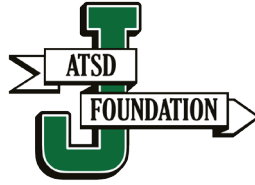


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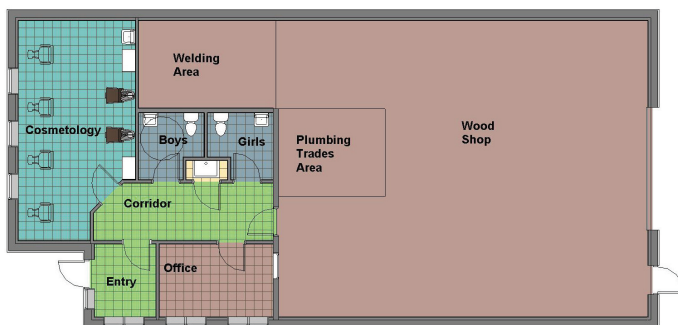
John Opie graduated from Michigan Tech in 1961 with a bachelor's of science degree in metallurgical engineering. He joined General Electric Company after graduation and quickly advanced in the company. He went on to become national sales manager, general manager for three business groups, vice president of three operations, president and chief executive officer of GE Lighting, and, in 1995, vice chairman of the board and executive officer of the parent company, serving until his retirement in 2000. John also retired from the board of Wal-Mart, where he served from 2003 to 2006, and he retired from the board of Delphi Corporation in 2008.

The Opies are long-standing supporters of the Adams Township School District and Michigan Tech. John served as vice chair of the Century II Campaign in the mid-1980s; he is also a life trustee of the Michigan Tech Fund, having served for thirteen years on the board, including two as president. He received the Board of Control Silver Medal in 1984, the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1992, and became a member of the Academy of Metallurgical and Materials Engineers in 1996.

The generosity and support of the Opies to Jeffers High School and the Foundation is truly treasured by the administration, teaching and student body. John and Ruanne established a scholarship program that supports four seniors with \$15,000 to attend Michigan Tech over four years. They also have financed our Mac computer lab, furnished both the Biology and Physics labs with updated computers and data collecting devices, a state of the art parking facility and most recently a \$150,000 investment toward the new vocational center.

On behalf of the Adams Township School District, Foundation and community we give our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to John and Ruanne. Their involvement and commitment to our district have allowed us to expand programs, purchase state of the art equipment, improve our campus and present our students with generous scholarships. Their confidence and support of our school have blessed us in countless ways.

Tim Keteri, Superintendent



Bids for the Trades Building are scheduled to be opened on April 9, 2015, with construction to begin as soon as weather permits.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Today, the role of education has taken on a variety of challenges in a constantly changing world. The Adams Township School District and Foundation continue to meet these challenges with a common vision and plan for our students.

The State Board of Education and State Superintendent have made it a priority to encourage all students to attend a two or four-year college or university. Our district does an excellent job of preparing students for higher education, with approximately 80 percent of the graduating seniors enrolled within the first two years. We feel the remaining 20 percent are equally important and to expand their choices and support their goals, a new vocational program will be in place at the beginning of the 2015-16 academic year. This vocational program will address academic and entry-level skills found within the construction, welding, plumbing and cosmetology fields. I am excited and eager for this opportunity to be available for Adams Township students.

According to U.S News and World Report, the three best construction jobs with the greatest amount of growth are a cost estimator, construction manager and plumber. Another report by onlinecollege.org, the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts the construction industry will add 1.8 million jobs by 2020. Whether a student is looking for a specific degree or job ready skills within the construction field, our program will prepare these students.

This opportunity would not be available without the generous support of everyone who has worked and donated to the Foundation. Your donation to our Foundation, whether to the vocational center, music and art departments, scholarships or teacher led projects, will allow you to share in that experience.

*Sincerely,
Tim Keteri, Superintendent*



TRADES PROGRAM

To the members of the Adams Township Schools Foundation:

The students of the Jeffers Building Trades Class and I would like to express our appreciation for all that you are doing to make this program grow. The level of support that we are seeing for a quality program is exciting and very encouraging. Currently, we are building a sauna to be sold at the Foundation's May fundraising dinner. Earlier this year, the class constructed two dugouts at the new ball field in South Range. We are also finishing a storage building for the Dollar Bay Schools. In the spring and fall we spend some time at Lake Perrault maintaining and making improvements to structures that enhance the nature trail and the Robert Brown Sanctuary. Everyone is looking forward to the new possibilities that your efforts will bring to the trades program and the overall education to the students of the Adams Township School District. You are an example to the surrounding community and a simple thank you seems so inadequate.

*Sincerely,
Gary Miller, Industrial Arts Teacher, JHS*

JHS PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

On February 10th, 2015, Jeffers High School was named an Academic State Champion by Bridge Magazine. Only 111 schools in the state received this recognition. This is the third consecutive State Champion ranking for JHS since Bridge began the analysis in 2011. In addition, the student outcomes have consistently exceeded expectations in the four core subjects plus writing on the Michigan Merit Exam and they exceeded expectations with respect to proficiency in all four test-areas of the ACT.

To determine winners, Bridge partnered with Public Sector Consultants, Inc. (the state's leading public policy research firm) to develop a value-added ranking system. It measures a school's test scores adjusted for student family income, which is often a predictor of academic achievement. Essentially, Bridge's Academic State Champions are being recognized for over-achievement rather than achievement.

I encourage you to explore the Academic State Champs coverage and statewide rankings databases of all schools and school districts at www.bridgemi.com.

*Sincerely,
Mike Benda, JHS Principal*

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ATSD ART PROGRAM

Dear JHS Foundation,

On behalf of the art students and program at Jeffers, we would like to thank you for your continued support. We recently received our new pottery wheel and were so excited that we set it up that same day. We recently watched throwing demonstrations, learned throwing techniques, and studied artists who regularly use pottery wheels. Currently, we are taking turns and individually learning to use the wheel.



Thank you again for providing us with the materials and support that will allow our art department to grow and excel.

Jade Babcock, Art Director



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

This has been a very exciting year for our music department. We branched out with a new music technology class. The students were able to tour area theaters, have a scheduled tour to the radio station, and are producing their own songs to record at Red House Recording Studio. The Jeffers High School bands continue to be very successful. Both the junior high and high school band went to NMU band day and performed with over 500 other players! The high school band had an extra movie concert in the fall. I was pleased with the progress of the band this year, as the band earned good ratings at festival this winter. Paris Puuri and Anna Johnson did so well at district solo ensemble, that they will be attending the States where Paris will be the first Jeffers student in many years to be playing for proficiency level 3! This year has been a fun year for the band buddy program, as the 5th and 6th graders have been working hard. We appreciate the donation from Mary Lehto last year as it helped us not only buy a bass drum but also quints for the marching band. On behalf of the music department, we thank the Foundation for their continued support of our program.

*Sincerely,
Emily Raffaelli, Music Director*



ONE SCHOOL ~ ONE BOOK!

For the fourth year in a row, as a way to acknowledge March's Reading Month, South Range Elementary has embarked on a special project, an all school book club called One School, One Book. Every family in our school receives a copy of the same book, this year, *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate.

In addition to families receiving the reading schedule for each evening, we also have a calendar of special events. Some of the highlights include a kick off assembly with the whole student body, daily trivia questions, an evening Family Reading Night at school, a safari and African assembly day, guest readers and special art and writing projects that go along with the story.

While reading is emphasized every day, these extra events during March are a great way to encourage family involvement within the school and a connection within our community. "When a whole school reads a book, there is a lot to talk about!"

The support from the Foundation in financing this project again this year is greatly appreciated. While the gesture may seem minimal, in comparison to some, it is a program that touches every child and family within the elementary school. As a matter of fact, I've also had high school students tell me they are reading the book with their siblings! With your help, we are building a community of readers.

*Sincerely,
Kim Harris, South Range Elementary Principal*

HISTORY DAY PROGRAM

In late April, Jeffers High School will send five, eighth grade students to the state finals for the national History Day competition this year. The students chose topics related to this year's theme, Leadership and Legacy in History. At the regional competition held on February 28, 2015, on the campus of Michigan Tech, the following girls competed against students from other districts in the individual exhibit and the group exhibit categories.

Emma DeRosier, Rylie Anderson, and Gracia Asiala chose to work as a group on an exhibit about Lilly Ledbetter, a leader for equal pay in the workplace.

LeeAnn Mantta worked on an individual exhibit showcasing Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman to graduate from medical school.

Claire Komarzec created an individual display about Mr. and Mrs. Jeffers impact on society and the legacy of the Adams Township School District.

These students put in many hours outside of the school day to enhance their projects and get them to the next level of competition, hoping for a chance to represent JHS in Lansing in April. They even spent five hours with Ms. Ruohonen on a day that school was cancelled to finish their projects and to get them ready in time for the regional competition.

Their dedication and passion for their projects is evident. They look forward to sharing their knowledge and creativity at the next level.

Thank you to the Foundation for continuing to provide extra-curricular, academic opportunities for our students to spread their wings and to follow their dreams.

*Sincerely,
Cheryl Ruohonen, English/Social Studies*



South Range Elementary enjoying this years One School, One Book club pick - The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 2015

A very sincere "thank you" to each and every donor who has seen fit to provide our Foundation with donations to fund not only our scholarships but also teacher and student inspired programs. By respecting your specific earmarked donations, we have been able to support music, art, history, HOSA and trades programs as well as our scholarship program, which benefit and are enjoyed by students in K-12. Our faculty and administrators in both the South Range Elementary School and the Jeffers High School are always initiating new and innovative ideas to enhance the educational opportunities of Adams Township School District students. Your financial support is appreciated!

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the Foundation's president for the last four years. The help and support given to me by Superintendent Tim Keteri and the other board members (especially my wife Nancy) have made the job easy and most gratifying. I am certain that your support will continue when Marty Iskra takes the helm in July.

Included in this newsletter is a list of donors from April 2014 through March 2015. Donations for this time period have exceeded \$310,000.

Please check the Adams Township School District website www.adams.k12.mi.us to follow activities at our schools. Superintendent Keteri assures me that enrollment is on the rise and the enthusiasm and dedication of faculty and students is exemplary.

Remember, the ATSD Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. Contributions are deductible under the limits of the law. Please remember the ATSD Foundation when making memorial donations and doing your estate planning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dr. Frank C. Rugani, President



South Range Elementary 2014 Christmas Program.

Donors List – April, 2014 through March, 2015

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In Memory	Donor	Area
Doris Andreini	William Andreini	Trades
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In Honor of Frank and Nancy Rugani by Richard and Barbara Trudgeon
In Honor of Paul Karppinen by Lorraine Konosky
In Honor of Norman Jeffery by Susan Jeffery



Adams Township School
District Foundation
Second Annual Fundraiser
Dinner

You are cordially invited to attend the ATSD
Foundation's Second Annual Fundraiser Dinner
and Auction.

*Event to
Be Held*

Saturday, May 2nd, 2015
6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
Jeffers High School
Painesdale, Michigan

Dinner Prepared by: Mark Pittillo, Executive Chef
\$50.00 per person

Following dinner, enjoy an auction with items from:

David Stimac
Gary Miller
Martin Johnson
Ron and Sue Antila
Chef Mark Pittillo

*All Proceeds will support the ATSD Foundation. \$25.00 of the
ticket price qualifies as a tax deductible charitable donation.*

SECOND ANNUAL FOUNDATION DINNER

The Second Annual Foundation Dinner and Live Auction will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Jeffers High School. Executive Chef Mark Pattillo will again be preparing the meal and we will have attractive items for our auction. Tickets for the event are available from Foundation Board members or by calling the Superintendent's office at 906-482-0599, Ext. 3. Seating is limited, so don't postpone purchasing tickets. Get a group of friends together and purchase a table, which seats eight persons.

Ticket prices are once again \$50 each, with \$25 covering the cost of the dinner and \$25 being donated to support the Foundation. The Trades Program will be the recipient of the net proceeds from the event.

Come and join us for a delicious meal and a fun filled evening. Dinner will be served in the auditorium! The "Old Study Hall" will be decked out with new round tables provided by our benefactors, Paul and Margaret Karppinen.

*Sincerely,
Marty Iskra, President Elect*

Dinner Menu

Prepared by: *Mark Pittillo, Chef*

Appetizers
Beef Tenderloin
Baked Salmon
Steamed Mixed Vegetables
Wild Rice Blend
Mash Potatoes
Waldorf Salad
Assorted Desserts

Tickets available from any ATSD Board Member or contact:

Lorraine: 482-3494 or lkonosky@mtu.edu
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Art Program	Carpentry
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TRIBUTE TO BARBARA J. RUOTSALA

On January 31, 2015, our Adams Township School District Foundation Board member and supporter, Barbara J. Ruotsala, passed away. We will certainly miss her presence and progressive ideas that allowed our Board to be effective.

Barb always supported the generous scholarship programs the Foundation has provided since 2004. She enthusiastically encouraged our involvement in enhancing teacher and student inspired programs since 2010. She was our liaison between the Foundation and the Adams Township School District Board of Education, where she once served as President.

Barb attended not only our meetings but also all of our fundraising programs. She took pride in what we have accomplished and encouraged the development of the Trades Program. We will miss her quiet but determined leadership in helping us to achieve our goal of enhancing academic programs at the South Range Elementary School and the Jeffers High School. We can still hear her voice saying "Go Jets."

Frank & Nancy Rugani