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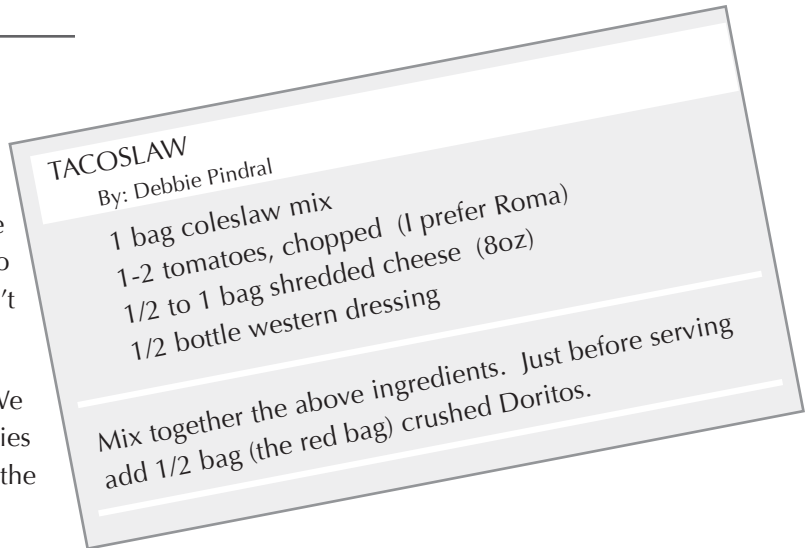
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Cookbook

We are currently in the process of putting together a cookbook as a fundraiser. The book will probably come out next summer, and would feature ethnic recipes from each of the groups associated with the mines; Finns, Croatians, Italians, etc. We will also have a miscellaneous section for recipes that don't fit into any category.

We are asking for your help finding recipes. We are also thinking of putting in some personal stories connecting the recipe to the mine, Painesdale, or the culture of the ethnic group that it came from.

If you have a recipe, or recipe and story, please send it to us either by mail or email. Also, if you are interested in purchasing a copy of the book when it is finished, please let us know, and we will notify you when they are done.



JHS Centennial

Our open house during the Jeffer's High School Centennial was a success. The open house and tours were held Friday and Saturday during the centennial. We gave tours of the shaft house, hoist building, and captain's office; where we had displays, photos, and information available. We would like to thank everyone who came by, and everyone who gave a donation.

New Brochure

We are happy to announce that we have a new brochure. Our new brochure is full color, and features photos and information about the shaft house and our organization. The brochure was available for our open house during the JHS Centennial, and will be used as promotional material in the future.

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What You Are Telling Us

We often receive comments from you on your ties to Painesdale, Copper Range, and the Champion Shaft houses. These are often written on the contribution form or are attached as a separate letter. 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



"[My Grandmother Sylvia Viola Takkinen Johnson] was born in South Range & lived mostly in Atlantic Mine. If you ever need interesting history on Atlantic Mine, etc., she has it! She's 92 on 3-28-2010. Her father, Kulle Takkinen, was a miner in Quincy & her grandfather [Culle Pakisjarvi] in Calumet."

Liisa Allison, Maryville, MI

"Please accept this donation in memory of my grandparents, Mine Captain Herbert and Mary Hall, and my mother, Lillian Mary Hall Pinch. My mother had such wonderful stories to tell about her childhood and the mining community."

Marilyn F. Pinkerton, Ludington, MI

"Growing up in Painesdale was always interesting and 'hanging' around No. 3 & No.4 shafthouses was a large part of that experience. Both my father and my grandfather worked for Copper Range and No. 4, thus its preservation will perpetuate their memory. Keep up the Good Work!"

Tom Rozich, JHS Class of 1961, Hancock

"I would like to purchase a Lifetime membership for my father, Rudolph J. Sterk. Although he is deceased, he would have done this. He actually worked in the Mine before the war for about three years. He graduated from Jeffers as well as my mother, Alice Fredlund, who is also deceased."

Paul V. Sterk, Rapid City, SD

"One of those who were killed in a rockslide in one of the Painesdale Mines was my Grandfather, August Kauppila. [He] was born on March 24, 1881 in Jalasjarvi, Finland ... and died on August 13, 1931. August was married to Hilda Katherina Korpinen and they had eight children of which two died. One of those was my father, Arnold (Sparky) Kauppila. My brother Conrad was about 6 months old when our Grandfather was killed and was the oldest in our family. It is fitting that the Restoration of Champion #4 be successful as a Monument to the Ultimate Sacrifice [of] those who gave their lives in the Mines. ... Painesdale and the Copper Country were in the beginning of the Industrial Revolution and Capital Formation (Stock Market) Revolution. My Grandfather came to this Country for better opportunity, and perhaps to avoid conscription into the Czar's Army. It didn't turn out too well for him; however, his descendants can go as far economically as their ability will take them and they are in a free Democracy and the most powerful nation, with heart, the World has ever seen."

Ronald K. Kauppila, Davison, MI

Fallen Miners

Painesdale Mine & Shaft would like to pay tribute to the fallen miners. We are working on placing a plaque on site in memoriam. Do you have a relative that fell while working at Champion #4? Please send us their full name either by email or regular mail. If you have a memory of them from the mine, please send that as well. We appreciate your help and your memories.



Save Our Shaft House

Anton J. Pintar, Treasurer

Painesdale Mine & Shaft, Inc. (PM&S) is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. Our primary purpose is the preservation and restoration of the Copper Range Champion #4 Shaft House, the only remaining shaft house south of the Portage Canal. During Phases I and II, the missing corrugated sheet metal on the outside of the shaft house was replaced.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, a major break in the main waterline from Painesdale to Hancock in the vicinity of Champion #4 caused the middle columns of the shaft house to settle 8-12 inches. Cross beams on each side of the interior of the shaft house buckled. The cement cap in the mineshaft is intact but the cement "apron" around the cap is broken up. Water washed overburden from underneath the cap into the mineshaft and the center columns settled.

In 2008, PM&S contracted with UP Engineers and Architects to do a settlement study. Baseline elevation data were taken in October, 2008; elevation data were then taken in April, 2009 (6 months) and in October, 2009 (one year). The changes in elevations were less than 0.01 feet (0.1 inches). Another set of elevation data were taken in October, 2010 (two years). Preliminary indications are that the shaft house has stopped settling. Data will probably be taken in 2013 (five years) and every five years thereafter in order to monitor this.

Next spring, cement foam will be injected into the crevices of the broken "apron" around the cap of the mineshaft. This will minimize any future washing of overburden into the mineshaft. The Range Lions Club has volunteered to provide the labor to help with this.

The next stage in our long range plans is to restore the windows to their original condition. We will consult with Mattila Construction on the cost and hope to have this project started next spring. Eventually, we will remove the "junk" from the interior of the shaft house, re-level the floor in the shaft house with gravel or sand, and restore the interior of the shaft house to its original condition. Ultimately, we hope to have the shaft house serve as a museum dedicated to all the miners that worked and often died in the Copper Range mines.

Thanks to your many contributions, we should have the funds to start the windows project. But, we still have to pay \$2,600 per year for insurance and will need funds to complete the windows project and to accomplish our long range plans for preserving and restoring the Champion #4 Shaft House. I thank you in advance for your contributions whether they are small or large.

Become A Member

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

\$10.00

Yearly Membership

\$100.00

Lifetime Membership

\$ _____

Other Donation

Send to:

Painesdale Mine & Shaft Inc.
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Painesdale, MI 49955

Please make checks payable to: Painesdale Mine & Shaft, Inc.





"My father, Arvid C. Paulson, worked for Copper Range in Painesdale for about 6 months [in] early 1916 (before serving in [the] U.S. Army) and again from June, 1919 until August, 1924. He served as Asst. Manager of the machine shop (under Mr. Richards).... Can you give me any information on the house our family occupied? I was born in the house on May 18, 1922."

Elaine Wildman, Dallas, TX

"My wife, Sada (Sarah Sargeant Paine O'Brien) and I are members of the Copper Range Historical Society and the Sarah Sargeant Paine Historical Research Center. Enclosed is our lifetime membership as we support all efforts related to preservation in Painesdale. As background, my wife Sada is the great granddaughter of William A. Paine for whom Painesdale was named and the Historical Research Center is in honor of her great grandmother for whom she was named."

William Howard O'Brien, Paradise Valley, AZ

"The Painesdale Mine made it possible for my family to come to Painesdale from Germany in 1925 & 1926. It employed my 2 grandfathers, Michael Mathews and Bergman Nordstrom, as well as my father Carl Nordstrom. My mother, Ilse Matthews Nordstrom, worked at the boarding house near E-Location, down from Dr. Hilmer's Office/Infirmary. Mrs. Hannah Priniski managed it at the time. Would anyone have pictures and know the name of this boarding house? My grandparents also took in German boarders working in the mine."

Marlene D. Nordstrom, South Range

"My mother graduated from PHS in 1916. Her name was Lillian Kemp. I graduated in 1941. My uncle Charles Alaniva worked in Redridge & Freda in Copper Range copper mills for 50 years & 6 months."

Lt Col (Ret) Howard & Irma Alan, Livonia, MI

Remember When?

Remember when you could see right through the top of the shaft house? Thanks to your donations and hard work, the shaft house is much more stable and well preserved today.

The differences in these photos serve as a reminder of how far our organization has come since it was formed and as inspiration for what we will be able to do in the future.

To see what we have been doing recently, and what we are hoping to accomplish next, please read the Save Our Shaft House article on page 5.



New Hoodies

The newest product we have available is our hoodies. They come in navy and feature the shaft house logo and "Painesdale Mine & Shaft" written in white. They are available in zip up, or pullover styles and are perfect for the cold weather.

The zip up is available for a \$30 donation, and the pullover is available for a \$25 donation. If you would like to order one, please send a check payable to Painesdale Mine & Shaft, Inc. PO Box 332 Painesdale, MI 49955. Remember to include your preference of zip up or pullover and size.



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Lifetime Members

This is the list of our current lifetime members. If your name is not on the list, and you are a lifetime member, please let us know. If you are not a lifetime member, and you would like to become one, please fill out the membership form on the next page and send it to us.

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Lt. Col. Howard I. & Irma Alan*
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William Andreini*
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Andrews*
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Francis Goodell Hoffman
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Max Ingersoll
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Johnson*
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Shirley Rinkinen Julita
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Sharon Karppinen
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