U.P. Sports History Presentation Comes to Sault Ste. Marie
By Susan James and Dan Truckey
You are invited to a special CCHS-sponsored presentation by Dan Truckey, Director of the Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center in Marquette. It will take place on Wednesday, January 9, at 7 p.m., at Bayliss Public Library. The title of his talk will be “High School Sports Legends of the Upper Peninsula.” It is presented in conjunction with the Beaumier Center’s new exhibition, “U.P. Power!: High School Sports in Upper Michigan.”

The Beaumier Center is a historical and educational facility located at the Cohodas building at Northern Michigan University. The mission of the Center is to promote and preserve the history and culture of the U.P. through an active slate of exhibitions and engaging public programs for the whole region. The center also collects and preserves artifacts related to the history of NMU. The Beaumier Center maintains a gallery in 105 Cohodas Hall and several other displays throughout campus.

“U.P. Power!” features stories about the greatest teams, players, and coaches in U.P. high school sports history, including photographs, trophies, uniforms, and other memorabilia. There is also an interactive computer station with statistics for each team sport for boys and girls. The artifacts for the exhibit are on loan from high schools, historical societies, and individuals from throughout the U.P., and will represent the greatest stories in U.P. sports history.

To create the exhibit, the Beaumier Center put together a committee of sports writers, historians, and former athletes from throughout the U.P. Committee members from the Eastern U.P. included Rob Roos and Jim Dwyer of the Sault and Larry Rubick of Newberry. The group began meeting in January 2012 to discuss the exhibit. There were several former coaches, athletes, and school administrators from the EUP, who provided historical information and exhibit materials. The exhibit features several great teams and sports dynasties in high school sports. One featured program is Pickford track, both male and female teams, which dominated Class D in the U.P. for several decades.

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Throughout each section are featured teams, players, and coaches who contributed to these teams or achieved something great either during their career or on one particular day. An example would be John Payment, the Brimley High School high jumper who broke the all-state, all class high jump record in May 1989 with his jump of 7’1” at the U.P. finals in Marquette. This meet is a legend in U.P. sports history and Payment’s record still stands for all schools in Michigan.

The title for the exhibit comes from a popular chant of U.P. high school teams and their fans when they go downtown for state tournaments. No one is sure when it originated, but it became a rallying cry for U.P. teams after the 1975 State Football championships when both Ishpeming and Crystal Falls-Forest Park won titles on the same day. It is considered a watershed moment for U.P. football because for over 50 years our teams never got to play the best teams from the Lower Peninsula. Ishpeming ended Hudson’s record-setting winning streak in the Class C final and CFFP trounced Flint Holy Rosary 50-0. The Marquette exhibit will be on view through March 30. For more information about the exhibit, see www.nmu.edu/beaumier or call 906-227-3212.

Dan Truckey curated the traveling exhibit “Stories from the Woods” that CCHS hosted in 2011, about which he spoke at the library that September. Dan also spoke at the May EUPHC meeting held at CCHS this year. We are pleased to be able to host him again.

The January 9 talk is free to the public. There will be a short business meeting prior to the program. Refreshments will be provided. Bayliss Library is located at 541 Library Drive in Sault Ste. Marie. Please enter by the front door.

Internships
We are happy to announce we will soon have two interns working with us. They are Heather Mead and Molly Hanson. Heather is a senior at SSU majoring in History with a minor in Geography. She is from Springport. Molly just graduated from Aquinas College majoring in History with a minor in Literature. She is from Grand Rapids. They will be helping at CCHS and Bayliss Library on a number of projects starting in January.

Date Plaques Available
Show your pride in your home and its place in the history of the Sault, the EUP, or wherever you live! Order a date built plaque from CCHS, affix it to your home, and let residents and visitors marvel at our rich heritage. The plaque is oval, made of cast aluminum, and has a black background with gold-colored letters and numbers. The basic plaque is 12½” x 7½” and costs $75. A larger plaque of 14¾” x 10¾” is available for $100 that includes a third line of text of up to 14 characters. For $25 extra, a historical society member will help you research the date of your home. To receive a brochure, place an order, or for more information, please email cchs@sault.com or call 635-7082. Brochures are also available at Bayliss Library and at CCHS. Thank you to Caroline Grabowski for the idea and to Paul Sabourin for the brochure design and funding assistance.

Jill Lowe Brumwell
Author Jill Lowe Brumwell spoke at CCHS’s October General Meeting at Bayliss Library about her fourth book on Drummond Island—Drummond Island’s Part in the War of 1812. She told stories about Drummond Island’s significant role in the final episode of the struggle of the Old Northwest Territory. About 40 people were in attendance. Her new book and her previous ones are available for purchase at CCHS. You may view her talk on YouTube from the Program Videos link at www.baylisslibrary.org.

Historic Water Street Homes
By Mary M. June
The historic homes have undergone a slight name change in keeping with the new signage along Water Street and its new look. They are now known as the Historic Water Street Homes and the Kemp Industrial Museum.
Efforts have continued in determining the structural issues that the Johnston House has been plagued with for the last couple of years. Some of the siding was removed and the underside of the home was inspected. It is hoped that the problems have been identified so that they can be corrected in the spring. Estimates were obtained to complete the work on the Baraga House so that a proposal can be submitted to the City’s budgeting process and the Historical Development Commission for funding. Estimates for other projects needing attention and funding, such as the Kemp Museum roof and a structural study of the Schoolcraft House, are also being submitted to the City.

CCHS Building Update
This winter we plan on continuing the progress made in 2012 with the further accessioning and organizing of CCHS’s collections. We hope to put our Past Perfect software into more use this winter with collections accessioning and book cataloging. Thank you to Carolyn Person for organizing all of the projects and personnel. See the Cloverland article for information on our digitizing project.
Gift Shop
By Mary M. June
CCHS has a selection of books, artwork, and other items for sale in its Gift Shop. We recently received copies of the DVD “The Twenty,” for $10 (see article below). Other recent additions include: reprints of an 1837 Map of Michigan drawn by Henry Rowe Schoolcraft; Jill Lowe Brumwell’s book, Drummond Island’s Part in the War of 1812 (2012); Neil Moran’s book, North Country Gardening with Wildflowers: A Guide to Growing and Enjoying Native Plants in the Upper Great Lakes Region (2011); the limited edition print “Steam Tug Towing String of Schooners” by Bill Gerrish (commissioned by CCHS in 2012); prints and cards by David Bigelow; prints by Jeanne Tubman and Gene Usimaki; and much more.

The Gift Shop will be closed from January through March, but we can still help you with purchases by appointment, mail, or email. Call us at 906-635-7082 or email cchs@sault.com. We accept credit card payments.

“The Twenty” Movie
Chopper Bernet (writer, filmmaker, producer, director, and lead actor) has generously donated DVDs of his movie “The Twenty” for CCHS to sell in the Gift Shop. The crime mystery was filmed in Sault Ste. Marie and the area in 2006-07 and features glimpses of many Sault sites, including the Antler’s Bar, R&R Marine, the Cloverland Powerhouse, and Penny’s Kitchen. Many local people were used as extras. The movie was shown at Bayliss Library twice last summer and Chopper Bernet, who summers on Neebish Island, spoke at the second showing. For more information on the movie, see www.thetwentymovie.com.

Fall Volunteers
Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped in the shop this fall, including Mike Bennett, Karen Sabatine, Gil and Ginny Cymbalist, Patty Olsen, Elizabeth Weir, Mary M. June, and Susan James. If you would like to help us in 2013, please let us know. The shop will be closed from January through March. Some of our books and photographs are also available at Island Books and Crafts just down the street, in the old Sault Savings Bank building. Some of our books are also carried by Book World and Up North Books.

Reception Cancellation
As you probably already heard, our November 4 reception to honor Bill Gerrish was cancelled. His plans to leave the area have been postponed until his historic sandstone house on Armory Place has sold. If you would like to learn about his house, contact him at 906-322-0120 or email william@gerrish.com. Bill has fortunately agreed to continue as our newsletter designer.

Membership Renewal Time
Please check your address label. If you are not a Lifetime or Honorary member, it is time to renew! Our membership year ends on December 31. Please continue your support of CCHS and, if possible, add something extra. Thank you!

Would you like to be a newsletter sponsor? It costs $50 for bulk mail postage and about $200 to $300 to print our quarterly newsletters. We also appreciate volunteers who can help us on short notice with preparing the newsletter for mailing. Please consider helping us in any way you can.

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