




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Zoning debates continue

Appeals board size reduced; storage container ordinance reexamined

by Paul Olson

Four months after refusing to cut the size of the zoning appeals board, the Manistique City Council has voted to do precisely that. By a 3-2 margin Monday, council ratified a recommendation from Mayor David Peterson to reduce the board from five members to three. New appointments to the board will be on council's agenda Jan. 22.

Monday's action was just the latest in a string of discussions and votes that began Sept. 11, when council members turned down a request from the appeals board to reduce their membership to three, a move allowed under the state's new Zoning Enabling Act.

At the time, members said they had trouble finding enough people to serve on the board, which was supposed to have five regular members and two alternates.

It was also noted that the panel frequently had quorum problems, with not enough members attending meetings to conduct business.

The board needed at least three of its five members present to make a quorum, but required four people to achieve the necessary two-thirds vote on zoning appeals.

Council discussed the board's request at length, citing a number of concerns, including possible violations of the Open Meetings Act if two members of a three-person board discussed business between meetings, and the fact that a three-member board was too small to be deciding important zoning issues.

In the end, council took no action, saying they could revisit the issue later, but first wanted to try advertising for new members and taking other steps to increase attendance, such as moving meetings from 4 p.m. to a later time.

That decision was followed almost immediately by the resignations of all but one appeals board member. Stepping down were Robert Heberg, Jon Schuster, Marcia TeVelde and Bob Bell. The only member who agreed to stay on was Robert Bruggeman.

That prompted council to step into the void, agreeing to serve as the appeals board on a temporary basis, until new members could be found. Two weeks later, the search for members turned into controversy, when Mayor Peterson declined to appoint a slate of applicants that included Councilman Dan Evonich and local residents Doug Erickson, Peter Markham, Roy Carley and Steven Jones.

Peterson said those appointments were not "in the city's best interest." Instead, he stated, council should keep doubling as the appeals board for the winter months, while continuing to advertise for prospective members.

On Monday, Peterson laid out a new approach, saying they should ratify the earlier recommendation on board size, cutting it from five members to three.

Peterson also suggested a slate of members that included three of the four people who had resigned last fall. Peterson asked council to appoint Schuster, TeVelde and Bruggeman as regular appeals board members, and name Bellair and Jones as alternates.

The discussion that followed covered many of the same points debated in September, with council members Evonich and Tim Noble raising concerns about potential Open Meetings Act violations, and Evonich stating that a larger board, with broader representation, would prevent a two-person "majority" from wielding too much power.

Peterson referred to the difficulties in maintaining a five-member panel, and stressed that the law allows small communities like Manistique to have smaller boards.

"The law allows it, but I don't think it's something we want," Evonich responded. Evonich also pointed out a portion of the state law requiring one member of the appeals board to also serve on the local zoning board — in this case, the city's Planning and Zoning Commission.

He said they should appoint Peterson's proposed slate of members and find someone on the zoning commission who would also be willing to serve, bringing the total regular membership to four.

To fill the fifth position, Evonich suggested they appoint him.

He said that would make sense, since he had a letter of

interest on file and had already been serving on the appeals board as a council member.

Peterson said he did not want to discuss the qualifications of particular candidates, but added, "I still think my recommendation is in the best interests of the city."

Council member Chris Rantanen said she had concerns about appointing Evonich, because of possible zoning problems with a building he has been constructing for a number of years at the corner of Oak and Maple streets.

Evonich said those issues should not affect his appeals board membership, since he would always abstain from voting on any personal matter.

After continued discussion, Rantanen moved to reduce the size of the appeals board and Jan Jeffcott seconded.

The motion passed, with Rantanen, Jeffcott and Peterson voting yes, Evonich and Noble dissenting.

Council took no action on appointing new members.

Peterson said he would check with the Planning and Zoning Commission to find a representative willing to serve on the board of appeals, and would make his appointment recommendations at the next meeting.

In another zoning matter, council Monday introduced a zoning ordinance amendment that would ban the use of steel storage containers in residential areas.

It was the second time such a measure was introduced, but its chances of passing don't appear any more likely this time around.

The original amendment, proposed by the Planning and Zoning Commission in October, would have banned permanent placement of the large steel containers in areas of the city zoned R-1 and R-2, while allowing their temporary use during construction projects with a valid building permit in effect, providing the containers were removed from the property within 10 days after construction was finished.

Another section of the amendment would have per-

mitted temporary refuse or dumpster containers to be used during construction, with the same provision that they be removed within 10 days of project completion.

At the time, council members raised a variety of concerns about the measure, including the fact that not all types of construction — for example roofing and siding work — require building permits.

Ultimately, the amendment was sent back to the planning and zoning board with several modification suggestions, including removing the section dealing with dumpsters and the possible use of time limits to allow short-term use of containers.

The zoning board responded with a revised measure that encompassed none of council's ideas, and in fact was even stricter than the original proposal, saying only "The use of shipping or cargo storage boxes or containers is prohibited in R-1 and R-2 Districts."

Planning and Zoning Chair Rick Stram said council's request for changes had made the board "more adamant that they did not want to see storage boxes used in R-1 and R-2."

Stram said there was "not much discussion" about council's proposed modifications, and that the strict amendment had been approved by their board on a 4-1 vote.

"Aesthetics was the driving factor," Stram told council. "They don't want to have a box car, a railroad car without wheels, sitting in residential areas."

Repeating comments made in October, Peterson noted that only one complaint had been received about the use of storage containers, and wondered if it was wise to pass new restrictions on that basis.

Stram said their board had been trying to avoid more problems in the future.

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The Manistique Area Schools is investigating the possible purchase of this property — four vacant lots across the street from the site of the new elementary school — but first has some questions to answer. On Monday, Superintendent Esther Mudge discussed the parcel with the city's Zoning Board of Appeals. The issue is also expected to be on the agenda at next week's Board of Education meeting. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

Looking for answers ... Mudge reviews property uses with Zoning Board of Appeals

by Paul Olson

She's looking for answers, but Manistique Area Schools Superintendent Esther Mudge didn't find any at Monday night's meeting of the city Zoning Board of Appeals.

On behalf of the MAS Board of Education, Mudge is investigating the possible purchase of four vacant residential lots on the southeast corner of Wilson and Cattaraugus streets, across from the new elementary school that is under construction.

Mudge was seeking information on allowed uses for the property, but appeals board members were reluctant to discuss it, without knowing the school district's future plans.

Mudge first brought the property issue to the School Board last month, saying they had a chance to purchase the four lots for \$19,900, less than the listed price of \$25,000.

She told her board members that the property wasn't needed right away, but could be a sound investment for the future, when they might need the space for parking or other school uses.

One board member raised a number of questions about the proposal, wondering if the school district really needed the property and if it was a wise expenditure in a time of budget crunches.

Mudge said she was raising the matter for discussion only, not action, and promised to get more information before making her final recommendation to the board.

One of the first things the district needs to know is if the property could be used for certain kinds of activities.

Mudge said the area is zoned R-1 residential, which means it can be used for church and elementary school purposes. But in the future, MAS might also want to utilize the site for other types of events — for example, overflow parking when high school sports are being played in the gymnasium at the new school.

"Appearing before the zoning appeals board, Mudge stressed that the school district has not yet decided to buy the parcels and has no definite use in mind.

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As the discussion continued, members seemed unsure if their board was even the right place to bring the issue, or if residents a chance to comment on any usage proposal.

"You might want to have a hearing," Lang stated. "If you're going to have parking there for sports or a play or something of that type, I don't know if it would go over well with the people. Someone could have a legitimate complaint."

Several residents were at Monday's meeting, and briefly mentioned their concerns, including problems with storm-water runoff if the parcels were paved, potential disturbances from vehicles parking at the site, and decreased property values.

Peterson said adjacent property owners would be notified if and when a public hearing is held.

Council member Dan Evonich said school officials should also plan on holding their own meetings with residents.

The property issue will almost certainly be discussed again when the School Board holds its next regular meeting. That session is slated for Monday, Jan. 15, at 6:30 p.m., in the multi-purpose room of the administration building at the high school.

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In addition, District Court conducted 11 jury trials, 53 bench trials and performed 12 marriages.

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façade program moves forward; DDA discussing its participation

The Manistique Downtown Development Authority is meeting in special session today (Thursday), with one of the prime topics of discussion expected to be a new façade grant program for the city.

The meeting, which takes place at 11 a.m. at the Comfort Inn, replaces the DDA's regular monthly meeting on Jan. 16. In addition to several routine business items, the board will be following up on last spring's goal-setting session, reviewing overall objectives and specific projects for 2007 and the years ahead.

If City Manager Sheila Aldrich has her way, the façade grant initiative will be one of those projects.

First discussed by the DDA in November, the program is offered by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), which would provide half the cost of improvements to commercial building exteriors.

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funding would be returned to the state.

Aldrich says the program will be sponsored locally by the city, Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce and Schoolcraft County Economic Development Corporation. She hopes the DDA will also opt in, by agreeing to fund part of the local match — something done in several other Upper Peninsula communities.

Under that plan, the DDA would earmark a certain percentage of its budget for façade improvements, paying some or all of each project's cost.

With MSHDA funding 50 percent of the improvements and the DDA assisting with the other half, Aldrich believes participation in the program would increase dramatically.

"The more businesses we get involved in this, the better it will be for the whole community," Aldrich says. "And I think we owe it to our businesses to help as much as we're able to. They're our biggest taxpayers. If we can help them, we should."

While the extent of DDA participation is not yet determined, Aldrich says they are moving forward with the program. Several businesses have already expressed interest in participating, and MSHDA is enthusiastic as well. An agency representative has scheduled a Feb. 14 visit to Manistique to meet with local officials and business owners.

Anyone with questions about the program is encouraged to contact Aldrich at 341-2290; the Chamber of Commerce at 341-5010, or the EDC at 341-5126.

Character: Horticulture



By Tom Earle-Bridges

While talk of global warming abounds and the snow continues to allude us, I'm growing increasingly concerned about the current state of affairs. As someone who is involved in the hospitality industry, I am painfully aware of how necessary that white stuff is for our local winter economies. Not only am I concerned for our economy, I am also thinking forward to next spring. Lack of snow now translates into lack of snowmelt next spring. True, it has been raining on and off, but I'm not sure that the recent rainfalls in any way compensate for what will be missing from the melting snow come next spring. In effect, even though it may not seem like it now, our current weather pattern may be leading us into drought conditions later on in the year. I have set several goals for myself in 2007. I have been told that it's important to have goals for yourself. In the past, I was never one much into setting goals. Getting out of bed on time was the about as goal oriented as I got. This year I decided it was time to make some real changes. One of my biggest changes I am planning on making is in my garden. Simple and easy to maintain is going to be my gardening mantra for 2007. I have the feeling the evolution from its current state of high maintenance into one of little upkeep is not going to be a simple or easy one. Just the same, it's something I have to try. I have finally reached that stage in my life where, no matter how much I love gardening, I don't want to spend all of my little free time doing exclusively just that. Variety after all, is the spice of life. I have decided one of the key components to my garden simplification plan is to focus more on shrubbery than on perennials. I have come to the realization a great deal of color, structure and diversity can be achieved through the use of shrubs. Shrubs also seem to withstand the predations of Jack Russell terriers more readily than perennials are apt to do, a factor I consider a key component of any garden revitalization plan that I might have going. Another goal I have in mind is to get back into the routine of a regular exercise regimen. I was doing great runs for a while there and then I sorta just sputtered out. Well, if I can surely start exercising once again on a routine basis. I just might get a start on that today. But first, I think I'm gonna take a short nap. That's another goal of mine. To be well rested at all times. You may reach me via email at teb@chartermint.net

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Fish Report

By Ret. Sgt. John Walker

Well can you believe it, there is a chill in the air and the snow is blowing like just maybe it should be the middle of January. It is hard to imagine that there is no ice on the bays or lakes and ice fishing is on hold until we get a whole lot of cold-cold weather. Now you have to understand that if we end up with a normal amount of cold winter type days with an average snow fall, you had better fasten your seat belts. The one thing we can look forward to is the days are now getting longer so with each passing day another day of winter is gone. As I have stated before, seeing that I am solar powered, even these sunny-snow blowing days make for beautiful days. For those birds and other wildlife that have to spend the winter up here in the great north woods a winter like this can be a God send. The only thing that can ruin this is if we make up for it with an extended winter before spring really gets here. If you think normal people up here were disappointed with the type weather we have had, just think of those business

people that depend on the winter weather during the holiday period to jump start the winter season. It always seems that what some people enjoy, for others it can be a nightmare. Life sure has some interesting twist to make us all kind of wonder what lies around the corner. You get ready for normal winter weather during this time of year and what do we get. We did find out one thing in our travels during the holidays. Wife got up one morning down in Ormond Beach, Fla., at our daughter's home and there were at least a couple hundred Robins enjoying the Florida sun while eating breakfast. We had never seen that many Robins in one spot before. As Wife and I traveled from here to Florida and back with all the traffic and people I was sure ready to get back up here where things are a little slower. Maybe we miss out on a few things like that, but there are a lot more things out there that I can live without. The pace we live at up here is something money cannot buy and I would not trade it for anything. We have it made up here so take a minute and enjoy it. Besides if you think you have had a strange day think of this guy. A man was sitting on the toilet in his hunting camp when all of a sudden the top of the toilet tank just seemed to explode. The man looked to his left and saw a bullet hole in his shower stall. He looked the other way and saw where the bullet had ricocheted off the wall into the tank top. The man and his hunting buddies ran outside and saw another hunter standing in a field about 50 yards from protection of the site. DNR officials say the area maintains unique and high quality northern fen and cedar swamp communities with numerous rare species. The nomination originally was submitted to the DNR as a 3,453-acre site, but the boundary was modified following the department's review. As a dedicated natural area, management activity is limited, and is intended to preserve the site's high quality natural communities, functional ecological processes and viable populations of native species, while providing recreational and research opportunities. Motorized vehicles and equipment are prohibited from dedicated natural areas unless they are necessary for management of the site. Natural areas are open for hiking, hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing. The Jan. 17 meeting will give the public a chance to review proposed plans and provide input for the Carney Fen Natural Area. DNR Director Rebecca Humphries will make a final determination on whether to proceed for dedication as a natural area through legislative action.

Snowmobilers asked to avoid grouse areas in national forest

In order to protect sharp-tailed grouse, officials with the Hiawatha National Forest are asking snowmobilers to avoid cross-country travel in two areas this winter, including one in northern Schoolcraft County. The local area is a 140-acre opening approximately six miles southeast of Steuben [see map]. In the eastern Upper Peninsula, a 480-acre opening near Racoo has been designated. The sharp-tailed grouse, which is not widespread in Michigan, is a management indicator species for the Hiawatha, as well as being a USDA Forest Service "sensitive species." During the winter, sharp-tails use open areas to burrow into the snow for warmth and to escape predators. Increased off-trail use by snowmobilers can compact the snow, reducing the birds' burrowing opportunities. Also, snowmobiles can flush sharp-tails from their burrows, which can stress the birds and cause them to use more energy at a time they need to conserve it. Finally, during the late winter season, sharp-tails gather in the open areas to use them as "dancing grounds" in preparation for breeding. For those reasons, the Forest Service is requesting that all snowmobilers avoid cross-country travel in the two designated areas. In the zone near Steuben, the public is asked to avoid the

opening and a two-track road (Forest Road 2622) that runs through the area. A snowmobile trail that parallels Forest Road 2212 and runs adjacent to the designated area is open. Both the Steuben and Racoo areas have been marked with signs. Maps are also available at any Hiawatha National Forest office. For more information, call Hiawatha National Forest wildlife biologist Kirk Piehler at (906) 789-3374.

Partnership plans its annual meeting

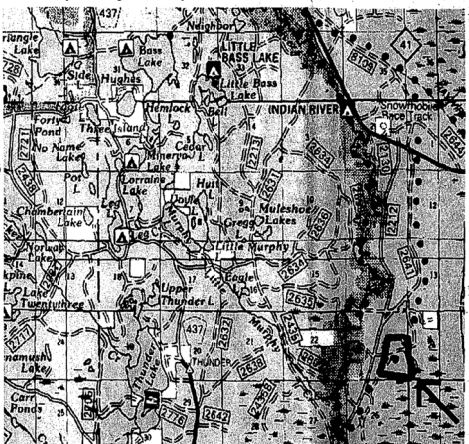
The Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP) will hold its annual meeting Thursday, Jan. 25, at Up Front and Company, 102 E. Main St. in Marquette. The event begins with a social at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will get underway at 7 p.m. Partnership members and the general public are invited to attend the meeting, which will include food, music, door prizes and a raffle drawing. SWP staff will discuss 2006 projects and look at future efforts. Officials with the Partnership say they are working to protect the watersheds of Lake Michigan, Lake Huron and Lake Superior. There are 158 primary watersheds in those basins. They invite people to come to the meeting and learn how they can help protect the watersheds in their areas. For more information, visit the group's Web site at www.superiorwatersheds.org or call (906) 228-6095.

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Sustainable agriculture in spotlight at annual Family Farm Conference in Battle Creek Saturday

The fourth annual Michigan Family Farms Conference takes place this Saturday, Jan. 13, in downtown Battle Creek. This year's conference, "21st Century Practices for Sustainable Family Farms," will focus on small and limited-resource family farmers, helping them learn about government programs, environmental stewardship, marketing tactics, value-added production practices and more. The Farm Research Cooperative is sponsoring the event

in partnership with the USDA Risk Management Agency. Other sponsors include Michigan Food and Farming Systems, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Potawatomi Resource Conservation and Development Council, the C.S. Mott Group for Sustainable Agriculture at Michigan State University and other organizations. More information on the event is available at www.miffs.org or by sending e-mail to miffs@msu.edu.



A Hiawatha National Forest map showing the 140-acre opening southeast of Steuben that is closed to cross-country snowmobile travel this winter to protect sharp-tailed grouse. The adjacent snowmobile trail, which parallels Forest Road 2212, is open.

Meeting to review natural area nomination

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will host a public meeting to discuss the nomination of the Carney Fen Natural Area in Menominee County. The meeting will take place at 8 p.m., Eastern time, at the Menominee County Annex Building on US-41 in Stephenston. The DNR is considering the dedication of 2,468 acres in the Escanaba Forest Management Unit as the Carney Fen Natural Area. An additional 333 acres would be designated as a "special conservation area" under management guidelines designed to ensure long-term

protection of the site. DNR officials say the area maintains unique and high quality northern fen and cedar swamp communities with numerous rare species. The nomination originally was submitted to the DNR as a 3,453-acre site, but the boundary was modified following the department's review. As a dedicated natural area, management activity is limited, and is intended to preserve the site's high quality natural communities, functional ecological processes and viable populations of native species, while providing recreational and research opportunities. Motorized vehicles and equipment are prohibited from dedicated natural areas unless they are necessary for management of the site. Natural areas are open for hiking, hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing. The Jan. 17 meeting will give the public a chance to review proposed plans and provide input for the Carney Fen Natural Area. DNR Director Rebecca Humphries will make a final determination on whether to proceed for dedication as a natural area through legislative action.

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EDITORIAL Due diligence

On the surface, Monday night's meeting of the Manistique Zoning Board of Appeals seemed to present a pretty good example of a no-win situation, a Catch-22. The Manistique Area Schools cannot determine a use for land near their new elementary building, or even decide whether to buy that land, without knowing what activities might be allowed there in the future...

At least that was the apparent outcome of the meeting. But was it correct? Did City Council members, serving what was probably their last meeting as the zoning appeals board, give fair consideration to Superintendent Mudge's query, or did they merely give a hasty and convenient answer?

The basic question actually seemed simple enough. If the school district were to buy the land, and if it were to be used for high school event parking at some future point, would that be allowed?

A straightforward answer might have been "Yes" or "No" or "Here's the procedure you'll have to follow" or even "Hey, you caught us off guard and we're honestly not sure. We'll look into it." Instead, the conversation spun around in circles a few times and essentially went nowhere.

There were references to zoning laws that may or may not cover schools. There were mentions of a possible public hearing, and a variance that may or may not be needed, depending on whether or not the school is covered by zoning laws and whether a high school basketball game at an elementary school is considered a high school event or an elementary school event and... well, you get the idea.

In fairness, some of the confusion was understandable. The appeals board was actually caught off guard by Mudge's presentation, which was not on the meeting agenda. Her question was a surprise, and there was no time to study or deliberate. Given that, it would indeed have been appropriate for the board to take the matter under advisement or refer it to the zoning administrator, then issue an answer later, after conducting the necessary research.

That would have been favorable to providing no answer at all. And it would have been much better than telling Mudge, as one council member did, that the school might just have to buy the property and take their chances with a future board. It's that kind of off-handed dismissal - the Wizard of Oz saying, in effect, "Go

Away. Come back tomorrow..." - that makes people leery of bringing concerns to local officials in the first place.

When it comes to the central issue in this case, the property purchase itself, we're just like everybody else - the superintendent, the school board and the nearby residents. We have concerns, and we have plenty of questions. Would buying this land be the right thing for the district? Is it needed? Might it be needed at some future time? For what? Can it actually be used for X, Y and Z? Are there other alternatives? Can the purchase be justified in terms of this time of school budget cuts, of programs and staff constantly operating under the trembling blade of an axe about to fall? Is it appropriate for school districts to use taxpayers' money to speculate on something that may or may not prove a wise investment years later? What would the purchase mean for students? What would it mean for the adjacent property owners, and what would it mean for the character of the neighborhood itself?

The bottom line? It very much remains to be seen whether this purchase is A) a good idea and B) even feasible.

Looking into our cloudy crystal ball, we suspect the school board will, in the end, simply say, "thanks, but no thanks" and move on to other issues.

Whether or not that turns out to be correct, we hope the board will study all of the issues carefully and talk to all of the affected parties, in the neighborhood and elsewhere, before reaching its decision.

Superintendent Mudge is absolutely correct. It would be a shame for some future board of education to be facing a space crunch and look back at this property acquisition as a squandered opportunity. But it would be just as unfortunate for school board members to approve the purchase and find themselves asking later, "What were we thinking?"

No future is ever guaranteed and every big decision is a virtual roll of the dice, with the outcome hinging on a thousand factors, known and unknown. The best you can do is tilt the odds in your favor a little bit by doing your due diligence, covering your bases, talking to every side, asking every question and giving fair and full consideration to the answers.

Given the little that has been discussed publicly so far, and some of the confusion we heard Monday night, it seems this critical process is just beginning.

Deliberate Thieves and Accidental Comedians

"No. I'm not like you people. You wheedle and you wear and you whitewash your day away."

Laura Nyro, "Eddy"

Fed up or distraught by news of the day's human doings? Try switching to other cam (www.mbayaj.org/efcfefc/oter/cam.asp).

This device enables anyone with broadband Internet connections to observe the sea otters at the Monterey Bay Aquarium be, well, themselves. Everything in life is a game for God's ultimate party animals. Playing is their M.O.

They fool around with their food, cavort with their keepers and graciously put on a show for the legions of devotees who flock daily to see them in person.

Then there are the meerkats, the stars of the only reality TV show I have ever watched. Although these tiny creatures scratch their existence from the sands of South Africa's Kalahari desert, they still have the energy and inclination for folkicking. Curious, mischievous, rambunctious, young meerkats are hilarious handfuls for those hapless siblings charged with babysitting duties. Even older, supposedly more mature meerkats sometimes can't resist joining in the fun.

What a blessed relief to partake, however briefly, in these animals' lives. Their dramas and deeds put human folly into perspective, reaffirming that life goes on no matter which team wins the Super Bowl or which political party has the (temporary) upper hand.

Animals connect us to our emotions in a world that seems to dispirit and demean any forthright expression of true feeling. Otters fill me with joy, even though I know they are endangered. I marvel at meerkats' courage while acknowledging that their social order has its own share of deadly rivalries.

Ever notice how different animals seem to reflect various aspects of human nature? Bees and ants are Type-A over-

achieving workaholics. Their entire existence is wrapped up in and defined by their toils. Herd animals (think horses) hang out with each other and gossip as would any group of like-minded teens - or adults. Squirrels and chipmunks are deliberate thieves and accidental comedians.

We even have sayings that acknowledge these animal-human similarities - "lone wolf" "crazy as a loon," "sly as a fox."

Of course there are those who argue that it is meaningless to superimpose human personality traits on the non-human denizens of planet earth. Anthropomorphizing is just wishful thinking, according to this viewpoint, which posits that animals behave according to their survival imperatives and nothing more.

I have to wonder. My partner once owned a part shepherd, part greyhound named Annie. When the dog was young, two squirrels banded together to steal food from her bowl. While one set up a charmer to distract Annie, the other stuffed its cheeks with her dinner, and then vice versa.

One day Annie finally figured out the scam, flipped around in mid-air, and tore after the squirrel gobbling down her food instead of the decoy. The thief barely made it safely up the nearest tree branch, losing a tuft of tail in the pursuit.

As Annie barked up at the escapee and leapt in vain trying to reach her quarry, the squirrel lifted its leg and urinated on her head. Then it chattered away at her in squirrel-speak that needed no translation either for the canine or the human audience: "Can't catch me in the middle of the sea-nyah-nyah-nyah-nyah."

The poor dog realized her owner was watching and cringed.

Tell me those weren't human reactions. Or perhaps there's just more squirrel in us than we care to acknowledge.

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WEEKLY WEATHER RECAP. The following weather information starts Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007. Table with columns: DAY, HIGH, LOW, PRECIP. Rows: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday.

A Look Back at the... Pioneer-Tribune Archives

40 Years Ago January 12, 1967. Possible transfer of the 22 Central School kindergarten students to the Lakeside School was delayed Monday evening by the Manistique Area Board of education to allow Supt. Edwin Wuehle time to study the proposal. Tentative plans call for providing bus transportation both ways for the youngsters. Mr. Wuehle said the move would give more room in the high school for class work.

30 Years Ago January 13, 1977. The Manistique Area Schools Board of Education put its seal of approval on Manistique Pulp and Paper Company's request for admission to a rehabilitation tax district that will allow the firm a break in its taxes for an extended period of time. In their regular meeting Tuesday, the board unanimously passed the way for a \$5.56 million in target area taxes for the company. Under a tax incentive law passed in 1974, capital outlay valuation for expansion would remain frozen for a 12-year period.

20 Years Ago January 15, 1987. Law enforcement authorities are still searching for two of three prisoners who escaped from the Schoolcraft County Jail last Friday. Patrick Dupuy, 32, was captured in Lima, Ohio. Monday, still at large are Bruce Plytha, 43, and Charles Meadows, 37. The trio are state prisoners who were being held in the Schoolcraft County Jail because of overcrowding in state facilities. The three escaped from a second story window by cutting away screening and plexiglass after prying off the interior bars. They fled the area in a blue Camaro belonging to another inmate.

10 Years Ago January 16, 1997. At a special meeting last week, Manistique resident John Strom was appointed Schoolcraft County Drain Commissioner, replacing Archie Carper, who died in December, after being elected to a new term of office prior to being stricken from the Jan. 1. The appointment committee, designated by statute, included County Prosecutor Peter Hollebenbeck, County Clerk Sigrid Hoberg and Probate Judge William Werner. Hoberg said that two letters of interest in the position were received. One of those letters was from Strom. The other was from local resident Doug Erickson. A letter of recommendation for Strom was received from Township Supervisor Thomas Kitzman was received from Germaine Township Supervisor Omer Doran, but Kitzman himself did not apply for the post.

Letters to the Editor newsroom@pioneertribune.com

Letter to the Editor: Object

When President Ford's Memorial Service was being televised, I was in a doctor's waiting room large enough for two television sets. Each was set to a different channel. Although there were no logos for channel identification and the pictures were the same most of the time, there was a difference.

One channel faithfully recorded the entire service, but the newscasters on the other channel decided that enough of the service was due their respect and that of the audience. The last part of the service to make sure that we, the people, would not have to undergo what? too much religion? but would rather hear them flap their gums with their extraordinary insight.

They did not even realize they were showing off their ignorance. This service was a send-off for the nation as well as for the President's family. We who could not physically attend were able to join in with our hearts and minds, to give a final good-bye to President Ford. But, instead, we were treated to the great opinions of our news media, so our good-bye was interrupted and discounted. Newsmen don't know that there is both a mute button and an off button for anyone not desiring to listen to the whole service. The interruption was an affront both to the President's family and to America's citizens.

I do object! Dorene E. Hatfield We are writing to urge sportsmen to contact their legislators and ask them to vote against any increases in hunting and fishing license fees. This presents a golden opportunity to exert the only real leverage we have to get our concerns taken seriously and to change DNR policies.

While nobody wants to see cuts in staffing and services, that's what it will take for the message to sink in. I resent having to pay more to pursue my activities with no tangible benefits in return. Unless enough of us call, write or send e-mails, the DNR will win and it will continue to be business as usual. We are forced to bear a disproportionate share of the burden and it's time to consider alternative funding sources. All users of state land and resources should pay their fair share, either directly or indi-

rectly. For example, Missouri earmarks one eighth of one percent of their state sales tax revenues to pay for natural resource programs.

The muckey-mucks at the DNR which they listen, but the results prove otherwise. Some examples: Last year, the deer hunters tried to get a one buck law for the Upper Peninsula. This proposal failed for lack of support on the NRC. The sentiments of a clear majority of U.P. deer hunters were disregarded.

Not only did they bring wolves here and continue to deny the obvious, they created a big problem with no solution in sight. To add insult to injury, three quarters of a million dollars annually from the Fish & Game Protection Fund plus in-kind services from both the Wildlife and Law Enforcement Divisions is used to monitor and protect wolves. That's our money folks and we didn't have a vote.

For the last 15 years, organized dog hunting groups targeted trappers in a campaign to advantage themselves at our expense. The crowning insult is their lawsuit to stop a limited bobcat trapping season that was established in the Lower Peninsula. The DNR is complicit in the enactment of several onerous restrictions on trappers that went far beyond protecting dogs.

The new Congress also brings the opportunity to implement a serious manufacturing policy that creates and maintains manufacturing jobs in America, and a new energy policy that includes moving away from petroleum and toward alternative fuels. We need a comprehensive initiative to produce a large number of vehicles that can run on alternative fuels such as ethanol and hydrogen, and to create new, leap-ahead technologies that will boost our manufacturing industry while protecting the environment and reducing our dependence on foreign oil.

Several other issues have broad public support and should be addressed quickly by the new Congress. We should raise the minimum wage for the first time in a decade, end tax incentives that reward lapping American jobs overseas to improve the new Medicare prescription drug benefit. We should implement additional recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to make our country more secure. We should reduce interest rates on college loans and finally keep the promise of the No Child Left Behind Act by providing the necessary funding. And we should pass - again - the expansion of embryonic stem cell research that the American people clearly want.

Left Behind Act by providing the necessary funding. And we should pass - again - the expansion of embryonic stem cell research that the American people clearly want. The 110th Congress will face many great challenges - both at home and abroad - and the work will not be easy. But the American people have asked for progress over partisanship, and I am hopeful that the new Congress will heed that call. I look forward to the work of the new Congress, and wish you and your family a happy and healthy new year. Sincerely, Sen. Carl Levin

Michigan Unemployment Statistics November 2006

Table with columns: Region, Labor Force, Total Employment, Total Unemployment, Nov. Rate, Oct. Rate, Nov. 2005. Rows include Eastern U.P., Central U.P., Western U.P., and United States.

County and regional jobless rates see seasonal increases

The jobless rate in Schoolcraft County took a big jump in November, according to figures released last week by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG). The county's unemployment level for the month stood at 9.5 percent, up more than two points from 7.1 percent the month before. The new number was also significantly higher than the 8.9 percent unemployment in the county one year earlier, in November 2005. The local jobless rate remained high compared to most other counties. Schoolcraft County's rate was fourth highest in the Upper Peninsula, trailing only Mackinac County at 13 percent. Keweenaw County at 11.8 percent and Bangor County at 10.9 percent. The monthly rate was 12th highest compared to all of Michigan's 83 counties. According to Kathy Salow, an analyst with the DLEG in Marquette, the U.P.'s jobless rate climbed from 5.2 to 6.7 percent in November, and was higher than the 6.1 unemployment in the region a year ago.

Salow said normal seasonal patterns led to the increase. For the month, all 15 U.P. counties experienced higher jobless rates, and in a year-to-year comparison, 13 counties had higher unemployment than they did in November 2005. Only Gogebic and Keweenaw counties saw slight decreases compared to last year. The U.P.'s November unemployment was higher than the statewide rate, which jumped from 6.1 to 6.5 percent, and substantially higher than the national rate, which rose from 4.1 to 4.3 percent.

Obituaries



Terrence J. Cross

Terrence J. Cross, 64, of Manistique (Foot Lake), Mich., died accidentally on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, as a result of a tree falling on him while he was harvesting wood on his property in Inwood Township.

Terry was born Aug. 6, 1942, in Kalkaska, Mich., the son of Merlin and Lucinda (Bateman) Cross and was a graduate of Kalkaska High School with the Class of 1960. Following graduation he began working on road construction in the Chicago area.

On Feb. 10, 1968, he married the former Sally J. Hanning in Saginaw, Mich. They made their home in Saginaw and Terry was employed as a carpenter.

In 1970 they moved to the Upper Peninsula and Terry started the Cross General Contractors company. He retired in 1993.

Terry was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed cutting wood, deer and bird hunting, fishing, making maple syrup in the spring, camping, and taking the family on their annual fishing trip to Canada and pheasant hunting trip to South Dakota. Most important in Terry's life was the time he spent with his family.

Survivors include: his wife, Sally J. Cross of Foot Lake; two sons, Wade (Lynda Beeson) Cross of Crystal Falls, Mich. and Travis (Jeanne LeMire) Cross of Rapid River, Mich.; two grandchildren, Wyatt and Hannah; special friends, Logan and Josie; father, Merlin Cross of Traverse City, Mich.; three sisters, Susan (John) Yonker of Frankenmuth, Mich., Sherry (Ron) Hellenga of Traverse City and Jacquelyn (John Sturgis) Miller of Venice, Fla.; along with several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lucinda P. Cross.

The family will greet friends from 3-4 p.m., Friday, Jan. 12, at the Hiawatha Country Church in Manistique. A Celebration of Life service will follow at 4 p.m., at the church, with Pastor Paul Varoni officiating.

Refreshments will be served in the Hiawatha Mission Center immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Terry's memory may be directed to any charitable U.P. Wildlife Association or to the Big Bay de Noc School Education Foundation.

Messier-Brouillere Funeral Home of Manistique is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com

Norma J. Lucas

Norma J. Lucas, 81, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie.

She was born May 28, 1925, in Milwaukee, Wis., the daughter of James and Bernice (Shepard) Lucas. She attended schools in Menominee, Mich. and spent the greater part of her life in the Engadine/Naubinway area.

Norma was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Engadine. She enjoyed reading.

Survivors include: her son, Gary (Helen) Westerholm of Brighton, Mich.; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, brothers: James (Marcella) Lucas of Wallace, Mich., Roy Lucas of Elephant Butte, N.M., Gordy (Cheryl) Lucas of Wallace and Jack Lucas of Las Vegas, N.V.; sisters: Ruth (Lou) Parker of Crown Point, Ind., Nita Sobers of Shelby, Mich. and Jean Miller of Wausau, Wis.; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Dale, William, Franklin and Douglas Lucas; and sister, Elaine Rockwell.

Graveside services will be held at the Garfield Township Cemetery at Engadine in the spring.

Messier-Brouillere Funeral Home in Manistique is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences can be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com

Pet photos sought for annual HSSC contest

The Hamane Society of Schoolcraft County has put out the call for its fourth annual Pet Photo Contest. Every local pet owner is invited to participate. Entries will be accepted from Thursday, Jan. 18, through noon on Friday, Feb. 2.

Pet photos must be four inches by six inches, with the name of the pet, owners' name and phone number on the back. A \$5 entry fee must accompany each picture.

Entries can be mailed to the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter, 6091 W US Highway 2, Manistique, MI 49854, or dropped off during regular business hours.

Pictures will be returned if a self-addressed stamped envelope is included.

A panel of judges will pick the top 10 pictures, which will then be displayed on a pet photo board at a number of area businesses.

Businesses hosting the board this year will be the Thompson Veterinary Clinic, Peoples Store, Pamida, Purvin's Health Mart, Petique and Jack's SuperVet. The board will be at each site for one week.

Contest winners will be chosen by local residents, who will cast monetary "votes" for their favorite pet pictures.

At the end of voting, the pet owner whose picture raised the most money will win first prize: a framed professional photograph of his or her pet.

The second-place prize is a pet-photo license plate. Third prize is a pet-photo T-shirt courtesy of Designed to a Tee.

All proceeds from the contest will support operations of the animal shelter and assist the homeless, adoptable pets that live there.

Marion D. Jack

Lifelong Germfask, Mich., resident, Marion D. Jack, 79, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, at the Luce County Annex in Newberry, Mich., where she had been residing.

Born May 20, 1927, in Grayling, Mich., the daughter of James and Rosalie (Hudson) Lytle, Marion moved to Germfask at a young age and on July 5, 1947, married Robert Jack at St. Therese Catholic Church in Germfask.

A devoted housewife and homemaker, Marion owned and operated Jacks Rod and Gun Shop in Germfask for several years. She would continue employment with the United States Postal Service in Germfask, retiring as postmaster on Sept. 28, 1990.

She was a member of St. Therese Catholic Church, member of the VFW Post No. 6030 Ladies Auxiliary and charter member of the Germfask/Seneey Lionsess Club.

Marion enjoyed flower gardening, bowling, playing cards, attending softball games and spending time with her family.

Survivors include: her children, Susan (Daniel) Krupla of Germfask, Lawrence Jack of Cornell, Mich., Robert Jack of Ypsilanti, Lirida (Frank) White of Newberry, Gerald (Sally) Jack of Germfask, Stephen (Janice) Jack of Germfask, Philip Jack of Germfask, Laura (Tim) Glover of Marquette, Mich. and Gregory Jack of Germfask; 23 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren with two to be expected; brother, Gerald (Ginger) Lytle of Ann Arbor, Mich.; sister-in-laws, Amette Lytle and Mary Dexter both of Germfask.

Visitation was held at St. Therese Catholic Church in Germfask from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 7. A Mass of Christian Burial followed at the church with Father Tim Hruska officiating. Rite of Committal followed at Riverside Cemetery.

Those who wish may contribute to St. Therese Catholic Church in memory of Marion D. Jack.

Condolences may be expressed at www.beaulieufuneral-home.com

O-N Minerals thanks local fire department

The Doyle Township Volunteer Fire Department recently received an unexpected boost from a local business.

In December, the department received a \$500 donation from officials at O-N Minerals Port Inland Operation; in appreciation for services supplied last summer.

According to a letter from the company to the fire department, it began when the plant had a train derailment, which left several rail cars in need of dirt and debris removal.

"After trying to imagine the best and most efficient way to accomplish this, someone thought of our local Volunteer Fire Department," wrote O-N's Rhonda Schneider. "Without hesitation, the volunteers were at the plant and removed the debris with ease."

Schneider said the contribution was a way of saying thank-you for that assistance, noting "In times of need, the prompt response of a neighbor can indeed be a blessing."



At their monthly meeting Tuesday, the GFWC Manistique Women's Club honored the winners of their third annual short story contest for sixth graders at the Manistique Area Schools and St. Francis de Sales School. The competition is sponsored each year by the club arts committee. Above: Committee members Cheryl Fory and Eileen Renton, first place winner Stephanie Zellar, second place winner Cassie Walters, third place winner Caroline Mool, committee member Carol Carlson. Not pictured: committee members Betty Briggs, Vi Freeland, Donna Rogers and Betty Harding. The three winning writers each received certificates and cash prizes. Zellar's story now moves on to GFWC Michigan state competition in the spring. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

Showing appreciation ... Michigan school board members are honored during recognition month

Local public school districts all around the state are taking time in January to honor their elected officials during the annual observance of Michigan School Board Recognition Month. The event pays tribute to more than 4,000 board members in 552 local and 57 intermediate school districts.

The theme for this year's recognition month is "School Boards Make a World of Difference." It is reflected in a proclamation from Gov. Jennifer Granholm and a resolution from the Michigan State Board of Education.

Granholm praised "the efforts of thousands of men and women whose actions and decisions help to shape the education and future lives of the next generation."

The state board resolution cites the annual recognition as "an opportunity to build stronger relationships between the men and women who champion the cause of public education."

According to information from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB), the state's local board members are re-sponsible for decisions on budgets totaling \$12 billion and affecting 1.7 million K-12 students.

"They face tough public scrutiny, difficult financial times and increased pressure to improve student achievement," says the MASB. "School board members invest countless hours of their already busy personal lives to make the tough decisions about budgets, personnel, curriculum and other matters to help improve our schools."

School Board Recognition Month is sponsored across the country by the National School Boards Association. The annual Michigan celebration is sponsored by the MASB.

Members of the two local school boards are:

- Big Bay de Noc School: Joy Bloom, Naomi Fletcher, Jon Haindl, Ann Harrington, Craig Knudson, Brenn Kruh, Steve Pelletier.
- Manistique Area Schools: Grant Harris, Steve Latterman, Daryl Lawrence, Robyn Loviska, Ginger Stark, Michelle Syers, Gail Wood.

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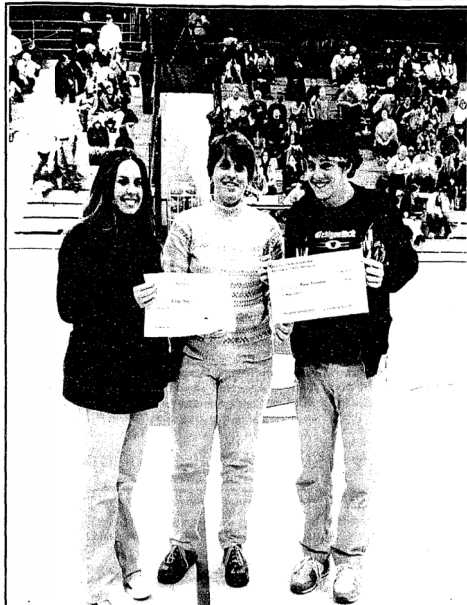
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The Green Fire Athletic Booster Club recently presented the 2006 scholarship recipients with the first half of their awards. The \$500 scholarships were given to Manistiquie High School graduates Gady Demers (left) and Brad Kleeman by Booster Club Vice President Cheryl Selling. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)



Lois A. Corcoran

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

Cold weather gear jeer

I swear they rearrange the seasons on me. Why else would I take till halfway through winter to sort out the cold weather gear?

First, I untangle a beehive of scarves even snowmen have refused to wear. The best looking ones are too short to wrap around me, while the homelier versions could outfit a mummy.

Underneath them lurks a balaclava. Meant for the fiercest cold, it's a mask-like garment worn on your head. This should not be confused with baklava, a Greek pastry that's worn on your hips.

Though either gender can wear balaclavas, you won't see many women running around

in them. Unlike guys, who seem to don bizarre headgear as a sign of manhood, most of us ladies don't like to mess our hair. So we pull on trendy headbands or cutesy earmuffs to look chic when our frozen corpse is discovered.

The lion's share of our cold weather gear consists of wide-woven mittens. To make matters worse, we rarely have the good sense to alternate which paw gets lost. So not only do the survivors not match, but we must force lefties onto right hands or vice versa. This fits as well as wearing undies backward.

The same goes for gloves. The only pair that still matches is a "one size fits all." My

Bay College Travel Club planning European tour

The Travel Club at Bay De Noc Community College is planning a 10-day trip next June to London, Paris and Rome. This trip will depart around June 11.

Everyone is invited to participate, however, those 12 to 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

The tour is being coordinated by EF Tours, which has many years of experience coordinating trips for high schools and colleges. Because it is an accredited educational

program, the company can grant credits to high school teachers and students who take part.

The cost for students under 23 is \$2,389, based on triple or quad occupancy. For those 23 and over, the cost is \$2,704, based on double occupancy.

The price includes round-trip airfare departing from Chicago, seven overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms, one night on a train coachette, continental breakfast and dinner daily, a full-time bilingual tour director, five sightseeing tours led by local guides, three walking tours, nine visits to special attractions, and passage on the Eurostar high-speed train.

Optional tours of Versailles and Pisa are available for \$50 and \$30 respectively. Travelers may also opt for a two-day extension to Pompeii and Capri for an additional cost. Tour participants are respon-

sible for their own transportation to and from the departing airport, passports, lunches, tips, insurance and other fees.

In order for EF to offer competitive prices, it combines smaller tour groups together. As a result, the original requests of smaller groups cannot be guaranteed, and they must submit a second and third choice.

Officials at Bay College say there were two other tours offered that visit the same cities, so the only change may be the length and cost of the trip.

The Travel Club's second and third choices are 12 days and 14 days, which makes them a bit more expensive. Participants also have to be prepared to leave four days before or after the requested June 11 date.

The specific tour, date and final itinerary will be confirmed 70 days prior to departure.

The deadline to register is March 4. For more information, go to www.efours.com, click on the "Students/Parents" tab and enter the tour number: 914791. That will provide all the information available about the tour, payment, insurance, timelines and so forth.

More information is also available from local group leader Jennifer McCann by sending e-mail to mccannj@baycollege.edu or calling (906) 786-5802, ext. 1277.

Edison says less hydro power means higher customer bills

Beginning this month, Edison Sault Electric Company customers will be paying more for their electricity. The utility has asked the Michigan Public Service Commission for an increase in its Power Supply Cost Recovery (PSCR) factor, based on the higher costs of purchased power.

The PSCR allows Edison to pass through to its customers any increases or decreases in the cost of obtaining power supply from outside sources. It does not include any profit margin, salaries or other types of expenses.

Starting with the January billing, residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month will see their bills go up from \$71.85 to \$77.03, an increase of 7.2 percent.

According to Assistant Vice President Les Baatz, the increase is due to two factors: less water available for hydro generation and higher wholesale energy prices.

The company normally uses low-cost hydro generation for about 40 percent of the electricity it sells, but the remain-

ing 60 percent must be bought from outside sources.

For 2007, the forecast indicates that only 36 percent of Edison's power needs will come from hydro generation, leaving 64 percent to be derived from more expensive purchased power.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently issued a notice that Lake Superior was at its lowest fall level in 80 years, resulting in significantly less water outflows.

"The water available for generation at Edison Sault's hydro plant is now at 44 percent of capacity," Baatz said. "If hydro generation reached the average for the last 10 years, the rate increase percentage for our residential customers would be reduced from 7.2 percent to 2.9 percent."

Baatz noted that Edison's rates will still be among the lowest in the state, even after the increase.

The company's proposed billing of \$77.03 for 1,000 kilowatt-hours is about 16 percent less than what other utilities charge, he said.

Enrollment at Northern Michigan University reaches a record high

Northern Michigan University announced last week that the school has reached new all-time highs for both total student headcount and undergraduate enrollment.

According to the report, the final count for the fall semester was 9,689, up from 9,500 a year earlier.

Within that total, the number

of undergraduate students stood at 8,880.

Paul DUBY, associate vice president for institutional research, said enrollment figures have been on a "long, slow climb" since following the closure of the K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base in 1995.

"Since that time, DUBY said, they have seen enrollment grow by almost 2,100 students, despite the shrinking size of most Upper Peninsula high school classes.

DUBY noted that the nearly 28 percent increase since K.I. Sawyer closed has been accompanied by stronger academic credentials among incoming freshmen and - more importantly - an increase in student retention and graduation statistics.

"Northern is recruiting students who come equipped with the strengths needed to be successful, but the university has also invested in support programs to increase the success of at-risk students," he said. "Both of these have helped with retention. Retaining a student through graduation saves a university from having to recruit three new students."

University support programs cited by DUBY include the academic and career advisement center, the First Year Experience program, individual tutoring, writing and math assistance centers, and a student support services office.

Students named to dean's list at MSU

Michigan State University has announced its dean's list for the fall semester. To earn a place on the list, students were required to achieve a grade point average of at least 3.5

Area students making the list were: Joshua Hermes of Garden, Melissa Beaudre, Marie Tyrrell, Caroline Wood and Robert Wright, all of Manistiquie.

Births

TRYAN - Jamie and Nikki Tryan of Manistiquie are pleased to announce the birth of their son. Masin Louis Tryan was born on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006. He weighed 5 pounds, 3 ounces and was 18.5 inches in length.

Awaiting his arrival at home was his sister Morgan. Maternal grandmother is Elaine Ayyotte of Manistiquie, and paternal grandparents are

Micky and Kathy Tryan of Manistiquie.

BOSANIC - Announcing the birth of their son Brayden James Bosanic are Brooke Weber and Joshua Bosanic of Manistiquie.

Brayden was born on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, at 3:28 p.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 7.6 ounces and was 20.75 inches in length.

MOVIE Guide

Shown Fri-Thurs 7 p.m.; Sat 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m.

Rocky Balboa
RATED PG Running time: 102 Minutes

Former heavyweight champion Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone) slips out of retirement and back into the ring, pitting himself against a new rival (Edie Falco) after his initial glory. When a computer simulated boxing match declares Rocky Balboa the victor over current champion Mason "The Line" Dixon, the legendary fighter's passion and spirit are reignited. But when his desire to fight is small, regional.

Shown Fri-Thurs 7 p.m.; Sat 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m.

Eragon
RATED PG Running time: Unrated

A boy named Eragon finds a polished blue stone in the forest. At first, he thinks it's a lucky discovery, something that will bring him fame to his poor family for the winter. Instead, it brings a dragon hatching, and Eragon is soon thrust into a world of magic and power through which he and the dragon must navigate.

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Senior Center

By Connie Frenette

Recently I have been asked about the food program held at the Center. Yes, it is for those seniors age 60 or older that are residents of Schoolcraft County.

Schoolcraft County received two years of funding, thanks to a young girl (Cathy Arnold-Warner) working hard to make this possible.

As you go through the line we ask you take just what you will use. We feel choice eliminates waste.

All in all, I want to give you a little update on what has happened in the first year. The Center has distributed 58,815 pounds of food.

Long Term Care Services may include, but are not limited to nursing home, assisted living, adult foster care, home health and home help/chore services.

The Marquette General Cancer Center is participating in a nationwide clinical trial to test a new lung cancer drug.

There is no additional cost for the medications or any other testing, such as lab work and CT scans.

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able because of this. Do thank them if you get a chance. Mike Gray and the Community Corrections crew tackle the job of unloading the truck each month.

We have approximately one year left of the program unless we can come up with some sponsors. If you know of anyone that is able or willing to give donations to this program, please send them our way.

The Center office will be closed Monday, Jan. 16. As the New Year begins, there are many of us that make the New Year's Resolution of losing weight.

A memorial monetary donation has been received at the Center in memory of Robert McHugh from Nancy Walter.

BRIDGE Jan. 5: 1st-Carol Hough, 2nd-Bill Bellville, 3rd-Ruth Roemer, 4th-Audrey Savoie, 5th-Ann Willcock, 6th-Helen Barton, CFC-Rosie Krall.

CRIBBAGE Jan. 4: 1st-Carl Sundling, 2nd-Jackie Moulds

500 Jan. 5: 1st-Peg Beckman, 2nd-Nancy Casey, 3rd-Emma Hardy

BIRTHDAYS this week: on Jan. 12: Emily Demars; Jan. 14: Charlotte Schwartz; Jan. 15: Bob Barr; Jan. 16: Jean Anthony; and Jan. 18: Pete Olson and Betty Danko.

MGH part of national cancer trial
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Makes: 4 to 5 servings
1/4 cup mayonnaise
2 T sour cream

1/2 cup egg
1 lb. pork tenderloin, trimmed, sliced 1/2 inch thick

1/4 cup canola oil, for frying
8 to 10 Hawaiian sweet rolls or dinner rolls

1 shallow bowl, combine cracker meal and 1 tablespoon seasoning mix; set aside.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spritz 1-quart baking dish with olive oil cooking spray; set aside.



1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup sour cream
1 1-ounce packet Hidden Valley Original Ranch Salad Dressing & Seasoning Mix

1/2 cup egg
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1/4 cup canola oil, for frying
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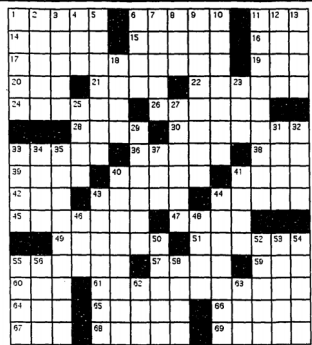
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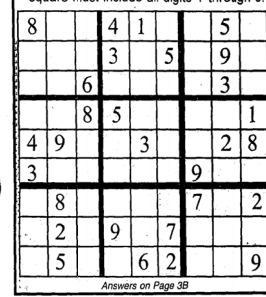


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Answers for Jan. 4 puzzle on Page 30

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.



Answers on Page 38

HOROSCOPES Jan. 15 - Jan. 21

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's a week of... TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're more of a leader than a joiner... GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Travel is in the works... CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're more of a leader than a joiner... LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You're more of a leader than a joiner... VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You're excited by a career challenge... LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You exude confidence this week... SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You spend time



DOUBLE TAKE By Mark Szorady. 'SO, I GOT THE FEELING WERE NOT AS CLOSE AS I THOUGHT WE WERE IN THE SAME ROOM.'



WEIRD WEATHER By Mark Szorady. 'I'M TRYING TO FIND A GOOD NOUN TO PUT IN THE BLANK SPACE.'

ROARING TWENTIES In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

Today's Category: BIRDS. W P I G E O N T J K E F 1. Lark
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Manistique Public Safety Department Log

The following information is from Manistique Public Safety dispatch lookbooks recorded at the time the calls were received. The incidents reported may have proven to be unfounded once police investigated. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007. 2:05 a.m. Juvenile runaways, Chippewa Avenue. 3:25 a.m. Juvenile runaways, three area juveniles cited for curfew violations. 8:31 a.m. Emergency medical service (EMS), Hiawatha Township. 11:20 a.m. EMS, Hiawatha Township. 2:10 p.m. Harassment, Park Avenue. 2:23 p.m. Dog running loose, U.S. Highway 2. 2:17 p.m. Malignous destruction of property, Pearl Street. 3:12 p.m. Littering, Deer Street. 3:25 p.m. Larceny from motor vehicle, within City of Manistique. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007. 1:55 a.m. Traffic, hazard, Fifth Street. 5:00 a.m. EMS, City of Manistique. 9:30 a.m. Harassing calls, U.S. Highway 2. 11:30 p.m. Found keys, Deer Street. 12:50 p.m. Traffic Hazard, North Maple at Main Street. 1:05 p.m. Trespassing, Park Avenue. 3 p.m. Malignous destruction of property, Fourth Street. 3:25 p.m. Medical emergency. Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007. 6:02 a.m. Citizen assist, Michigan Avenue. 1:10 p.m. No accident check, Maple Street. 2:05 p.m. Bond violations, U.S. Highway 2. 4 p.m. Suspicious vehicle, Park Avenue. 6:45 p.m. Vehicle in ditch, U.S. Highway 2. 9:45 p.m. Be on the look out for individual operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, within the City of Manistique. 10:30 p.m. Hit and run property damage accident, Deer Street. Friday, Jan. 5, 2007. 7:10 a.m. Suspicious situation, Walnut Street. 8:10 a.m. EMS, Hiawatha Township. 8:10 a.m. Reckless driving, Lake at Walnut streets. 9:42 a.m. Illegal dumping, Deer Street. 10:05 a.m. Found bicycle, Deer Street. 10:30 a.m. Two counts of non-sufficient fund check, Maple Street. 10:55 a.m. Found bracelet, Cedar Street. 11:55 a.m. Truant juveniles, Main Street. 1:37 p.m. Well being check, Michigan Avenue. 6:40 p.m. Hit and run property damage accident, Manistique resident cited for failure to stop after collision and driving while license restricted. 2:12 p.m. Suspicious situation, Michigan Avenue. 11:20 Reckless driving, Alger Avenue. Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007. 10:30 a.m. Funeral traffic, Maple Street and U.S. Highway 2. 1:50 p.m. Lock out, Deer Street. 6:02 p.m. Lock out, River Street. 8:10 p.m. Lock out, U.S. Highway 2. 8:50 p.m. Assault, U.S. Highway 2. 11:30 p.m. Fight in progress, Park Avenue. Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007. 12:48 p.m. Lock out, Deer Street. 2:22 p.m. EMS, Transfer to Green Bay. 2:35 p.m. Assist, Main Street. 8:30 p.m. K-9 request, within City of Manistique. 11:50 p.m. Harassing communication, within City of Manistique. Monday, Jan. 8, 2007. 2:50 a.m. Alarm, U.S. Highway 2. 5:15 a.m. Slippery streets, within City of Manistique. 10:08 a.m. Malignous destruction of property, Elm Street. 12:25 p.m. Possible breaking and entering, Garden Avenue. 3 p.m. Vehicle in ditch, Bear Street near Houghton Avenue, Manistique resident cited for no operators license. 7:10 p.m. Lock out, Oak Street. 6:10 p.m. Suspicious situation, Deer Street.

Prayer meeting slated

Everyone is invited to attend the next interdenominational prayer meeting, which will be held Monday, Jan. 15, from 7 to 8 p.m., in the meeting room at the Harborview Towers apartments, located next to the Subway on US-2 in Manistique.

Local man killed in accident

A 64-year-old man was killed in a tree-removal accident that occurred in Inwood Township on Wednesday, Jan. 3. According to Michigan State Police troopers from the Manistique Post, the accident happened around 10:30 a.m. in the Foose Lake area off of Thunder Lake Road. Terry James Cross was removing trees on his property when the bucket of his tractor hit a dead tree, causing it to fall on him. He suffered fatal injuries in the incident. Troopers were assisted at the scene by Inwood Township rescue personnel.

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Cub Scout Pack 477 in Garden recently got a helping hand from the members of Garden American Legion Post 545. Learning that the quickly-growing troop was in need of an American flag, the Legionnaires quickly responded, donating a brand new flag, pole and stand. Pictured above with Cubmaster John Middaugh and Richard Stretton of the Legion post are Cub Scouts (from left): Micael Riggers, Dalton Pilon, Matt Parrish, Colton Richards, Steven Knudson, Dawson Damon, Chase Miotke, Jackson Highlund, Hunter Tobias, Justin Greer and Zachary Middaugh.

District Court

David Daniel Conklin, 22, of Manistique, plead guilty in 93rd District Court to consumption of alcoholic beverage in public (12/06). Assessed \$40 state costs, \$50 statute costs, \$30 statute fine, \$150 total. He was sentenced to three days in jail and credited the same for time served. Optional jail term 15 days. Diane Darocher Jackson, 45, of Bessemer, charged with careless driving, (11/06). Assessed \$160. Heidi Ann Londo, 48, of Escanaba, charged with driving 40 miles per hour in a 35 m.p.h. zone (12/06). Assessed \$91. Kay Lynn Peterson, 30, of Germfask, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 50 m.p.h. zone (12/06). Assessed \$111. Gretchen Ann McDonnell, 36, of Marquette, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (12/06). Assessed \$71. Mary Katherine Rupp, 21, of Negaunee, charged with driving 40 miles per hour in a 35 m.p.h. zone (12/06). Assessed \$71. James Edward Marks, 44, of Manistique, charged with seat belt violation, defective equipment and violation of license restriction (11/06). Assessed \$70, \$91 and \$81 respectively.

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"The 'planning' aspect of the planning and zoning board is also a key aspect," he said. "The board as a whole likes to be proactive rather than reactive. There's only been one complaint, but it's not bad to try to ward things off before they happen."

During public comment, Scott Whitman of local company A&S Storage said their containers provide a service to city residents, and he couldn't believe the zoning board was "spending so much time and effort on this ordinance."

"There's been one complaint in two years," he said. "It's not right to take away a service for one complaint."

He also alleged that Zoning Administrator Tom Lang had been "harassing" their customers, telling them they need a permit to use a container, when in fact no such law exists.

Rantanan worried that the amendment would unfairly penalize Whitman's business.

"It would have been proactive if we put it in before there was a business in town, but I don't think it's right to lock out a business that's already there," she said.

Peterson questioned if permanent placement of the containers was even a problem, noting that the \$90 a month rental fee charged by A&S meant most people would not make the steel boxes a "permanent fixture in their yards."

Whitman agreed, saying people typically don't rent the units for more than six months at a time.

Noble was concerned that the ordinance would prohibit people from using "pods" — containers that are dropped off for a short time when someone is moving, loaded up by the homeowners, then taken away by the moving company.

"They do serve a viable purpose in certain situations," he said. "To outright ban them doesn't seem right."

Evonich said he'd researched the issue to see what other communities do about storage boxes and found one possible solution in Fairfax County, Va.

The rules there allow containers to be used in driveways and from yards for only 30

days at a time. In side and back yards they can be installed permanently, provided they follow the requirements for any storage building, including meeting the proper setbacks, height standards and so forth.

Jeffcott, who also serves on the Planning and Zoning Commission, finally introduced the amended ordinance.

Following the procedure established by city charter, the measure will be on the agenda for further discussion, and possible action, at council's Jan. 22 session.

During the evening's second public comment period, resident Peter Markham asked for clarification on just what type of storage containers were being discussed — specifically, was the ordinance targeting "large metal land-sea containers" or some other kind of unit?

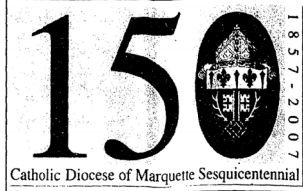
When told it was the "land-sea" type of container, Markham suggested they find the proper, official term to describe them, to prevent confusion with the large snowmobile trailers or other types of storage devices.

Following the meeting and some independent research, Markham said he had found the official term for the units: "intermodal container."

In other business Monday, council ...

- held the required public hearing on the Public Safety Department's latest USDA Rural Development grant application. The department is seeking \$23,000 to help fund a new ambulance. The total amount of the unit, plus equipment, would be \$85,000. Public Safety Director Ken Gola said the balance of the cost would either be borrowed or taken from the ambulance fund;
- approved a deed of easement allowing Ron and Sue Whitman, owners of the Diamond Lights Banquet Centre, access to the fence dividing their property from the quarry lake area. The easement, negotiated during the recent sale of that parcel to the city, will allow the Whitmans to paint and maintain the north side of the fence;
- approved meeting dates for 2007. Council will continue to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 7 p.m. New dates for meetings that would fall on several holidays will be determined later.

Diocese sesquicentennial is underway



This logo was designed for the 150th anniversary of the Marquette Diocese, which is being observed this year.

The Catholic Diocese of Marquette will officially open its sesquicentennial year with a Mass this Sunday, Jan. 14, at 2 p.m. in Sault Ste. Marie.

The service is the first of several events that will be held this year, as the diocese commemorates the 150th anniversary of its founding.

Diocese officials say the Catholic history of the region dates back to the French exploration of the upper Great Lakes in the 17th century, when Jesuit missionaries began ministering to Native Americans.

On Jan. 9, 1857, Pope Pius IX erected the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie and named Frederic Baraga its first bishop.

St. Mary's in the Soo is the oldest Catholic parish in Michigan and third oldest in the United States. The Great Lakes shoreline at Sault Ste. Marie is also the site where St. Isaac Jogues offered the first Mass in the U.P. in 1641.

Bishop Alexander K. Samagaia

sign of the relationship amongst all Catholics."

Mott is coordinating the liturgy with Rev. Eric Olson, diocesan liturgical consultant and pastor of St. Joseph and St. Patrick Parish in Escanaba.

A reception at St. Mary School, located across the street from the church, will be held immediately following the Mass. Refreshments will be served and Native American dancers from the Bay Mills Boys and Girls Club will perform.

Author Angela Johnson will be signing copies of her sesquicentennial history book, "Seasons of Faith."

One hour before the start of the Mass, diocesan archivist Elizabeth Deleane will give informal talks, offering insight into the Bishop Baraga artifacts that belong to St. Mary's. His personal items, as well as stained-glass windows commissioned by Baraga, adorn the church.

Mott says unpredictable winter weather should not deter people from making plans to attend the Mass.

"Bishop Baraga, having moved the seat of the diocese to Sault Ste. Marie, still made it all over the entire U.P. all winter long — on snowshoes," he says.

The sesquicentennial's closing celebration will take place Sunday, Aug. 5, at the Superior Dome in Marquette.

In-service slated

The next in-service meeting for the Schoolcraft and Luce County Senior Companion Program will take place Tuesday, Jan. 17, at Ann Marie's Family Dining on South Cedar Street in Manistique.

The speaker will be Ed Dwyer from the Social Security Administration office in Escanaba.

The Senior Companion Program is administered by the Menominee-Delta-Schoolcraft Community Action Agency. For more information, call Director Connie Maule at (906) 786-7080, ext. 144.

Auxiliary to meet

The Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will hold a dinner meeting Monday, Jan. 15, at 6 p.m., at the Elks Lodge on Walnut Street.

The speaker will be Kristin Peterson, director of Schoolcraft Memorial HomeCare.

Members are encouraged to attend. Guests and new members are welcome. Tickets are \$8, and may be purchased at the Peoples Store.

For more information about the meeting or the SMH Auxiliary, call Judy at 341-8367.

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.

Any person with an interest in the property forfeited to the County Treasurer may appear at the show cause hearing and redeem that property or show cause why absolute title to that property should not vest in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

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

At this hearing the Foreclosing Governmental Unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing the property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, must file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on the Schoolcraft County Treasurer, the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The docket number of the petition is 06-3807-CZ.

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 should contact the Schoolcraft County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.
- 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.

NAME	PID	TAX	NAME	PID	TAX	PID	TAX
BAKER, ALFRED	05131200600	\$238.96	KARIBIAN, ALBERT	00822100400	\$373.78	NORTHERN MICH BANK	00113503310 \$386.00
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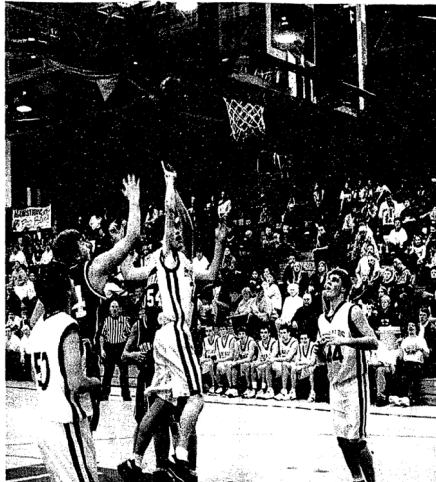


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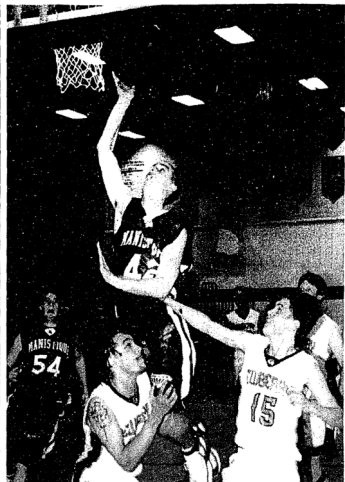


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Above left: Karl Kemper puts up a shot as Scott Giles (number 44) and Joe LeDuc wait for the rebound in Friday's varsity win over Munising. (Pioneer-Tribune photo) Above right: Josh Mickelson scores two of his 18 points as Jared Martin races to get into position during the Emeralds victory on the road at Newberry Tuesday night. (Photo courtesy Jay Martin)



Varsity gets on the winning track

Behind a 19-point performance by Cody Kangas, the Emeralds varsity hammered out a 62-25 Mid-Peninsula Conference victory over Munising and snapped a four-game skid Friday night.

The teams were tied at six early in the game, when Kangas nailed two of his 12 first-quarter points, sending the Emeralds on a 13-3 run that set them up with a 22-9 lead.

The Emeralds were held to just seven in the second quarter, but behind a solid defensive effort, they still enjoyed a 29-16 advantage at the break.

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After a slow start in the third, the Emeralds extended their lead to 15 when Jared

Martin hit a bucket from the floor, was fouled, and sank his shot from the line at the 4:57 mark.

A basket from Scott Giles at the end of the third gave Manistique a 42-21 lead for the start of the final stanza.

Manistique racked up a 13-0 run to start the fourth quarter and controlled a 55-21 advantage when Joe LeDuc nailed two from the charity stripe with three minutes remaining.

Josh Mickelson added 10 to the Emerald scoring column. Giles eight, Corey Gonyea seven, Jared Martin five, Terry Martin four, LeDuc three, Karl Kemper two.

On Tuesday, Mickelson nailed 18 points, all in the first half, to help the Emeralds skate past the Newberry Indians 75-39.

This team trailing 10-9 at the end of one Mickelson exploded for 14 second-quarter points to help lift the Emeralds to a 32-17 lead at intermission.

Picking up where Mickelson left off, Kangas scored eight of the Emeralds' 19 third-quarter points to widen the margin to 25. Kangas ended the night with 11 points.

Coming off the bench, Cory VanAmberg netted four points, Zane Floyd five, LeDuc seven and Giles eight to finish off the Emeralds' 36-point win.

"We are playing a smarter game of basketball," coach Ed Marietti said. "It's been a learning process, but we are now starting to take advantage of what they are showing us. Our offense is starting to click. We are more active in moving the ball, finding the open man and making the shot."

In the last two outings, the Emeralds have outscored their opponents 137-64.

"Our defense has kept us in our games, and now we are starting to put points on the board," Marietti said. "It is nice to get where we are dominating a game and keep expanding our lead, especially when our second group is on the floor."

With sights set on getting back to the 500 mark, Marietti will need all elements of his team to come together as they enter a stretch of games against solid competition, beginning with a contest against number-five ranked Norway this Friday.

"I started in the second half against the Saints. We started playing smarter basketball, and it kept building from there," said Marietti. "I have said it before. There isn't anyone we can't play with. We have had a little success. Now it is time to see just how good we are."

The team returns home to the Bonita Gymnasium for a match against Cheboygan next Wednesday, Jan. 17.

Emerald grapplers compete at Iron Mountain and Esky; Wood nabs Elks Tourney title

It was a sluggish start to the new year for the Manistique High School wrestling team, which returned to action after the Christmas break with two losses at a Jan. 4 triangular meet in Iron Mountain.

The Emeralds fell to the host Mountaineers 48-27 and dropped a 43-22 decision to the Munising Mustangs.

Picking up wins against both teams were Sammy Jenerou, Ken Cummings and Bill Wood.

Mike Jenerou earned a win against Munising and Alex Rubick picked up a victory against Iron Mountain.

On Saturday, the Emeralds traveled to the annual Escanaba Elks Tournament, where they competed against 16 teams from the Upper Peninsula, Lower Michigan and Wisconsin.

According to coach Everett Wood, the tourney is more of an individual event than a team match, but teams do earn points for each victory.

With that scoring, the Emeralds finished the day in 10th place.

Manistique sent nine wrestlers to the mats.

Conrad Jewett, Tim Marks and Ashley Mattson all wrestled well, but were eliminated

early in the day.

Rubick, Cummings and James Watt of Oconto by pin, before defeating Zach Anderson of Sault Ste. Marie 11-6 to be crowned 2007 Elks Tournament Champion in the heavy-weight division.

The Emeralds have another tournament this weekend, when they head to Dickinson County for the Kingsford Invitational.

The team returns home to the Bonita Gymnasium for a match against Cheboygan next Wednesday, Jan. 17.

Team play spurs spikers

The Manistique Emeralds varsity volleyball team split a pair of matches last week, falling to Negaunee 1-3 on Jan. 3, but bouncing back the next night to defeat Westwood 3-2.

Coach John Ziemia was pleased with his team's performance against the Patriots, calling it "another fine defensive effort."

"They have been playing some incredible defense, limiting the opponents' offense by coming up with dig after dig after dig," he said.

The Emeralds allowed Westwood to jump out to a lead in each of the first four games, but battled back every time.

The effort led to Manistique victories (26-24 and 25-22) in the opening games and a close 24-26 loss in game three.

Game four belonged to the Patriots by a 15-25 margin, but the Emeralds held tough, shut down the Patriot offense in the final contest, and led from start to finish for a 15-9 decision.

"The girls have been working very hard to come up with their victories this year, taking each match to the limit," Ziemia said. "The girls are really starting to play great as a team. The defense is great. The offense is still a work in progress. But overall the girls are showing a lot of heart and proving they can stand up to the pressure of a close game, or if they have to rally to regain the lead."

The matches also continued the winning streak for Manistique's powerhouse junior varsity squad, which defeated both the Miners and the Patriots by 2-0 margins.

The JV girls have not lost a match, or a game, so far this season, and hold a record of 4-0.

The Emeralds were slated to host Gwinn Wednesday (after press time) and will welcome Norway for a 6:30 p.m. match Thursday night.

Varsity vs. Negaunee
Aces: Linda Rowe 1, Erin Beckman 2, Robin Vaughan 1, Kimmy Jenerou 2, Candice Selling 3, Jessica Hayes 3.
Blocks: Vaughan 2, Kayla Anthony 3, Hayes 2.
Digs: Rowe 2, Ashley Miller 9, Beckman 18, Yurk 11, Anthony 2, Hayes 15.

thony 7, Selling 12, Hayes 16.
Kills: Rowe 1, Beckman 7, Vaughan 2, Anthony 1, Hayes 3.
Assists: Vaughan 1, Jenerou 9, Selling 4.
Sets: Rowe 2, Vaughan 5, Jenerou 50, Yurk 2, Selling 28, Hayes 1.
Serve Receives: Miller 4, Beckman 25, Vaughan 1, Jenerou 3, Yurk 14, Anthony 2, Hayes 10.
Varsity vs. Westwood
Aces: Beckman 3, Vaughan 1, Jenerou 4, Selling 3, Hayes 3.
Blocks: Vaughan 6, Anthony 5, Hayes 3.
Digs: Rowe 1, Miller 28, Beckman 35, Vaughan 4, Christie Rumrill 3, Jenerou 12, Yurk 24, Anthony 6, Selling 6, Hayes 25.
Kills: Miller 3, Beckman 7, Vaughan 6, Jenerou 1, Yurk 1, Anthony 4, Hayes 8.
Assists: Vaughan 1, Jenerou 17, Yurk 1, Selling 5, Hayes 1.
Sets: Rowe 1, Vaughan 2, Jenerou 78, Yurk 1, Anthony 1, Selling 21, Hayes 3.
Serve Receives: Miller 6, Beckman 18, Yurk 11, Anthony 2, Hayes 15.

U.P. Wrestling Coaches Association

Team Rankings for Week of Jan. 8

1. Escanaba
2. Gladstone
3. Iron Mountain
4. Ishpeming
5. Munising
6. St. Ignace
7. Kingsford
8. Sault Ste. Marie

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2. St. Ignace (7-0)	2. Carney-Nadeau (6-0)
3. Negaunee (7-1)	3. Jeffers (6-0)
4. Gladstone (7-1)	4. Watersmeet (5-1)
5. Norway (5-1)	5. Forest Park (5-1)

Also receiving votes:
Calumet (8-1)
Sault Ste. Marie (5-2)
Escanaba (5-3)
Gwinn (4-2)
Kingsford (4-3)

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The Emerald junior varsity in action during last Friday's 70-22 victory over Munising. Above left: Garde Kangas (number 14) and Jared Turan work in the paint. Above right: Scott Zellner fights for his shot. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)

JV keeps the wins coming

A three-point basket by Scott Zellner as the third quarter ended pushed the Emerald advantage to 33 points, and a bucket by Jacob Lang as time expired in the fourth ended a scoring frenzy that gave the Manistique junior varsity a 70-22 victory over the visiting Mustangs from Munising Friday night.

Middle quarters doom Emerald freshman squad in Munising loss

They started and finished strong, but it was the two quarters in between that cost the Manistique freshmen a victory Friday night. Trailing by 20 going into the final eight minutes of play, the Emeralds mounted a fierce comeback, outscoring the Munising Mustangs 20-8, but fell short and dropped a 51-43 decision to their Mid-Peninsula Conference rivals. After jumping out to a 14-10 lead by the end of the first period, the Emerald offense stalled in the second, scoring just two points and allowing the Mustangs to net 16, leaving Manistique on the short end of a 26-16 halftime score. Picking up where they left off before intermission, Munising had a strong third quarter, bettering the Emeralds by 10 to seal the win. Anders Broullire led the Emeralds with 16 points. Zachary Weber added nine, Matt Baker seven, Cory Gardapee five, Tom Mercier four, Derek Lambert two. With the loss, the Emeralds fell to 2-5. Manistique travels to Norway Friday and will be at home to take on Iron Mountain next Tuesday.

Dustin Demers relit the Emerald offense in the first quarter, but shut down the Indians in the second while netting 14 more points on their way to a 29-13 halftime edge. Holding the Indians from the floor in two periods of play, Manistique pushed its advantage to 28 (45-17) by the end of the third. Mickelson led the Emeralds with 13 points in the non-conference win. Walters added 12 points, Demers nine, Turan six, Kangas and Zellner four points each. Manistique travels to Norway Friday and will return home to take on Iron Mountain Jan 19.

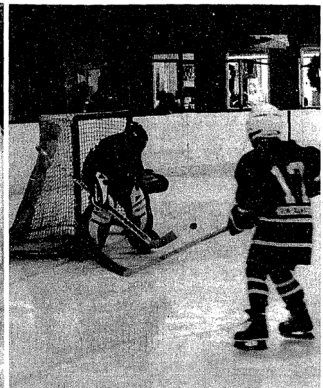
Garde Kangas and Jared Turan added 11 points to Manistique's total. Kangas nine, Brad McBurney six, Colton Walters and Zellner five points each, Lang four, Ryan Edwards one. Tuesday in Newberry, the

JV found itself holding a slim 15-11 lead in the first quarter, but shone while netting 14 more points on their way to a 29-13 halftime edge. Holding the Indians from the floor in two periods of play, Manistique pushed its advantage to 28 (45-17) by the end of the third. Mickelson led the Emeralds with 13 points in the non-conference win. Walters added 12 points, Demers nine, Turan six, Kangas and Zellner four points each. Manistique travels to Norway Friday and will return home to take on Iron Mountain Jan 19.

Wildcats have a busy weekend

The Big Boy Wildcats jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the opening period, added five in the second and capped things off with two more in the third in the 11-0 win. Teighlor Hoholik led the effort with five goals. Carrie Kangas added three. Sadies Sobieski, Allison Laramie and Hailey Hoholik had one goal each. Goaltender Amanda Laramie was credited with 14 saves.

In game two, the Wildcats jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the opening period off goals by Addie Gustafson, Sobieski and Hoholik. They skated a scoreless second period but ended strong by scoring six goals in the third in the 9-0 win. Kangas recorded her second hat trick of the day with three third-period goals. Rounding off the scoring were Sobieski, Hoholik and Darby Demers.



Big Boy Wildcats Cassie Walters (pictured left) and Wildcat goalie Amanda Laramie in action. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)



Manistique squirts in action Saturday at Little Bear West Arena. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)

Squirts split a pair with State Bank

The Manistique squirts split games with U.P. State Bank last weekend. Playing on their home ice, the squirts recorded a 7-3 victory in game one but dropped a 6-2 decision in the nightcap. In the opener, the local skaters

jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead. Ryan Ramey scored both goals, the second coming off an assist from Nick Gould. With the score tied at two, Tristan Ashbrook tipped the scales back in Manistique's favor with a goal at the 3:34 mark in the second. Goals by Jordan Ramey gave the squirts a 5-2 lead after two periods of play. Ramey wrapped up a hat trick early in the third period with his third goal of the game. Kyle McClelland rounded off the scoring late in the period. Four goals by State Bank in the final period sealed Manistique's fate in game two, as the visitors skated to a 6-2 victory. McClelland and Ryan Ramey each scored in the loss.

THE TIMES FOR THE EMERALDS' BASKETBALL GAMES AT NORWAY ON FRIDAY, JAN. 12, HAVE CHANGED.

THE FRESHMAN GAME WILL BEGIN AT 6 P.M.
THE JV CONTEST WILL START AT 6:15 P.M.
THE VARSITY GAME WILL BEGIN AT 8 P.M.

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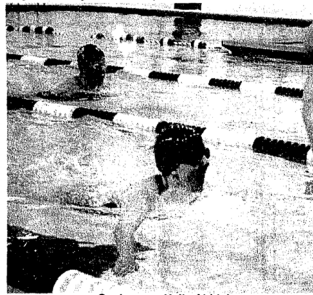
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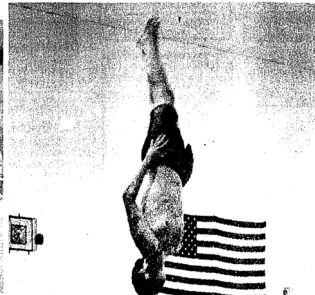
The Emeralds hosted the Gwin Modeltowners Monday evening, with both the boys and girls teams swimming their way to victory. Below are photos from the meet. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)



Sophomore Kelly Aldrich



Sophomore Joel Smith



Junior Spencer Burns

Emeralds swim to big wins against the Modeltowners

The Emeralds swimming and diving teams got a big conference win, and they did it in front of a hometown parents' night crowd Monday.

Hosting the Gwin Modeltowners, the Manistique girls swam away with an 86-65 victory while the Emerald boys dominated their guests and won by a score of 95-38.

The meet followed a home match-up against Sault Ste. Marie on Jan. 4, in which the Emeralds dropped both ends of the competition, the boys losing 117-45, the girls falling 133-39.

Despite those final scores, coach Lindsey Yates was satisfied with her teams' efforts against the upper division Blue Devils, noting that many of the Emerald swimmers continued dropping time, achieving several personal bests in the process.

Highlights, according to Yates, included a new lifetime best for Jamie Helmus in the 50-yard freestyle at 38.60, Jessica Neddow knocking two seconds off her 50 free time with a 36.52, and Emily Nord finishing the 200-yard freestyle in 3:01.87, dropping a full 10 seconds from her previous best.

Yates was also pleased with the way everyone performed against Gwin — in particular the girls' squad, which has struggled so far this season.

"The girls swam very hard towards victory," she said. "They wanted this win bad, and their hard work paid off."

The Emeralds are slated to host Kingsford tonight (Thursday) in their third consecutive home meet, before traveling to Gwin next Monday, Jan. 15.

Results vs. Sault Ste. Marie

Boys: Sault Ste. Marie 117, Manistique 45.
Girls: Sault Ste. Marie 133, Manistique 39
First place finishes: Kyle Loup, 200-yard freestyle; Derek Tuttle, 50-yard free-

style; Scott Clark, 100-yard backstroke.

Second place finishes: Abby Smith, 50-yard freestyle; Tuttle, 100-yard freestyle; Loup, 500-yard freestyle; Loup, Joel Smith, Clark, Tuttle, 400-yard freestyle relay;

Third place finishes: A. Smith, Hannah Boudreau, Kelly Aldrich, Kim Vallier, 200-yard medley relay; Alyssa Strasser, 200-yard freestyle; Vallier, 50-yard freestyle; Katie Birdsley, Emily Nord, Boudreau, Strasser, 200-yard freestyle relay; Boudreau, 100-yard breaststroke; Strasser, Danielle Reid, A. Smith, Vallier, 400-yard freestyle relay; Clark, Zach Haley, J. Smith, Loup, 200-yard medley relay; Luke Mooi, Sean Pfister, Jamie Helmus, Haley, 200-yard freestyle relay; Haley, 100-yard breaststroke.

Fourth place finishes: Nord, 200-yard freestyle; Aldrich, 200-yard individual medley; Jessica Neddow, 50-yard butterfly; A. Smith, 500-yard butterfly; Aldrich, 100-yard backstroke; Clark, 200-yard freestyle.

Fifth place finishes: Birdsley, Christine Kemper, Reid, Neddow, 200-yard medley relay; Kemper, 200-yard individual medley; Boudreau, 100-yard butterfly; Neddow, 100-yard freestyle; Birdsley, 100-yard backstroke; Reid, 100-yard breaststroke; Nord, Neddow, Kemper, Aldrich, 400-yard freestyle relay; Mooi, 200-yard freestyle; Helmus, 50-yard freestyle; Haley, 100-yard freestyle.

Sixth place finishes: Reid, 200-yard freestyle; Birdsley, 100-yard freestyle; Nord, 100-yard breaststroke; Mooi, 100-yard freestyle.

Results vs. Gwin
Boys: Manistique 95, Gwin 38
Girls: Manistique 86, Gwin 65
First place finishes: Al-

drich, Boudreau, Strasser, Vallier, 200-yard medley relay;

Strasser, 200-yard freestyle; 100-yard butterfly; Aldrich, 200-yard individual medley; 100-yard backstroke; Aldrich, A. Smith, Vallier, Nord, 200-yard freestyle relay; Strasser, Reid, A. Smith, Vallier, 400-yard freestyle relay; Clark, Haley, J. Smith, Tuttle, 200-yard medley relay; Loup, 200-yard freestyle; Mooi, 200-yard freestyle; Tuttle, 50-yard freestyle; 100-yard freestyle; Spencer Burns, diving; Loup, Haley, Pfister, Mooi, 200-yard freestyle relay; Haley, 100-yard breaststroke; Loup, J. Smith, Clark, Tuttle, 400-yard freestyle relay.

Second place finishes: Nord, 200-yard freestyle; A. Smith, 50-yard freestyle; Boudreau, 100-yard breaststroke; Mooi, 100-yard freestyle; Clark, 50-yard freestyle; J. Smith, 100-yard butterfly; Haley, 100-yard freestyle.

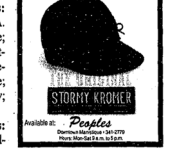
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dow, 200-yard medley relay;

Kemper, 200-yard individual medley; Vallier, 50-yard freestyle; Nord, 100-yard freestyle; Birdsley, 100-yard backstroke; Neddow, Boudreau, Nord, Birdsley, 400-yard freestyle relay; Mooi, 100-yard freestyle; Helmus, Pfister, Mooi, Burns, 400-yard freestyle relay.

Fourth place finishes: Kemper, 100-yard freestyle; Reid, 100-yard breaststroke; Helmus, 50-yard freestyle.

Fifth place finishes: Neddow, 50-yard freestyle; Birdsley, 100-yard freestyle.



~ NOTICE ~

The City of Manistique Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider granting a Conditional Use Permit concerning the following request.

A request from Robert McNamara to allow construction of: warehouse, self-storage and private club and lodge hall in a M-1 Mixed Use zoning district.

Mr. McNamara would like to sell lots for storage use and construct a lodge "recreation hall" for members if desired.

Property is located on So. 7, 8 and 9th Deer St Lots 1 thru 21, inclusive, Block 8, McCanna, Clark and Carey's Addition to the Village of Manistique, and Lots 1 thru 10, inclusive, and Lots 13 thru 22, inclusive, Block 6, McCanna, Clark & Carey's Addition to the Village of Manistique, according to the recorded plat thereof.
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The public hearing will be held on Jan. 31, 2007 at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 300 North Maple Street, Manistique, MI 49854.

Anyone having comments concerning the request should attend the meeting or submit written comments to the attention of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY'S HEALTH IN THEIR HOMES RADON - A SILENT KILLER

Citizens Urged to Test Homes for Radon, the Second Leading Cause of Cancer in United States

The LMAS District Health Department is working with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in a nationwide campaign to educate Americans about the dangers of radon exposures and to encourage them to take action to protect their homes and families. In our community, The LMAS District Health Department will be distributing free radon testing kits, setting up educational lobby display boards at the health department, distributing radon informational booklets to local libraries, providing educational presentations to local classrooms as requested, and also distributing magnets, pencils, and flyers during National Radon Action Month in January.

Radon is present at elevated levels in 1 out of 8 homes in the State of Michigan. Radon is a naturally occurring, invisible, odorless, tasteless gas that is dispersed in outdoor air, but which can reach harmful levels when trapped in buildings. Scientists have long been concerned about the health risk of radon, but never before has there been such overwhelming proof that exposure to elevated levels of radon causes lung cancer in humans.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that radon is responsible for 20,000 lung cancer deaths per year. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. after smoking and the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. "However," says Dr. Terrian from the LMAS District Health Department, "because you can't see or smell radon, people tend to downplay the health effects and ignore the possibility that there might be a silent killer in their homes."

Testing homes for elevated levels of radon is simple and inexpensive. Free radon test kits are available at the LMAS District Health Department. Radon problems can be fixed by qualified contractors for a cost similar to that of many common home repairs such as painting or having a water heater installed (anywhere from \$800 to \$2,500).

The LMAS District Health Department urges residents to take action during this year's National Radon Action Month by testing their homes for radon. Radon poses a serious threat to our community's health but there is a straightforward solution. For more information on radon, radon testing and mitigation, and radon-resistant new construction, call your local LMAS District Health Department office or visit our Web site at www.lmasdhd.org, or visit EPA's Web site at www.epa.gov/radon.

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