

The Negaunee Historical Society

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FROM THE PRESIDENT, Virginia Paulson



The trees have sprouted new leaves, tulips are blooming and it's another summer in the U.P. Our museum is ready to open to the public for a new season. The third grade classes from Lakeview School have been here – a total of about 140. The second grade classes visited the museum a week later – a total of 135.

We have had the opportunity to host the newly formed Superior Alliance that consists of members of the museums in Marquette County. We will be starting a passport program that will encourage museum “buffs” to visit all museums in the alliance. You will be able to pick up a passport at any museum and when you have finished that visit it will be stamped for you. This will be a two-year program and when you have completed visiting all museums, your name will be entered into a grand prize offering.

Our Pioneer Week schedule will have some changes. There will NOT be a home tour this year. The Model A Club will have a car show on Tuesday, July 5th and we will serve ice cream sundaes. Senior Citizen's Day will be held on Wednesday, July 6th.

Our summer schedule is Monday through Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm and you can also visit on Sundays or evenings by appointment.

VIRGINIA PAULSON

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS



Kathleen Northey Giddings – 29FEB2016

Rev. Rudolph Kempainen – 27MAR2016



LOG CABIN GETS A CARPET

We have relocated a carpet from the museum kitchen area to the Collins Log Cabin. Because of its age, it was in need of cleaning with tender loving care. Thank you to SCI Cleaning and Maintenance of Marquette for donating the cleaning of this vintage 8'x5' rag carpet. Located across from the Negaunee Senior Center, visitors can view improvements made to the cabin.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Our future meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, June 28th, Tuesday, August 2nd and Tuesday, September 6th at 7:00 at the museum. All members and guests are welcome to attend. Refreshments are always served at our meetings.



NOB'S NOOK

In memory of
**Robert "Nob" Rogers
&
Donna Rogers**



The picture albums located in this corner were professionally done by "Nob" during his long tenure as a member of the Negaunee Historical Society. They were donated to our museum by the children, Dale Rogers and Julie Johnson.

**Welcome to our Negaunee Historical Society
Website – take a moment and visit us at
www.negauneehistory.org**



CARRIAGE HOUSE GETS A 25-YEAR OVERHAUL

What a beautiful building to view at the museum with our newly painted and repaired carriage house. Because of the thoughtfulness of many individuals who have given us donations and gifts over the past two years, we were able to cover the expenses to beautify the area. Fine Lines Painting did an outstanding job in painting our carriage house. We also thank Miles Parkkonen for his time in the creating a drainage system around this building. The Historical Society is an all-volunteer group of residents that rely on memberships, donations and gifts to promote the history of Negaunee.



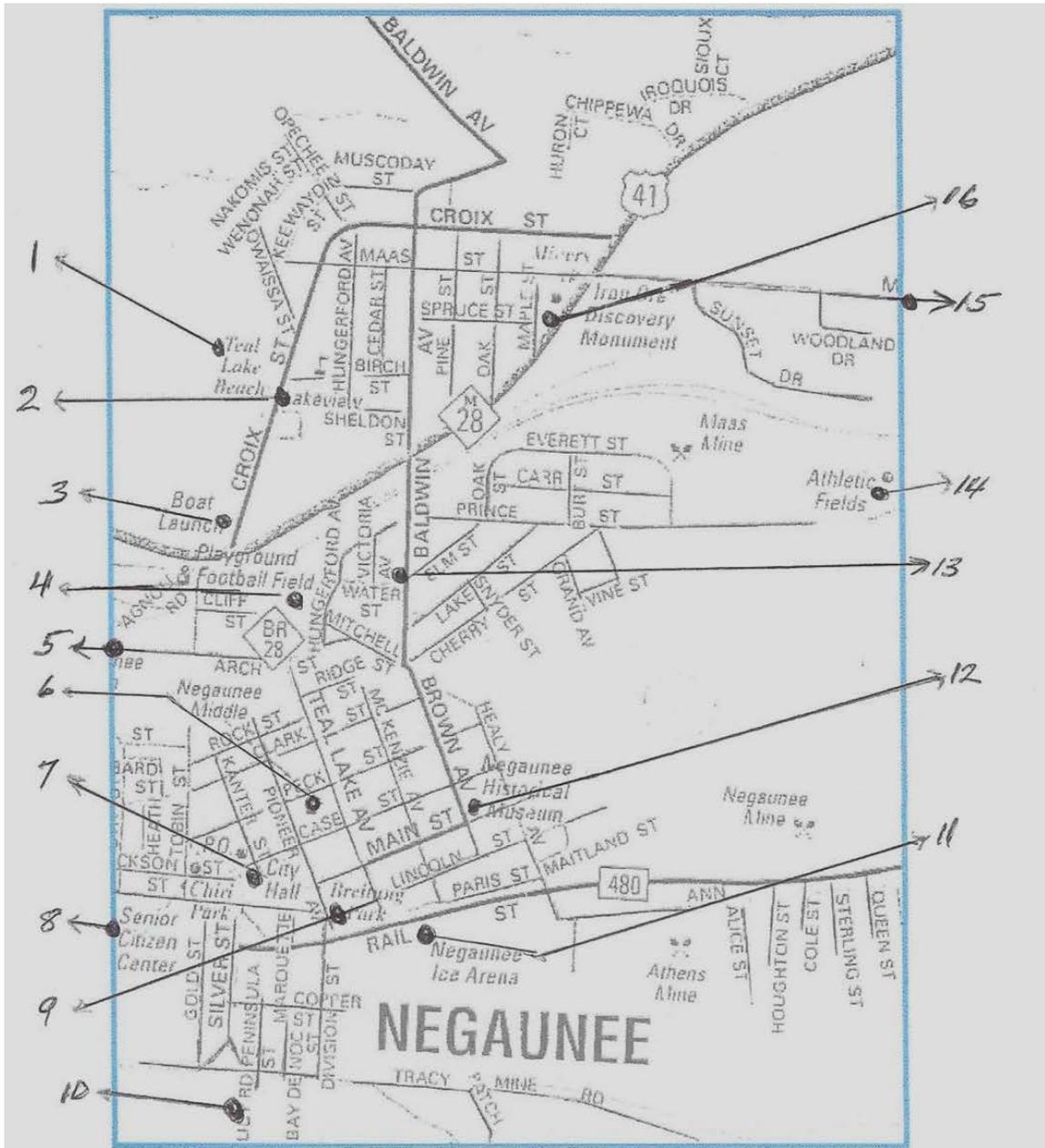
COLLEEN ANDERTON 2016 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



“Thank you for choosing me as the recipient for the Frank Matthews Memorial Scholarship. This will be very helpful in furthering my education at University of Wyoming this fall.”
Colleen Anderton

Virginia Paulson, representing the Matthews’ family, made the presentation to Colleen at Negaunee’s Awards ceremony. She is the daughter of Laura and the late John Anderton of Marquette. Congratulations, Colleen!!

POINTS OF INTEREST - NEGAUNEE



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Teal Lake Beach 2- Lakeview School 3- Boat Launch Teal Lake 4- Track & Football Field 5- High School & Tennis Courts 6- Negaunee Middle School 7- Negaunee City Hall 8- Senior Center & Old Towne | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9- Breitung Park & Band Shell 10- Lucy Hill Luge Run 11- Negaunee Ice Arena 12- Historical Society Museum 13- LaCombe Field 14- River's Field & Irontown Field 15- Negaunee Cemetery 16- Iron Ore Monument & Miners Park |
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150 YEARS AGO - 1866

First school building, known as the Union Schoolhouse, was built at a cost of \$8,000. It was located at the site of our present Middle School.

`Angus`, Negaunee's famous wooden Scotsman, was originated. Proud of his Scottish ancestry, Donald McDonald I had his cousin Angus carve it from a single white pine log for his general store as an alternative to the traditional cigar store Indian. When the MacDonal Opera House opened in 1883, Angus was placed on the second floor balcony. It stood there for the next 30 years when it was removed in 1912. The history continues - and `Angus` is now located in the entrance to the museum.

90 YEARS AGO - 1926

Suicide Hill conducts first ski jumping competition. The site was selected in the fall of 1925 and it was cleared of trees but not the stumps in the "gap". A scaffold and takeoff were then built. As the story goes, one ski fan, upon seeing the stumps, exclaimed *"It's suicide to ride that thing!"* and the hill was christened.

Formal opening of Vista Theatre and owned by Jafet Rytkonen. Negaunee honored the occasion in the manner of befitting the scope of the enterprise, which has given the city one of the largest and best equipped motion picture theaters in the Upper Peninsula. Mae DuShane's entry of "Vista Theater" is winner in name the theater contest.

Under another new coach, A. C. Ritt, NHS reached its 3rd consecutive U. P. championship game in basketball defeating Ironwood 30-12 (Class "B" champs) and then winning the U. P. championship with a 23-22 win over Newberry. Grand Haven ended Negaunee's season with a 34-25 state quarterfinal win.

CCI has purchased the Thomas Pellow home at 303 E. Main Street which is now the home of the Historical Society museum

80 YEARS AGO - 1936

Band room added to Manual Training Building

Beginning of student bus transportation

70 YEARS AGO - 1946

First ever U. P. All-Star high school football game held in Negaunee

60 YEARS AGO - 1956

Eagle Mills begins its pelletizing operation which reactivates iron production on the Marquette Range

50 YEARS AGO - 1966

Dedication of Negaunee Masonic Lodge No. 202 F&AM

30 YEARS AGO - 1986

State History Division constructed the \$1.2 million Michigan Iron Industry Museum at the Old Forge Site

NEGAUNEE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966

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| Karen Jean Ahola Gregg Carl Anderson Ted Leander Anderson Linda Marie Annala Peter Matthew Anttonen Arne Roy Arbelius Judith Ann Arbelius Victoria Lee Argall Leigh N. Barney Nancy Lynn Bath Thomas George Beard Kay Louise Beauchaine David Leo Bessonon Ann Elizabeth Bogetto Goldie Rose Bossom Michele Therese Bussone Daniel Peter Carilli Kathleen Jarvi Carlson Richard Donald Carlson Deborah Ann Delongchamp Susan Lynn Delorenzi Delores Mary Deschaine Marvin John Doucette Don Michael Evans Elaine Ruth Flink Marcia Kay Ford Gary Wayne Gallion Paula Jean Goulette Darlene Fay Gyles Michael Ward Haines Beth Christine Hakala Vincent A. Heighes Larry Joe Heiskanen Christine Marie Helander Gary Allen Helstein Gary Michael Hill Richard William Hill Michael Alan Hiltunen Donna Jean Hodge William Marvin Holm Maxine Marie Honkala Roger Lee Houseman David Nefton Johnson Marsha Kay Johnson Margaret Ann Juidici Paul Eugene Juidici Sanda Louise Kallioinen Barbara Ann Kangas Alan Bernard Kantola Karen Anne Kauppinen John Michael Keeley David Louis Kellan Osmond Thomas Kemp Sandra Lee Kemppa Charles Andrew Keskimaki Lynn Marie Keskimaki Kathleen Marie Kevern Susan Marie King Jeanne Lois Korpi Diane Lynn Koski Lois Ann LaForest Kristine Miriam Laiho Richard William Laituri Karen Louise Lammi | Sharon Louise Larson Carol Jean Leaf Mary Lynn Leanes June Marie Lehto Norma Marie Leiviska Jane Ann Levine Peggy Loy Barbara Sue Lukkarinen Gilbert Warner Lukkonen James Lee Luttinen Stanley Steven Mager Anthony Peter Maino Dennis James Maki Gerald William Maki Robert Allen Maki Sharone LeVerne Maki Daniel H. Manninen Susan Elizabeth Martin Linda Joan Mattson Rebecca Mae Mattson Christie Marie Method Dennis Lee Neely Betty Marie Neste Nancy Marie Nicholas Wayne Allen Nurmi Betty Marie Nyman Daniel James Oster Edward Irving Palomaki Kristine Marie Partanen Charlotte Ann Perala Lois Katherine Perala Charles G. Picel Gail Frances Pizziola Jay Michael Pollitt Norma Jean Powers Gerald Paul Prisk Christine Marie Prusi Lois Elaine Prusi Larry Matt Rasanen Sherry Lee Rasanen Raymond Dale Richards Dennette Lee Robare Lois Anna Rosten Michael Charles Ruhanen Peter Edwin Sayring Marjorie Louise Sippola Rita Rose Smith Jack Ray Stille Daniel Gordon Swanson Sandra Kay Swanson Mildred Joanne Talo Robert John Tamblin Diana Jean Tammelin Bonnie Lucille Tikkanen Harold Joseph Tolan Fred Egidio Torreano John William Treloar William Donald Tressedder Karen Linn Trewhella Melvin Thomas Trewhella Terry Clayton Truscott Jayne Elizabeth Uitto Matt Bennett Vanni Robert Preston Veale |
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Richard John Vidlund
 Gary Michael Wainio
 Daniel Wayne Waisanen
 Margaret Lynn Walimaa
 Charles Wahl Wassberg
 Daniel Eugene Wehmanen
 Edward L. Wernholm, Jr.
 Janice Faye Wiig
 Raymond Albert Wiig

CLASS OF '66 CELEBRATES

Congratulations to the Class of 1966 on their 50-year reunion. The class graduating list is from the "Negaunee Iron Herald".

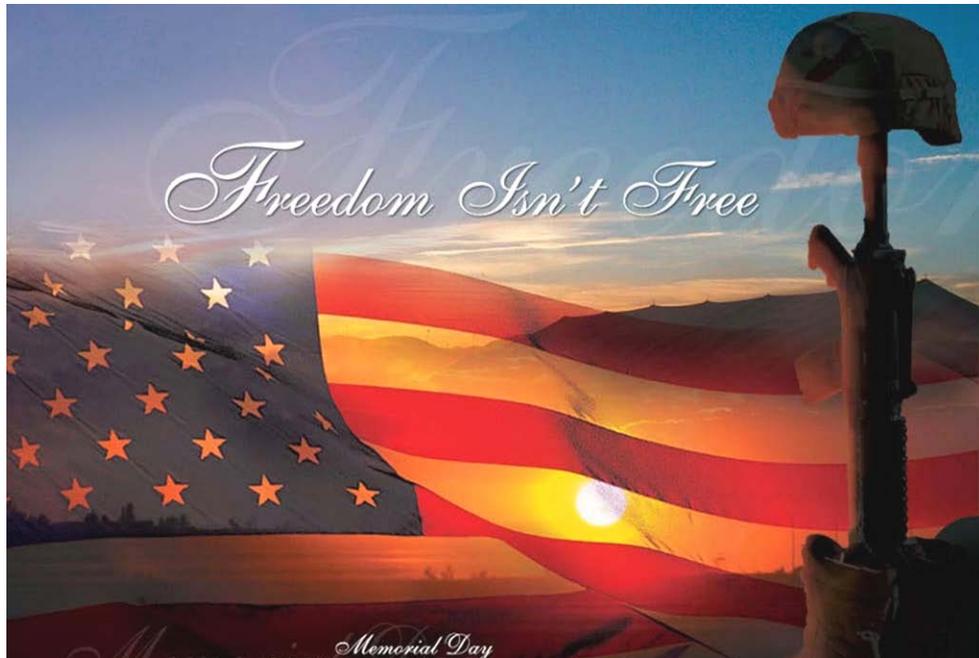
Judith Arbelius, Valedictorian
 Bonnie Tikkanen, Salutatorian

ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966

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| John Basolo Patricia Bogetto Kathleen DeGabriele Barbara Goodhue Patricia Hart Dennis Henry David Jarvi Marsha Juchemich David Kangas Joette Kinkella John Larson Rosemarie Maino Patricia Marta | Thomas Mautino Peter Mell Jerry Miljour Donald Patierno Clifford Perrault Allen Perucco Robert Quayle Raymond Rappazini Bonnie Smith Cheryl Smolich Patricia Spelgatti George Torreano David Vadnais |
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Barbara Goodhue, Valedictorian
 Kathleen DeGabriele, Salutatorian



A Memorial Day ceremony was held at the Negaunee Cemetery with a very nice turnout by area residents to honor the brave men and women who served in the military to protect our freedom. The Negaunee City Band participated in the ceremony as well as Steve Wetton who played the bagpipes. Members from the Elks and VFW also participated as well as Rev. Steven Solberg from Immanuel Lutheran Church.

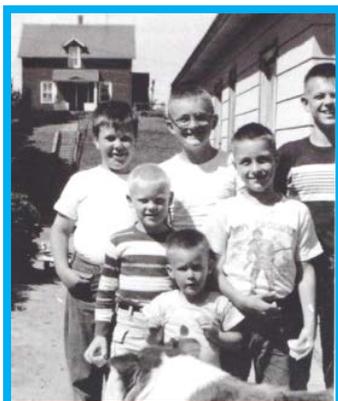


GIFTS, DONATIONS AND TIME

(Since our March newsletter)

Gerald Koski – monetary donation
Kathy Kunnari – nurse's cape and cap
Cindy Denton – monetary gift for research done
Sheldon Rody – monetary gift for research done
Marilyn Porchetta – monetary gift for research done
Fred Torreano – framed photo of Negaunee softball team – 1930's
Dennis Jarvi – misc. booklets and news articles 60's, 70's and 80's
Lakeview School teachers – monetary gift in memory of Leo LaFond

(Note: If your name was omitted from this list, please notify the museum so we can acknowledge your kindness)



SNOW STREET BUDDIES – circa 1958

These boys took a break from their play time and gathered for this picture taken about 60 years ago. In the background was the Frank and Mary LaCombe residence located at 728 Snow Street.

Standing in the back row are Louie Wernholm, Mike Smith, and Paul Smith. In the middle row are Al Wernholm and Dennis Paulson. Randy Paulson is standing in front.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP - JUNE 1 267
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS 175
2016 MEMBERSHIPS 92

Thank you to all of our 267 members for the continued support of our society. A card may be picked up at the museum or if you would like one mailed to you, please let us know. Now would be a good time for others to help and support the preservation of Negaunee's history by renewing their membership and seeking new members. The museum displays are being continually updated and improved for our visitors. Thank you for all the past memberships, donations, gifts, grants and to all of our volunteers.

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