No drums? A determined teacher made music anyway!



Hale's first school band began in 1935–36 with so few instruments that "pasteboard boxes were used for drums," music teacher Ilah M. Smith later wrote.

A lack of equipment couldn't stop the music. Teachers and students started with what they had.

Smith knew the value of persistence: as a child, she walked or rode horseback a mile to piano lessons. She wanted to give her students the encouragement her own teachers had given her.

She called 1946–47 the band's strongest year yet. Her account recorded 24 school-owned instruments and 50 uniforms costing $2,600.

Her later band roster named:

Margaret Wolfe, Leorin Lake, Zelma Redmond, Virgil Redmond, Maurice Wilson, Arnold Shellenbarger, William Brandal, Bud Johnson, Gola Johnson, Helen Robinson, Regina Shellenbarger, Elaine Love, Audrey Anderson, Gayle Lake, Margaret McClellan, Alice Sabin, Dorothy Streeter, Kaye Webb, Virginia Webb, Onylea Atkinson, Mabel Gertz, Norene Huber, Leberta Townsend, Dale Goodrow, Sherry Goodrow, Dick Webb, and Hazel Buck.

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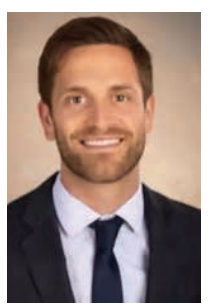
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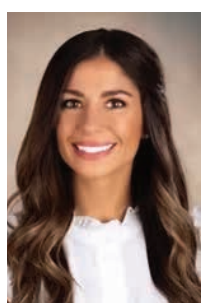
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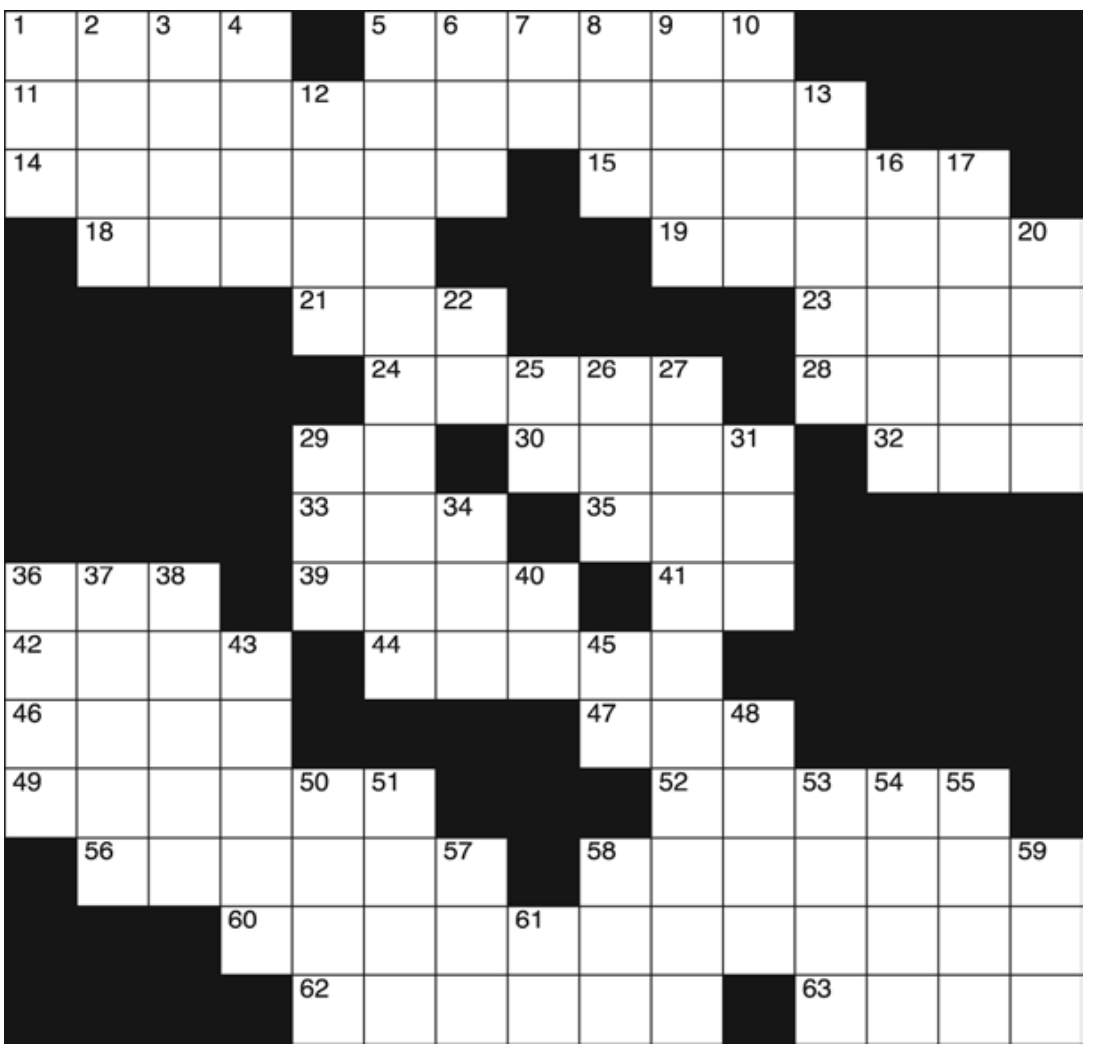
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5. A sculpture representing a human or animal
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14. Tie the knot again
15. Washington city
18. Hairlike structures
19. Mark used over a vowel
21. Explosive
23. Popular 500 car race
24. Pile up
28. Currency
29. Commercial
30. A minute amount (Scottish)
32. Mass of fish eggs
33. Baseball stat
35. Licensed accountant
36. Japanese classical theater
39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
41. Blood group
42. Assist in wrongdoing
44. Language of Cameroon
46. Grayish-white
47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
49. Microorganism
52. Strong social customs
56. Calm and dependable
58. Congressman
60. Force
62. As a result of this document
63. A main branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN
1. Make a mistake
2. American DJ Rick
3. Fictional Asimov planet
4. Coughed out
5. Singing to one's lover
6. Scotland's longest river
7. One of the six noble gases
8. Body art
9. Two-toed sloth
10. Electronic counter-countermeasures
12. A foolish person
13. Of the wind
16. Mansion
17. Sound
20. English river
22. Business symbol
25. Exclamation of surprise
26. Pouch
27. Individually
29. Satisfaction
31. The bill in a restaurant
34. Japanese delicacy
36. Port in southern Japan
37. Double-reed instruments
38. Center
40. "The Mount Rushmore State"
43. Soldier
45. Indicates position
48. Beauty treatment: __-pedi
50. Nonsense (slang)
51. Republic of Ireland
53. Ballplayers' tools
54. American state
55. Clusters of a fern frond
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58. A person's brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep
61. Of I

A Room with a View - and a Rowboat!
Long Lake Kokosing Hotel



At Long Lake's Kokosing Hotel, your room once came with something better than a mint on the pillow: use of a rowboat!

Built in 1906 by the Christian Outing Grounds Association of Toledo, Ohio, the hotel helped turn former lumbering country into vacation country. The development occupied land formerly associated with T. F. Thompson.

Families came north for religious instruction, fresh air and recreation. The hotel stretched 116 feet long, with a broad veranda wrapping around three sides.

John A. Mortenson later operated the resort. In 1929, Saginaw businessman Carl A. List bought the 28-room hotel and ran it with his wife. He had first visited the area in 1915 as a traveling shoe salesman—and apparently the fishing made quite an impression!

List remembered Sunday Lutheran services on the veranda, chicken dinners in the afternoon, and a lagoon connecting the hotel grounds to Long Lake. Each room was assigned a rowboat.

But buying a hotel in 1929 proved painfully unlucky. The Depression made the land-contract payments too much, and Mortenson took the property back in 1933.

The hotel later burned. A Tawas Herald retrospective and the Long Lake history place the fire in 1939. Mortenson subsequently rented cottages at the old resort site.

WHERE WAS IT?

The Long Lake historic-sites map marks it near Kokosing Road and Campbell Avenue, on the point between the lake's two main sections. The original plat calls the area "Hotel Park."

Today, the former resort area is residential. The hotel is gone, but we have not confirmed which present-day lot covers its exact footprint.

Do you have family photographs or memories of Mortenson's cottages or the old Kokosing grounds?

Like, follow and share for more Iosco County Rewinds!

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Sources: Tawas Herald, Sept. 5, 1979, sec. 2, pp. 1, 6; May 15, 1974, sec. 2, p. 4; Long Lake history, historic-sites map; Kokosing subdivision plat; current property records.





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GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born on October 12, 1968, in Australia. I attended the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, turning down a role on a soap opera to do so. I am best known as an action star, but I'm also an accomplished singer and performer, having appeared in musicals.

Answer: Hugh Jackman

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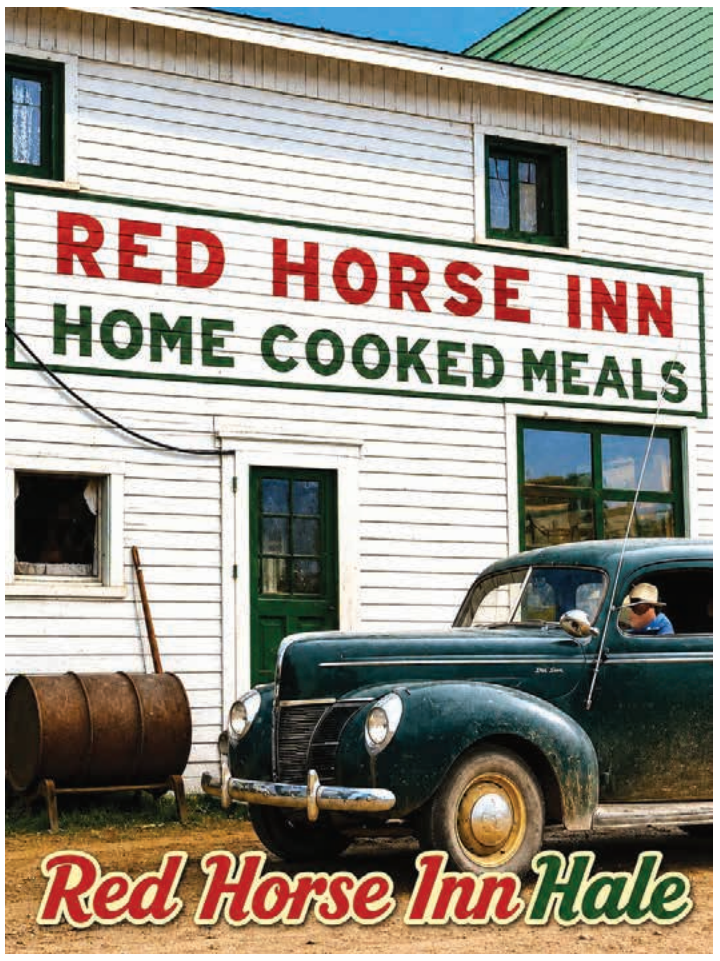
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Remember These Iosco County Diners & Inns?











Over the years, Iosco County has been home to many memorable places where families gathered for a meal, travelers stopped for the night, and friends met for coffee and conversation.

Do you remember any of these local favorites?

• Vic Zel's Diner – Tawas City

• Bordelon's – Whittemore

• Travelers Inn – East Tawas

• Red Horse Inn – Hale

• Oscoda Inn – Oscoda

• Depot Diner – Long Lake

These establishments were more than just businesses—they were gathering places that became part of our community's story.

We'd love to hear your memories!

• Did you eat at any of these places?

• What was your favorite menu item?

• Do you have photos or stories to share?

• Are any of these businesses still around today?

• What other diner, restaurant, café, or inn from Iosco County do you remember that isn't on this list?

Do you have pictures to send us of your favorite places in the past?





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Breakfast sandwiches are an early morning comfort food



Comfort food is often associated with dinner fixtures like meatloaf and baked ziti. But comfort also can be served up at the breakfast table.

Breakfast sandwiches are wildly popular and can act as early morning fuel after a good night's rest. When the urge strikes to prepare some early morning comfort food, cooks can look to this recipe for "Fried Egg, Bacon, Cheese, and Tomatoes on a Bread Roll" courtesy of Lines+Angles.

Fried Egg, Bacon, Cheese and Tomatoes on a Bread Roll
Makes 4 servings
4 bread rolls, split in half horizontally and toasted
8 slices thick bacon
4 large eggs
Salt, to taste
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
4 slices cheddar cheese
1 fresh tomato, rinsed and sliced

1. In a skillet set over medium-high heat, cook the bacon until nicely browned and crispy. Drain bacon on paper towels.

2. Remove most of the bacon drippings from the pan and fry the eggs to your liking. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

3. Arrange a slice of cheese and 2 slices of cooked bacon on the bottom half of each roll. Add tomato slices and a fried egg to each. Top with the remaining half of the bread roll. Serve.

The Library had Wheels - and Iosco's kids helped pay for the ride!



From Tawas City and East Tawas to Oscoda, AuSable, Whittemore and Hale, libraries and bookmobile stops connected our communities through books.

The countywide effort began in 1934. May McMurray helped organize the service alongside county school commissioner Edna Worden and Constance Bement of the Michigan State Library. They sought help from councils, clubs and neighbors—even donations of coal to keep the library warm!

In 1942, the county bought its first bookmobile: a used 1939 Ford delivery truck with swing-out shelves holding about 250 books.

Then local children helped give the service an upgrade. They sold fundraising tags, and efforts by the Friends of the Library raised more than $1,000 toward a replacement.

By 1948, a roomier Ford carried about 1,200 books. It had a folding table, a swiveling driver's seat and enough headroom for adults to stand inside. Fourteen schools received visits and story hours, generally monthly when weather allowed.

Tawas City housed county headquarters; East Tawas had a book-repair crew. Whittemore used a librarian's home, and Hale converted an old school building into a library.

The service kept rolling. A schedule beginning in January 1977 included Aldersgate Apartments in the Oscoda area and stops on Second Avenue and McKenzie Street in AuSable.

In 1978, a new $30,000 bookmobile replaced a vehicle that had traveled more than 110,000 miles. The Herald photographed director Mark Ames and driver Eva Joyce beside it, and librarian Jennie Fortune inside transferring more than 2,000 book titles.

And this library had a name: ORBUS! A January 1979 announcement credited second-grader James Balten Jr. of Sterling with the winning suggestion, chosen from 264 entries. His prize? A Guinness Book of World Records.

Where did you visit the bookmobile, and which librarian do you remember?

Like, follow and share Iosco County Rewinds to keep these memories rolling!

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Oscoda's Oldest surviving business? The Hilltop had a story to tell!

You may know the Hilltop Bar & Grill for its burgers, fish dinners or familiar faces. But this Mill Street gathering place traces its beginnings to 1884, according to a 2022 Oscoda Visitors Bureau account.

That would put its roots in the lumbering era! Does that make it the area's oldest surviving privately owned business? We haven't verified that distinction—or an uninterrupted operating history back to 1884.

The man pictured inside the bar is part of the history we can document: Robert J. Hopcroft.

A World War II Marine veteran, Robert owned and operated the Hilltop Tavern with his mother, Grace, until his retirement in 1972. He married Oscoda's Marion Haglund in 1948, picture 1. For anyone who remembers the Hopcroft years, this photograph may bring back a familiar face! (Alcona County Review, Aug. 18, 2010, picture 3).

Its owners also included George Thomas Stockwell and his son Tom. Before becoming a bar owner, George had been a Twin Pines Dairy milkman. His career took him from delivering milk to running Wheeler's Bar in Detroit and co-owning Oscoda's Hilltop. George Stockwell obituary, 2009.

In 2022, former Hilltop bartender Miles Schmidt became its owner after a conversation with the previous owner, a friend who was considering selling. Manager Kolina Backstrom noted that the building had undergone additions and changes.

The Hilltop is at 431 West Mill Street in the Oscoda–AuSable area, picture 2. Its long history doesn't mean today's building is unchanged from 1884! (Oscoda Visitors Bureau, Oct. 6, 2022).

Robert J. Hopcroft inside the Hilltop Tavern.







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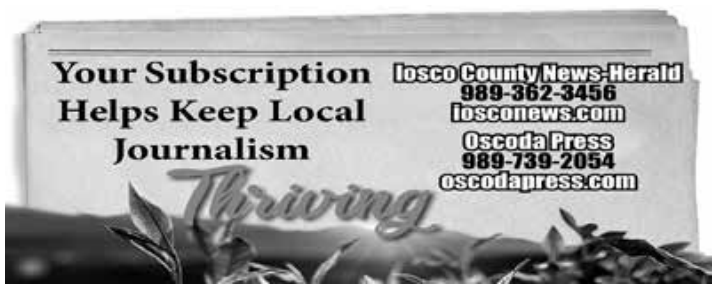
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B. **26 16 9 24 21**
Clue: Holds up the body

C. **16 7 9 24**
Clue: Discomfort

D. **24 21 20 19**
Clue: Supports the head

Answers: A. adjust B. spine C. pain D. neck



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Iosco County went dry. Then a "Floating Booze Joint" sailed in.

In July 1911, liquor was reaching the Tawases—and the sheriff's problem was floating in the bay.

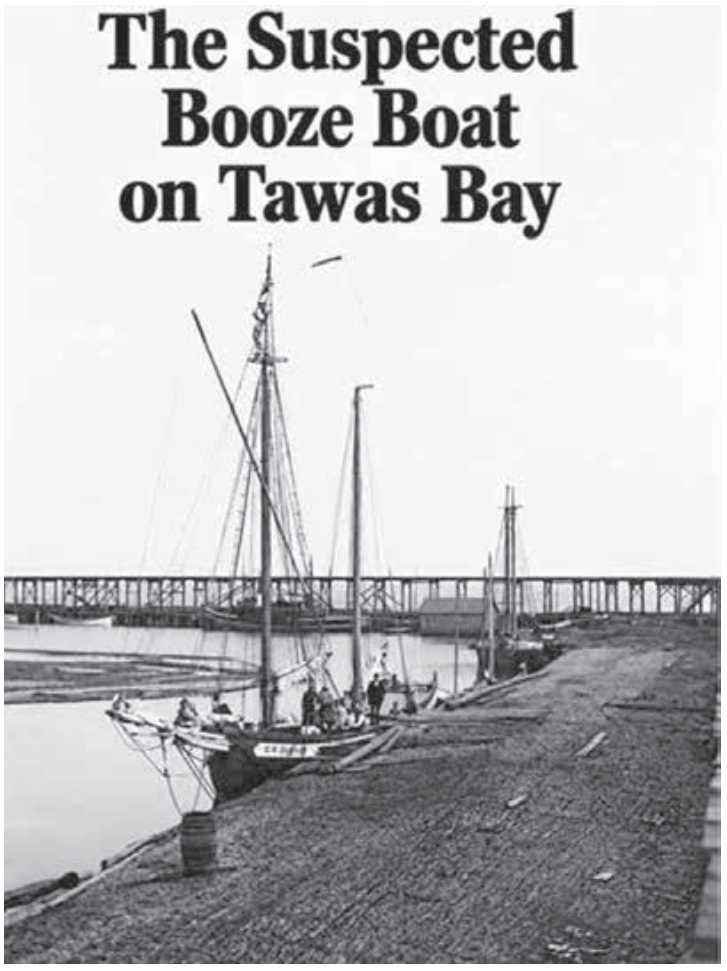
Iosco County's local liquor ban had taken effect just two months earlier, on May 1. But according to the Tawas Herald, a vessel called the Durkee was bringing a different kind of refreshment to the waterfront.

The boat arrived in Tawas Bay on July 1, headed to Bay City the next morning for another supply, and returned to Alabaster for the Fourth of July. By July 5, it was back in the local port.

Sheriff Hadwin gathered evidence and obtained a warrant. Before it could be served, the captain had left the bay.

But that wasn't the end of the story.

By July 8, Hadwin and Prosecuting Attorney Black had returned from Bay City with Captain Trudo. He appeared before Justice Tait in East Tawas and was released on bond to await circuit court.



The Herald raised a fascinating question: could liquor be sold on waters adjoining a community where its sale was forbidden?

A September court report offers a likely ending: Peter Trudo pleaded guilty to violating the local-option law and was fined $75 plus costs. The brief entry did not name the boat, so that connection remains probable rather than certain.

This wasn't a 1920s Prohibition tale. It happened right here in 1911, when Iosco County's newly "dry" communities faced a very wet challenge.

Have you heard family stories about liquor boats or bootlegging around Tawas Bay? Share them with us!

Sources: Tawas Herald, April 14, July 7, July 14, and September 22, 1911.



GUESS WHO?

I am a singer born in California on October 25, 1984. I grew up listening to gospel music, but eventually pursued a career in pop music. I have been nominated for 13 Grammy Awards, and have five Billboard Music Awards. I have many hits and I performed during the Super Bowl halftime show in 2015.

Answer: Katy Perry

Community CALENDAR

E-mail us with your non-profit event info! comp@iosconews.com

Mondays

VVA Chapter 882 Monthly Meeting: Third Monday of every month, 7 p.m., Hale.

American Legion 211 Monthly Meeting: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at 900 East Lincoln St., East Tawas.

American Legion 422, Hale: Meat Bingo (meat prizes) held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each Month.

MS Support Group: Blooming Consultants, 4093 N. M-65, Hale, third Monday of every month from 6-8 p.m. RSVP call Karen Irwin at (989) 820-4465.

Wellness Support Group: Meets second Monday of every month in the yoga room at Chiropractic Health Center, 651 M-55, Tawas City. 9:15 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Monday Bingo: Monday nights at Whittemore Area Chamber of Commerce. Doors open 5 p.m., sales start at 5:30 p.m., bingo starts at 6:30 p.m.

Tawas Wellness Warriors: Walk/Run every Monday 5:30 p.m., last Thursday Village Chocolatier 5:30 p.m. Bring a bike or scooter if you wish. Check us out on facebook.

Tuesdays

Tawas Area Rotary Meetings: 1st/3rd Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m., Barnacle Bills.

Birth of a Family (BOAF): First & Third Tuesdays, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Harbor Lights Pregnancy & Information Center, 310 Newman St., East Tawas, 989-305-6308.

Hale Area Baby Pantry: Open every Tues. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 728-0026 or 728-6991 for info. 200 Railroad Street, Hale.

Tawas Adventist Community Services: Open every 3rd Tuesday of month from 10 a.m.-3 p.m, June & July 2nd Tuesday. Tawas Seventh-Day Adventist Church 405 4th Ave. Tawas City. Free food, free clothing from infant to adults and free household supplies. More info. call: 989-362-5661.

Iosco County Democratic Party General Membership Meeting: 3rd Tuesday each month, 224 Newman St., E. Tawas, 5:30 p.m. 989-984-5114.

Wednesdays

VFW Post 7435 Monthly Meeting: First Wednesday of every month 7 p.m., Hale.

American Legion 422 Monthly Meeting: Third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., Hale.

American Legion Post 422 Auxiliary Meeting: Third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

Goodar Bible Church Diaper Ministry: Every Wednesday 5-7 p.m., 5739 Goodar Rd., South Branch, (810) 965-6736 or (989) 257-2129.

Iosco County Right to Life: Has moved their meetings to the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at Harbor Church. For more information, please call Linda Hicks at (989) 984-7789.

Thursdays

Tawas City VFW Post 5678 Monthly Meeting: Second Thursday 6:30 pm, 1213 US-23, Tawas city.

American Legion 211: Cornhole & Burgers Tournaments, every second and fourth Thursday, all welcomed, prizes for top finishers, great for beginners, 900 East Lincoln St., East Tawas.

Healing Together – Compassus Community Grief Support Group: 2nd Thursday of each month 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Fun First Therapy, 1691 US-23, East Tawas. Anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. Karen Deyarmond (989) 343-2470.

Food Pantry: 4th Thursday of Every Month, First Baptist Church of Tawas City, 401 Second St., Tawas City, 989-362-8422. 12:30-3:00.

Fridays

American Legion 422, Hale: Euchre every Friday night, food available.

American Legion 274, Oscoda: Every Friday Night Bingo, doors open 4 p.m. play begins 6 p.m., 849 S. State St.

TOPS 1532 Tawas: Meetings every Friday 8:30 a.m. at East Tawas Church of the Nazarene.

Weekends

American Legion 422 Sunday Breakfast: Every Sunday from 9 until noon in Hale. Public Welcome.

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Longest operating business in East Tawas, Michigan????

Some local history belongs behind glass. This story still comes wrapped for dinner.

Klenow's Market traces its beginnings to 1900, making it one of East Tawas's oldest surviving businesses. Today, you'll find it at 201 Newman Street, still offering smoked meats, fish and homemade jerky. Its website lists 33 varieties of jerky—quite a choice for anyone who came in for "just a little!" Klenow's Market behind that familiar name is a family story. Former owners included Henry L. and Bernice M. Klenow. Their daughter, Mary Jeanne Klenow, grew up working at the market, which had belonged to her grandparents before her parents.

Those lessons lasted beyond the checkout counter. Mary Jeanne became a teacher, working in Oscoda, Alpena, Tawas and Midland. In 2023, she established the Henry L. and Bernice M. Klenow Fund to honor her parents and help fund a career-development coordinator for Tawas Area Schools.

A daughter who learned about work in the family grocery helped give another generation a head start on working life (Iosco County Community Foundation, Aug. 15, 2023).

Another familiar name was Mary Jane LaBerge Klenow, whose obituary recalls her many years running the market before retirement (News-Herald obituary, 2025).

Our museum's newspaper collection also preserves a 2013 Klenow's advertisement promoting quality meat since 1900.

What do you remember buying at Klenow's—and who was behind the counter?



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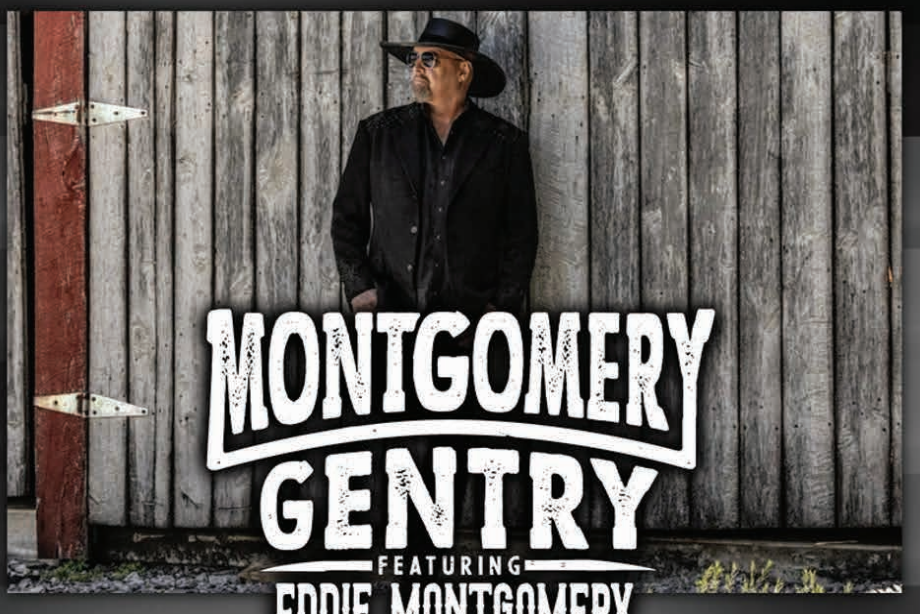
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Kamryn is a performer, writer, and ecological gardener based in Royal Oak, Michigan. She studied Musical Theatre at Oakland University and has worked as an actress and teaching artist with theater companies around the Midwest. Her one-woman plays about inspiring women of history have over 100 combined performances.
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