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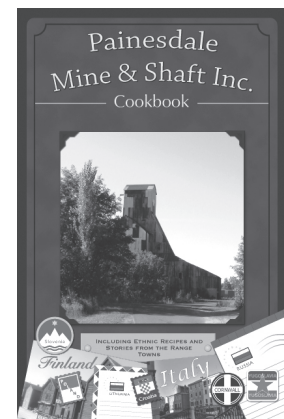
Newsletter—Spring, 2012

## Cookbooks Available!

Our cookbook is completed and is now available. It contains more than 150 recipes, including ethnic recipes from 9 different countries. Each country or ethnic group represented has a brief history of why the people came here, as well as what types of foods they brought with them. There are also stories and photos of life in the range towns.

We have had such a good response that we are already on our second printing. The first occurred right before the holidays, after we announced the availability to those who had requested, and had them available at a few local businesses. Thank you to all who placed advertisements in the cookbook, we appreciate your help defraying the costs of printing, your ads will also appear in this second printing.

Cookbooks are available for a donation of \$15 each. Please include shipping (\$5 for the first book, and \$2 for each additional book) if you need them shipped to you. You may order directly through us, or you can pick a copy up locally at Tina's Katalina in South Range.



## Upcoming Restoration

Painesdale Mine & Shaft, Inc. recently received a generous grant from the Leuthold Family Foundation. We would like to thank the Leuthold Foundation for the grant, which will allow us to get started on some improvements to the shaft house.

With the grant money received, it is making it possible for Painesdale Mine & Shaft to go into Phase 3 of the restoration. We are currently in the process of getting bids to replace the windows on the shaft house to keep the elements and animals out. We also would like to maintain the floor to make it stable for more tours. Having the windows and floor done would be less of a safety issue for us. It is a slow process, as we have so few volunteers to help with all the labor that needs to be done. We hope to be able to have tours on a regular basis, and with more volunteers, we can have more frequent tours.

## Summer Tours

Now that the snow is gone, the shaft house, Captain's office, and hoist house are available for tours again. Tours are always free. Contact us to arrange a tour.

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# What You Are Telling Us

Anton J. Pintar, Treasurer

We often receive comments from our members on their family ties to Painesdale, Copper Range, and the Champion Shafthouses. We share these as memorials to the many everyday people who built, lived in, worked in, and died in the towns of Painesdale, Atlantic Mine, South Range, Baltic, Trimountain and Toivola. If you have comments to make, please send them to us and we will put them in future newsletters. -- Anton J. Pintar

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"I have enjoyed your newsletters! I'm anxious to see the inside of the shafthouse. I've been a life member for years. I ran into this article from one of my stamp magazines [see below] and thought I'd pass it on, as it talks about the Champion Mine..."

Max Ingersoll, Portage, MI

"Rummaging through the philatelic estate of a New Mexico doctor, I had stumbled across three checks from the Trimountain Mining Company, all dated in June, 1901... signed by the same Chief Clerk (Alonzo Nicholas)..."

Of the four hundred or so copper mining operations that existed in the Keweenaw Peninsula of Michigan, Trimountain was one of perhaps two dozen major copper producers in the Michigan copper country's long history. The company was on the Boston stock exchange from April, 1989 to September, 1903... Trimountain's directors resigned when the Copper Range Consolidated Company assumed control of the company on September 4 of that year. The consolidation of the famous Baltic Mine, Champion Mine and Trimountain Mine was now complete, covering an area larger than the monster Calumet and Hecla property. The mine complex was known for its incredibly steep, near vertical shafts of 70 degrees, and it produced more than 140 million pounds of refined copper...

One of the check payees was Louis LaChapelle. He was a French Canadian, a miner at Trimountain, and the \$18.25 check in question (about \$450.00 in today's money) was drafted to him on June 6, 1901. Thirteen years before, the young LaChapelle apparently decided drunkenly... to race a passenger train of the Duluth, South Shore, and Atlantic Railway one night. Mounting his horse and

speeding along the railroad's right of way near the town of Baraga, LaChapelle was under the influence of what the locals called '40 rod' ... referred to a 'rot-gut' whiskey ... that could knock a man down at 40 rods (660 feet)... LaChapelle's historic ride took place on the night of February 17, 1888. As expected, the train caught up with him after a mile or so, and unable to stop in time, crashed into him and his horse as they sped along the tracks. The horse was killed, of course, ... LaChapelle was thrown some forty feet into the air, landing head-first in a large snow bank, but was otherwise unharmed."

Tony Nikischer, The American Stamp Dealer & Collector, Nov.-Dec., 2010

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"Please send a newsletter and application to the following brothers and a sister. Their grandfather, Alex Nousiainen, and their father, George Nousiainen, worked in the Painesdale Mine [George Nousiainen, Cheshire, CT; Karl Nousiainen, St. Petersburg, FL; and Mrs. George Chivses, Calumet, MI]. All three spend more than one-half the year at their homes in the Copper Country."

Gale C. Jamsen, Atlantic Mine

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"Clem wants his brother included in the tribute to fallen miners. Edward T. Dragovich was killed July 5, 1938 on his 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday. The accident happened on the 48<sup>th</sup> level of [Champion] #4 in one of the rock chutes. He was the son of August and Dora Dragovich of Painesdale."

Clem & Janet Dragovich, Houghton

Author's Note: Clem Dragovich passed away recently. My family moved into the Dragovich "Boarding House" on Douglass Street in Painesdale during the fall of 1953.

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"Our family lived in a two family house in Painesdale. A wall in the center separated the families. Each family had two stories and had equal room size at each level, as well as a basement. Each level of both families had an outside entrance. We lived at 198 Evergreen Street.

The sawmill owner was changing locations. My dad purchased a building from him. My dad owned a one and one half ton Ford Truck. My dad and brother Conrad



dismantled the barn and loaded it on my dad's truck. My brother Conrad said, at times, when they would slow down, the front of the truck would start to come off the ground.

They put the barn together, when they got home, and we now had a place to put our animals, in the winter. At times, we would have 2 cows and 12 chickens. We always got a pig in the early spring and fattened it up all summer long and would have it butchered in late fall or early winter, so the meat could be kept frozen, by nature, and could hang in the barn. We could saw off our daily needs. The butcher would make headcheese and sausage. Our family hung them in the spare bedroom. The hams would be sent out to be cured and smoked. My mother would make lard of the fat. Conrad and Beverly would milk the cows and feed the animals until Joyce and I were old enough to help.

We had a wood burning cooking stove and a coal & wood burning space heater in our living room. We burned wood during the day, in the space heater. We burned long burning coal at night. No heat upstairs, just heat vents to the upstairs. In the winter, we had 2 to 3 inch quilt on our beds, and when we jumped out of our beds, when it was cold, we would put on a minimum of our clothes on, and ran downstairs, to be near the kitchen stove or the space heater. Mother was always up, preparing breakfast and always made sure the fire was going good in both stoves.

If I could nominate someone for sainthood, my mother would be on Top of the list. She would bake, six to eight loaves of bread, every week; she made as many as 20 pasties at a time. She made healthy delicious meals every day. She would make sweet bread, pies, and pastries, especially on holidays. She would preserve tomatoes, beets, green beans, out of this world bread and butter pickles as well as other pickle items.

As a family, we would go out and pick strawberries, wild blueberries, wild red raspberries, wild blackberries, wild cranberries, and wild thimbleberries. She would preserve 100 quarts of wild red raspberries, 50 quarts of wild blueberries, 20 quarts of wild black raspberries. She would preserve numerous jam and jellies. She would preserve 25 quarts applesauce. She would preserve wild cranberries. As I learned later in life, we got a substantial amount of antioxidants, from the berries we ate. She would always have a clean house; and we would always have clean clothes to wear. She did all this; I am sure out of necessity, with limited resources."

Excerpted from the Autobiography of Ronald K. Kauppila, Davison, MI

"My dad, John E. Blom, died in the Champion Mine in June of 1966 of a heart attack. He also worked for Copper Range at the Michigan Smelter prior to its closing. He also worked at White Pine Copper Co, in construction and for the Company for 10 years. All of this time was spent as an electrician or chief electrician."

Theodore J. Blom, Donna, TX

"This was a dish Mrs. Martin Meyers used to make for their unexpected guests at their Twin Lakes summer home. I often was one of them as I was a friend of their daughter, Jean. I believe Mr. Meyers was the General Manager of Copper Range. The Meyers were the nicest people I have known."

Mary Claire Lewis, Calumet

"Donation in memory of the deceased in my family. My dad used to work in No. 4."

Donald R. Mattson, South Range and Leesburg, FL

"I was born on Adams Street in Painesdale [Sept. 27, 1910] over 100 years ago, Croatian, maiden name Kopatich, widow twice, made two trips to Croatia, lived in Detroit, Arizona, California, and Florida. Relatives: father Jacob Kopatich, mother Antonia Stimac Kopatich, uncle George Stimac, brother Robert Kopatich, sisters Antonia and Josephine Kopatich (all buried in the South Range Cemetery), brother Charles Kopatich and sister Dorothy Kopatich."

Lucille Kopatich Munn, Las Vegas, NV

"The Pintar family originated in the Balkan Peninsula; with Great-Grandpa Anton Pintar coming from Croatia and Great-Grandma Anna Pintar coming from Slovenia. Prior to World War I, Croatia and Slovenia were parts of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. After World War II, Croatia and Slovenia were included in the federation of the six republics that formed Yugoslavia (Land of the South Slavs).

Great-Grandpa Anton Pintar was born in June 1881 in Crni-Lug, Croatia. He came to America and Painesdale in the early 1900's. He worked as a crew leader of the shaft timber men for the Copper Range Mining Company. Great-Grandma Anna (Sikonja) Pintar was born on December 22, 1888, in Metlika Parish in Zelebej, Slovenia. Her mother died when giving birth to her, so an aunt in Slovenia raised



her. At the age of 15, Great-Grandma Pintar came to America to join her father, Peter Sikonja, who had come earlier with his eldest daughter.

She sailed from Antwerp, Belgium on November 12, 1904 on the S.S. Kronland... It held 1,537 passengers of which 343 were first class, 194 second class and 1,000 in third class. She arrived at Ellis Island in the Port of New York on November 22, 1904, as recorded in the immigration records... Her nationality is noted as Austrian and ethnicity as Slovenian. Her destination was Trimountain.

Great-Grandma Pintar traveled by herself, not being able to speak any English at that time. On her journey by train to Michigan, in Chicago a fellow passenger offered her a banana. Not ever having seen a banana before, she hid it between the seats, as she was afraid to eat it!

Great-Grandpa and Great-Grandma Pintar were married at St. Mary's Church in Atlantic Mine in June of 1906. They had seven children [Anton Joseph, Julia (MacMillan), Antonia (Wesa), Ann (Cote), Martin Matt, Mary (Bianchi), and Catherine (Datto)]. Great-Grandpa Anton Pintar died at the age of thirty-nine on December 13, 1920. Great-Grandma Anna Pintar lived a long life. She passed away on May 3, 1981 at the age of ninety-two."

Excerpted from "Grandpa's Story" by Thomas M. Pintar about his father, Martin Matt Pintar

Author's Disclaimer: Martin Matt Pintar was my uncle; Thomas M. Pintar is my cousin

## Our Traveling Hoodies



Dr. Kathy Huang wears our shaft house hoodie in front of the new Wuhan Railway Station in Wuhan, China.

## 2011 Treasurer's Report

2010 Cash Balance		9,365.68
<b>Income</b>		
Contributions	10,277.02	
Memberships & contributions	1,185.00	
Contributions - hoodies, sweatshirts, T-shirts, etc.	759.00	
Memory of Ann Gregorich	330.00	
Contributions DVD	20.00	
Cookbook ads	750.00	
Contributions - cookbook	3,310.58	
Electricity reimbursement - Adams Township	607.16	
Interest (bank service charge)	27.85	
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,266.61</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>		
UPPCO - electricity	1,165.79	
Membership & conference fees	110.00	
Newsletter - printing & postage	1,153.00	
Cookbook - printing & postage	1,459.21	
Postage	61.69	
Printing, copying, laminating, & supplies	31.00	
Website	120.00	
Hoodies, sweatshirts, T-shirts, etc.	600.75	
Hannula Agency - insurance renewal	2,394.00	
Miscellaneous	79.16	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,174.60</b>	





# Copper Range Historical Society Update

The Copper Range Historical Society's Museum will open for the season on Saturday, June 2, from noon-3:00 p.m. We will be open Tuesday thru Saturday in June, September, and October (till the 6<sup>th</sup>, when we will close for the season). We will be open noon-3:00 on Monday thru Saturday in July and August. Please visit us as we look forward to lots of visitors in the summer. We also encourage group tours and school class visits. Off-season tours may be arranged by appointment by calling 482-6844 or 482-3097.

Our Annual Member Dinner will take place at Grace Lutheran Church in South Range on Thursday, July 5. Guest speaker will be Bill Sproule, MTU Professor, who will talk about the Copper Range Railroad and a bit on hockey history in the Range towns. The dinner will feature pasties from Krupps Mini-Mart in Twin Lakes, coleslaw, jello salads, and homemade desserts at a cost of \$10. Tickets will go on sale on June 2 at the museum and from Board members. We invite anyone to attend, CRHS member or not.

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