hopefully stay away from COVID-19.

Go Browns.

# Tahquamenon Area Schools news

Greetings Tahquamenon Area School Community,

Winter is here. Since grades K-6 students do go outside for recess, please remember boots, jackets, mittens/gloves so that students can enjoy the outdoors. Masks are not required during recess. Thank you for your assistance.

Remember that students in grades 7-12 are not permitted to bring their phones into classrooms. Phones should not be visible at any time during a class. Answering texts and phone calls during class is not permitted. Parents need to call the 7-12 office at 293-3226 ext. 1116 if they need to leave a message or get in contact with their student. Thank you for your cooperation in this manner.

Parents, we need your help in making this year great. The school is asking that you screen your child/children every morn-

ing before school with these simple questions along with checking their temperatures. Together we will make this year healthy and great.

—Please take temperature every day. If fever over 100.4F is detected, student must stay home.

—Does student have a persistent cough or shortness of breath that is new? If yes, student must stay home.

—Does student have any of the following that are new or worsened? (Muscle aches, chills, sore throat, headache, loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhea) If yes, student must stay home.

First semester and second quarter will be ending Friday, January 22, 2021. Exam week will be the week of January 18 for grades 9-12. Report cards will be out the following week. If you are a parent of a TAS Virtual student,

please take a few minutes to fill out this survey to let you know if your student(s) will be continuing virtual learning or coming back to in-person learning January 25. Visit [bit.ly/TAS3QSurvey](http://bit.ly/TAS3QSurvey). This assists the school is preparing.

Regarding winter sports: If another Executive Order is not released, practices can start for basketball at the end of this week. A revised schedule will be shared once the season can begin. First game will be played Friday, Jan. 22, 2021. Go Indians!!!

Food distribution for TAS virtual families resumed Thursday, January 8, 2021. The buses begin deliveries at around 9 a.m. If you have questions, please call 293-3226.

Reminder ALL school-issued hotspots that were distributed for remote learning need to be returned.

Please note the following dates:

—Friday, January 22 - No school

—Tuesday, January 26 - No school - rescheduled professional development day for staff.

Monday, Feb. 22 - No school - professional development day for staff.

There is a regular TAS Board of Education meeting Monday, January 18 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be virtual at this time due to the MDHHS order that is currently in place. Meeting information can be found on the district Facebook page and district website at [taschools.org](http://taschools.org).

TAS has a full-time custodial sanitizing position opening. This position is through EduStaff and needs to be filled immediately. Please call 293-3226 for inquiries.

Any questions please call 293-3201 or email [spruce@taschools.org](mailto:spruce@taschools.org).

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Stacy Price

# Three Lakes Academy Student of the Week



**Bobbierae Lustila**

Fourth grader Bobbierae Lustila is student of the week this week at Three Lakes Academy. Bobbierae, who goes by just that, likes to spend her free time doing arts and crafts. Her favorite sport is basketball because she thinks it's fun and enjoys that it relies on teamwork. Bobbierae likes to eat pizza, oatmeal, DESSERT, chicken noodle soup, and pancakes with sprinkles. She likes watching Riverdale. If Bobbierae had \$1 million, she would buy "expensive stuff and a mansion." Congratulations!

# Shopping spree fundraiser at Mac's Market SuperValu Foods

Enter to win a three-minute, one-cart shopping spree at Mac's Market! The raffle drawing will be held on Wednesday, February 3, with the shopping spree taking place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 6.

Winner of the second place drawing will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Mac's Market, and third place will receive a \$50 gift certificate to the store.

Tickets are \$20 and are available at Newberry Motors, from any NHS senior, or from Lynn Evans, Brandy Fitzek, and Jennifer Magnusson.

If the winner cannot participate, they can choose an alternative person to shop the spree. Proceeds from this fund-raiser benefit the Class of 2021 Senior All-Nighter event.

# Three Lakes Academy news

Welcome back! It has been another wonderful week at TLA. I got to sub for Ms. Gustafson yesterday and it was so nice to be able to see every student. I really miss being able to see everyone at lunch each day, so it was great to have the time to catch up!

Next week we will start our winter NWEA testing. This assessment provides us with valuable information about each student's academic abilities. Wednesday is sports team day and students will have the opportunity to purchase popcorn if they bring in a quarter.

Please be sure you are sending your child to school each day with winter gear, especially for the bus ride each morning. The buses are heated, but chilly if students are not wearing their winter jackets. If your child is in need of winter clothing, please let me know. We are happy to provide.

We are always seeking substitute teachers, kitchen staff and bus drivers. For more information or to express interest, please call the school at 906-586-6631.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/13- Sports Day for Wacky Wednesday
- 1/29- No School- Teacher Professional Development Day

# Engadine Update

### High School Exams

Semester exams will take place on Thursday, January 21 and Friday, January 22. Exemption forms for eligible students will be available starting tomorrow morning in the high school office. Forms must be turned in to Mrs. Baker by Friday. Distance Learners will receive the form via email and may submit it via email to Mr. Reed ([joreed@eupschools.org](mailto:joreed@eupschools.org)) no later than Friday.

### Winter Concert Performances

Winter concert performances are available to watch on our Facebook page, and we'll be adding more performances throughout the

week. Thank you to Mr. Snyder for putting these together!

### New Chromebooks

Starting this week, 7th-12th grade core classrooms will each have brand new Chromebook computers and charging carts. This Tuesday, our old Dell PCs will be sent home with middle school students, who should keep them at home for now in the event of a closure and for Virtual Wednesdays. If you already have a computer at home, please keep that one at home for the time being.

### Army Recruitment

Army recruiters will meet with students in grades 11

and 12 on Monday. The meeting is scheduled for lunch hour. For students who choose to participate, there will be games and activities with the recruiters.

### Looking for Rental Properties

We are in the process of hiring a new 7th-12th grade Social Studies teacher and are looking for somewhere for them to live. If you have a rental property available, please contact Mr. Reed at [joreed@eupschools.org](mailto:joreed@eupschools.org).

### New Weight Room Equipment

New equipment for our weight room has been purchased by our Sports Boosters Organization, and will

be ready for use in the coming weeks. Thank you, Sports Boosters!

### Events Today

Wednesday 1/13: School Board Meeting, 6 pm via Zoom (link on website and Facebook)

Wednesday 1/13: Virtual Wednesday (normal schedule)

Wednesday 1/13: Distance Learner food pickup and deliveries

Thank you to our custodians for refinishing the shop class floor!

Have a great week!

Joshua Reed  
Engadine Schools Superintendent and 7-12

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# Believe it or not Newberry used to have an opera house

By Sterling McGinn

Many area residents are surprised when they hear that downtown Newberry once boasted its own opera house. Yes, it did!

The Bank Opera house was located above the bank on the corner of West Truman Boulevard and Newberry Avenue, the venue with a capacity of 500 hosted a wide variety of functions in the late 1890s and early 1900s.

Prior to the construction of the Bank Opera House, many popular live events were held at Birde's, Fretz, and Darcy halls, and The Newberry Village Hall.

At the time, the village hall was located on the north side of the 200 block of East John Street. The building was the original home of the Newberry Fire Department and the head-

quarters for the Village of Newberry. A large portion of the building contained an auditorium for the use of community events.

Construction on the bank building started in 1890. The plans were originally for a brick building that would be 30 feet by 80 feet and two stories high. Once construction began, the building was built 52 feet by 80 feet.

The bank building was finished in 1891 at a total cost of \$15,000. The two-section building housed the bank on one side, and a storefront on the other. The opera house was opened on the upper floor in the early 1890s. Harry L. Harris managed the facility, which became the center for all entertainment.

Many of the operas were booked through the Sault Opera House. Minstrel

shows, another form of entertainment popular in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, were frequently held. Minstrel shows consisted of stereotypic comic skits, dances, and musical performances depicting African Americans.

Around 1910, minstrel shows across the country were replaced by Vaudeville. Armature performances continued into the 1960s. The last minstrel show in Newberry was held in the Community Building in 1954.

Famous musicals, operas, Vaudeville acts and plays by performers from Boston, Chicago and New York were also sell-out shows. Residents were also treated to dances, formal balls, and cakewalks, with music furnished by the Newberry Brass Band, Newberry String Band and

the Upper Peninsula Hospital Band.

In 1903, the *Newberry News* reported "The Cosgrove Concert Company will appear at the Bank Opera House next Tuesday evening and Newberry people will have another opportunity of enjoying the delightful entertainment rendered by this company of artists."

Boxing exhibitions, travelling strong men, visiting lecturers and balloon ascensionists also delighted local residents.

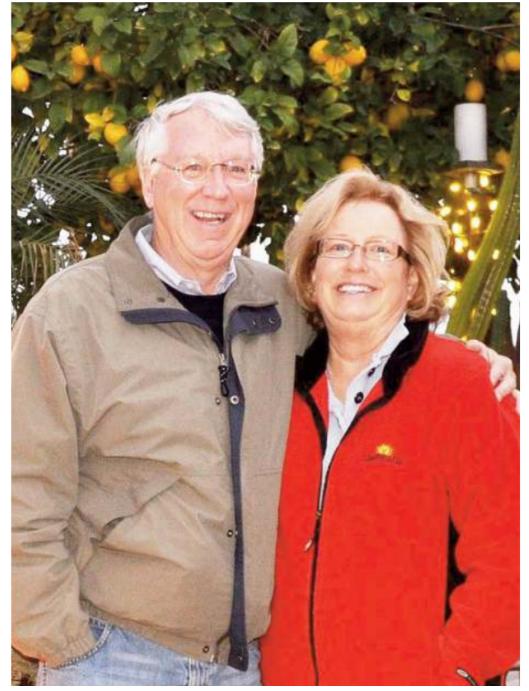
Newberry's first high school commencement exercise was held in the opera house in June of 1895, where Newberry's first three graduates received their diplomas. Graduation continued to be held at the Bank Opera House until a new brick high school with a third-floor auditorium was constructed in 1908.

With the advent of the motion picture industry in the early 1900s, live entertainment in Newberry steadily declined. Keeping up with Newberry's appetite for entertainment, several local movie houses were established, which included the Grand, Gem, and Vaudeville Theaters. The Vaudeville Theater was located on Newberry Avenue on the west side of the 100 block. The Vaudeville was destroyed by fire; though the owner was able to save his projector from going up in flames.

The Grand Theater operated on East Helen Street until fire leveled the wooden building in 1930. The *Newberry News* noted several films were even shown at the Bank Opera House between 1910-15. According to the *Newberry News* of April 20, 1906, "Mr. George Kay of Chicago lectured and showed movies—4,000 feet of life-sized moving pictures plus 150 colored art scenes."

Prior to 1920, the opera house officially closed. The second floor became office space and later the expansion of Beaulieu's Furniture Store.

As for the old township hall, it was demolished in 1932 the construction of the McMillan Township Community Building made it of little use.



Susie Zag

Susie and her husband Ron live in California.

## Posts from the Coast - from a hometown gal

By Susie Zag

The thanks goes to Mr. Easley, my 7th grade geography teacher.

It was 1964 and I was sitting in a classroom in the basement of the elementary school, my desk situated in the last row, next to the door. That was convenient; when my attention deficit kicked in, I escaped to roam the halls during that hour.

It was easy to slip out when Mr. Easley was writing on the blackboard, and I quickly learned that if I acted like I was on a mission, I could walk the halls of both buildings without anyone asking me where I was going. Before the bell rang, I slipped back in my seat and he was never the wiser.

Thankfully, the day we discussed the state of California, I stayed put and listened. That was the day I promised myself that I'd someday live in California.

What was the attraction? At the time it was the ocean, the mountains, the palm trees, the deserts and of course, glamorous Hollywood. It took me 57 years to reach that goal, but now here I am, four years in, living in Southern California.

Last summer, my husband Ron and I returned to Newberry for my 50th high school class reunion.

During our short visit I had several encounters with people who couldn't understand why we would want to live in California.

These past four years have not been kind to our new state. It has been painted as a dangerous place to live - illegals running wild, robbing people left and right, drugs everywhere, earthquakes, and fires. (Okay, I agree the fires are scary.) But that's not been our experience at all. I hope I can share our California life — and contrast it to growing up in Newberry — to paint a more accurate picture. It is not so different from our town.

Ron and I live in a new community called Rancho Mission Viejo (RMV). RMV is situated on 23,000 acres, a small fraction of the original 210,000 acre Ranch. Much of the rest of the acreage was bought by the Marine Corps and is now Camp Pendleton.

The original owners were committed to preserving open spaces and sold the land with the stipulation that only 25% of property could be developed. The other 75% remains protected, and is where we hike and bike. We also have orchards of citrus and avocado trees as far as the eye can see, and grazing cattle on the hillsides.

What it means to us is that within minutes, we can escape into nature and enjoy the beauty of the open space, just like growing up in Newberry, where we would head off on a trip to the Falls, Grand Marais, Lake Michigan, or other Sunday afternoon destinations.

Whenever Ron and I take an adventure, it always leads to a "Newberry" story of an afternoon drive with parents and friends. How we would pick a destination and meet up for picnics at a cabin or a park. The kids would run wild, build forts, sneak a sip of our dad's beer when he wasn't looking and enjoy the weather - regardless of temperature, rain or snow - because we were tough and that's what we did in the UP.

But now here I am, living a different adventure, creating new memories to share with my grandchildren.

So I'd like to say many thanks to Mr. Easley and all my teachers for expanding my world beyond our beautiful Upper Peninsula. I may no longer live in Newberry, but it will always be my home.



Sterling McGinn Collection

The second floor of the bank building in downtown Newberry was home to the opera house. The billboard between the Newberry News building and the bank is where the notifications of community entertainment were posted. One of the posters visible in this 1910 era photo is for Battling Nelson, a danish-American professional boxer.

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*From the press box:*

## What I've got my eye on this year

By Dan Hardenbrook



Dan Hardenbrook

As football and volleyball teams scramble to finish their postponed seasons, boys and girls basketball players and wrestlers have waited anxiously for their turn to take the court and mat.

Knock on wood.

That wait is almost over.

Six weeks after practices were set to begin, and a month since the first scheduled games were cancelled, the MHSAA has announced that January 16 will be the first allowed day of practices. Newberry and Engadine have scheduled their season opening basketball games for Friday, January 22.

Before we get games and kids back in action, let's take a look at some of the biggest storylines for the winter sports season.

### How soon will teams be ready?

In a typical season, teams have almost three weeks before their first game. That gives coaches and kids plenty of time to get in shape, figure out lineups, and establish a system. Now that will be packed into six days. Coaches will scramble to get things ready, and kids will have to worry about laying full speed after almost three months since the fall season ended. The first few games will be interesting.

### How many games will we get in?

Over the past two weeks, almost every athletic director in the Eastern U.P. discussed their revised winter season schedules. As the directors struggle to balance gym time and game schedules for four different basketball teams at each school — and in Newberry's case, playing enough games to satisfy two different conference schedules — no one knows how many games will actually get in. Some even suspect the season will end up getting delayed again.

Teams are trying to pack in as many as 16 games in the six-week gap between opening night and the district tournament, which has already been pushed back a week. The current boys schedule from Engadine features only 11 dates. Even if everyone stays healthy and COVID doesn't cause chaos, there will still be winter weather to deal with. Every team's season will be different. This is truly a sprint to get ready for the district tournament, and it may change the way regular season games are approached.

### Will fans be in the stands?

Two weeks ago, the answer would have been no. But late last week, the MHSAA announced a limited number of spectators, mainly immediate family, would be allowed to attend football and volleyball playoff games, so things are trending in the right direction. I say let them in. Schools have protocols in place when they used their gyms for volleyball this fall.

### What about masks?

One word may define the winter sports season: Masks. Who's wearing them? Who's not? How will they impact the players? How will coaches handle it? These are questions that have come up.

Please be sure I am not starting an argument about masks. From a basketball standpoint, it is clear that masks can have harmful effects for athletes in constant competition. Local players who have been training say it's been extremely difficult.

One local girls basketball player told me that practice was "awful" when the girls first started before the season was suspended. Players were getting sick, gasping for air, and having a hard time concentrating. Coaches are concerned about how much they help when players need a break to breathe.

Some parents said their kids won't be playing because they are worried about them wearing a mask playing a non-stop sport. Referees are refusing to wear them once the game starts.

How do they handle their players who may have asthma or other breathing difficulties?

Multiple coaches have said they have no idea how to approach the season, concerned that something drastic might happen in practice or during a game.

"I'm sick to my stomach constantly worrying if my players are ok," one coach told me.

The concern is real. But so, too, is the understanding. The good news is that despite those concerns, everyone has agreed that they will do their absolute best to work together and make the most of it.

The even better news is that we may soon have local kids back on the court.

*There will be hockey*



Erin McNamara



Carrie Sevarns



Erin McNamara



Alesha Havens

*Clockwise from the top left:*

Ollie Sevarns practices on Vruggink's rink.

Jarrett Zellar, Julian Juehne, and Logan Lusk on East Lake.

Tane Blakely and Gavin Burbach at Burbach's on Twin Lake.

Gavin Maki, Julian Suriano, Davin McNamara, and Brantley McNamara play on a back yard ice rink in Newberry.

Motocross:

## Foster finishes second at Cedar Lake

By Dan Hardenbrook

Local Motocross rider Ryan Foster of 906 Motorsports took his talents to Wisconsin last weekend as part of an indoor series that has him seeing some of the top riders in his age group from across the midwest. The Newberry native has more than held his own and had a breakout performance this past weekend inside the Cedar Lake Arena in New Richmond, WI.

Foster and his family made the roughly 420 mile, 7.5-hour trip and once they finally got there, Ryan was roaring and ready to go. He was entered into two different classes, racing in the 12-15 year old age group in 85cc as well as the 12-15 Superminis.

He began his day Saturday in the Superminis where he was a contender right from the start. Seven riders started the first moto and Foster took third in that race. It would be his lowest finish of the weekend. Foster found redemption in the second moto later on in the day, jumping out to an early lead by earning the hole shot. The amazing start carried him to second place finish in a six man field and earned him runner-up honors overall.

That was only half the battle as he had to pull double duty with two motos in the 85cc class. After building momentum during the indoor season, Foster's standing was never in question as he took two second place finishes in a field featuring 10 total riders. His strong showing puts him in the mix to finish on the podium in the points standing for the four week series. His next race will be February 13th, which will be the third of four race weekends in the Cedar Lake Winter Series. Foster races for his family's 906 Motorsports team, which is sponsored locally by 906 Motorsports Custom Apparel, Great Lakes Truck Service, Aaron Schroeder Trucking, Renze Powersports, Country Girl Diner, Quality Inn & Suites, Sparky's DJ Service, Christopher Smithson, and "Papa" Jerry.

As it turned out, Foster wasn't just riding for himself. Ryan's close friend and fellow racer "J Boogie" was badly injured in practice Saturday morning and taken

to the hospital, where he underwent emergency surgery. Ryan dedicated his races the rest of the weekend to J Boogie, bringing home both second place finishes for him. I'm sure J-Boogie was proud of his buddy!



Foster poses with his awards

## Nance signs with Madonna University

By Dan Hardenbrook

Engadine Senior Lineman Nick Nance just put the last feather in the cap for his high school football career. Following a final season that saw him achieve great success despite his team's struggles, Nance will play college football. He signed a National Letter of Intent to play at Madonna University.

Nance, who was a team captain and four-year starter for the Eagles while earning All Great Lakes 8 East

Division honors, and Great Lakes 8 All Conference, UPSSA All UP 1st Team, MHSFCA All Region and All State selections, made his announcement in a ceremony at the Engadine Public Library last week.

"I just felt like it was home there," Nance said. "The coaches talked to me all football season. They told me they wanted me and that really made me want to go there. I also have family that lives down there by campus."

Nance didn't need much time to make up his mind once the offer was

made. "Once they gave me the offer I knew it was right for me."

Nick's biggest supporters are the ones at home. His Mom, Kris, and dad, Scott, have been there every step of the way, and it's a dream they all shared even if they didn't think it was always possible. "I would've never dreamt this, that he would achieve so much," said Mom. But she knew one thing was for sure. This was what he's wanted for a very

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Steve Stiffler

Nance signs his letter of intent flanked by his parents, Kris and Scott, with his coach, Vince Leveille, standing behind him.

NANCE, continued

long time. "He's wanted it since 6th grade. So driving all those miles and waiting all those hours for practices helped make his dream come true!" While the achievement is beyond anything that she could've imagined, deep down, Dad had no doubt he could do it. "He's put a lot of time and effort into it in the last couple of years. It's been a dream for me to watch him go on!"

The Madonna University Crusaders are a member of the NAIA and play as part of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The 2020 season was supposed to be the debut year for the football program but their season was cancelled and moved to the spring of 2021 due to the ongoing issues with Covid-19. The Crusaders are coached by Herb Haygood, who spent time as an assistant on the same staff as Engadine Head Coach Vince Leveille when both were at Saginaw Valley State University. That relationship led to

Nance becoming one of Haygood's first signees since being named Madonna's coach on December 8th.

"He'll get great coaching at Madonna. I told Herb about him about a year ago. I said 'you're gonna want to look at this kid'. I sent him some film and his grades and told him Nick was exactly the type of kid he needs. Leveille believes Nance is ready for the next step. "I think he'll do fine at the next level. He's got the size, he's got the strength, he's got the attitude. It's just a matter of getting a little stronger and getting some more coaching and I know he'll get that down there."

Nance says that some of his early goals are to get into the weight room and work his way up the roster. He's hoping to earn a starting spot

going into his freshmen year.

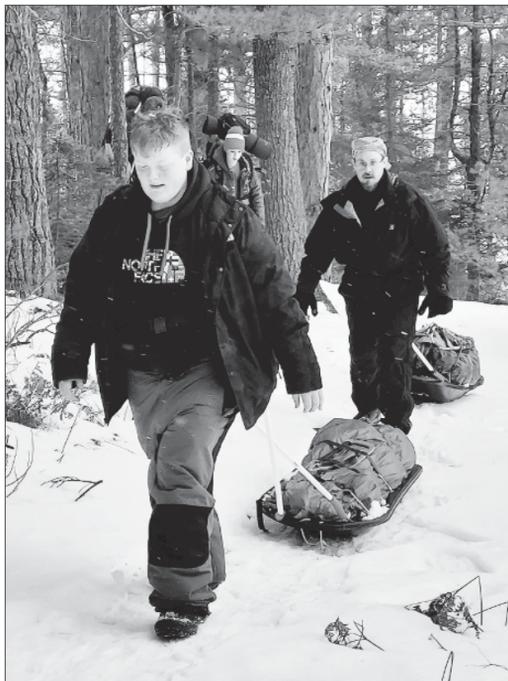
Regardless of what happens next, Nance is grateful for what got him here.

"These last four years have been kind of crazy. This last season was crazy. I did not see any of this happening going into this year," he said. "It's made me a better person and better prepared for life."

"I just felt like it was home there... Once they gave me the offer I knew it was right for me."

BSA - Scouts Winter Camping

See article on page 1.



Dave Edie

Grayson Kilburn leads the way followed by Chris Cox and Mark McTiver



Dave Edie

Left to right - Mark McTiver, Taliesan Cox, Grayson Kilburn, and Chris Cox

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# Luce County Sheriff's Log

January 4-10

The following incidents were investigated by the Luce County Sheriff Department between January 4-10, 2021. Reports were taken.

- January 4 – Recreational trespass, CR457, Pentland Township.
- January 4 – Property damage accident-car/deer, M117, Pentland Township.
- January 4 – Fraud, W. Victory Way, Newberry.
- January 6 – Child pornography,

- Newberry Ave, Newberry.
- January 6 – Landlord/tenant dispute, M117, Pentland Township.
- January 7 – Operate without insurance, M28, Pentland Township.
- January 7 – Property damage accident-car/deer, CR98, Lakefield Township.
- January 8 – Failed to pay, M28, Pentland Township.
- January 8 – Assault and battery/Probation violation, CR457, Pentland Township.
- January 10 – Property damage

- accident-leaving the scene, W. Ave D, Newberry.
- Traffic stops: 11
- Traffic citations: 3
- Verbal warnings: 12
- Motorist assists: 0
- Property inspections: 65
- Liquor inspections: 0
- Assist other agencies: 2
- Assist own agency: 0
- Investigative arrests: 0
- OWI arrests: 0
- Concealed Pistol license finger-

- prints taken: 0
- Process servings conducted: 4
- Hours patrolled: 69
- Miles patrolled: 1,608
- Complaints taken: 10
- Bookings**
- 1/5 28-year-old male, breaking and entering- four counts of larceny from a building
- Found property:**
- Will the person(s) that donated a women's purse to the Senior

Center sometime around the date of December 4, 2020 please contact Undersheriff Gravelle at the Luce County Sheriff Dept. as some property was found in a purse that we would like to get returned to the proper owner. Call the Luce County Sheriff Dept. at 906-293-8431

In an emergency, call 911. For non-emergencies, dial Central Dispatch at (906) 495-2140.

## Mackinac County Sheriff's Office: Weekly Activity Report

For the week of January 3 through January 9, the following activity was reported by the Mackinac County Sheriff's Office:

- Traffic accidents for this week included the following: Seven car vs. deer property damage accidents. Deputies also assisted one motorist.
- Deputies responded to one civil

dispute and one domestic violence complaint.

- Deputies provided assistance to Saint Ignace Police Department, Child Protective Services, Clark Township EMS, Garfield Township EMS, and Straits EMS.
- Deputies reported one fleeing and eluding complaint.

- Deputies investigated one suspicious vehicle.
- Deputies took one trespassing and one unlawful entry complaint.
- Animal Control handled two dog and one cat complaints.

Deputy Eli Leach- 4931  
Mackinac County Sheriff's Office

## Frauds and scams

Local law enforcement officials are warning the public of on-going frauds and scams that citizens of the eastern Upper Peninsula have experienced recently.

A citizen from Chippewa County reported he received a phone call that his grandson had been involved in a traffic crash in the California area and was arrested. The caller identified himself as public defender for the grandson and was requesting large sum of money be wired to an address provided by the caller to represent the grandson. After the money was sent it was determined the phone number had been disconnected.

Several Chippewa County residents have reported their accounts compromised due to online transactions. Citizens are advised to be cautious when using online transactions.

If you ever suspect you are being scammed either by phone or mail, and feel compelled to act, contact law enforcement prior to acting or sending

any money. Do not be persuaded to send money or give personal information regarding your bank accounts, credit cards, social security number, or any other identifying information.

Suspected fraudulent activity can

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If you ever suspect you are being scammed either by phone or mail, and feel compelled to act, contact law enforcement prior to acting or sending any money.

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be reported to the Federal Trade Commission online at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0208-phone-scams>

If you have lost money to a phone scam or have information about the company or scammer who called you,

report it to "ftc.gov/complaint". If you did not lose money and just feel you should report a scam, you can use their streamlined reporting form at "donotcall.gov".

Remember to note the caller's number that appears on your phone caller ID as well as any phone number/s you are given to call back. The FTC will analyze all complaint data and trends to identify illegal callers based on the calling patterns. Try to collect any names given, and numbers provided. The FTC can use this information to attempt to track down the scammers.

If you receive phone calls, emails, or some other form of communication in which the caller is claiming they are from the Treasury Department and who is offering COVID stimulus payments or some form of a grant in exchange for your personal information or they require you to purchase gift cards to obtain money, this is a scam. You should contact law enforcement or contact the FBI at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov).

## 92<sup>nd</sup> District Court

Christopher Joseph Morrison, 49, of Newberry, was bound over to circuit court on one count of domestic assault, and one count of possession of methamphetamine or ecstasy. The charges stem from an alleged incident on December 20, 2020. Morrison's pre-trial date is set for January 19, 2021.

Michael Thomas Lytikainen, 20, of L'anse, was bound over to circuit court on charges of possession of a narcotic or cocaine, less than 25 grams, possession of a schedule 5 drug or LSD, and reckless driving. The charges stem from an alleged incident on October 25, 2020. He waived his arraignment with a plea deal to drop charges on the second and third counts. Lytikainen will be sentenced on February 16, 2021.

### LEGAL NOTICE

State of Michigan  
Probate Court, County of Luce  
Notice to Creditors  
Decedent's Estate

File No. 21-3981-DE  
Estate of EDWIN BALLAY, deceased  
Date of birth: 8-20-1936

**Notice to Creditors:**  
The decedent, Edwin Ballay, died 11-5-2020. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Cheryl L. Smith, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 407 W. Harrie St., Newberry, MI 49868 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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### NOTICE

The Michigan Supreme Court has unanimously approved an update of **Administrative Order No. 2020-17** to reflect recent federal action to **extend the CDC moratorium on evictions**. The order has also been revised to require the chief district court judge to hold a **meeting with local stakeholders** to assess the efficacy of the procedures of the order. Representatives from the local agencies are encouraged to attend.

- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- Local legal aid associations and other tenant advocacy associations
- Attorneys who appear on behalf of local landlords
- Local landlords
- The local Housing Assessment and Resource Agency (HARA) (HUD)
- Luce and Mackinac County Sheriff Department
- Diane Peppler Resource Center
- Ministerial Association
- CLM Community Action
- Any other local stakeholder

**Meetings will be held:**

- Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 10:00 am, Mackinac County Courthouse, Large Courtroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan 49781
- Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 2:00 pm, Luce County Courthouse, Large Courtroom, 407 W. Harrie Street, Newberry, Michigan 49868

Those unable to attend may submit comments in writing prior to the date of the meetings to the addresses listed above.  
*All COVID-19 precautions will be followed.*

## Businesses:

### Remember wage statement and income record form due dates

Business taxpayers are reminded that they must submit their wage statements and other income record forms — such as W-2s, 1099-NEC and 1099-R — to the Michigan Department of Treasury on or before Jan. 31, 2021.

Business taxpayers may electronically upload their wage statements and income record forms by using Michigan Treasury Online (MTO). Employers with more than 250 employees must file their wage statements electronically.

For more information about MTO and how to file wage statements electronically, visit: [www.michigan.gov/mto](http://www.michigan.gov/mto)

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Business taxpayers can submit their 1099-MISC income record forms on or before Feb. 28 for paper filers and on or before March 31 for electronic filers.

While certain wage statements and income record forms are due on or before Jan. 31, 2021, the Sales, Use and Withholding Taxes Annual Return (Form 5081) is still due on Feb. 28, 2021. Wage statements and income record forms filed on or before the Jan. 31 due date need not be submitted again with Form 5081.

## Schools urged to re-open by March 1

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced new guidance for schools to keep students, staff and communities safe during the COVID-19 pandemic while providing the in-person instruction that is crucial to learning and development.

The state's goal is to have all Michigan school districts offer an in-person learning option for students no later than March 1, and earlier if possible. Guidance emphasizes use of scientifically proven methods of reducing the risk of COVID-19 spread, include

wearing masks, ventilation improvements, frequent hand washing and social distancing.

Vaccination of teachers and other school staff will begin by Jan. 11 due to educators' roles as essential frontline workers.

Guidance is for grades pre-kindergarten through 12 and includes early childhood education, such as Head Start and Great Start Readiness Program.

Drawing on evidence from Michigan, the United States, and countries around the world, the guidance document outlines specific infection control

measures that have worked in schools during the pandemic.

Wearing masks is especially important for controlling COVID-19 transmission and masks should be worn inside schools by all staff and students, except during meals and in other limited circumstances. Face masks may be made of cloth or may be disposable surgical-style masks.

Anyone who is considered a close contact of someone who tests positive but does not have symptoms should quarantine for 10 days under CDC guidance.

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## Top of the Lake Communities Association plans upcoming meeting

Do you love the July 4th Celebration, Fireworks Golf Scramble, Tractor and Snowmobile Shows, Christmas Bazaar and Winter Carnival? You're invited to our next meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Snowmobile Museum in Naubinway

The Top of the Lake Communities Association (TOLCA) needs your help to make these events happen.

Whether you want to serve on the TOLCA Board or can spare a couple of hours working at an event: There is a spot for everyone. TOLCA needs

your help!

We have leadership positions available. Roles include: president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. Business and individual memberships are available.

TOLCA is the Top of the Lake Communities Association, representing Engadine, Epoufette, Garnet, Gould City, Naubinway and Rexton. TOLCA is made up of local citizens and business owners that believe that by thoughtfully promoting the area and sponsoring community wide events we will be able to provide

greater services to the residents of western Mackinac County.

Join us for some fun, meet great people, and give back to the community. Volunteers are always welcome.

For more information about TOLCA: <http://topofthelake.org/> Facebook: Top of the Lake Communities Association

TOLCA P.O. Box 132 Naubinway, MI 49762 1 (906) 477-6298

For more information or to volunteer contact Kath Usitalo, [kathusitalo@mac.com](mailto:kathusitalo@mac.com)

## Hiawatha National Forest:

### Call for project submissions, Hiawatha Resource Advisory Committee, Chippewa County, Spring 2021 Meeting Dates

The Hiawatha Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is seeking 2021 project submissions from January 12

– February 12, 2021 for projects on or immediately adjacent to National Forest System lands, within the Sault Sainte Marie Ranger District, Hiawatha National Forest, Chippewa County. The Resource Advisory Committee is made up of 15 appointed community members who review and approve projects with funding from Chippewa County Title II, as part of the Secure Rural Schools Act. Eligible projects need to benefit national forest system lands including; forest health, recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, watershed projects, maintaining roads and trails,

removing non-native invasive species, or thinning trees on National Forest System lands.

Project ideas should be coordinated directly with the St. Ignace/Sault Ste Marie Ranger District to ensure viability, from there a project application can be submitted by downloading the application at [www.fs.usda.gov/main/hiawatha/workingtogether](http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/hiawatha/workingtogether) and clicking on Advisory Committee, 2021 Project Application. The four-page project application outlines goals and objectives, project description, location, potential statistics and other potential funding sources, collaboration work or partners involved.

Project Submissions will then be

reviewed by the Hiawatha RAC on April 21 during their annual meeting. A tentative back-up date is proposed of May 13, 2021 if the initial date is not viable. Meeting details and logistics will be forthcoming, early spring 2021. Project proponents should mark the calendar date and will have approximately 5 minutes to address the goals and objectives of the project to RAC members.

Implementation could begin as early as spring 2021 and could take place over multiple years, depending upon the project.

For further questions or project details contact Rita Mills, Hiawatha RAC Coordinator at 906- 241-0258 or [rita.mills@usda.gov](mailto:rita.mills@usda.gov).

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## United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula 2021 Community Impact Grant application open

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United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula has announced the opening of its 2021 Community Impact Grant Application cycle.

The CI Grant application is open to non-profit organizations serving the Eastern Upper Peninsula's Chippewa, Luce, and Mackinac counties. Deadline to apply is Friday, February 5, 2021 at Noon. Applications can be submitted via email, mail or arrangements can be made to drop off outside the United Way EUP office.

United Way EUP continues to seek organizations with innovative ideas to create positive, systemic change in the realm of health, education, or financial stability to assist in EUP communities.

The purpose behind the Community Impact Grant is to advocate for, and begin implementation of, systemic changes in the EUP rather than short-term or temporary fixes that ultimately prolong a person's struggle.

The EUP averages approximately 51% of its families living in or just above poverty, a population of people who fall short trying to make ends meet even though they are working, over half of this subpopulation cannot access help because they earn more the maximum income allowable for assistance.

To qualify for competitive funding a pro-

gram must:

—Provide documentation showing the parent organization's status of a tax-deductible organization that serves human service needs

—Provide services and advocacy in the Eastern Upper Peninsula (Chippewa, Luce, and Mackinac Counties)

—Avoid duplication of services

—Include a plan for collaborative outside partnerships to increase efficiency of services

—Be prepared to demonstrate measurable outcomes

—Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and the capacity to produce positive results

The annual grant funding process is led by volunteers through an annual Citizen's Review Panel which will be held over video conference on March 24, 2021. Community minded volunteers are encouraged to contact the United Way office early if they would like to sit on the panel. Seats are limited and fill quickly. Interested volunteers can navigate to <https://bit.ly/UWE-UPCRP21> and register their interest. United Way staff will reach out to confirm once final details are obtained.

For more information on grant funding, contact Raulaniesa Aranda or Barbara Reed at 906-632-3700 or email [raulaniesa@unitewayeup.org](mailto:raulaniesa@unitewayeup.org).

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Experience in home care is a plus. Computer literacy needed and experience in computerized documentation system is helpful. We offer an attractive compensation and benefits package including a sign on bonus and a company car based from home.

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Anyone interested in applying for this position, please send a resume to: Teller Position, P.O. Box 485, Newberry, MI 49868.

### VILLAGE COUNCIL VACANCIES

The Village of Newberry is seeking two individuals who would like to serve as Village Council Trustees, the appointee(s) would serve two years and then the seats are placed on the ballot for election in November 2022. Individuals must live in the Village. Any individual meeting the criteria should submit a completed pre-appointment questionnaire (available from the VON office or [www.villageofnewberry.com](http://www.villageofnewberry.com)) to the attention of Village President Catherine Freese at 302 E. McMillan Ave, Newberry, MI 49868 or [freese@newberry.mi.gov](mailto:freese@newberry.mi.gov) or [villagepresident@newberry.mi.gov](mailto:villagepresident@newberry.mi.gov). Questionnaires must be submitted by 4:00PM on Thursday, December 10.



Michigan Department of Natural Resources

An ice angler enjoys an afternoon on an Upper Peninsula lake.

## Clearing the way for winter fishing

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has organized a pilot program to keep boating access sites plowed this winter at more than two dozen popular Upper Peninsula ice-fishing locations.

Various local partners have volunteered to assist the DNR with the program to help ensure that access to ice-fishing opportunities in the U.P. are available consistently during winter.

The 26 locations – situated across 10 of the U.P.'s 15 counties – are DNR boating access sites managed for recreational boating.

“Because we have had continued requests from the public to maintain access throughout the winter, we’ve partnered with a number of entities to assist with plowing for winter access,” said Zack Bishop, a DNR Parks and Recreation Division unit supervisor. “We have entered into agreements with each partner to try this concept for one year. Depending on the success of the pilot program, we may or may not continue it into next winter.”

An evaluation to take place at the end of the winter will assess several things, including how often the plowed sites are used and whether damage occurs to the access ramps, which has been a concern.

Boating access sites to be plowed this winter include:

- Baraga County: Vermilac Lake, Silver River
- Chippewa County: Conley Point
- Delta County: Kipling
- Dickinson County: Hamilton Lake
- Iron County: Indian Lake, Swan Lake, Lake Mary, East Lake Emily, Lake Ellen
- Keweenaw County: Gratiot Lake, Lake Medora, Lake Bailey
- Luce County: Little Lake Harbor, Kak’s Lake, Big Manistique Lake

(County Line access)

—Mackinac County: South Manistique Lake, North Manistique Lake, Milakokia Lake and Millecoquins Lake

—Marquette County: Lake Michigamme, Greenwood Reservoir, Johnson Lake, Big Shag Lake, East Bass Lake

—Schoolcraft County: Big Spring Landing

“The DNR is very pleased with our partners offering to make this program possible, including the county road commissions in Baraga, Chippewa, Dickinson, Iron, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette and Schoolcraft counties, Forsyth Township, Bayshore Resort Bait & Tackle, Travel Marquette, South Shore Fishing Association and Gwinn Bait & Tackle,” said Doug Rich, DNR Parks and Recreation Division western U.P. district supervisor.

This pilot project is something the DNR has been trying to implement for several years but doing so is not as simple as it might seem.

DNR boating access sites are designed and built for boating, not winter use.

Organizations or individuals interested in partnering to keep additional sites open if this pilot project continues next winter, please contact Stacy Haughey at [WellingS1@michigan.gov](mailto:WellingS1@michigan.gov) or 906-226-1331.

## Cords and Boards: What does that mean?

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Tree stems come in a variety of shapes, tapers, diameters, lengths, and other size elements. Trees are not uniform in their geometry. Forest management, genetics, soil conditions, and other factors influence the shape of a tree and its trunk. Sometimes it’s important to estimate wood volume of an entire stand of trees. Other times, it’s important to estimate a usable volume within individual standing trees or logs. Many measurements include only the wood in the trunk. Other measurements also include branches, roots, or both.

A logger manufactures “roundwood” volumes from standing trees, and then sells those products to different mills. A healthy market environment allows a logger to sell more of a tree to area mills, such as those that make veneer, lumber, pulp and paper, utility poles, heating products, and others. Having volume measurements are essential to the buying and selling of wood. For some products, weight is used.

The merchantable “bole” (stem, trunk) has been the traditional focus of measurements. Minimum diameters at dbh (diameter at 4.5 feet) are typically five inches. Hardwood (broad-leaf trees) sawtimber trees typically have at least an eleven-inch dbh and a nine-inch top diameter inside-bark (dib). Softwood (conifers) sawtimber trees typically have at least a nine-inch dbh with a dib of seven inches. Building construction has driven these specifications. Other measurements for raw wood exist with increased use of wood for non-solid wood products, such as fuelwood, composites, and chemical extraction. A cord is a stack of small logs, called “sticks”

or pulpwood, that are generally unmarketable for higher value products, although in some regions, sawtimber and veneer logs are also sold in cord units. Dimensions are a 4x4 foot face of eight-foot sticks (actually, 100 inches) with a minimum small-end diameter of 4-5 inches. Of course, a cord contains a lot of air space, variable with the diameters of the sticks. Typically, the solid wood conversion is 79 or 80 cubic feet. Note that a “face cord” is a firewood measure that usually has a 4x8 foot face but the length of cut-and-split wood can be almost anything, but often 16-24 inches. Standard fire-

kerf. Board foot volumes are usually expressed as “thousand board feet” or “MBF”. Different scales are used to estimate the MBF in logs versus trees. For logs, a scale stick is used on the small end of the log, inside the bark, knowing the log length. For example, a 12-inch dib log, 10-feet long, would contain about 55 board feet of lumber. For whole trees, dbh and the number of eight-foot (or sixteen-foot) logs are used. There are three major scales, Scribner, International, and Doyle. The most common in the Lake States is the International 1/4-inch rule (1/4-inch kerf). Scribner tends to

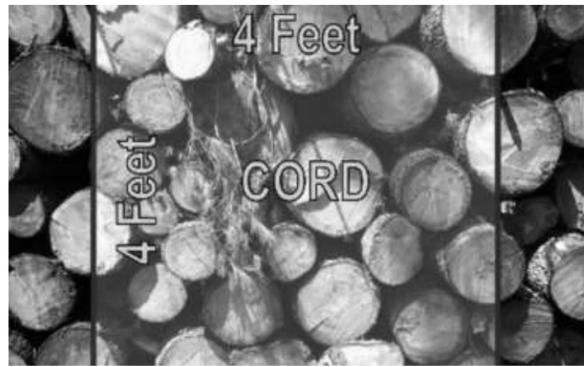
added processes of planing and drying. The rough-cut board had the full dimensions.

Another peculiar term is a “cant”, which is a squared-off log, ready to be sawn into boards. Railroad ties are cants with specific dimensions and wood specifications.

Weight is sometimes used as a measurement, usually as tons or tonnes. A “ton” is more familiar, at 2000 pounds. A “tonne” (or metric tonne) is 1000 kilograms, or about 1.1 U.S. tons. Biomass is measured in tons or tonnes. Because wood density varies by species, the weights per unit volume will vary. A cord of wood will weigh about 2.3 tons, give or take a few decimal points. A thousand board feet will weigh from 2500 to 5500 pounds, green weight. Lumber or dry weight will be 15 to 50 percent lighter, depending upon the species. Wood pellets and wood chips are generally delivered in “tons”. Pulp mills often buy wood in tons, rather than cords.

It’s been said that the forest industry is so efficient that every part of a tree is used except the shadow. While lumber may be cut from the largest portion of a log, the slabs, bark, and sawdust all have markets, at least in a region with a vibrant forest economy. Pulp mills use only the “clean” wood but the bark is used to help produce the heat and power for the paper-making process.

Research continues to offer new ways to use wood, sometimes to replace non-wood products whose manufacturing consumes far more energy and other resources. Cross-laminated timber can replace steel and concrete in building construction. Car bodies, “plastic” bottles, medical supplies, clothing fibers, vehicle tires, and many other products may be made from trees in the near future through the use of innovative technologies. Wood is the most environmentally-friendly raw material, especially when considering energy and water inputs, as well as atmospheric carbon balances.



wood volumes don’t exist, so it’s more of a buyer-beware market.

A cubic foot is the volume equivalent of a block of wood 12x12x12 inches. It does not account for reductions for sawing or other processing, so it’s a measurement of all the wood inside the bark of the merchantable portion of a tree trunk. Cubic foot volume doesn’t typically include branches or roots. The U.S. Forest Service, Forest Inventory & Analysis unit uses cubic feet to help describe American forests. In most other countries, cubic meters are used as a standard measure.

A board foot is the volume equivalent of a block of wood 1x12x12 inches. The estimate of board feet in a tree or log includes reductions for saw kerf (width of a saw cut that becomes sawdust), sweep (curvy logs or trees), and tree taper. So, the volume consumed to produce twelve board feet would not fit into a cubic foot box. Stated another way, a cubic foot has about 9.8 board feet due to sawdust volume from a 1/4-inch

be more accurate for smaller logs and Doyle more accurate for larger logs.

Sawlogs are larger, higher quality cut products used to produce lumber. Typically, there are three quality grades. Logs of particularly high quality and desired specifications can be sold as veneer logs. Veneer is a thin ply of wood commonly used for panels and furniture exteriors.

Other logs that don’t quite meet mill requirements, are undesirable species, or have some other characteristic are called “bolts”.

Posts, piles, and utility poles are among other specialty products that can sometimes carry high monetary value. In the Lake States, high value red pine is usually used for utility poles.

Length and width of boards are described in feet and inches but the thickness is sometimes described by “quarters”, or quarter-inches. This is largely industry lingo. So, a “five-quarter” board would be five quarter-inches thick or an inch and a quarter. A 2x4 at the lumber yard isn’t the full size due to the value-

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