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Council approves modified priority list for park project



The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners launched the new year with their annual organizational meeting Tuesday evening. While the line-up of the board may change in the coming weeks, commissioners still carried out the traditional tasks of electing officers and setting regular meeting dates. From left: Vice Chair Peggi Arnold, appointed Commissioners Jean Barber and Louis "Sparky" Lauzon, Chairman Keith Aldrich, newly-elected Commissioner John Zellar. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

New faces, old faces, unanswered questions ...

'Temporary' County Board elects officers

by Paul Olson

No one knows what the make-up of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners will be later this year, but for now the board is operating at full strength and with new leadership following Tuesday evening's annual organizational meeting.

During the brief session at the county courthouse, long-time District 3 Commissioner Keith Aldrich was elected chairman by a 3-2 margin, returning to the position he last held in 2005.

After losing a bid for the chairman's seat and a rather unusual nominating procedure, last year's vice chair, District 5 Commissioner Peggi Arnold, was elected to another term in the second position by a 4-0 vote.

The meeting, which came amid a time of upheaval for the board, was the first official proceeding for District 1 Democrat John Zellar, elected in November to replace the retiring Lindsey Frenette. It also continued the temporary service of appointed District 3 Commissioner Jean Barber, and marked a return to county government for former Commissioner Louis "Sparky" Lauzon, who was appointed last week to fill the seat left vacant by former Chairman Dan McKinney's sudden resignation.

McKinney, who represented District 2, stepped down Dec. 19, after being notified by the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) that he had run for office in violation of the Hatch Act, a 1939 law that forbids partisan political activity by federal employees or those whose jobs are funded, in whole or part, with federal money. McKinney is an employee of Hiawatha Behavioral Health, an agency that receives federal funds.

At the Dec. 28 meeting of the board's audit-finance committee, commissioners voted 4-0 to appoint Lauzon to the vacant seat. He was one of two people to submit a letter of interest in the position. The other was Al Burns.

Lauzon will serve until an election can be held to fill the position for the remainder of the two-year term, which expires Dec. 31, 2008. Under the state's consolidated election



Elected in November, District 3 Commissioner Susan Phillips is awaiting the outcome of a Hatch Act investigation before taking office. She said Tuesday an answer is expected within two weeks.

law, the earliest that voting could take place would be May 8.

Lauzon served as chairman of the County Board for many years before being recalled in January 1998, in a dispute that began over the hiring of airport manager Jeff Neeson and grew to encompass a variety of other issues surrounding county operations.

The recall election was extraordinarily close, with the initial vote totals showing a 215-215 tie, meaning Lauzon retained his seat. However, a recount shifted the tally to 221 yes, 219 no, and he was removed from office.

Following last week's appointment, Lauzon said he never expected to return to the board, and had resisted the idea when first asked.

"I was approached by a number of people and I said no, but I realized there was work that had to be done and somebody had to do it," he stated.

During his previous tenure, Lauzon was known as something of a financial expert, whose proficiency with the budget helped bring the county from the brink of bankruptcy to relative stability, while building several critical "rainy day" accounts, such as the delinquent tax revolving fund and budget stabilization fund. Asked about his reputation as a tight-fisted commissioner, Lauzon laughed, but conceded the description was accurate.

"I'm a Democrat, but I'm probably the most conservative member on the board," he said.

by Paul Olson
Improvements at the quarry lake remain the top priority for the city's upcoming Central Park recreation project, but modifications will be made to allow other local and state goals to be accomplished.

At their Dec. 28 meeting, Manistique City Council members approved a revised priority list, calling for development of the quarry as the first objective, followed by a new archery range and work on the so-called "Maple Street corridor."

The work will be funded with the \$424,000 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant approved in 2005, along with an estimated \$149,000 in local matches of cash, labor and materials.

The revised priority list departs slightly from the original roster of improvements discussed by council last month.

That list included the quarry project, which featured a new access road and parking, beach upgrades, a boardwalk, a trail around the perimeter of the lake, restrooms and three handicapped-accessible fishing piers on the lake's western and southern shores.

Also listed were construction

of the archery range to the east of the existing Little League field, with an access road and parking, a network of hiking trails over and around the old city ski hill, a new baseball field, and the Maple Street corridor upgrades, which would include expanded parking and new tennis and basketball courts.

At the time, local officials were hoping the state would approve amendments to the plan, allowing them to bump the archery range down the list and pursue the work on Maple Street as their second priority.

The goal, according to City Manager Sheila Aldrich, was to focus on parts of the project that were "most visible" and would receive the most use from the community.

But the Department of Natural Resources did not grant permission for that change. At last week's council meeting, Tony Schomin of STS Consultants said they had met with the DNR to discuss the issue, and agreed that development of the quarry should remain the top priority.

The DNR insisted, however, that the archery range must be the project's second objective, in keeping with the outdoor



Improvements at the quarry lake remain the number-one task following City Council's approval last week of Central Park recreation project priorities — however some portions of the work may be trimmed to free up money for other parts of the project, including an archery range and work on tennis and basketball courts along the "Maple Street corridor." (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

recreation focus of the MNRTF.

After that, Schomin said, the department would allow the Maple Street improvements to be moved up the list, ahead of other items like hiking trails and ball fields.

The question then became

how the city could afford all that work.

According to previous estimates, the original list of quarry improvements would cost \$591,189, with the price tag for the archery range standing at \$46,651 and the Maple Street project costing \$135,688.

"We had a lengthy discussion of how that could be achieved with the dollars that are available," Schomin said.

The answer, he explained, was to reduce the scope of the quarry work, eliminating roughly \$75,000 of the original plan. The cuts could include part of the boardwalk or perimeter trail and one of the fishing piers.

"It eliminates one access to the site, but it leaves two others, and it frees up money for Maple Street," he told council.

Other parts of the project will be held over for a future grant application.

Schomin said postponing the park's proposed trail network until the second phase would give them a better chance of securing another MNRTF grant, since the Trust Fund board would look favorably on a "resource project" in combination with a new baseball field, rather than just the field alone.

The total cost of all the projects is estimated at just under \$1 million.

Looking even farther down the road, the price could reach

the "multi-millions" by including a replacement for Cardinal Field and other baseball facilities south of the County Fair building.

Despite the DNR's insistence on proceeding with the archery range in phase one, Schomin was pleased with the department's cooperation.

"One of the real positive aspects of all this is that we've been keeping the DNR informed of our progress, and as a result they're giving us some latitude for working within the available money," he said.

Council member Dan Ewontch asked if the various contributors were also aware of the progress, the fact that the project was broken down into phases, and that not all the items mentioned in the original 2005 concept plan would be accomplished right away.

Council member Tim Noble, who also serves on the city's recreation board, said all donors were aware that it was a multi-million project and that various adjustments would be made along the way.

As an example, Noble cited their original goal of making improvements at Little Bear West Arena. That part of the project was dropped when it was learned the MNRTF would not allow it, and as a result, money pledged by the

Manistique first city picked for new AIA design program

by Paul Olson

Manistique has been chosen as the first Upper Peninsula city to participate in a new program created to solve municipal design challenges. The effort will focus on the city's waterfront area during a two-day planning session this spring.

According to City Manager Sheila Aldrich, they were notified last month that their proposal had been accepted by the Upper Peninsula chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) to kick off regional participation in a nationwide program called "Blueprint for America."

Through the program, AIA Upper Peninsula received a \$6,500 grant to create a U.P. Design Assistance Team, which will then provide services to communities at no charge — one city each year for the next five years. In each city chosen, the team will hold a two-day collaborative design process known as a charrette. The goal will be to come up with a design solution for a particular challenge that will create economic stimulus and a better place to live.

The AIA says Blueprint for America initiatives must follow the organization's "10 Principles for Livable Communities," which require architects to demonstrate that good design is an investment and that well-designed communities attract and benefit residents, businesses and visi-

tors, and meet the needs of present and future generations.

Aldrich said she learned of the program last fall, and submitted an application for waterfront planning assistance right before the deadline. On Dec. 19, she received a letter from AIA Upper Peninsula President Francis J. Rutz, which said Manistique's application had been chosen from among four received. Chapter members are already putting together a team for the project, and will work with Aldrich to set up the charrette this spring.

Aldrich said she expects that planning session to focus on a variety of issues, all centered around the main question: "What would be a good utilization of our waterfront?"

She said the expert assistance of U.P. AIA members will fit in nicely with other waterfront improvement efforts now underway, including the city's application for a state grant to fund a master plan for the east and west sides of the Manistique River, encompassing both the marina and boat launch sites.

"The waterfront is one of our most valuable resources," Aldrich said. "Our goal is to use it wisely, use it well, and make it the best it can possibly be. This program is going to be a big help."

According to Christy Ryan, lead teacher of the MAS 4-year-old program, they developed Fun Fitness Fridays as a way to address the growing

problems of childhood obesity, juvenile diabetes, poor nutrition and general lack of physical activity.

In discussing those problems, Ryan says, one issue came up again and again: "Too much time in front of the TV."

In response, they came up with the idea of a gym program designed to accomplish a variety of goals, including teaching parents how to play with their children in physical ways, which in turn would encourage wellness, fitness, development of fine and gross motor skills, and the parent-child relationship.

The January-March schedule was also significant, Ryan says, noting that, "It is sometimes particularly challenging

to be active with young children in the winter, due to weather and time constraints."

With the support of the school district and a "Great Parents, Great Start" grant through the Michigan Department of Education and the Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School District, Fun Fitness Fridays was born.

Ryan emphasizes several important parts of the program: including the fact that it is free and requires no advance registration. Also, it is not necessary to attend all eight weeks. Parents and children can come to as few or as many of the sessions as they would like.

Those sessions will each include approximately 40 minutes of activity, along with

time for hand washing and 15 minutes for a healthy snack.

Each week will focus on a different objective, beginning with balance activities and continuing on through hand-eye coordination; object-handling activities; combining skills for strength, balance and flexibility; an introduction to water safety and swimming at the high school pool; music, dancing and rhythm; development of finger, hand and arm strength skills; and games to emphasize the physical skills learned, as well as the social components of game-playing, taking turns, cooperation, fair play and sportsmanship.

Along the way, Ryan says, parents will receive simple instruction on the physical

development of children at different ages and stages, and an explanation of all activities they are performing.

Parents will participate with their children in each activity, and will receive take-home activity sheets to help continue those activities and practice the new skills at home.

"Both the parents and children will be learning about their bodies and how to improve skills in certain areas," Ryan says. "That's more important, they will be interacting in a fun, playful, yet productive way."

For more information about Fun Fitness Fridays, call Ryan at 341-4314 or contact MAS Elementary Principal Jason Lockwood at 341-4300.

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Winter program highlights early childhood fitness and family fun

Editorial
What happens next

For the "glass half-empty" crowd, these past few weeks have simply cemented their view that the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners is a body in perpetual crisis.

More optimistic residents see the board's current situation as an opportunity for progress.

There's ample evidence to support both views.

There's little doubt the board has earned a reputation as the area's most dysfunctional governing body, a group that follows every hesitant forward step with a giant backward leap.

Some of that, of course, is not their fault. It stems from outside factors and issues well beyond their control, including decisions made in Lansing or Washington by those for whom Schoolcraft County is little more than a name on a map.

But, having done little to help their own cause, board members must also take some of the blame. They have allowed too many issues to languish unresolved.

As wiser heads than ours have pointed out, change brings opportunity and uncertainty can lead to sharper focus. When the ground is shifting beneath you, it tends to clarify what's really important and get you on task in a hurry.

In this time of transition, of changing faces and an undecided future, it would be easy for the board to throw up its hands and do nothing, to sit back and wait, blaming the fates and hoping for better days ahead.

They could recognize this moment for what it is: a rare alignment of new energy with old expertise, a critical need, a sense of unity and teamwork, and the undivided attention of the public.

Only time — and commissioners themselves, of course — can show us just what that might be.

as just more of the same, the latest round of trouble for a governing unit that is always in trouble, the latest excuse for setbacks.

On the other hand, it could be exactly the kind of fresh start the County Board needs, a wake-up call, a chance to acknowledge past problems and finally move beyond them, an opportunity for reform, and perhaps, an occasion to make a little bit of forward progress.

With former Chairman McKinney's resignation, the county lost a positive, progressive, passionate advocate and a dedicated public servant. It was a devastating blow, but the wound was not fatal, as it never is in a democracy where government transitions are carried out as quickly and smoothly as possible.

The same could be said of the questions surrounding the District 3 seat, which could end with an elected commissioner taking office this month or a new commissioner being elected in May. It's unfortunate, not terminal.

More accurately, it's only terminal if commissioners allow it to be.

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Thanks, Iraq: Liberty and Justice Win One

By Dan Calabrese

You don't have to be a fan of capital punishment — and I am not — to recognize when someone richly deserved it. And while the life-valuing purist in me wishes on some level that there had been another way, it's hard not to see the dear departure of Saddam Hussein as an achievement all its own.

Amid all the sectarian violence, the celebrated troop-death milestones and debates over the use of the term "civil war," let's take a moment to acknowledge that Saddam's plunge from the gallows was an important event for many reasons.

It hasn't been the norm through history for brutal tyrants to come to such swift and decisive justice through a judicial process handled by their own people.

But Saddam's path to justice was far more satisfying to many more levels. Yes, the Iraqi people needed America's help to depose him and bustle him out of his spider hole.

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Dealing with Saddam's crimes was the job of the Iraqis. It was they who suffered under his brutality. It was their right to mete out justice. No one had the right to take that away from them, and it is to the eternal credit of George W. Bush that he not only gave them the opportunity, but refused to see it taken away from them when self-righteous diplomatic types demanded that he do so.

Saddam's execution should not be overlooked for the benefits of Iraq's liberation and a recorded in history. It is huge. Liberty requires the right to self-determination, and by handling Saddam's path to justice as independently and completely as they did, the Iraqis showed the rest of the Middle East region not only that they could move toward freedom, but that they would know what to do with their freedom once they achieved it.

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ship at the Macomb Daily and Tribune (as a freelancer), the Journal Newspapers in Wayne County and the Grand Rapids Business Journal. Before 1997, he worked for the Detroit Free Press for a decade in the field of public relations. He is a former candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives and has provided communication assistance to various political figures, including former state Sen. Loren Bennett, then a decade in the field of the 2002 Republican nominee for Lieutenant Governor.

WEEKLY WEATHER RECAP
The following weather information starts Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006.
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A Look Back at the... Pioneer-Tribune Archives

40 Years Ago January 5, 1967

City Manager Sam Gesko announced this week that he would leave his post in Manistique to assume a similar job at Anoka, Minn. Gesko met with the city council in a special session at 5 p.m. Tuesday to tell them of his plans. His present plans call for him to leave Manistique sometime between the middle and end of February. Gesko came to Manistique in July 1963 from an administrative job in Livonia, Mich. During his three and one-half years here he has helped the city to eliminate a substantial deficit, supervised a federal grant for a new water storage tank, instituted an application for senior citizens housing and another for an urban renewal study, started a study on off-street parking, and supervised the installation of mercury vapor lighting in the downtown.

The honor of placing the first telephone call from the Dodge Island area went to Robert Broullier of Manistique, who had led the campaign for telephone service to the resort area located north of Manistique on M-94. A portion of the north stands will be held in reserve for adults Friday night for the basketball game with Newberry. Athletic Director Richard Nichols announced this week. A section in the new stadium will be reserved for adult ticket holders until 7:15 p.m., he said, in a move to encourage adult attendance at the home games.

30 Years Ago January 6, 1977

If you go to draw water for a bath and the water fails to come out, don't be alarmed. Your well has only dried up. About the best thing that can be done is to relax, and take solace in the fact that you're not alone. Water wells all over the central western U.P. have been drying up due to near drought conditions last year, according to Edmore, Mich. geologist, Kenner. Sometimes it just needs a little help getting unshackled. In Iraq's case, it clearly needs a lot of help. But Americans should not forget who laid the groundwork for the bloodbath with which we are grappling today.

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Letters to the Editor newsroom@pioneertribune.com

To the People of Schoolcraft County:

It was with deep regret that I had to resign my position as County Commissioner on Dec. 19, 2006. However, the law is the law, and a friend of mine once told me, "All you have is your integrity, don't lose it." So I did what I felt was the right thing to do given the circumstances. In my humble opinion, the Hatch Act, on a local level, does not apply as originally intended. At some point in time, someone will challenge this law. But for now, acceptance is the answer and everything happens for a reason.

I wish to thank all the people of Schoolcraft County who provided support to me over the last three years, and in the days after my resignation. First

and foremost, to my family.

They made great sacrifices and gave me support and understanding without which I would have never been able to perform the duties of County Commissioner. In the wake of my resignation, my 9-year-old daughter put everything in perspective. When I told her I had to quit being a County Commissioner, she said, "Good, now you can go to your Christmas program next year."

My wife has been nothing short of spectacular throughout. She has been a sounding board, has kept me grounded, and, in short, has epitomized what a best friend should be.

The response I received after my resignation has been overwhelming. People called to thank me and to voice their regrets. They encouraged me

to continue on serving the people of Schoolcraft County.

They sent cards and stopped me on the street. All were very positive and supportive. This experience has served to reinforce my understanding that there is so much positive in our county. You all have helped to turn this difficult decision into a very positive learning and experience for me, and for that, I thank you.

Dan McKinney Manistique

To the Editor:

I don't do political commentary, but in case anyone is interested, according to Snopes, Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin are a few amongst many political types who don't care who gets what out of the Social Security fund so long as their generosity with your money gets them reelected.

Write this down somewhere so you will remember it and vote them out of office.

This is My Opinion, Ted Saunders Manistique

REMEMBER... All letters to the editor must include your name and phone number.

MSU Extension to explain rec plan revision, take input from residents

The local Michigan State University Extension office and Schoolcraft County officials are working on a new version of the county's five-year recreation plan.

The previous plan expired in 2005, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires an updated version to be written, approved and filed before considering county recreation grant applications, including applications to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

According to MSU Extension Director Dave Andersen, they will be holding a series of meetings over the next month and a-half, to give city and township residents a chance to comment on the plan.

Presentations will be made for each township board, plus the county commissioners and the city of Manistique's recreation board. The county's current recreation facilities, resources and programs will be discussed, and input will be gathered from residents and officials on what recreation opportunities they would like to see in the future.

The schedule includes the following meetings: Germfask Township Board Monday, Jan. 8 3:30 p.m. Germfask Community Center

Thompson Township Board Tuesday, Jan. 9 5:30 p.m. Thompson Township Hall

Doyle Township Board Wednesday, Jan. 10 4:30 p.m. Doyle Township Hall

Hiawatha Township Board Thursday, Jan. 18 7 p.m. Hiawatha Township Hall

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Manistique Township Board Wednesday, Feb. 21 7 p.m. Manistique Township Hall

Andersen hopes everyone will attend one of the meetings and "help us build a new five-year recreation plan for Schoolcraft County."

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Obituaries

Henry DeSautel, Jr.

Henry "Hank" DeSautel, Jr., 88, of Tecumseh, Mich., passed away Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006.

He was born Oct. 17, 1918, in Manistique, Mich., the son of Henry and Orelia (Lundberg) DeSautel.

In October of 1978, he married Betty (Pask) Strand in the Irish Hills. Henry served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Hank was a member of the VFW, the Knights of Columbus and the U.S. Coast Guard Power Squadron where he taught boating navigation. He was also a member of the St. Joseph Shrine Catholic Church in the Irish Hills.

Survivors include: his wife, Betty; 14 children; 38 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; two brothers; and nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters.

Visitation was held from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home in Tecumseh. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 22, at St. Joseph Shrine Catholic Church in Brooklyn, Mich., with Father Carl Simon officiating. Burial followed in Brookside Cemetery in Tecumseh with military honors conducted by the Tecumseh American Legion No. 34 and the Tecumseh V.F.W. No. 4187.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.pursefuneralhome.com

Carole J. Harvey

Carole J. Harvey, 64, of Mechanicsburg, Penn., passed away Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006, in Camp Hill, Penn.

She was born Jan. 31, 1942, in Garden, Mich., the daughter of the late Ossie and Hazel May (Taylor) Hazen.

She was a kind, caring and compassionate Mom who always put family first and was a fun-loving, energetic and outgoing Grammy.

She lived life to the fullest and impacted the lives of everyone she met with her hospitality, listening ear, generous heart and pure guidance. She was always ready with a story or a poem to make you laugh and took great pleasure in linking the past to the present through memories shared. Her motto for life was "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

Carole was a faithful member of the Christian Life Assembly Church, an active member of the Tri-County Blind Association, a former board member of the Center for Independent Living and a devoted awareness educator providing opportunities for children and youth to understand blindness.

Survivors include: two daughters, Debora J. Schleh of Columbia, Penn. and Michele L. Dobbs of Mechanicsburg; son, James M. Harvey of Marysville, Penn.; and two granddaughters, Katelyn and Krystal.

Visitation was held Dec. 29, at Myers Funeral Home in Mechanicsburg. A Celebration of Life Service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, at Christian Life Assembly Church in Camp Hill, with Reverend Ron Smith officiating.

Burial will be held in the spring at the New Garden Cemetery in Garden Township, Mich.

In lieu of flowers or memorial contributions, the family requests that you perform an act of kindness for someone. Free to share these stories of kindness with her family at www.pennlive.com/obits. Online condolences may also be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com.

Messier-Broulliere Funeral Home of Manistique and Garden are assisting the family with the local arrangements.

John P. Plante

Lifetime Garden, Mich., resident, John P. Plante, 79, died unexpectedly Sunday, Dec. 17, at his home.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 12, at Messier-Broulliere Funeral Home in Garden. Memorial services will follow at 7 p.m. under the auspices of American Legion Post No. 545. Burial will be in the New Garden Cemetery in Garden Township, Michigan.

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Emma H. Hamiel-Hammett

Former Manistique, Mich., resident, Emma H. Hamiel-Hammett, 90, of Mukwonago, Wis., passed away peacefully Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006, in Mukwonago.

She was born Feb. 26, 1916, in Michigan, the daughter of the late Albert and Sophie (Landwehr) Mulhaupt.

Emma married Daniel Hamiel and they resided in Manistique following Daniel's death, Emma later married Ronald Hammett and resided in East Troy, Wis.

She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in East Troy and a member of a square dancing club.

Emma is survived by her loving daughter, Mary (Charles) Roamer of Mukwonago; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; along with many other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by her brother, William Mulhaupt; and three sisters, Elizabeth Ostidk, Evelyn Coffey and Mildred Johnson.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at Messier-Broulliere Funeral Home in Manistique. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m., at the funeral home with Deacon Gilbert Sablack officiating.

Burial will be held in the Fairview Cemetery at Manistique. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com

U.P. magazine holding its annual story contest

Jan. 31 is the postmark deadline for entries in the 17th annual short story contest sponsored by Marquette Monthly magazine. The competition offers a \$250 prize and publication to the best short story by an Upper Peninsula writer.

The contest is open to all U.P. residents. All entries must be works of fiction no longer than 2,500 words and never before published. Entries must be typed and double-spaced in 12-point Times font, with the author's name, address, phone number and the story's word count typed on a separate cover page.

Send entries to: Short Story Contest, Marquette Monthly, 810 N. Third St., Marquette, MI 49855.

To learn more, call (906) 226-6500, write to marquettmonthly@charternet.net, or go to www.mmjournal.com.

Downstate man killed in crash with log truck

A 44-year old man from downstate Garden City was killed in a collision with a logging truck that occurred in northern Schoolcraft County on Thursday, Dec. 28.

Michigan State Police troopers from the posts in Munising and Newberry were dispatched to the scene of the accident, which took place around 12:20 p.m. on M-28, near the Driggs River in Seney Township.

According to the report, Timothy McCoy was driving east when his pickup truck crossed the centerline and collided with a logging truck driven by Kerry Sundberg, 55, of Rapid River. McCoy was killed in the crash.

Troopers were assisted at the scene by Luce County EMS, Seney Township volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel, the Schoolcraft County Road Commission, Michigan Department of Transportation and the State Police Motor Carrier Division.

Manistique Public Safety Department Log

The following information is from Manistique Public Safety dispatch logbooks recorded at the time the calls were received. The incidents reported may have proven to be unfounded once police investigated.

Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006
6:45 a.m. Lock out, Oak Street
9:50 a.m. Littering, Lake Street
12:30 p.m. Alarm, Steuben Avenue
12:30 p.m. Operating under the influence of liquor and resisting, Manistique resident arrested for same
8:50 p.m. Suspicious vehicle, Deer Street
8:55 p.m. Intoxicated person, Deer Street, Manistique

resident arrested for probation violation
10:24 p.m. Threats, Maple Street
Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006
10:40 a.m. Lock out, Maple Street
11:05 a.m. Property inspection, U.S. Highway 2
11:45 a.m. Larceny by conversion, within City of Manistique
1:30 p.m. Recovered bicycles, within City of Manistique
Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006
12:02 a.m. Emergency Medical Service (EMS), Main Street
12:55 a.m. Lift assist, Steuben Avenue
3:10 a.m. Loud party, Deer Street and Mackinac Avenue
8:50 a.m. EMS standby, department assist
8:54 a.m. Distress alarm, Main Street
10:24 a.m. Larceny, Mackinac Avenue
12:45 p.m. Larceny, Deer Street
1:20 p.m. Found property, Deer Street
1:23 p.m. Malicious destruction of property, State Road
3:05 p.m. No account check, River Street
4:10 p.m. Civil dispute, Chippewa Avenue
6:43 p.m. EMS, Manistique Township
7:45 p.m. Assault, Walnut Street
Friday, Dec. 29, 2006
8:13 a.m. EMS, City of Manistique
12:40 p.m. Malicious destruction of property, Deer Street
12:50 p.m. Peeping tom, First Street
1 p.m. Found marijuana, Alger Avenue
1:22 p.m. Stolen bicycle, Pearl Street
2:13 p.m. Possible operation of motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, U.S. Highway 2
3:45 p.m. Malicious destruction of property, Main Street
4:22 p.m. Lock out, Deer Street
6:38 p.m. Property damage accident, Main Street
6:53 p.m. EMS, transfer to Ann Arbor
Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006
6:14 a.m. Suspicious situation, Park Avenue
3:45 p.m. Citizen assist, First Street
4:10 p.m. Barking dog, Michigan Avenue
9:35 p.m. Violation of the controlled substance act, Cedar Street
Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006
1 a.m. Violation of the controlled substance act, Cedar Street
1:30 a.m. Intoxicated person, Cedar Street
3:16 a.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette
6:10 a.m. EMS, Manistique Township
9:50 a.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette
12:15 p.m. EMS, City of Manistique
1:44 p.m. EMS, Manistique Township
2:47 p.m. Sewage backup, Elm Street

District Court

Edward William Bonardo, 58, of Manistique, charged with driving 65 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (12/06). Assessed \$91.
Paul Vernie Gerlach, 51, of Manistique, charged with driving 65 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (12/06). Assessed \$91.
Rhea Mae Grouleau, 70, of Rapid River, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (12/06). Assessed \$71.
Craig Charles Harroun, 42, of Manistique, charged with driving 65 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone and defective equipment (failure to maintain window tint) (12/06). Assessed \$91 and \$86 respectively.
Kal William Kemp, 42, of Paradise, charged with driving 65 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (12/06). Assessed \$91.
William George Leonard, 33, of Manistique, charged with being in possession of too much bait (11/06). Assessed \$125.
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Michael Patrick Sadler, 28, of Wetmore, charged with being in possession of too much bait (11/06). Assessed \$125.
Jonathon Virgil Pope, 20, of Germfask, charged with driving 40 miles per hour in a 35 m.p.h. zone (12/06). Assessed \$71.
Linda Lorraine Nordquist, 42, of Munising, charged with driving 50 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (11/06). Assessed \$71.
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Margaret Rose Warr and Joshua James McLear

Warr and McLear announce wedding date

Announcing the recent engagement of their daughter Margaret Rose are Joe Warr and Sue Warr of Au Gres, Mich. Maggie will exchange wedding vows with Joshua James McLear in October. He is the son of Lori McLear of Manistiquette. The wedding ceremony will take place in Coopersville, Mich.

Forgotten Eagles plan chili cook-off

Local members of the Forgotten Eagles will host a chili cook-off Saturday, Jan. 13, at 6 p.m., at the VFW Hall on Maple Street in Manistiquette.

The cost is \$10 a person, \$15 per couple, which includes all the chili and fixings you can eat. There will also be 50-cent draft beer, music, a 50-50 raffle and a silent auction.

Everyone is invited to enter the chili-making competition. Prizes for the best chili include \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place.

All profits from the event will benefit veterans-related projects throughout Michigan.

Perhaps best known for their annual motorcycle Ride Around Michigan, which takes place every summer to raise

Winter JumpStart program set at Bay de Noc Community College

Students planning to begin their studies at Bay de Noc Community College during the winter semester at Bay College have a program available to help them prepare for their college experience.

The college's TRIO program will offer JumpStart for Success Wednesday, Jan. 10. The one-day session is an abbreviated version of the four-day workshop held every August.

The program will provide participants with some basic college survival skills, allow them to become familiar with the campus and sources of

MOVIE GUIDE

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Rocky Balboa
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Good-hearted dreamer Larry Daley, despite being perpetually down on his luck, thinks he's destined for something big. But even he could never have imagined how big, when he accepts what appears to be a menial job as a graveyard-shift security guard at a museum of natural history. During Larry's watch, extraordinary things begin to occur. Myriens, Roman Gladiators, and cowboys emerge from their dioramas...

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Winter wonderland woes

Lois A. Corcoran

(Send your comments to corky@dsnet.us.)

I live in an area dubbed a "Winter Wonderland." That really means, "I wonder when winter will end." It also means keeping an emergency kit in one's car. This is especially true if your wheels are as unpredictable as the weather. The size of the kit depends on your destination. The furthest I drive is the local grocery store so I pack only one flare.

People have different ideas about what constitutes a necessity. Consequently, not everyone drives around with the same provisions. I recently checked out the inventory a friend of mine chauffeurs.

"Candles and matches," I mused. "What? No incense?" "Very funny," she said. "It's entirely possible I'd need these."

"True," I agreed. "You never know when you'll have to pull off the road and have a romantic dinner!"

Like most modern commuters, she also packs a cell phone. We've yet to finish a conversation on the darn thing, so I can well imagine how it functions in a blizzard.

National auto expert, Lucille Treganowan, compiled a list of "basic emergency supplies" one should not leave home without. Her roster contains some 23 must-haves. She may as well add "a male to haul them" because they'd never fit in the trunk of my car.

She also advises motorists to carry signs reading, "Call police for help." But wouldn't that merely tip off criminals?

What self-respecting killer would phone the cops at his next stop? [Yea, this is Chuck Manson, and there's this car about a mile down the road...]

Among other things, Lucille recommends carrying a wheel

chuck, a rubber hammer, a folding shovel and some cat litter. According to her, "these can be found lying around the house." I found none of these items, save for the cat litter. And that was already used.

So I may invest in one of those ready made emergency kits like the "Honey Bucket." Not only does it corral some all-weather supplies, but its storage container doubles as a portable commode. Just be

sure to empty it first. Among other things, it includes a "2400 calorie food bar." Good way to blow a week's worth of dieting. What kind of sadist would invent something like that?

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College foundation fund drive underway

The Bay College Foundation has kicked off its annual fund drive to support the college's scholarships, technology and arts and cultural projects for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Through the yearly drive, the foundation has contributed more than \$1 million to the college since 1980.

According to board President John Anthony, the foundation has focused on improving scholarship support for students since it was founded in 1972.

"The endowment has grown to the point where we can fund about \$200,000 in scholarships to Bay College students this year," Anthony said. "However, that is one-half of the amount needed. We literally could be awarding another \$200,000 to students achieving a 3.00 GPA or better if we had the funds. That means another \$4 million in endowment assets, a very achievable goal."

This year the foundation has incorporated the scholarship program into annual fund goals, as well as support for the enhancement of the arts and cultural projects through expansion of the performing arts center, remodeling of the student center, and improvements in technology across campus.

A campaign for the West Campus Development Fund will also be getting underway as needs are identified for the completion of the Dickinson County facility. The west campus is expected to open in the fall of 2007.

Since 1980, the Bay College Foundation has conducted an annual fund drive to support designated projects that the

college board of trustees and administration identify as critical to continuing operations.

Officials say state and local funding provide only basic operational support, and the college depends on private contributions to fund projects otherwise unattainable, such as capital improvements and cultural enhancements.

Donors to the fund drives have played a major role in supporting the college's infrastructure and educational improvements.

A wide variety of projects have received funding over the years, including furnishings and equipment for the learning resources center, student center, and Joseph L. Heiman University Center; laboratory improvements, including computers and furnishings in mathematics, nursing, writing and electronics; landscaping and signage upgrades, both internal and external throughout the campus; books and periodicals; additions to the college's permanent art collection; and scholarship support.

Amity Group plans meeting

The Manistiquette Amity Group will start the new year with a meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 9:30 a.m., at the Presbyterian Church on Main Street.

The program will be presented by Kristin Demers, who will discuss the local Yellow Ribbon suicide-prevention program.

Everyone is invited to attend. New members and guests are always welcome. For more information on the Amity Group, call 341-6865.



In December, health officials honored the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners for adopting the regional Clean Indoor Air Regulation, which prohibits smoking in public places of employment and recreation. The measure, introduced by the LMAS District Health Department in 2005, was approved in Schoolcraft, Alger and Mackinac counties. Luce County also approved the regulation, but opted out of enforcing it. Above, from left: Tooter Barton of LMAS and Paula Ackerman of the Upper Peninsula Diabetes Outreach Network present a plaque of appreciation to commissioners Peggy Arnold, Lindsay Frenette, Jean Barber and Keith Aldrich. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

Retailers' optimism falls

Despite a stronger start to the holiday shopping season, Michigan retailers were less optimistic about the start of the new year.

According to the latest Michigan Retail Index, a monthly survey compiled by the Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, sales were up substantially at the beginning of the critical holiday shopping period.

The sales performance component of the November survey jumped nearly five points compared to 2005 and was six points higher than October's results, indicating a solid be-

ginning for Christmas sales. The index showed 41 percent of retailers with higher sales in November compared to the same month a year earlier, while 43 percent recorded lower sales and 16 percent saw no change.

Those figures led to a seasonally-adjusted performance index of 50.4, up from 44.2 in October.

But the sales outlook for the next three months was not as positive, dropping nearly seven points compared to the previous survey and down more than 11 points from a year ago.

The numbers showed only 41 percent of respondents forecasting a sales increase for the December-February period, while 34 percent were braced for declines and 25 percent expected no change.

Those results created an outlook index of 62.4, down from 69.3 in October.

December's Michigan Retail Index, reporting sales for the entire holiday season, will be available on Jan. 24.

The state's retailers went into the season projecting, on average, gains of 4.5 percent compared to 2005.

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Sons of the American Legion State Commander Randy Jackson

State Legion officials ready for annual tour of U.P. posts

The American Legion's annual mid-winter tour of Upper Peninsula posts is scheduled to take place later this month. The visits are being led by American Legion State Commander Roger E. Webster of downstate Newaygo, Ruth E. Gott of Lake City, the state president of the Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion State Commander Randy E. Jackson of Royal Oak.

Webster, an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, is the elected head of Michigan's 93,000 Legionnaires. Gott represents more than 30,000 Auxiliary members. Jackson represents nearly 14,000 Sons

of the American Legion members. Their tour officially begins Friday, Jan. 19, with a visit to Canadian Legion Branch 25 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Other scheduled stops include the American Legion posts in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Newberry, Manistique, Gladstone, Stephenson, Menominee, Carney, Iron Mountain, Greenwood, Marquette, L'Anse, Baraga, Lake Linden, Crystal Falls, Iron River and Stambaugh.

In keeping with tour traditions, stops are also planned at the Iron Mountain VA Medical Center and the D.J. Jacobetti State Home for Veterans in Marquette.

The tour will conclude in Stambaugh at the mid-winter conference of the Upper Peninsula Association of American Legion Posts. The conference, hosted by Post 21, runs Jan. 26-28.

With nearly three million members, the American Legion is the largest war veterans' organization in the country, while the one million-member Auxiliary is the largest women's patriotic group.

In the Upper Peninsula, there are more than 7,000 Legionnaires, over 3,000 Auxiliary members, and more than 1,500 members of the Sons of the American Legion.

Draft of Catholic school plan set to be reviewed

Officials with the Catholic Diocese of Marquette say a draft of a long-range strategic plan for the nine Upper Peninsula Catholic schools will be ready soon. The document is slated for review by members of the Bishop's Task Force for Catholic Schools at their Jan. 10 meeting.

The group met in December to discuss ideas and information gathered by the subcommittees formed around five focus areas: Catholic identity, academic excellence, marketing, the role of the pastor and leadership in governance, and financial stability.

The task force decided to have each subcommittee draft the goals related to its focus area and submit them to Gloria Kalbfleisch, superintendent of Catholic schools for the diocese.

Kalbfleisch will compile the goals into one document and distribute the draft strategic plan to members of the task force.

When they meet in January, members will refine the preliminary plan so it can be shared with the priests, Catholic school principals and school board representatives — something that will most likely occur in February.

The task force will use the feedback gathered during the consultation process to develop the final strategic plan. Bishop Alexander Sample is excited about the group's progress.

"This is really starting to come together very nicely," he told the task force. "You should be proud of all the work you're doing."

The bishop formed the panel earlier this year to help secure the future viability and stability of Catholic schools in the U.P.

Women's Club to meet next week

The GFWC Manistique Women's Club will hold its next luncheon meeting Tuesday, Jan. 9, at noon, at the Comfort Inn.

The program will feature a presentation on the Manistique Area Kiwanis Club and its conference room of the state office building in Escanaba.

All members and their guests are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

SERA meeting in Esky

Upper Peninsula Chapter 16 of the State Employee Retirees Association will hold its monthly meeting next Monday, Jan. 8, at 1:30 p.m., in the

Pasty sale slated

The women of First United Methodist Church, 190 N. Cedar St., will hold their monthly pasty sale Wednesday and



Quick and Easy

Here are some tips for you when shopping for beef, as well as a tasty recipe, Asian Beef & Broccoli with Noodles.

- Select beef last when shopping to ensure that beef stays cold as long as possible until you get home.
- Choose beef with a bright, red color, without any grayish or brown blotches. A dark, purplish-red color is typical of vacuum-packaged beef. Once exposed to oxygen, beef will turn from a darker red to bright red.
- Fresh ground beef does go through a number of color changes during its shelf life. These color changes are normal, and the ground beef remains perfectly wholesome and safe to eat if purchased by the "sell by" date on the package label.
- A package of ground beef may appear bright red on the surface, where it is exposed to oxygen through the permeable plastic wrapping, while the interior, where oxygen is absent, remains purplish-red. With extended exposure to oxygen, beef's cherry-red color will take on a brown color.
- Choose packages that are sealed tightly wrapped and have no tears or punctures. Be sure the packages do not contain excessive liquid, an indication of temperature abuse or excessive storage. For vacuum-packaged beef, be sure that the seal has not been broken and that the package is not leaking.
- Choose steaks, roasts and pot roasts that are firm to the touch, not soft.
- Purchase before or on the "sell by" date printed on the package label.

ASIAN BEEF & BROCCOLI WITH NOODLES

Makes 4 servings.

boneless beef top round or top sirloin steak, cut 1 inch thick
Oriental-flavored instant ramen noodles, broken up
cornstarch dissolved in 1/2 cup water
vegetable oil
broccoli florets
medium carrots, thinly sliced
grated orange rind (optional)

Cut beef steak lengthwise in half, then crosswise into 1/8-inch thick strips. Combine seasoning from ramen noodles with cornstarch mixture in large bowl. Add beef; toss.

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Stir-fry broccoli and carrots 1 minute. Add noodles and 1/2 cups water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 3 to 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender and most of liquid is absorbed; stirring occasionally. Remove; keep warm.

Heat remaining oil in same skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Drain beef, discarding marinade. Stir-fry 1/2 of beef 1 to 2 minutes or until outside surface of beef is no longer pink. (Do not overcook or overuse. Repeat with remaining beef. Serve over noodles. Sprinkle with orange rind.

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Masonic groups set monthly meetings

Ida Chapter 54, Order of Eastern Star, will hold its next regular meeting this Saturday, Jan. 6, at 1 p.m., at the Masonic Temple in Marquette.

The session will include a collection of snack foods and craft supplies for the "After the Bell" program sponsored by Michigan State University Extension.

The next regular meeting of Lakeside Lodge 371, Free and Accepted Masons, will take place Saturday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple.

In December, Lakeside Lodge installed new officers for the coming year. Installed were David Paulson, Worshipful Master; Michael Forstlund, Senior Warden; Kenneth Ra-

Senior Center

2007 is here. What happened to 2006? With this Center will once again be doing Homestead Property Tax, Rental and Heating Credits. You may drop your information off with a telephone number where to reach you when they have been completed. Please, please, make sure you have ALL of your information before dropping it off. You have plenty of time, as we haven't even received the forms yet. Information needed includes:

1. Social security number
2. Last year's return
3. Income, including social security, pension, SSI and bank interest
4. Copy of 1099 or a social security check and if you received financial assistance, a statement from the FIA (Form SA1099) is needed
5. 2006 taxes on your home or rent paid, along with name and address of landlord
6. Medical insurance premium (other than Medicare)
7. Heating costs for 2006
8. Telephone number of where we can reach you if we have any questions.

William Kenneth Matt, 18, of Manistique, plead guilty in 11th Judicial Circuit Court to one count of breaking and entering a building with intent (8/06). He was sentenced to 12 months in jail with credit for 365 days. He must also complete 200 hours of community service. He was assessed \$50 state costs, \$1,200 court costs, \$500 crime victim restitution, \$300 county probation oversight fee, \$200 victim restitution fund, \$50,000 fine, \$6,820 total.

Daniel Reid Edwards, 25, of N. Houghton Avenue, Manistique, plead guilty in 11th Judicial Circuit Court to uttering and publishing (6/06). He was sentenced to the Michigan Department of Corrections for a minimum of 16 months to 14 years. He was assessed \$200

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ST. ALBERT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Oak and Range Street, Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Sunday

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Fr. Joseph Wolkowicki, Parsonage Administration: Pastor: (906) 341-2626. Sacrament of Baptism: By appointment. Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment. Sacrament of Anointing: 1:30 p.m. in the parish hall or in need of this sacrament, please call the pastor. Holy Scripture: St. John's 8 a.m. Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

ST. FRANCIS OF SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Glenn J. Theisen, Pastor. Saturday Mass 5:30 p.m. Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sacraments: Saturday 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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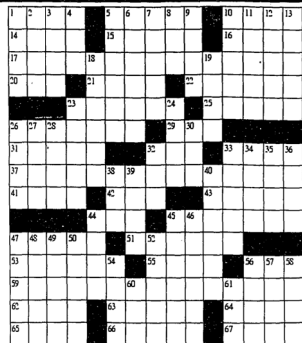
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County Board

Continued from A1 social worker at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital falls under the Hatch Act.

In a letter to the board read at the Dec. 28 audit-finance session, Phillips said the OSC had advised her not to take her seat until the matter is resolved. Otherwise, if it is determined she violated the law, taking the oath of office could be interpreted as an "aggravating factor."

Following Tuesday night's organizational meeting, Phillips said she has remained in contact with the OSC, which told her over the weekend to expect a final decision within the next two weeks.

If now appears, she said, that her hospital job may not fall under the federal law, however she won't know for sure until the Special Counsel's ruling is announced.

Until that time, Barber will continue to fill the District 3 seat on a temporary basis. Commissioners voted 4-0 last week to keep her in the position until Phillips' case is settled.

If Phillips is cleared to take office, Barber's appointment will end. If, on the other hand, Phillips cannot serve, Barber will remain on the board until May, when the position would be filled in the election.

Amid all that uncertainty, Tuesday night's leadership votes provided more evidence of a board struggling through difficult times.

The process began with Larson nominating Arnold for the chairman's seat and Zellar nominating Aldrich.

In the vote that followed, Zellar and Barber voted with Aldrich, while Lauzon voted with Arnold.

Next, Arnold nominated Lauzon for vice chair, and for a brief time, it appeared the election would be uncontested, with no other nominations submitted.

That changed when Aldrich sought a motion for a unanimous ballot. Arnold made that motion, but it died for lack of a second.

Rather than asking for a simple roll call vote on Lauzon's nomination, Aldrich instead proposed the floor for new vice chair candidates.

This time the tables were turned, with Lauzon nominating Arnold and moving for a unanimous ballot. Barber seconded and the motion passed 4-0, with Arnold abstaining.

Aldrich said the newly-aligned board will have much work to do in the weeks ahead, beginning with items postponed in December following McKinney's resignation, including the selection of a new airport manager.

A list of unfinished business prepared by Barber also included the airport manager's job, along with a number of other personnel matters.

Items on the list ranged from long-standing Carpenter Dam and jail compliance issues to the County Board's own policies and procedures.

Despite that heavy workload and the appeal of the past few weeks, Aldrich sounded an optimistic note for the coming months.

"We're going to be extremely busy, but we've got a good head here, and I think we're going to work well together," he said.

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• The College Board (collegeboard.com)
• Scholarship Experts (scholarshipexperts.com)
• Scholarship Resource Network Express (smpress.com)
• College Answer (collegeanswer.com)

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Another way to help pay for your grandchildren's college is to start a 529 college savings plan. Available in every state, 529s allow you to save for your grandkids' future college costs, tax-free. As long as the money's used for higher education, you pay no tax on your investment gains, and in many states you can even deduct part or all of your contribution on your state tax return. See www.savingforcollege.com to learn more.

Savings Clubs

Are you aware of college savings clubs like Upromise (www.upromise.com), Baby-Mint (www.babymint.com) and LittleGrad (www.littlegrad.com)? These offer a way to use everyday purchases to save money for college. While details vary depending on the program, the general principle is the same. If you spend money at the companies affiliated with the program, these companies will deposit a small percentage of the purchase price into your grandkid's college fund.

Savvy Tips: If your grandchildren are interested in pursuing careers in the military, see www.military.com, and click on "Education" to learn about military aid for college. Also see www.scholarshipcoach.com for a variety of products that can help you find cash for college.

Jim Miller is a regular contributor to the NBC Today Show and author of "The Savvy Senior" books.

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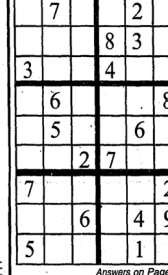
Retirees meet

Area retired school personnel will hold their next brunch meeting Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 10 a.m., at the VFW Hall on Maple Street in Manistiquette. The program will be presented by Tom Broullier of the Messier-Broullier Funeral Home, who will answer any questions from attendees. He will also offer a tour of the funeral home for anyone who is interested. Organizers say the session will "provide food for thought, without stress."

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers. Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

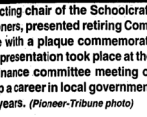


HOROSCOPES

Jan. 8 - Jan. 14 Your Horoscope by Gladys Capen
ARIES (March 21 to Nov. 21) You're hopping mad. Feel free to just vent to get in the way you.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're bawling. You're back next approach.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A social obligation must be fulfilled.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You don't like to take no for an answer.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) A close friend has some disheartening news.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Distractions abound this week.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You're looting to get away from it all.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You're hopping mad. Feel free to just vent to get in the way you.



On Dec. 28, Peggi Arnold, acting chair of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners, presented retiring Commissioner Lindsey Frenette with a plaque commemorating his years of service. The presentation took place at the County Board's last audit-finance committee meeting of 2006, as Frenette wrapped up a career in local government that spanned more than 53 years. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)



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a Note of Thanks Thank you to the residents of District 1 and Schoolcraft County! It has been a pleasure representing you in county and state government. Happy New Year! Lindsey and Querda Frenette

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Schools of Choice The Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency announces the following Schools of Choice information for the second semester of the 2006-07 school year.

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City Council

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Water-Wastewater Supervisor Corey Barr to proceed with a grant application to purchase a new IDEX laboratory testing machine.

process of delisting the Manistowic River and Harbor as an environmental Area of Concern (AOC).

Four more impairments await delisting, including restrictions on fish and wildlife consumption, restrictions on dredging, beach closings, and loss of fish and wildlife habitat.

The new laboratory unit would target the "beach closing" impairment by allowing sophisticated testing for E. coli bacteria.

Unlike the city's current equipment, the new machine will give an actual E. coli count, instead of simply "positive" and "negative" readings.

Golst said they were applying for \$23,000 to help finance the purchase. The total cost of the ambulance and equipment is estimated at \$85,000.

The city recently received a \$29,000 Rural Development grant for purchase of a new police patrol car.

Council also authorized Public Safety Director Ken Golst to proceed with a new grant application to USDA Rural Development for purchase of an ambulance.

In other business last week, council held an executive session to discuss new contracts with employees represented by the Fraternal Order of Police, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, and the Teamsters.

approved the hiring of Coleman Engineering for the upcoming Range Street infrastructure project.

Construction will take place next summer. The \$733,000 project is being funded, in part, with a \$508,000 Community Development Block Grant awarded last year by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

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Latest figures show state population essentially unchanged at 10,095,643

New estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau indicate that Michigan's population for 2006 was 10,095,643, a decrease of about 5,000 from last year.

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NOTICE OF SHOW CAUSE HEARING AND JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

On March 1, 2006 real estate with unpaid 2004 and/or prior years property taxes was forfeited to the Schoolcraft County Treasurer pursuant to the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, as amended.

The Schoolcraft County Treasurer is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in proceedings to foreclose on this property for unpaid property taxes.

There are two hearings scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings.

A Show Cause Hearing is scheduled for 9:00am-12:00pm, January 25, 2007 at the Treasurer's Office, 300 Walnut St, Room 169, Manistique, MI 49854.

A Judicial Foreclosure Hearing is scheduled for 10:00am, February 8, 2007 at the Circuit Courtroom, Courthouse, 300 Walnut St, Manistique, MI 49854.

- If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:
- You have the right to redeem this parcel from the foreclosure process by payment of all forfeited unpaid taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period.
- You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.
- The title to the property shall vest absolutely in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit unless all forfeited unpaid delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and fees are paid by April 2, 2007.

PLEASE NOTE:

The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. This notice is required to be given by law, even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any undischarged, apparent, or potential title or lien right to the property.

Listing of a party does NOT necessarily indicate that they are the owner of a parcel, or that they are liable for the property taxes. This list is NOT an offering of property for sale. These parcels are NOT being sold, auctioned, or otherwise made available by virtue of this notice.

There is no procedure for purchasing these parcels from the Foreclosing Governmental Unit at this point in the foreclosure proceedings. Those parcels that are foreclosed and not redeemed may become available at public auction after July of 2007. These parcels remain the property of their current owner until redemption rights have expired. No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels assuming them to be for sale. This may constitute trespassing and subject the offender to criminal prosecution. The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

The amount due listed indicates the balance which was due as of forfeiture on March 1, 2006. The current amount required to redeem must be obtained from the Schoolcraft County Treasurer, as additional penalties, fees, and interest have accrued since forfeiture.

Table with columns: NAME, PID, TAX, NAME, PID, TAX, NAME, PID, TAX. Lists various property owners and their tax amounts.

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Above: Skaters enjoy the rink at Little Bear West Arena as spectators watch from the new heated mezzanine enclosure on the left. Below: Taking a break last Friday to celebrate completion of the viewing area were (from left): Craig Savage of the Manistique Hockey Association, City Recreation Director Judie Reid, Mark Annelin, Sam Walters and Blaise Ayotte of the Hockey Association, Jeff Nagy of Nagy Construction, Sandy and Dick Martin of Martin's Carpet, and Evelyn Walters of the Hockey Association. Not pictured: Paul Roemer of Roemer Electric and Damian Tovey of Nagy Construction. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)



Hockey officials celebrate completion of mezzanine

The Manistique Hockey Association sponsored an open skating session at Little Bear West Arena last Friday to celebrate this season's completion of the brand new heated viewing area in the mezzanine. The 12-foot by 60-foot enclosure, a long-time goal of the Hockey Association and city recreation officials, was built over the course of the last year and a half. It transforms a for-

mer storage area that was difficult to access into a place spectators can watch skating sessions and hockey games in comfort and safety. The cost of the project was approximately \$15,000, which was gathered through association fund-raisers. Materials were donated by Manistique Lumber and Supply and Manistique Saw and Planing. The enclosure was built by

Jeff Nagy and Damian Tovey of Nagy Construction, Paul Roemer of Roemer Electric, and Dick Martin of Martin's Carpet. Other improvements at the rink this season include new protective netting purchased with a donation from the John Pat Miller Foundation and the construction of a new players' restroom.

Wildcats win weekend games

The Big Boy Wildcats ended 2006 with back-to-back victories over Republic Bank Sunday morning. After skating to a 5-2 win in the opening contest, the Wildcats returned to the ice and shut out Republic 3-0 in game two. With the wins, the Wildcats evened their season record at 4-4. Big Boy will start the new year with games at home this weekend. The squad will go up against Fazzoli's Saturday at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. On Sunday they'll face Besse Forest Products at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The early-morning New Year's Eve trip to Marquette didn't have any bad effects on the Wildcats, as they jumped out to an early lead in game

one off a goal by Carrie Kangas. Behind a solid 13 minutes of play in the net by Amanda Laramie, the Wildcats led 1-0 when the opening period came to an end. Teighlor Hoholik pushed the Wildcat advantage to two when she powered her way through several defenders early in the second. Kangas then extended the lead to three when she lifted the puck past the goalie from 25 feet out. Republic Bank answered with two goals late in the period to cut the margin to one with 13 minutes to play. Big Boy sealed the win with two goals in the final period. From her defensive post, Allison Laramie found an opening and slammed the back of the net off the drop at the start

of the third. Kelsey Gonyea got her first goal of the season to wrap up the victory when she picked up a deflected shot by Hoholik and scored at the 5:36 mark in the period. Along with Laramie in the net, the Wildcat defense, anchored by (Allison) Laramie, Darby Demers, Hanna Bryant and Sami Walters, shut out Republic Bank in the final period. Following a scoreless first period in game two, Hoholik backhanded a shot through the pipes to give the Wildcats a one-point advantage in the second stanza. Halley Hoholik was credited with the assist. Kangas rounded off the scoring with two unassisted goals in the final period.

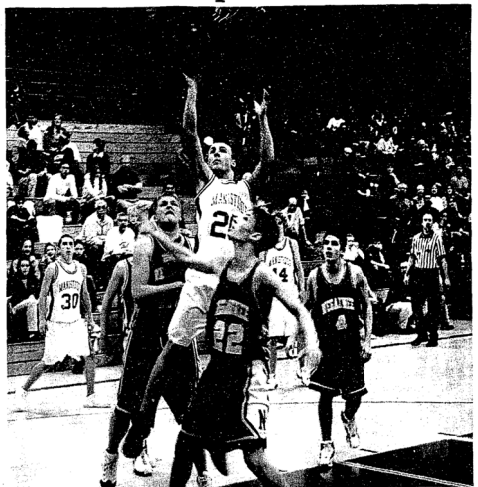
JV improves to 6-1 with another pair of victories

Back-to-back baskets by Colton Walters gave the Manistique Emeralds junior varsity a 13-point lead to start the third quarter, but from that point baskets were hard to come by for the Emeralds in their Mid-Peninsula Conference match-up against Negaunee last Thursday. After putting on a shooting demonstration earlier in the evening, the baskets by Walters were all the Emeralds could muster in the third, leaving the door open for a late comeback by the Miners.

Despite their lack of offense in the second half, Manistique still held on to upend Negaunee 38-36. Down by four, the Emeralds went on a 16-2 run fueled by a 12-point effort from Jared Turan midway through the opening period. With the Emeralds holding an 18-10 edge, Turan found Gunnar Mickelson open under the basket for two, giving Manistique a 10-point advantage as the period came to an end. Following that explosive start, both clubs struggled to find the net in the remaining three quarters. Manistique outscored Negaunee 7-6 in the second to hold a 27-16 lead at the break. With just two Emerald field goals in the third, Negaunee managed to cut the margin to nine (32-23) as the quarter came to an end.



What had originally looked like a cakewalk for the Emeralds turned out to be a battle after the Miners scored five quick points to start the final stanza. The Emeralds first points of the quarter came at the 3:45 mark when Mickelson finally broke the ice for the green and white. A great defensive effort by Turan sealed the win in the final seconds. With his team clinging to a 38-36 lead, Turan picked off a Miners' pass which allowed Manistique to escape with the victory. Turan led the Emeralds with 14 points. Mickelson added seven. Walters eight, Gardie Kangas four, Dustin Demers and Brad McBurney two points each, Scott Zellner one. Tuesday night, the Emeralds improved their record to 6-1



Colton Walters stretches for two over the Miners' Dillon Menard (22). Walters netted eight points for the night. Emeralds pictured in the background are Scott Zellner (30) and Gardie Kangas (14). (Pioneer-Tribune photo) With a 47-27 road victory over the St. Ignace Saints. The young Emerald defense held the Saints to just two points from the floor in the first half of the non-conference match-up and controlled a 26-8 advantage at the break. An eight-point performance by Turan in the third helped lift the Emerald lead to 34 (49-15) going into the last quarter. Demers paced the offense with 15 points. Mickelson

Varsity Emeralds fall to Negaunee and St. Ignace

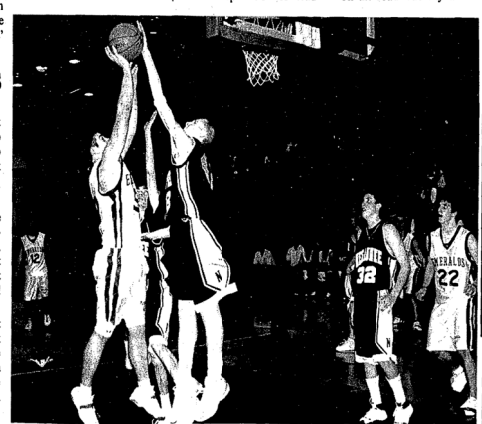
Terry Martin powered his way to the basket, scored his 11th point of the night and tied the game at 33, but the effort by the sophomore was not enough to secure an Emerald victory in last Friday's varsity basketball battle with Negaunee. Following the third-quarter basket by Martin, Negaunee put together a 13-3 run to control a 46-36 lead going into the final two minutes, and in the end walked off the court with a 53-42 Mid-Peninsula Conference win. Martin finished the night

with a season-high 14 points in the loss. Down by just one (10-9) at the end of the opening quarter, the Emeralds struggled to put points on the board in the second. Early baskets by Martin held the margin to one, but the Miners responded with 10 unanswered points and carried a 24-13 advantage into the waning minutes of the half, until a basket by Corey Gonyea cut the margin at intermission to eight (24-16). His team down by 11, Josh Mickelson scored nine straight points to clog the Miners' lead

to 29-27 at the 4:29 mark in the third. But Negaunee outpaced the Emeralds 18-9 in the fourth quarter to cement the win. "We had our opportunities but threw it away," said Manistique coach Ed Marietti. "At times the game could have gone either way. We just couldn't get it done." Martin led the Manistique scoring with 14 points. Mickelson added 11, Kangas six, Gonyea four, Jared Martin three, Carl Kemper two and Scott Giles one. On the road Tuesday at St.

Ignace, the Emeralds trailed by as much as 19 points in the first half, but battled back and cut the margin in half in the second. It wasn't enough, however, as Manistique went on to drop its fifth straight game, a 61-49 non-conference decision. With the loss, the Emeralds fell to 1-6. "At the break, we said we wanted to come out and get their lead down to less than 10 by the end of the third quarter," Marietti said. "We hit a bucket, held them, but then came down four or five times and didn't get anything out of it. Instead of trailing by eight, we were still down by 17." Lagging 34-15 at the half, the Emeralds outscored the Saints 34-27 in the third and fourth quarters of play.

"We need to build off the way we played in the second half," said Marietti. "The previous six quarters we played were not very impressive. We proved to ourselves that we can play the game, but the attitude of hustling has to be there from the start and not just come and go." Gonyea and Mickelson paced the offense with 14 points each. Kangas added eight, Brandon Lawrence six, Giles, Joe LeDuc and Terry Martin two points each, Jared Martin one. Manistique will look to get on track when they host the Munising Mustangs Friday and travel to Newberry Jan. 9. The Emeralds only win so far this season came against the Indians - a 72-42 victory on Dec. 12.



Terry Martin is snuffed by Negaunee's Nick Benaglio in last Friday's Emerald loss to Negaunee at the Bonifas Gymnasium. Despite his troubles here, Martin had a strong offensive performance, finishing with a season-high 14 points. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

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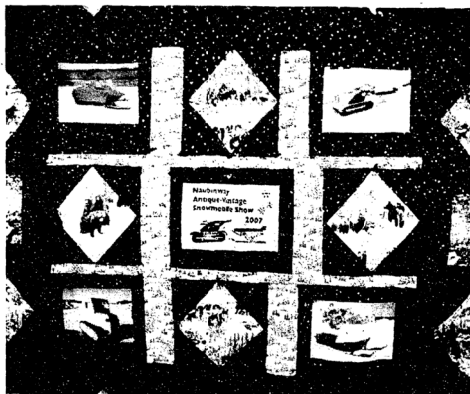
Snowmobile museum fund drive underway

by Stephen King
For a couple years now, one of the worst kept secrets around the Naubinway area and around the antique snowmobile world has been the building of a snowmobile museum in Naubinway. Recently, the Naubinway/Engadine Merchants confirmed what everybody has been whispering about. Namely, they are working on plans to build a snowmobile museum in Naubinway.

The idea of a snowmobile museum was born directly out of Naubinway's annual Antique and Vintage snowmobile show, currently the largest of its kind in the state. It was started about 15 years ago, when the area was looking for some type of show or carnival to highlight the winter.

To that end, this show has been a huge success. Each winter, the show draws many of the top snowmobile collectors in the state, who display well over 200 sleds, along with many thousands of people who come to view the sleds and participate in the various events.

The idea of building a museum came when some of the people displaying the old machines expressed a desire to do something with the sleds in their collections. Namely, some of these people are start-



This antique snowmobile quilt, created by Joy Morgan, is being raffled off to raise money for the snowmobile museum that is now being planned in Naubinway. The winning ticket will be drawn during the community's annual antique and vintage snowmobile show in February. (Submitted photo)

ing to get on in life and are wondering what will happen to their prized collections when they can no longer take care of them. They didn't want the sleds they had worked so hard to save and restore going back into a barn. They wanted someone else to take care of them.

So the idea of a museum came up. And with Naubinway's history in the world of antique snowmobile collecting, it seemed the obvious place to put a snowmobile museum would be in Naubinway.

At that time, the people involved with Naubinway's Antique and Vintage Snowmobile Show started what was basically an exploratory committee. Charlie Vallier, Tom King, Fred Edgerton, and John McGuirk are just four of the many names involved.

groups contacted was the Naubinway/Engadine Merchants Association, the group that sponsors the snowmobile show. The merchants immediately gave their support. Next, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians were contacted. They own a piece of land on the north side of the highway in Naubinway where a motel formerly sat - a piece of land that is perfect for a museum.

The results from those initially contacts are what has brought about this announcement.

The people involved in the snowmobile museum have gotten a verbal agreement from the Sault Tribe that they will work with the area to establish a museum. In essence, the tribe is going to lease the land to the museum group to allow a building to be built on the site. This has allowed fund raising to begin in earnest.

The kickoff fund-raiser will be the raffling off of a quilt made locally by Joy Morgan. The quilt has photos of various twin-track antique snowmobiles captured on cloth.

The reason twin-track sleds were featured on the quilt is because twin-tracks are the featured sled at this winter's snowmobile show. Joy, who donated her time for this project, used her talent to work the photos into a very beautiful quilt.

Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased at participating area businesses, with the winning ticket to be drawn during

the show in February.

At this stage, it is really too early to tell exactly what the finished museum will look like. Current plans call for a 100-foot by 100-foot building. However, alternate plans are also being considered. The one thing they have in common is that they all call for a building that will contain as much display space as possible.

The plans also call for a kitchen and a meeting room. This is because it will be a multi-use project. As a matter of fact, the merchants have already proposed that the Sault Tribe's Naubinway Elders be allowed to use the facility for their meetings and dinners. And there is talk that an area welcome center be part of the facility.

While the actual construction of the facility is still in the works, filling it is not.

"We've already got the thing filled up," says area businesswoman Sally Schultz. "There have been so many people saying they will donate sleds, we don't see any problem having enough sleds to display."

Now, with the cost of the project in the thousands of dollars, it would take an awful lot of quilts to fund the project. Which is why other sources of funding are also being looked into.

Currently, the merchants and the museum group are having good luck securing additional funding. They have already secured support for the project from Garfield Township

Board, Mackinac County, and the Eastern U.P. Snowmobile Council, along with the merchants association and tribe.

One of the things that are already finding is that grant monies are available for the establishment of museums such as this. And it is their hope that many of these grants will find their way into the museum fund.

This does not mean the money raised by the quilt raffle is not needed. At this time,

there is a huge gap between the money that will be needed and the money that has already been committed to the project.

Every time a dollar is raised, the merchants are another dollar closer to breaking ground on the project.

For more information about the museum, contact members of the exploratory committee or the Naubinway/Engadine Merchants, or go to the association's Web site at www.topotihelake.org.

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Latest report focuses on economic issues

Officials with the Michigan League for Human Services say the news is clear and dire: the state's children are suffering in today's economy.

According to the latest Kids Count in Michigan report, almost two of every five children in the state lived in families with income below or only marginally above the federal poverty level in 2005.

The study also found that the percentage of children participating in the Food Assistance Program almost doubled between 2000 and 2005, rising from 10 percent to 19 percent.

Families qualify for the Food Assistance Program, also known as Food Stamps, with income below 130 percent of the federal poverty level, or roughly \$20,500 for a single mother with two children.

In addition, the Kids Count report states that one of three children in the state depended on Medicaid for access to health care in 2005, qualifying with income below 150 percent of the federal poverty level.

The annual data book was released last month. It reviews indicators of child well-being in health, economic security,

adolescence and child safety for the state, each of its 83 counties, and the city of Detroit.

This year's report focuses on economic security, highlighting the low benefit and income eligibility levels for many families, such as the child care subsidy and the cash assistance grant.

"As wages erode and costs for housing, health and transportation soar, families struggle to make ends meet," said Jane Zehnder-Merrell, project director of Kids Count in Michigan and a research associate at the Michigan League for Human Services.

"These programs play a vital role in helping families with children meet basic needs during hard times. Unfortunately families become ineligible at income levels that are not adequate to meet basic needs."

In Michigan the youngest children, those under 5, had the highest participation rates in the Food Assistance Program, with one of every four eligible for benefits.

Sixty Michigan counties saw their participation in Food Assistance double between 2000 and 2005, and some of the

state's most prosperous counties, such as Livingston, Ottawa and Allegan, saw their rates triple.

"A lack of vital nutrients during the growing up years can have a lifelong impact on individual potential," said Michelle Carey, community advocacy director at Michigan's Children.

One of the biggest changes in child well-being over the trend period (1997 to 2005) was the jump in the rate of confirmed child victims of maltreatment, which was roughly 40 percent higher in 2005, and the rate of children going into foster care, which was up by 16 percent.

Roughly 28,000 children were confirmed victims of maltreatment in 2005, and almost 17,000 were removed from their birth families and placed into foster care.

Most victims suffered from neglect, often resulting from poverty.

"The erosion in state revenue has resulted in the sharp curtailment of many programs and services to prevent child abuse and neglect," said Zehnder-Merrell. "As a result, many more children are at

risk."

The most dramatic improvements in the report reflected gains for teens.

The teen birth rate dropped by 28 percent between 1997 and 2004, from 48 to 34 births per 1,000 girls 15-19.

Kids Count Continued B4

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Memories

By Vanciel LaDuc
Schoolcraft County Historical Society

After having discussed the various companies with sawmills in the area, forest operations will be the next area of investigation.

The majority of logging camps were under the control of the Chicago and Weston lumber companies. The woods superintendent was George Orr, whose responsibility it was to insure that three sawmills would be kept running 24 hours a day each season. By planning ahead, he was able to keep a minimum of a two-year supply of logs in the Manistique River and Indian Lake.

George Orr employed "land-lookers" or "timber cruisers," who cruised the area estimating timber supplies in order for Orr to appropriately place lumber camps for the winter cutting.

The Chicago and Weston lumber companies controlled nine camps each season, along with several camps by individual jobbers.

During the summer months, under the guidance of George Orr, camp locations were chosen. Camp numbers were assigned to different locations and the roads were mapped out. The main road would be about 20 feet wide and usually meandered a lot, since they would try to keep a level grade by going around hills. From the main road, several auxiliary roads branched out into the forest.

As soon as freezing weather started, camp foremen would have the men begin using water tankers to ice down the roads. If snow had already fallen, a team of horses would plow the roads first with a V-shaped plow. In order to have the roads properly iced, it would take about six weeks.

Once the ice was set, a rut-cutter would cut parallel four-inch ruts for the sleighs hauling the logs to the river. Once log hauling began, the water tank crews would work at

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From the materials of the late local historian Jack Orr a reproduction of a waiver signed by lumberjacks before being hired by the Chicago or Weston lumber companies. The contracts were in common use in the 1880s.

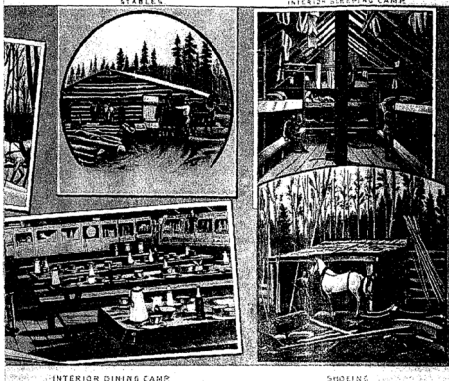
night. If the roads had any hills, they would put hay or sand in the ruts to slow the log sleighs so as not to injure the horses.

In the winter, there were never any snow-covered roads. Once the snow started, the horse-drawn plows worked until it stopped snowing, so progress was never halted.

The lumber camps were usually constructed in three or four days and were comprised of a cook camp, men's camp, barn, hay and grain storage sheds, a blacksmith shop and office.

The cook camp had a large cook stove, pump and sink, base boards, food storage area and large tables with benches for the men to eat their meals. The cook lived in the back of the cook camp. The cook, depending on the size of the camp, had assistants called "cooksies."

The men's camp was a log structure with double bunk beds on each side made out of rough lumber with hard board bottoms covered with hay or straw and coarse wool blankets with no pillows. In place of a pillow would be a "turkey" (a grain bag filled with the lumberjack's clean clothing). In



Various views of an old lumber camp, from the collection of the Schoolcraft County Historical Society.

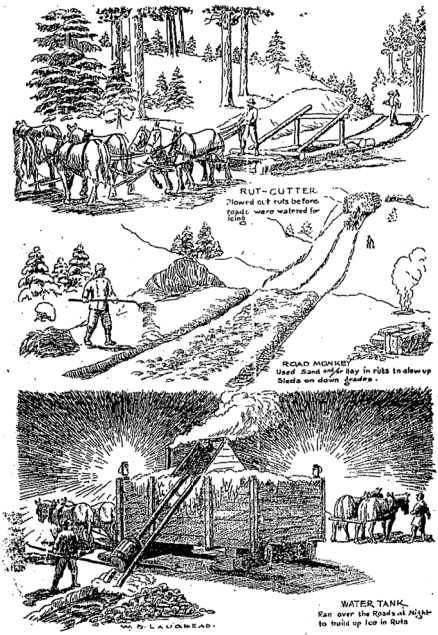
the middle of the men's camp would be a large stove for heat and drying their wet clothing. The barn was divided into stalls with cut timbers on the floor and a feed storage area. The blacksmith's shop was

equipped with a forge and bellows, an anvil and tools. The office building housed the foreman and log scaler, who kept records of the board feet cut throughout the season. It also served as a mini store,

called a van, with various supplies such as tobacco, pipes and clothing for the lumberjacks.

OLD TIMERS WILL REMEMBER . . . The "Ice Roads"

BY W. B. LAUGHEAD



From the collection of the Schoolcraft County Historical Society, this installment of a feature called "Old Timers Will Remember" focused on the building and maintenance of lumber camp ice roads.

Kids Count Continued from B2

The teen death rate dropped by roughly one-quarter during the trend period, falling from

80 to 61 deaths per 100,000 youth 15-19. Maternal and infant health

Michigan Works job expo coming to Bay College next week

Over 20 businesses from the Upper Peninsula and northeastern Wisconsin will be on hand next week, when Michigan Works holds its Employment Expo 2007 in Escanaba.

The event, which will showcase a variety of occupational fields and bring employers together with job applicants, will take place Thursday, Jan. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the CA at Bay de Noc Community College.

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stagnated over the eight-year trend period, with infant mortality remaining at eight deaths per 1,000 infants and eight percent of all babies born weighing less than five-and-a-half pounds.

The roughly 11,000 babies born at low birth-weight face increased risk of developmental delay, chronic illness, and even death compared to other infants.

African-American infants suffer from double the risk of low birth-weight as white infants: 15 percent compared to seven percent.

"These large disparities threaten the economic future of the state," Corey said. "Key programs such as local infant mortality review teams to foster a more effective community response to our high infant mortality rate have lost fund-

ing." Kids Count in Michigan, a collaborative project of the Michigan League for Human Services and Michigan's Children, regularly collects and publishes information about child well-being as a basis for public policy development and community action. The project is part of a broad national effort to improve conditions for children and their families.

Funding for the project is provided by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Detroit-based Skillman Foundation, the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation and local United Ways.

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2006/2007 SCHOOLS OF CHOICE - 2ND SEMESTER

The following constituent districts of the Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School District are offering a Schools of Choice option to students and their parents. Students residing in participating districts can choose to attend the school that best meets their individual needs.

In accordance with Section 105, Schools of Choice language in Public Act 300, the following represents the buildings, grade levels, specialized programs and the number of openings available for each of the following districts in Delta and Schoolcraft Counties.

| SCHOOL DISTRICT | RK | K | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th | 10th | 11th | 12th |
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| Big River Harris | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Big Bay de Noc | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Escanaba | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gladstone | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manistique | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mid Peninsula | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rapid River | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

*The administration will make every effort to accommodate building preference at the elementary level but retains the right to make the final building selection for student placement.

Applications may be obtained from the following locations:
Bark River Harris School District, Mr. Russ Priot, Supt., PO Box 350, Harris, MI 49845 - (906) 466-9961
Big Bay de Noc School District, Mr. John Peterson, Supt., 8928 00.25 Road, Cooks, MI 49817 - (906) 644-2773
Escanaba Area Schools, Dr. Thomas Smith, Supt., 1500 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829 - (906) 786-5411
Gladstone Area Schools, Mr. Kenneth Groh, Interim Supt., 400 South 10th Street, Gladstone, MI 49837 - (906) 428-2417
Manistique Area Schools, Ms. Esther Mudge, Supt., 100 North Cedar Street, Manistique, MI 49854 - (906) 341-4300
Mid Peninsula School District, Mr. Mike Loy, Supt., 5055 St. Nicholas 31st Road, Rock, MI 49880 - (906) 359-4387
Rapid River School District, Ms. Terri Milecki, Supt., PO Box 58, Rapid River, MI 49875 - (906) 474-6411

Completed applications must be received at the Superintendent's Office by January 18th, 2007 for Big Bay de Noc, Gladstone, and Mid Peninsula, January 19th, 2007 for Bark River-Harris, Manistique, and Rapid River, and January 25th, 2007 for Escanaba.

The Boards of Education of the participating districts comply with all federal and state laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination and with all requirements and regulations of the United States Department of Education and the Michigan State Department of Education.

It is also policy of the participating Boards of Education that no person on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status, limited English, or disability shall be discriminated against, excluded from participating in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in any program, employment practice, or activity for which it is responsible or for which it receives financial assistance from the United States Department of Education or the Michigan State Department of Education.