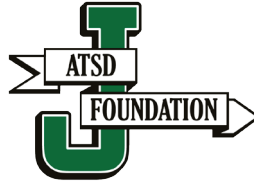


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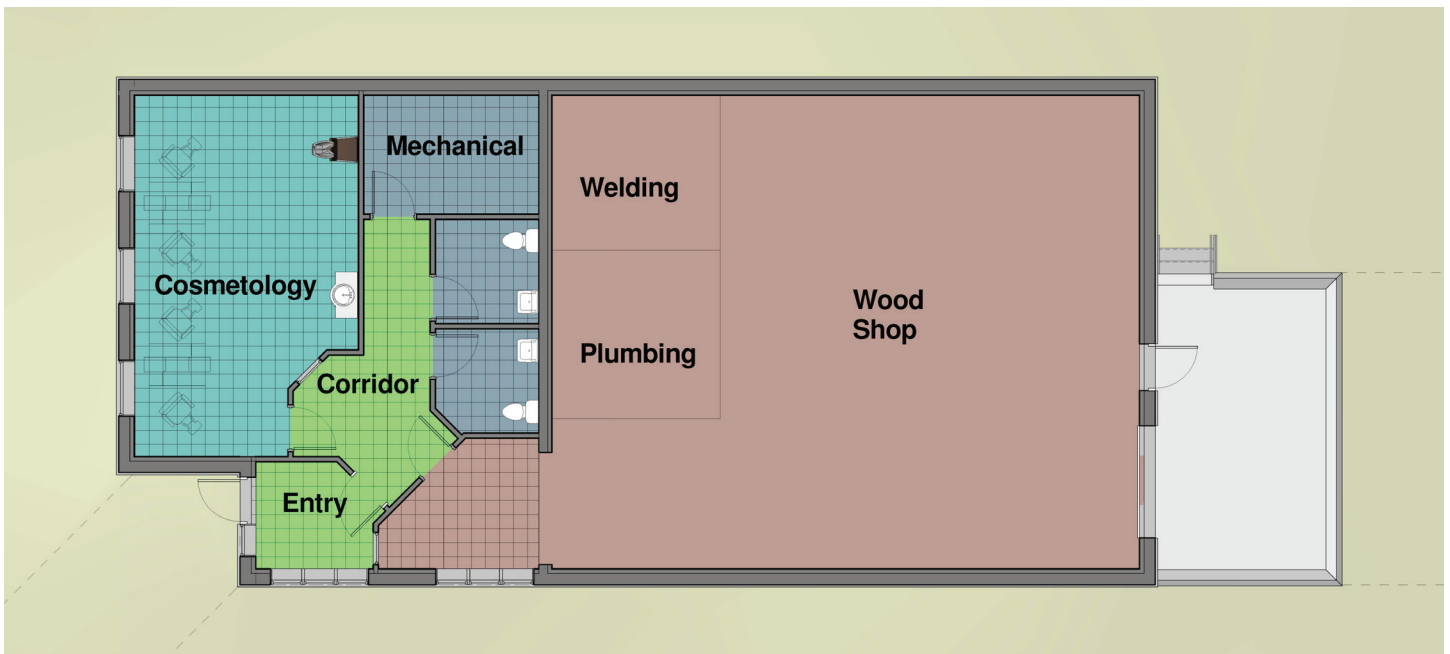
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DREAMS BECOME REALITY

It was July 2012 when Paul Karppinen sat down in the superintendent's office with Superintendent Tim Keteri, Paul's sister, Lorraine Konosky and Foundation President Frank Rugani to initiate the idea of a Trades Program with its own facility. This would enhance ideas set forth by Industrial Arts faculty member Gary Miller. Paul donated the seed money needed to investigate possibilities of initiating such a program.

Paul's classmates Tom Rozich and James Anttonen, Class of 1961, followed Paul's lead. In the next two years, nearly \$85,000 was donated to the establishment of a Trades Program. During the summer of 2014, our very generous benefactors John and Ruanne Opie became involved! We are confident the doors of the Adams Township School District Trade Center will be open for the 2015 - 2016 school year.

Students will have the opportunity to explore careers in framing, electrical, plumbing, masonry and welding. In addition, an area is set aside for those interested in cosmetology. We are grateful to everyone who has believed in this program and contributed financially to help make this "Dream Become a Reality".





SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

As the new school year begins, the residents, students and staff have reason to be optimistic concerning the future of the Adams Township School District. The Adams Township School District Foundation, over the past three years, has been working toward the goal of constructing a Trades Center within the District. The Foundation has already established a scholarship program for students entering college that has no equal in our area, and recognized they needed to provide an alternative, but equally important opportunity for those students choosing a different career pathway. That goal has become a reality, as the Upper Peninsula Engineers and Architects firm is currently drawing up the plans for the new center. The bidding process will occur sometime in February with construction beginning as soon as the snow melts. The center will hopefully open its doors to students beginning the 2015 – 16 academic year, allowing students the opportunity to study cosmetology, welding, plumbing and general construction skills. I am excited and humbled by the sincere dedication of the sitting members on the Foundation.

Both national and local media outlets have noted the lack of skilled craftsmen within the United States. The Adams Township School District, with financial help from the Foundation has begun to address this need. The goal of the Trades Center is to equip the students within our District with the necessary skills of each trade being presented. I have set up a curriculum committee that is composed of Foundation members, Adams Township administrators, instructors, trades experienced individuals and community members to help design a program that will help the instructor evaluate the students on the skills associated with each trade. Students will have the opportunity to hone these skills within the Trades Center and become a skilled and valuable potential employee within, not just our own area, but wherever they eventually begin their career.



On behalf of the Adams Township School District, I encourage you to financially support the Adams Township School District Foundation. All the money raised by the Foundation is given back to the District for programming that enhances the learning within the District. Your money can be designated to support specific projects that are currently being financed by the Foundation such as the Trades Center or the Lake Perrault project. You can help support the science, art or music departments in purchasing new equipment. You can be assured that the money given will be given back to this District. It is an exciting time for you to be a partner in the progress and success of the students attending the Adams Township Public Schools.

Tim Keteri - Superintendent

FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER DINNER AND AUCTION

The first Annual Adams Township School District Foundation Dinner and Auction was held at the Brownstone Hall in Atlantic Mine, MI on May 3, 2014. The event was a huge success with all 128 available tickets being sold out! The event was chaired by Marty Iskra and co-chaired by Lorraine Konosky. Executive Chef Mark Pattillo and his staff prepared a meal which brought raves from everyone. A live auction followed dinner. Items presented by auctioneer Jim Manderfield during the evening included:



Birdseye Maple and Copper Candle Stick Holders created by Master Craftsman Dave Stimac, Adirondack Chairs by Gary Miller, Jeffers High Industrial Arts faculty member, Spalted Maple Bench by Martin and Sandra Johnson and a Gourmet Dinner for eight prepared by Chef Mark Pattillo.

Net profit from the event raised nearly \$7,000 which has been earmarked for the Trades Program. Plans for a similar event to be held on May 2, 2015 are in progress. More information on the Second Annual Fundraiser Dinner and Auction will be forthcoming in the spring 2015 ATSD Foundation Newsletter.

Martin Iskra

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

It is with great thanks that I write this letter to express deep appreciation for your work to establish and grow a trades program at Jeffers High School. For the past fourteen years I have been teaching woodworking as the bulk of our industrial arts program. Over the years I've seen a shift from the demand for this type of industrial arts skills to those needed in the area of building trades. Due to this shift, we thought it would be good to modify the industrial arts program to include other skills that would allow students to be more employable. We started with building construction, but with no facility designed to teach this, we were limited to a few smaller projects that we could complete outdoors as the weather permitted.

Now, with your support, we as a district are able to see this vision very quickly become a reality. We are very excited to have a quality facility right at the high school to house the program. The ability to acquire the necessary tools and equipment to teach a variety of trades skills and to teach in an environment conducive to learning is extremely important to the success of the program. Masonry, framing, electrical, plumbing, and welding will be the areas that we will be teaching initially. Our students will now be able to have many hands-on experiences and opportunities to consider if a trades career is right for them and the confidence to pursue that path. Because of your generous support and concern for the education of our students, we can have a quality program that will make a positive and lasting difference in the lives of many in this community today and well into the future.

Gary Miller

TRADES BUILDING: A WELCOME ADDITION

The new Painesdale vocational education building is a welcome addition to our curriculum at Jeffers High School.

Each student at Jeffers, 7th -12th grade, completes an educational development plan, which focuses on career exploration and planning. Utilizing aptitude tests through *Career Cruising* and *ASVAB*, (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) students are able to identify their competencies and educational strengths in certain areas and career fields. Career and educational plans usually change as students gain more experience and knowledge, so students are encouraged to update their EDP's every two years.

Jeffers students' scores indicate one third of our students' strengths lie in vocational education. This on-site facility will enable the district to not only encourage but also strengthen these identified skills. It's a wonderful opportunity.

Trish Sherman, Guidance Councilor

JHS TRADES PROGRAM PROJECT

Students of the JHS Trades Program help in construction of dugouts at the Jeffers Jets Baseball Field located across the street from the VFW building in South Range, Michigan. They learn, under the watchful eyes of Instructor Gary Miller and masons Laurence Keteri and Dale Keteri, father and brother respectively, of Superintendent Tim Keteri. Students learn and the entire community benefits!

PARENTS SUPPORTING TRADES PROGRAM

In May of 2009, Joe Arens solved a problem facing the Woods classes at Jeffers High School. Over the previous years, Mr. Arens had made generous donations to the program for the purchase of various equipment needs. One area that remained a constant problem was the availability and cost of lumber used by the students to construct their own projects. Instead of donating more money to the program, Joe went out and purchased a Hudson 28" portable sawmill. Today, the students in the Woods and Trades program experience first hand the entire process of transforming a log into lumber and then into a project designed by the students. Mr. Arens donated more than just a sawmill to the District, but rather a "hands on" layered curriculum for the students participating in the Woods program.



Since the donation in 2009, the Woods and Trades classes have completed numerous projects that allowed them to use the Hudson 28 to help groups within our community. Boardwalks at the Bob Brown Sanctuary, bridges for the nature trail around Lake Perrault, individual shop projects and a sauna for the Toivola Fire Department raffle are just a few of the projects that used the portable sawmill.

Mr. Arens' donation is a gift that keeps on giving. This one time donation has its seeds not only in the formation of the Trades Center that will begin in the spring of 2015, but an entire curriculum being taught in the Adams Township School District. We are thankful for the timely and innovative donation from the Arens Family.

Tim Keteri





SAUNA FUNDRAISING PROJECT

During this coming school year, Trades Program students will construct a sauna to be raffled off, with all proceeds going directly to the Trades Program for the purchase of needed equipment. The project will again be supervised by Industrial Arts teacher Gary Miller, who did a similar project with students in 2012.

Foundation Board members John Baima and Bob Marcheschi will chair the project. Ticket sales will begin at the second annual Foundation Dinner and Auction, to be held on May 2, 2015, and will continue through the summer. The winner of the sauna will be announced at the dedication of the Trades Building early in September of 2015. More information will be made available in our Spring Newsletter.

John Baima

FOUNDATION BOOK PROJECT

Students and teachers at Jeffers High School and South Range Elementary will be sharing their talents and showcasing some of the great things about the Adams Township School District. During this school year, they will create and share stories, poems, essays, art work, music, personal experiences, and more that will be compiled into a book. The book will be published by the ATSD Foundation. They then plan to sell copies to help raise money that they will put back into programs that benefit the students and staff-inspired programs. Some of the topics will showcase students involvement in Family Reading Month, Hei, Suomi, History Day, Local History Smackdown, HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America), Building Trades, Auto Tech, Band and Music, Art projects, field trips, and more. Students participate in the Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative (LSSI) project, utilizing Lake Perrault and the



Robert T. Brown Nature Sanctuary. Students are "mathletes" by competing in Math Counts and TiVitz competitions. They are also bio-athletes by taking part in the Bioathlon and Great Lakes Bowl. Don't forget High School Bowl and Onkola Bowl. Onkola Bowl? What's that? It's an intramural competition between Jeffers 7-12 grade students and Chassell 7-12 grade students. They compete in athletic and academic competitions, including school spirit and sportsmanship, and hope to take home the traveling trophy, The Onkola Bowl.

Pride in being a Jeffers Jet and a member of the Adams Family is alive and well. Our students will proudly show this by the work they produce for the book. We look forward to its completion, hopefully by June of 2015.

Cheryl Ruohonen

LETTER OF THANKS FOR ADAMS TOWNSHIP FOUNDATION SUPPORT

At the beginning of the year I set a goal: qualifying and attending the HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) National Leadership Conference. The event I competed in was called Healthy Lifestyles. In this event there are two parts. The first part of it is a 50 question test which covers topics from healthy eating to stress management. The top finishers go on to the interview portion. In this part, your preparation before that day is what is mostly being judged. First, you are given four minutes to explain your Healthy Lifestyle "goal." This is something you choose at the beginning of the project and continue to work toward. In your four minutes, you describe what your goal was and what you did to reach your goal. My goal was to reach an optimal weight for myself and to become a stronger person inside and out. After you explain your goal, the judges then ask you questions.



My first competition was Regionals in Marquette, MI. I was the only competitor in my event, although I didn't know it at the time. I went on to the state competition at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City. There were a number of Copper Country kids who also went to States. In Traverse City there were more people to compete against, although my event was still one of the smaller ones. I loved that I could get to know some of the other competitors and learn about their experiences in reaching their goals. At states, I won second place and got to go to Orlando, FL for the HOSA National Leadership Conference! I was so excited! At nationals, I spent a lot of time with other kids from the U.P. We got to room together and had a great time. After the written test in my event, I went on to the interview round along with about 30-40 others. Although I didn't place at Nationals, I had a wonderful time and my experiences in HOSA and this event have helped me to look at myself and others differently and realize that we each have our own things that hold us back and push us forward in our lives.

My trip to Florida was an experience I will never forget. I made many new friends and was able to do so many things I wouldn't

have had the opportunity to do. First, I had never flown before, so as it was my first time, it was a huge learning experience. I loved the view from the plane! While in Orlando, we had a few days free that we could enjoy the city. At our resort, the pool was definitely a hit! We had many 90+ days when the water felt so good. Walking through Downtown Disney was also a must. There were so many people! Also, I got to go to two of the four major theme parks including Magic Kingdom and Animal Kingdom with HOSA students from Marquette..

I had a wonderful time and really appreciate all the help and support that was given to me. I would not have been able to fulfill my dream without your support.

Amanda Mattila

SOUTH RANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Traditionally South Range Elementary has not participated in the Science Fair sponsored annually by the Copper Country Intermediate School District. Mr. Segula, our current science teacher for grades 4-6, is enthusiastically introducing science projects to the students, with the end opportunity of participating in the area-wide science fair, if students so choose.

Creating a science project, from start to finish, is a great way for students to participate in inquiry-based learning. Students choose a topic (a question they would like answered); they complete research to learn more about the topic; form a hypothesis; design an experimental procedure; draw conclusions; and ultimately, communicate the results.

In order for the scientific procedure to be done in a highly effective manner we are looking for support to carry this process to a higher level. Sometimes the challenges students (and real scientists) face, are not with ideas and procedures, but having the necessary tools to gather and record quality data. Some of these tools are not available for them and acquiring additional items for the school would surely enhance this process. Some of the "larger" items include a color printer, triple beam balances, and digital cameras. While the rationale for new tools has been shared through a scientific process, all subject areas could be enhanced, in some way, using the same tools.

The students and staff at South Range continue to be grateful and appreciative of all efforts the ATSD Foundation has done in support of our District.

The elementary school is thriving. Enrollment trends continue to be on the rise. Tests scores are growing. Student scores are above the state averages. Our classrooms are alive with learning.

Kim Harris, Principal



JEFFERS HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

We begin the 2014/15 year with new staff members. Ms. Morgan Raether is teaching English and German. She is originally from Eau Claire, Wisconsin and received her certification and degree from NMU. Mr. Jonathon Kilpela, a Ruth L. Jose scholarship recipient, is teaching Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy, Science 8 & 9. He is Jeffers graduate from Atlantic Mine and received his certification and degree from MTU. Mr. Chuck Palosaari is teaching U.S. History, History 7, Technology 7 & 8 and Publishing. Chuck is originally from Hancock and received his certification and degree from WMU. We are both excited and fortunate to add this enthusiastic and dedicated group of teachers to our staff.



As a member of the Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative, JHS is collaborating with the Michigan Nature Association to develop and maintain trails and a boardwalk system at the Bob Brown Nature Sanctuary. We have established a partnership with the Michigan DNR to develop the area around Lake Perrault as an outdoor education site. The properties are adjacent to each other, but offer a variety of ecosystems to study. The science department is currently involved with cataloging the flora and fauna of the lake and adjacent property. Unfortunately, the sampling and data collection equipment we have is showing signs of age. Our science department is exploring ways to upgrade the data collection hardware that was purchased ten years ago through a generous donation by Mr. John Opie. For more information on the Lake Perrault Project, please contact Ms. McCormick or myself. As always, God Bless and keep in touch.

Michael Benda, Principal



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

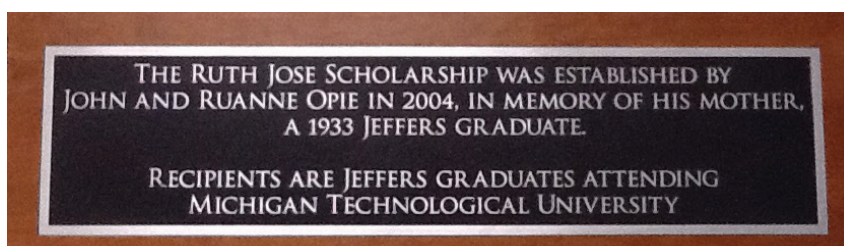
The year 2014 has been very exciting! As we sent out the April Newsletter, we were pleased with some accomplishments, but realized there was still much which needed to be done. Having raised a total of nearly \$120,000 in the previous two years was certainly more than we expected. Through financial support received during the last six months, which far exceeded all expectations, the Trades Building will soon become a reality. Our next goal will be the establishment of an endowment fund which will allow the Trades Program to continue into perpetuity. We also appreciate earmarked donations that enable us to continue to help support music, art, history, HOSA and especially scholarship programs! The South Range elementary School and Jeffers High School continue to be leaders in many areas of education.

Remember, the Adams Township School District Foundation is a 501 © 3 non-profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible under the limits of the law. It is also possible to remember our Foundation when doing your Estate Planning.

Again, I want to thank the ATSD School Board Members, Administrators, Faculty, Students and Employees of the Adams Township School District for all they do to make our efforts a success. In addition, I want to thank all of the Foundation Board members for the time, talent and treasure they provide to make our Foundation a vibrant part of the community. Every member has stepped up to support and promote all of our programs.

Sincerely,

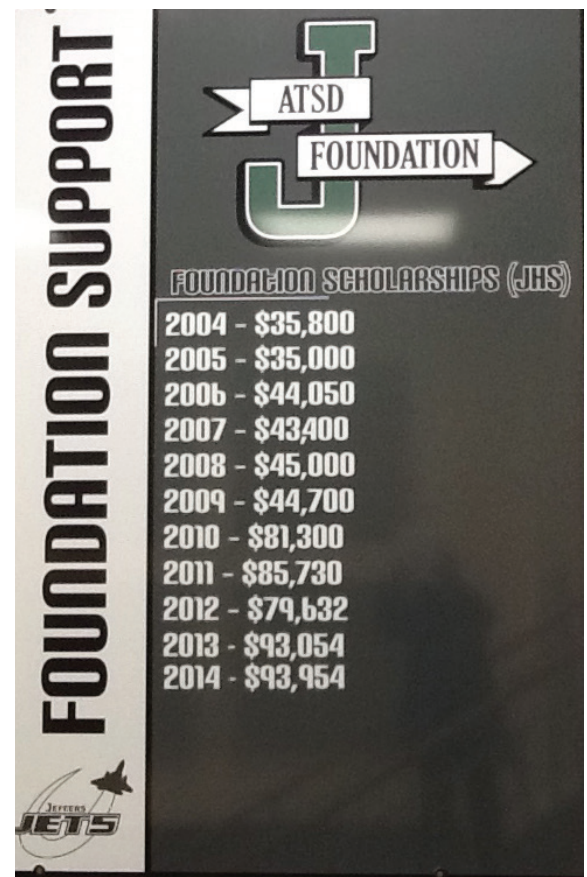
Dr. Frank C. Rugani, President



ATSD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since the inception of the Adams Township School District Foundation in August, 2003, the main source and distribution of funds has been its scholarship program. The first scholarships were awarded at the end of the 2003 – 2004 school year. Including awards distributed at the end of the 2013 – 2014 school year, our Foundation has provided a total of \$681,620 to graduates of the Jeffers High School. Endowed scholarships will assure that this program will continue into the future.

In the last three years, the Foundation has also helped fund Art, Music, History Day, HOSA and most recently, the Trades Program. With funds provided to these programs, the ATSD Foundation is proud to say it has provided the Adams Township School District and its students with over a million dollars in financial support!



The purpose of the ATSD Foundation, Inc., as presented in its bylaws, is as follows:

The purpose of the Foundation is to receive and distribute funds for charitable and educational activities within the meaning of Section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended (the "code"), by assisting in the development, implementation, or maintenance of educational programs which significantly contribute to the education of the Adams Township School District.