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MOST WANTED BOOK LIST by Jesse Shirtz

The ten most asked for books at the Carnegie Public Library recently.

1. Extreme Prey John Sandford
2. The Survivor Kyle Mills
3. Off the Grid:
a Joe Pickett Novel C. J. Box
4. Magic Danielle Steel
5. Long upon the Land Margaret Maron
6. Defender Diana Palmer
7. Bullseye James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge
8. Blue Danielle Steel
9. Alert Jame Patterson & Michael Ledwidge
10. The Wolf Road Beth Lewis

LIBRARY STATISTICS (August-October 2016)

Visitors to the library: 9,197
(a low estimate due to construction)
Items checked out: 13,275
Library card holders: 4,090 (171 new!)

Dundon Reading Room Displays:

October/November/December: **Ellen Johnson**--
Teapot Collection; **Stuart Skauge**--Mining
Miniatures; **Janet Penhale**--Nativity Scenes

F.O.L. thanks our tea/fashion show helpers:

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creating and funding the special table favors.

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us their precious teacup collections.

Hanna's Tea Times for providing and serving the
wonderful beverages.

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Jeanette Lindberg for the artwork on the cover of
our 2016 recipe book as well as the previous 29
editions and the 100th anniversary booklet.

FROM THE FRONT DESK by Jesse Shirtz

Do you ever find yourself losing interest in the books you're reading? Are you looking for a way to switch it up? Try reading with your ears!

Listening to audiobooks (recordings of books read by voice actors) is a great way to enjoy books when you're doing something else, like driving, cleaning, or cooking. Grocery shopping has never been as bearable as it is when I remember to bring my headphones along! Audiobooks are also a wonderful way to read *together*. Families can listen to the same book on car trips or even before bed. Listening always brings me back to the countless nights my mother read to me growing up. Most audiobook narrators are voice actors who bring the story to life by using different voices for characters and bringing out the nuances and inflections that are sometimes lost when merely printed on a page.

There are several different awards given by various entities for audiobook narration every year. I, myself, am always on the lookout for the next book read by Jorjeana Marie, Emily Janice Card, or Rupert Degas. Not every narrator is for every listener, though. If you try one and aren't a fan, give another one a shot before swearing off audiobooks altogether.

The Carnegie Library has a modest collection of audiobooks for all ages as well as downloadable eAudiobooks through Overdrive (<http://digitalmedia.gldl.info>). We are very lucky to be able to share physical audiobook collections with other libraries via Inter-Library Loan. Those who are unable to see or read print books due to a physical disability are eligible to receive free reading materials (audiobooks) from the Great Lakes Talking Book Library (<http://www.greatlakestalkingbooks.org>).

As always, feel free to contact the library for individual recommendations. Until then, here are a few of my favorites:

Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys, read by Jorjeana Marie, Will Damron, Cassandra Morris, and Michael Crouch

Revolution by Jennifer Donnelly, read by Emily Janice Card and Emmy Bering

Skulduggery Pleasant by Derek Landy, read by Rupert Degas

The Key to Extraordinary by Natalie Lloyd, read by Kate Simses

Someday, Someday, Maybe by Lauren Graham, read by the author

FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

by Heather Lander

Winter will soon be upon us, and there is no better place to spend a cold winter's day than at the library. Programming in the Children's Room will be limited over the winter months, as I am expecting my second child this month. We will continue to offer a storytime on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. throughout my maternity leave, with the help of a gracious volunteer. In addition to storytime, we will also continue hosting our Family Book Club. December's book club pick is *Peter Pan* by J. M. Barrie. Read the book together as a family, and join us at the library to discuss it. Copies of the book club pick are available at the library.

Please be sure to check the calendar, or follow our event page on Facebook, for any family friendly events at the library throughout the winter months. The Children's Room is always open, the same hours as the rest of the library, so please continue to visit and check out books, meet up with friends, or play with toys! All regular programming will resume in March when I return from maternity leave. Wishing Happy Holidays to all from the Children's Room!

FROM THE PRESIDENT by Carol Anderson

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM THE F.O.L. As we enter the season of giving and thanks, the Friends of the Library look back on 2016 with gratitude for all those who have helped our organization this year. Our generous donors enable us to fund many children's programs and give us the ability to purchase updated equipment and to

tackle necessary repairs. Our faithful library patrons respond whenever asked with used books to help supply the sales, and they support us with their presence at our lyceums and other events. To all, a big thank you, who have given of their time and talent in any way. Without these individuals, organizations, and businesses, our work would be much more difficult.

Although 2016 may be winding down, the library is abuzz with activity. Be sure to stop in to see this year's entrants in our Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. They are a beautiful sight to behold, as the effort and attention to detail are evident on each and every tree. The Basket Weaving Buddies were victorious last year. Let's see if they can defend this time around, or will we have a new champion? Whatever the outcome, we sincerely thank our participants. The trees are on display now through the first week of the new year.

Carnegie Library also is a great place to do some shopping for that special someone who has everything. Unique items are available, such as our 2017 calendars and new recipe books, library totes, and ornaments featuring Suicide Hill and Cliffs Shaft, both landmarks celebrating milestones this year. New this season is our Count-Down-To-Christmas Project. When you buy a junior tote bag for seven dollars, you can fill it with some children's books of your choice for just one dollar more. We have an excellent selection of gently used books. In fact, used books for any age and reading interest are available for purchase. All these things and more may be found in our *Friends Corner*, located just to the right of the librarians' desk on the main floor.

The holidays give us the opportunity to decorate, to shop, and to look back on the year as it ends, but it's a time to look forward as well. The FOL is already planning for a productive 2017. A special spring book sale and a Salute to Moms lyceum are currently in the works, as Carnegie will continue to be a source of affordable educational programs and pursuits, as well as a forum for active discussion and expression of many interests. If you have been a guest at our library this year, we thank you for supporting us. If it has been a while since your last visit, please join us in our mission to promote adult and children reading and to advocate

for literacy by attending a library event. Old friends and new faces are always welcome, as we work together to achieve our goals. See you in 2017!

Life is an echo—what you send out comes back.

Author Zig Ziglar

WINTER 2017 ADULT PROGRAMMING

by Kelsey Boldt, Assistant Librarian

The holiday season is upon us, and we have an excellent programming lineup this December and throughout the winter.

Adult book club will continue to have meetings the second Tuesday and Wednesday of every month. Our December read is the spellbinding *Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern. We will meet December 13th and 14th at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. respectively. Newcomers are always welcome!

Also on December 14th, at 4:00 p.m., we will host a Gift Wrapping Party. Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library will provide some wrapping paper, tape, and miscellaneous decorative accessories for those in attendance. We will also provide hot chocolate, refreshments, and some festive tunes to make the work go more quickly! Just bring any gifts you still need to wrap and extra supplies just in case!

If you can't get enough Christmas music, then you will want to attend a special Christmas concert featuring local author/musician Marty Achatz and local musicians Linda Smith and Seamus Collins. This trio is as talented as they come! They will be playing songs from their Christmas album, *Just like the Ones I Used to Know*...released at this time last year. Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 15th, at 5:30 p.m. All ages are welcome and refreshments will be provided.

The musically inclined may also want to join in on our monthly Jam Session on Saturday, December 17th, at 2:00 p.m. As always, musicians of all skill levels and revelers are welcome!

Finally, we will feature a Christmas Movie Night Wednesday, December 21st, at 4:30 p.m. We will provide popcorn, but feel free to bring additional refreshments! Check Facebook or give us a call for more details.

After the New Year we will continue

offering some fantastic programming. The adult book club will continue throughout the winter, so stay tuned for our next pick. Adult Coloring Club will also continue on the last Wednesday and Thursday of each month. And that's just the tip of the iceberg, so don't forget to check back for dates and times for new and existing programming.

From all of us here at the library, we hope you have a wonderful holiday season with lots of merriment and joy! Don't forget to make time for a little reading!

FROM BELOW THE BRIDGE by Cindy Mack

As the years pass by and technology rapidly changes the way we access information, I often run into people who question the value of libraries in this technology-rich era. In the age of instant access to information, some are curious as to whether libraries will become obsolete. At first I am taken aback by these comments, and then I realize that there is continually a need for libraries to advocate and educate on the value they offer their communities. As former First Lady Laura Bush said, "Libraries offer, for free, the wisdom of the ages—and sages—and, simply put, there's something for everyone inside."

These words resonate strongly in today's libraries. Public libraries offer something for everyone. No matter the service or program, no matter the age of the patron, the purpose of the library, its staff, and its resources is the same—to create experiences that will enrich, enhance, and foster the lives of those we serve. So the next time you are curious as to what a public library may have to offer for you or someone you know, be sure to stop by or visit us online. Libraries offer a truly amazing number of resources that you might not be aware of, even in a world of instant access.

A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH

I am full of wisdom, humor, tears, passion and love. I am that which is held tightly to the breast, lightly on the lap, peered at, sighed over and remembered. I bring you foolish fancies; I bring friendship to the lonely. I take you with me to the far reaches of the Earth from India to China, to

Mars, to Venus, and probe into the habits of chimpanzees.

I reach into your mind; I show you things that are unbelievable and make you believe them. You must treasure me, protect me; I give you a knowledge of life you never dreamed of. Don't desecrate me; I fill the empty places of your life. I give myself to you gladly; seek me out and find me –I am a BOOK.

This paean to books was sent to "Dear Abby" in 1989 by Tobi Gruber, who explained, "Because you are always encouraging your readers to read, I am sending you this piece I wrote about the joys of reading. It may arouse the curiosity of those people who do not read, awaken the possibility of a form of escapism and result in happiness."

BOOK REVIEW by LaVerne Koski

The Nature of the Beast by Louise Penny, Minotaur Books, 2015

Louise Penny has come out with her eleventh detective mystery in the Inspector Armand Gamache series, and it reaches her award-winning level as always.

Set in the little village of Three Pines, in the Eastern Township of Quebec and some 17 miles across the border from Vermont, the community would seem to be a model of peace and comfort and well-being. But is it? Yes, there is a fabulous bistro where residents, and the occasional passer-through, can relish amazing culinary concoctions. A retired psychologist operates a new and used bookstore, a necessity in any respectable community. Artists as well as an eccentric old poet flavor the character of the village, and everyone seems to have a past history that led them to dwell in this quiet little corner, set in a deep valley, where cell phones cannot pick up a signal, and so far off the beaten path that it doesn't even show up on a map! Most new arrivals in Three Pines have just stumbled on the place!

Armand Gamache has recently retired from heading the Quebec province homicide division and now lives in Three Pines with his wife and faithful dog, but as our story develops, it is apparent that he

cannot avoid getting involved in solving the mystery that envelops and endangers the village and beyond Canadian borders.

If you haven't read any of Louise Penny's Inspector Gamache series, I suggest you start with the first novel, *Still Life*, as the basic characters of that book continue and develop throughout the ensuing series. And yet, this story, as all the others, can stand very well on its own.

The occasional side trip to nearby Montreal, the stimulating friction between the Anglo and French residents, and some very interesting historical facts add substance and color to Penny's tales, and the entire area is written in a very appealing armchair travelogue manner. She has won many awards for her books and depicts the realm of human nature with great skill.

Wouldn't you like to take a trip to Three Pines?

FROM ONE OF OUR FRIENDS

We continue with Tom Sharland's listing of businesses that have closed up shop or left Ishpeming since the late 1940s. In the fall newsletter we listed from A-H.

Inland Steel Co.
Iron Range Cable, 120 N. First St.
Ishpeming Feed & Fuel, 404 N. First St.
Ishpeming Greenhouses, 625 N. Third St.
Ishpeming Hospital, Fourth St.
Ishpeming Lumber, Johnson St.
Ishpeming Memorial Works (Paveglia), 206 N. Second
Ishpeming Plumbing & Heating, 111 N. First St.
Ishpeming Radiator & Auto Repair, 113 E. Pearl St.
Ishpeming Steam Bath, First St.
Ishpeming Theater, Cleveland Ave.
J & L Cleaners, First St.
Jim's Shell, US-41 @ Hickory
Jim's Tire Shop, 206 E. Division St.
Johnny's Bar, Main & First
Johnny's Restaurant, First St.
Johnson Chevrolet, 301 N. Main St.
E. A. Johnson Grocery, First @ Bank
E. W. Johnson Grocery, First @ Bank
Johnson's Drugs, S. Main St.
Gust Johnson's Pool Hall, Second & Cleveland
Maurice Johnson Sport Shop, Cleveland Ave.
Johnson's Radio Service, 204 Cleveland Ave.

Roy Johnson's Restaurant, Division St.
Joseph's Supermarket, Cleveland @ Third
Joseph's Supermarket, W. Hematite @ Lakeshore
Kahn's Clothier, 200 S. Main
Kakkuri's Store & Motel, West Ishpeming
Kallatsa's Market, West Ishpeming
Kangas Shoe Repair, Cleveland Ave.
Kemp's Furniture, Cleveland Ave. @ First
Kemp's Store, Third @ Vine
Kentucky Fried Chicken, US-41 @ Second
Kielinen Contracting, Pearl St.
Dr. Arthur Kontio, DDS, Main St.
Kip's Cities Service, Bank & Main
Kirkish Boot Shop, S. Main St.
Kroon Equipment Company, Snell Plat
LaForest Bootery, First @ Pearl
Lake Shore Engineering, 104 E. Canda
Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad
(Yard Office—Ready St.)
Laver Oil Co., Pearl St.
LeBlanc Hardware, 116 S. Main St.
Leffler's/Byrne's Phillips 66, Division @ Fourth
Lemin's Grocery, 200 W. Division St.
Len's Imperial Bar, Pearl St.
Liberatae Maytag & Appliance, Pearl @ First
Liberty Loan, 114 S. Main St.
Linna Drug, Second St.
Lofberg Clothing, Division @ First
Lou's (Pinard) Service, N. Third St.
Dr. Main, DDS, Main St.
Ellis Maki, Tailor, Pearl St.
Pete Marietti Garage, W. Ishpeming
Mary's Beauty Salon, 606 E. High St.
Mason's Jewelry, Cleveland Ave.
Master Motors, Division @ Main
Mecca's Shell Station, Third @ Cleveland
Medlyn's Barber Shop, Cleveland Ave.
Medlyn's Grocery, Pearl St.
Meg's Restaurant, Canda St.
Metropolitan Insurance, Pearl St.
Michigan Dept. of State (License Bureau), US-41
Michigan Gas & Electric, Main St.
Michigan Liquor Store, Division St.
Midget Cash, 329 North St.
Mike's Texaco, Front @ Pine
Miners' Bank, Main @ Front
Miners National Agency, 106 Canda St.
Miracle Bowl, North Second St.
Miracle IGA Foodliner, Miracle Center
Montgomery Ward Catalog Store, 216 S. Main St.
Mudge's Furniture, Division St.
Napoli Restaurant, Main St.
Narotzky Motors, S. Main St.

National Tea Co. Grocery, Main St.
Nault's Bar, Main St.
Nault's Store, S. Pine St.
Negaunee Oil Co., 118 N. First St.
Negro & Nissen Appliance, Front St.
Nicholls Insurance Agency, 112 W. Division St.
Nick's Standard Service, US-41 & Third
Niemi Electric, Division St.
J. J. Newberry, Main St.
Northern Dairy, Ely St.
Northland Lines Bus, 118 N. First St.
Pete Nurmela Barber Shop, Division St.
OK Auto Supply, Main & Division
Oliver Mining Co. (office), S. Pine St.
Olson & Forsberg Plumbing & Heating, New York St.
Olson News, Bank & Main, later Cleveland Ave.
Ombrello's Store, 118 W. Division St.
Osty's Coffee Shop, First St.
Pamida, US-41
Paul's Bar, Cleveland Ave.
Paul's Jewelry, Main St.
Peninsula Insurance Agency, 100 S. Main St.
J. C. Penney Co., Main St.
Petry's Store, Division St.
Pickands Coal, Cleveland Ave.
Poirier's Standard Station, Division @ Lake
Portale's Store, Vine St.
Portale's Tourist Rooms, Third St.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

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John Paveglio

DREAMS by Barbara Nuorala

We all have dreams. The dreams you can remember best are those you had just before you awakened. Some dreams are so bad that you are happy to wake up, while others are so nice that you hate to be disturbed.

Maybe you are dreaming you won the lottery and have all the money you'll ever need. You are able to help your kids and family with their

needs. Also, you can give to charities or people you know are having hard times. You can travel all over and go on multiple cruises.

Other dreams are of dear ones who have died. They are so real that you are talking with the departed ones or reliving activities you shared with them. Those are the dreams you hate to give up when you awaken.

Then there are the frustrating dreams. Sometimes you dream of someone following you, and you are trying to run away. You try and try, but the legs are like stumps.

Another dream you might have is trying to yell or scream for help. The voice will not come; you are struggling to holler so hard. You finally get one out—but for real! It's a loud yell and scares the daylight out of your husband. You feel foolish, but it is a real dream.

I'm sure many people reading this can remember similar experiences with pleasant dreams or nightmares!

ODE TO MY MITTENS

by Nancy Adams-Cogan, IHS 1953

Brown,
woolly, not wool,
but double-walled warm,
knitted on machines
in the Philippines—

What can the knitters know
of our super-chilled Iowa air?

My mittens keep left and right
finger families together in one room,
sharing the warmth of each other
not gloved in separate chambers,
to suffer alone the aching sting
of painful penetrating cold.

Even the so responsible
opposable thumbs are free
to retreat from clutching wheels
or fumbling with keys and strings
into a warm welcoming palm
for needed respite.

Each mitten provides
enough snuggled housing

as shelter from the stormy blast
for the family of five on hand
that my mother named
as she sang to me
long ago:

“I have a small family here
A family full of good cheer
A father, a mother,
A sister, a brother,
A baby so cunning and dear,
A baby so cunning and dear.

A father so stout and so strong,
A mother who works all day long,
A tall sister merry,
A brother so cheery,
A baby, let's sing her a song,
A baby, let's sing him a song.”

I love my mittens, Mother, and so far
I have kept them without strings.

Nancy Adams-Cogan has published a number of her poems in chapbooks. This poem is from “With Rueful Grins, Intermittent Wailing, Bursts of Mirth: Poems” published in 2007.

WRITTEN IN THE PAST by Liz Powelson

Winter is here, December 1897. On December 16th, the 1st submarine with an internal combustion engine was demonstrated. Brooklyn, N.Y., spent its last day as a separate entity before becoming part of New York City on December 31st. In 1897 in Midland, Michigan, Herbert Dow, founder of Dow Chemical, first tapped the local brine wells for his pioneering electrolysis process. The Griswold Manufacturing Co. of Erie, Pa., made cast-iron skillets, pans and other kitchen items from 1897-1957. Author Charles Lutwidge Dodgson—better known as *Alice in Wonderland* creator Lewis Carroll—died on January 14th in Guildford, England. Sir Henry Bessemer (b. 1813), English inventor and mechanical engineer, died on March 14, 1898. Bessemer developed the first process for mass-producing steel inexpensively. Bessemer, Michigan, is named for this same Sir Henry Bessemer. Here are the tidbits of news in Ishpeming during this time from our own Iron Ore.

December 18, 1897

You can make the city a present now. Taxes are due.

Mrs. Lizzie McWhirler, captain of the branch of the Salvation Army of Marinette, was struck on the side of the head by a snowball Sunday afternoon and now lies in a critical condition as a result. Two young men, aged respectively sixteen and twenty, have been arrested and are now in jail awaiting the result of the injuries.

The Firemen's Library—The committee which is in charge of the selection of books for the firemen's library have not been idle since their appointment. They have arranged a list of books wanted and have invited bids on furnishing the same. Several large book concerns will make an effort to secure the businesses so that it is expected to receive a very favorable price on the lot. The list contains none but the best literature to be had, the committee making their selections on the theory that it is better to have fewer books and better, than to have a large number and they of a poor class of reading. Donations from citizens have been coming in continually. The latest donations are nine volumes of Cooper's works, from R. R. Mathews, eight volumes of an illustrated edition of Shakespeare, from Dr. T. A. Felch, and a copy of the Michigan Manual from Hon. William Peters. These donations are very thankfully received by the firemen. It is thought that something like 250 books will be on the shelves of the library by the time the \$100 donated by Dr. J. Vandeventer has been spent, and the number of books promised by citizens have been collected. The committee expects to have completed its labors and have the library open for the members of the department about the middle of January.

Santa Claus is always a welcome visitor to the little folks. His advent means plenty of toys and sweetmeats for them and they are consequently happy. For some time past the firm of L. W. Atkins & Co. has had a Santa Claus display in their window, and each year the street in front of the building is crowded with young and old to catch a glimpse of the grotesque old man as he made his appearance...The display is a very beautiful one, and is well worth walking some distance to see. As in years past Santa Claus will be at his old stand this year and will make his bow to the public this afternoon about four o'clock. The little ones are invited to visit with the old gentleman.

There was a lively time in town yesterday afternoon. Dr. J. Vandeventer's horse became frightened while standing in front of a residence on Iron street and started for the City. Coming down Third street another horse attached to a cutter joined in and when Cleveland avenue was reached a horse attached to a bakery sleigh thought he would like a sprint and joined the procession.

The horses were stopped shortly afterwards and before any damage was done.

December 25, 1897

The public schools held their annual Christmas exercises Thursday. The programs were made up of musical and literary numbers and proved quite entertaining. The attendance at each school was very flattering to teachers and scholars and proved that more interest is being developed each year in our schools. This is as it should be and we are pleased to note the fact.

Santa Claus made the rounds of the schools Thursday afternoon, much to the delight of the little ones.

January 1, 1898

The heavy snow of the past few days was just what lumbermen have been praying for. Previously there was not enough of the beautiful in the woods to facilitate work.

Monday night was ladies' night at the Ishpeming Snowshoe club house. A large number were present. Luncheon was served and dancing was indulged in. The evening was one of the most pleasant in the history of the club.

A Medical Institution—The Ishpeming hospital now presents a very neat appearance. For some weeks past the interior has been in the hands of the painter, and the change is a noticeable one. The offices, halls, wards and other rooms have been painted and varnished and the work has been done so thoroughly that it will not need attention again in that way for some years to come. The painting was done by Gunnar Warnberg, one of the nurses in the hospital, and reflects much credit on his ability. The solarium which was recently added to the institution is now finished and awaits the flowers which are to lend fragrance to the air and be a source of pleasure to convalescents. The construction of the solarium was a happy thought on the part of Messrs. Felch & Vandeventer and one that will be highly appreciated by those who will be compelled to spend time in the hospital through sickness or injury. The Ishpeming hospital is one of the best in the upper peninsula and the citizens are not slow in realizing this fact.

January 8, 1898

The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron company are filling in a portion of the northwest end of the Lake Angeline basin preparatory to laying a new spur track to the Lake Shaft mine. The use of the old spur had to be abandoned for the reason that the Lake Superior Iron company, through whose land it passed, needed the space taken up

by the track for stockpile purposes. A steam shovel is employed in the work and it is being pushed with all possible speed.

A Good Showing—During the year 1897 there were 10,832 books drawn from the public library for home reading. This makes an average of about 903 monthly. This record shows that the library is becoming more popular each succeeding month with the reading public, a fact we are pleased to note.

Fire destroyed the barn of Napoleon Ayotte, of the Junction location, early New Years morning. A few chickens that were in the barn were burned before they could be rescued. The total damage will amount to about \$50. Several members of No. 1 hose company escaped what might have been a serious accident by pure good luck while riding on the hose sleigh to the fire. When turning on Excelsior street the sleigh overturned, throwing John Sullivan, driver, and others who were riding, some distance. Sullivan hung to the reins and managed to keep the horses from running away, and no one received the slightest injury. It was indeed fortunate that such was the case. The sleigh was righted in a few moments and the fire was reached without much loss of time.

January 15, 1898

The city sand sleigh has been a welcome visitor about the city during the week. If it were not for the sand on the sidewalks walking would be attended with some danger.

Notwithstanding the beautiful weather we have been enjoying during the week the storm signal continues to fly from the city hall. As a harbinger of stormy weather the little flag with its black center seems to have lost its grip.

January 22, 1898

The cold wave flag has been taken down. A storm should be due about this time.

Customers at Jochim's hardware store will be given a cook book containing over two hundred valuable recipes, free of charge.

During the week several local bicycle enthusiasts have made the rounds of the city on their wheels. It is not a customary sight to see bicycles on the streets in the winter time, but the small amount of snow in Ishpeming this winter makes it not a difficult task.

January 29, 1898

The Bosch Brewing company's delivery team ran away Thursday morning, starting from the vicinity of the Northwestern freight depot. They ran up First street as far as Division, where in turning the corner they ran

into a telephone pole, one horse running on each side. The tongue of the sleigh struck the pole with sufficient force to shatter it, but the neck yoke held and stopped the team from going further. The damage does not amount to much, the horses not being injured.

February 5, 1898

The city sidewalk plow was a welcome visitor on the streets during Monday and Tuesday.

The Blizzard—Ishpeming was in the throes of a blizzard Monday and Tuesday, the worst one in some time and the only one experienced this winter. The wind blew a gale, and the snow that fell was piled up in huge drifts about the city, making it decidedly unpleasant for pedestrians. Trains on the railroads were delayed, and the street cars were at a standstill. The mercury, too, took a decided drop, reaching 14 degrees below zero Tuesday morning. It was an old-time storm, such as has not been experienced in years, so say the old residents.

February 12, 1898

Morrison, the fast ice skater, gave an exhibition at the Bancroft rink Monday evening. The gentleman did not make a very good impression, his exhibition being of a very simple kind. Arrangements were made for a mile race between Morrison and Thomas Dundon for Tuesday evening, but owing to the soft condition of the ice Morrison refused to skate. Dundon skated an exhibition half-mile in 1:35, which was not so slow when all things are considered.

February 26, 1898

Ice dealers are busy these days getting in their supply for summer.

The stores of the city were closed during Tuesday afternoon and evening in honor of Washington's birthday.

Street cars are again running through to Lake Angeline. A crew of men were kept busy Thursday and yesterday clearing the track from snow.

Superintendent Pearce, of the street railway, had out his rotary plow on Monday. It did excellent work, the line being opened from Negaunee to the railroad crossing on First street, Ishpeming, by 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The plow furnished considerable amusement for the small boys, a crowd of them following it as far as it went.

March 5, 1898

The members of the Ishpeming Snowshoe club played indoor baseball Monday evening at the club house. At the conclusion of the game lunch was served.

And that's the way it was written in the past....