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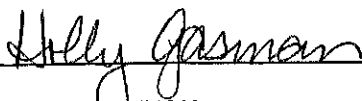
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# Region

## Man pleads guilty to child porn charges

Originally faced 20 counts

**By Houghton Daily Mining Gazette staff**  
HOUGHTON — A Hancock man pleaded guilty to charges related to downloading child pornography in Houghton County Circuit Court Monday.

Dominic Barrette, 21, was charged with one count of child sexually abusive material-aggravated possession, and one count of using a computer to commit a crime.

In exchange for his guilty plea, 18 other counts were dismissed: eight each of both charges, plus one count of child sexually abusive material-possession.

The child sexually abusive material-aggravated possession carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, while the computer charge is punishable by up to seven.

The latter charge, filed by his predecessor, was for using a computer to commit a crime of four years or more but less than 10 years. Prosecutor Dan Helmer said. Because the maximum sentence is 10 years, it should have been the next tier up; however, Helmer had agreed not to amend the charge.

Under the plea agreement, the minimum sentencing guideline range will be 10 to 23 months. The agreement also stipulates the sentences will not be consecutive.

Barrette was arrested in August after an investigation by the Michigan State Police Computer Crimes Unit, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. The investigation was prompted by the discovery that Barrette was viewing the material on the internet, the MSP said in August. Digital evidence

was seized in a search of Barrette's residence.

Barrette said Monday he had purchased a link to a packet of files online, which had included material involving prepubescent children. He had accessed the material between Feb. 21 and Aug. 14, he said.

Barrette's attorney, David Gemignani, said he planned to seek a sentencing under the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act. That would defer a conviction pending successful completion of a probation period. If that happens, the case would be dismissed.

Barrette also agreed to a waiver of disqualification. Judge Brittany Bulleit had reviewed the search warrant in the case while she was still serving as county prosecutor, although no charges were filed until months after she was sworn in as judge.

"It's quite commonplace in cases like this where prosecutors will review a warrant prior to any search being done and then the investigation continues," she said. "That's likely what happened. I don't recall the specific warrant and I don't recall any conversations with officers."

Gemignani and Barrette said they had no objection to Bulleit staying on.

The original plea deadline had been in November. Helmer had requested the date be postponed because of the turnover in the office; he was not formally sworn in until mid-November. Earlier this month, the case was moved from the January trial docket to April's.

Barrette's bond was revoked and he was remanded to custody. Sentencing will take place within 30 to 45 days.



The Senator Tom Casperson Memorial Bridge, which spans over the Escanaba River north of Escanaba, is shown. Work on the bridge is one of the local road and bridge projects planned by the Michigan Department of Transportation over the next several years. (Escanaba Daily Press photo)

# Local MDOT projects eyed

**By Escanaba Daily Press staff**

ESCANABA — The Michigan Department of Transportation has big plans for the Escanaba area in the coming years.

The first project planned for the area is maintenance work on the Senator Tom Casperson Memorial Bridge, which spans over the Escanaba River north of Escanaba. That work is expected to kick off in June.

During the construction period, motorists can expect lane closures. Work will begin with repairs to the expansion joint on the north end of the bridge deck, which will require a single right-lane closure of southbound US-2. The repair and lane closure is expected to take about two weeks.

In late summer, MDOT crews will complete an epoxy overlay on the bridge deck. The project is expected to cost around \$290,000.

"We are still working on the proposal," said Dan Weingarten, MDOT Superior Region media representative. "The project is anticipated to be let for bids in May."

The overlay project will help preserve the bridge deck by sealing cracks and keeping salt and water out of the deck.

Work on the overlay will require intermittent single-lane closures in both directions, and the project is expected to take approximately two weeks to complete.

The work will also require the non-motorized

pathway that crosses the bridge to be closed for a day or two.

"We plan to keep the northbound shoulder open while the pathway is getting the overlay. This will allow bikes and pedestrians to use the northbound shoulder while the path is closed," said Weingarten.

Looking into the future, MDOT has other big plans for the Escanaba area, including a major reconstruction of US-2 from North 30th Street to 9th Avenue in the city of Escanaba.

That project is slated to begin in 2027, with a second phase in 2028 reconstructing 9th Avenue to Danforth Road.

According to Weingarten, plans for the project are in the very early design stages and MDOT is currently in discussions with stakeholders in the area. However there are a few things being talked about by MDOT.

One topic of discussion is proposed non-motorized improvements for the corridor.

MDOT is coordinating with the railroad about potential changes to the railroad viaduct near Kentucky Fried Chicken as part of the project, and initial plans include replacing the railroad overpass with a wider span to allow pedestrian connectivity.

The city of Escanaba has been working to combine

all of its roadwork projects with utility improvements — a necessary step to avoid high costs and repeated roadwork in areas affected by the city's lead service line replacement project. MDOT is also working with the city to allow utility improvements to take place in conjunc-

tion with the roadwork.

More information about the corridor project will be released as MDOT as the plans progress. The project as a whole is being funded through the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Job Act.

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Alger Transit Authority  
PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL APPLICATION FOR OPERATING AND/OR CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

All citizens are advised that Alger Transit Authority has prepared an application to financial assistance for fiscal year 2025 as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1964, as amended assistance as required under the federal transit laws, as amended.

Alger Transit Authority is requesting a total of \$2,866,564.00 through the program(s):

PHYSIONUM	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL AMOUNT
1002	Bus Operating Expenses	5407231.00
1114	Public Capital Expenditures	4701856.84
1199	Job-Acquire Training Grants	2161350.00
1200	Specialized Services	300271.00
1211	State Transportation Program	300271.00
1212	Federal Transportation Program	300271.00
1213	Emergency Services	300271.00
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Alger Transit Authority ensures that the level and quality of transportation service regard to race, color, or national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If regarding our Title VI obligations or to file a complaint, please contact us at the address given below.

The proposed application is on file at Alger Transit Authority 530 E. Munising Ave. and may be reviewed during a 30-day period February 1, 2024 March 2, 2024 8:00am-5:00pm Written comments regarding the application and/or March 2 2024 between the hours of a public hearing to review the application must be received by notice of the scheduled date, time, and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

Submittals should be sent to Alger Transit Authority or via e-mail to [altrandirector@jamadots.com](mailto:altrandirector@jamadots.com)

## Western Upper Peninsula experiencing agricultural, horticultural growth

**By Houghton Daily Mining Gazette staff**

HOUGHTON — The agriculture industry has been experiencing significant growth in the four-county area since 2012. While USDA census data is nearly seven years old, the 2017 Census of Agriculture reported significant increases in land converted to agricultural use in all four counties, with Houghton showing the greatest growth.

According to the census, between 2012 and 2017, Houghton experienced an 18% growth, to 208 farms, with a market value of products sold of just over \$6 million.

The greatest number of farms (41%) were between 50 and 179 acres, with one encompassing more than 1,000. Land in farms totals just over 26,000 acres. The census also reports that 64% of the share of sale was in livestock, poultry and products, and 34% in crops.

Ontonagon County, the region's next biggest producer, with 27,000 acres of land in farms, listed a marked value of products sold at \$3 million. The largest percentage of farms comprises 50-179 acres, with crops making up 81% of share of sales and livestock, poultry and products comprising 19%.

Baraga County has also shown an significant increase, up 14%, with the number of farms totaling 65 in 2017.

The Census of Agriculture reports that land in farms totaled 17,604 acres,

with the average farm size at 271 acres. Farms range in size from 10 to 1,000+ acres, the majority of which are between 50 and 179 acres. Market value of products sold totaled \$2,200,000, divided between crops (58%) and livestock, poultry and products (42%).

During the same period, the number of farms in Keweenaw County increased 50% to nine, totaling 240 acres.

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**CITY OF NEGAUNEE  
MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS  
2024**

**As required by the State of Michigan Statute:**

**The City of Negaunee Board of Review will meet in the Michigan Room of the Negaunee Public Library, 319 West Case Street on the following days and times:**

**March 5<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm for an organizational meeting**

**Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 3 pm to 9 pm**

**Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm**

**Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Bureau of Construction Codes  
Administrative Rules for Construction Code - Part 10. Michigan Uniform Energy Code Rule Set 2021-48 LR  
&  
Administrative Rules for Construction Code - Part 10a. Michigan Energy Code Rule Set 2021-49 LR**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Thursday, February 22, 2024  
09:00 AM & 01:00 PM

Michigan Library & Historical Center. First Floor Forum  
Michigan Historical Center, 702 W Kalamazoo St, Lansing, MI 48915

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed changes to the Construction Code - Part 10. Michigan Uniform Energy Code rule set and Part 10a. Michigan Energy Code rule set.

The proposed rules provide the latest standards to protect the health and promote the safety and welfare of the State of Michigan residents by regulating the installation and inspection of energy within the state.

By authority conferred on the director of the department of licensing and regulatory affairs by section 4 of the Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act, 1972 PA 230, MCL 125.1504, and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 2003-1, 2008-4, and 2011-4, MCL445.2011, 445.2025, and 445.2030.

The proposed rules will take effect 120 days after filing with the Secretary of State. The proposed rules are published on the State of Michigan's website at [www.michigan.gov/ARD](http://www.michigan.gov/ARD) and in the 2/15/2024 issue of the Michigan Register. Copies of these proposed rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic mail at the following email address: [Lara-bcc-rules@michigan.gov](mailto:Lara-bcc-rules@michigan.gov).

Comments on these proposed rules may be made at the hearing, by mail, or by electronic mail at the following addresses until 2/22/2024 at 05:00PM.

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