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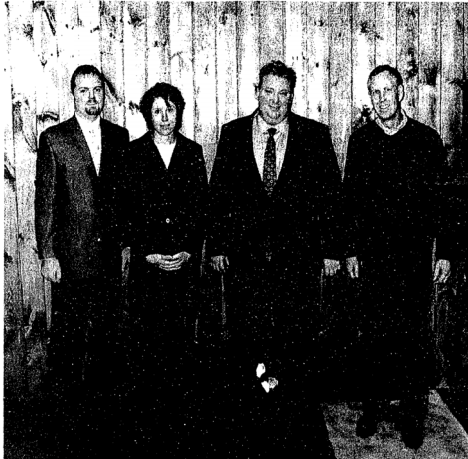
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From left: mBank Commercial Lender Jeremy Flodin, Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Chief Financial Officer Tanya Whitman, mBank President and Chief Executive Officer Kelly George, State Savings Bank President and CEO Mark Larche. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

## Local banks team up to help SMH project

by Paul Olson

Two local banks have teamed up to help Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital through the early stages of its upcoming project to build a new health and wellness center. State Savings Bank and mBank recently approved a \$2.1 million line of credit for SMH to draw upon until the project financing is complete.

According to SMH Chief Financial Officer Tanya Whitman, they will be filing their application this week for a loan guarantee from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

If approved, HUD would back up to 100 percent of a construction loan for the new facility, which is now estimated to cost \$35 million.

The federal guarantee could

make the project more attractive to lenders and lower the hospital's interest rate.

Whitman said they expect to have HUD's answer this spring. If so, that would keep SMH on track for a groundbreaking early in the season and completion of the new building by the end of 2008.

In the meantime, the hospital is continuing to move ahead with a wide range of preliminary work, including costs and other services.

That's where the new line of credit comes in.

Whitman said the arrangement with the banks allows them to borrow as needed to pay bills, with all the money to be paid back after they receive HUD's guarantee and pay the financial package together.

Mark Larche, president and chief executive officer of State Savings Bank, said the two financial institutions have collaborated on various projects in the past, but this is the first time since mBank received new management and its new name in 2005.

Larche said it was gratifying to play a role in the SMH project.

"We're very happy to see progress continue on the new hospital, and we're glad we had an opportunity to help," he said.

Kelly George, mBank president and CEO, agreed.

"We're happy to be involved," George said. "I enjoyed working with Mark. It's great to have two banks come together for a common purpose and help the community."

## Big Brothers Big Sisters outdoor program means new experiences, new friendships

by Paul Olson

It's an image as American as the flag itself: man and boy in the silent early-morning woods, watching, patiently waiting for that big buck to come strolling into view.

As idyllic as that picture is, it's also increasingly rare, as any dedicated sportsman or woman will tell you.

Each year, fewer young people head for the outdoors to try their hand at hunting or fishing. Fewer still become lifelong enthusiasts.

That was the main reason Manistique resident Bill Malloch decided to call Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area a year-and-a-half ago. A life-long outdoorsman and staunch advocate for the sport, he was looking for a way to pass that enthusiasm along to the next generation.

What he found was a new friend.

"With the declining youth enrollment in outdoor sports, we've just got to recruit more for the future," he says. "At first, that's mainly why I did it, but now I do it just for fun."

Malloch is matched with 13-year-old Tyler Bolm through the little-known outdoor mentoring program coordinated by Big Brothers Big Sisters - part of the organization's core community-based initiative.



Big Brother Bill Malloch with Little Brother and outdoor buddy Tyler Bolm. The two have been participating in the Big Brothers Big Sisters outdoor mentoring program since the summer of 2005. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

Big Brothers, Malloch is a "big," Bolm a "little." They spend time together each month, pursuing different kinds of outdoor recreation. Depending on the season, that might mean berry picking, fishing, hunting for small game, getting ready for deer season or actually manning the



Tyler shows off his very first deer, shot while hunting with his Big Brother last fall. (Submitted photo)

ence and Marinette counties in Wisconsin.

He has been teamed with Malloch since August of 2005, and so far, the program has definitely met his expectations.

"I'd gone hunting occasionally, but I wanted to do more," the 8th grader says. "It's fun. I'm learning a lot."

The high point came last Nov. 15, Opening Day, when Tyler bagged his very first deer, a good-looking four-point buck.

"That was an exciting day for both of us," Malloch says.

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## Ad snafu stalls city lot sale

Bid tossed out, industrial park property being advertised again

by Paul Olson

The Manistique City Council postponed the sale of an industrial park lot Monday, after learning that the parcel had not been advertised the correct number of times.

Council member Dan Evonich brought up the problem as council was about to sell the lot to local businessman Don Wood, owner of Southeastern Dedicated Services, who was the only bidder for the parcel.

Evonich said he could find only one ad seeking bids for the lot - in the Jan. 4 issue of the Pioneer-Tribune - contrary to city charter requirements calling for property sales to be advertised twice.

City Manager Sheila Aldrich and City Clerk Deborah Dougovit acknowledged that the ad had run only one time, and City Attorney John Filoramo confirmed the charter requirement, launching council into a discussion of what to do next.

Initially, members thought they could comply with the rules by simply running the ad a second time, but that idea was dropped when it was pointed out that the original bid deadline of Jan. 17 had come and gone.

"You're going to have to throw out the bid and start over, and advertise it twice," Filoramo said.

The industrial park property, known as lot number 11, is located next to Online Engineering, currently the park's only tenant.

Wood submitted a bid of \$6,000 for the parcel.

According to Aldrich, he hoped to buy the lot as the site of a new office building.

Because of known contamination in the industrial park, Aldrich said, Wood would have to complete Phase I and Phase II environmental studies, develop a baseline environmental assessment report and clean up the property before

being allowed to build.

"Don's costs will be significant before he can even start," she said in a memo to council.

With the property now set to be advertised two more times, it's unknown if Wood will be bidding again, or if another party may submit a proposal.

If so, council may find itself facing questions about their bid procedure - specifically, whether it was proper to seek a second round of bids after Wood's first offer was discussed at a public meeting.

Aldrich and council member Chris Ramanen asked Evonich why he waited until the bid was unveiled and a motion to accept it was on the table before raising his concerns about the advertisement.

Evonich said he would have brought it up sooner, but had only discovered the problem earlier that day.

The lot sale will be on the agenda again at council's next regular meeting, slated for Feb. 12.

In a related discussion, council learned that there will once again be no state funds available for industrial park cleanup work this year.

In 2005, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality earmarked \$500,000 for a remediation project designed to eliminate "acute hazards and risks" in the park, including removing old fuel storage tanks, contaminated soil, debris and other materials.

The work was slated to begin last fall, but was canceled due to a shortage of state funds.

More recently, the city learned that they would not be able to apply for \$400,000 in cleanup money from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency until additional preliminary work is done, including an updated Phase I assessment.

The latest bad news came in a Jan. 19 e-mail message to Aldrich from Steve Harrington

of the DEQ, saying "it is not possible for remaining state funds to be re-directed for cleanup work" at the industrial park.

Harrington also sent along several downstate news stories talking about the overall shortage of remediation funds and the competition for the limited money that's available.

Aldrich said they will continue searching for funding sources, and Harrington will also be looking for alternatives.

His letter stated that he will meet with Aldrich to "take a deeper look at other potential means of funding the cleanup," and noted that he will tour the site in February or March with a grant/loan coordinator from department headquarters, "so we can collectively consider such options."

Among other things, the delay in removing industrial park contamination raises costs for prospective property buyers, such as Wood.

It has also delayed Online Engineering's planned purchase of their industrial park lot, which is currently leased from the city.

The original 2004 agreement had called for the property to be put up for sale within one year, so that Online could buy it. That was later postponed on the advice of the DEQ, which said the company should wait until cleanup of the park is complete.

The OSC's decision finally came last week, in a phone call from Terilyn Dentino, an attorney with the OSC's Hatch Act Unit.

Phillips said she still doesn't know if her job as a social worker at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital is specifically covered by the Hatch Act, since Dentino told her that the Office of Special Counsel (OSC) that she had violated the federal Hatch Act by running for the board. The 1939 act forbids a person from taking part in partisan political activities, including running for office, if all or part of his or her salary is paid for by federal funds.

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## Council approves Lake Street parking changes

The Manistique City Council voted unanimously Monday to approve a change in parking regulations on the 200 block of Lake Street, in front of St. Francis de Sales School. The change includes a prohibition on parking on the west side of the street, except for buses, cars picking up or dropping off handicapped passengers, and funeral procession parking adjacent to St. Francis Church.

Public Safety Director Ken Golat implemented the parking ban on a temporary basis last week, after investigating concerns from school officials. Council's action makes the new rule permanent.

Golat said his review of the area confirmed fears that the two-way traffic on the block, combined with pickups, drop-offs, bus stops and the confusion of several different "no parking" rules on the west side of the street, all combined to create a situation that was "severely congested" and "a hazard" for drivers and pedestrians, including school children trying to cross the street.

Initially, he said, officers are giving only warnings to those who violate the parking ban.

St. Francis staff members are also working to educate parents and parishioners about the change.

Evonich asked Monday if they could sell the property now, much as they are selling the adjacent vacant parcel, with the buyers required to perform the necessary testing and remediation.

The DEQ's answer, according to Aldrich, is still no.

The property leased by Online is different than the vacant parcel, she said, because Online already has possession of the site and built there without being notified of the need for testing and clearance.

In other action Monday, council voted unanimously to hire STS Consultants to engineer the upcoming Lakeside Road project for a price not to exceed \$49,658, including designing the project and overseeing construction.

Aldrich recommended hiring

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## Phillips steps down; two board seats to be contested in May

by Paul Olson

There will be two Schoolcraft County Board seats on the ballot this spring, following a decision by Susan Phillips not to take the District 4 seat she won in last November's general election.

Phillips announced Jan. 18 that she would not be serving, after being notified by the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) that she had violated the federal Hatch Act by running for the board. The 1939 act forbids a person from taking part in partisan political activities, including running for office, if all or part of his or her salary is paid for by federal funds.

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parently found no evidence she had "knowingly and willfully" violated the law, Phillips expects the outcome to be a "stemily-worded warning letter."

It also means that both McKinney's District 2 seat and Phillips' District 4 position will be on the ballot in the May 8 special election called by the County Board last week.

The District 2 slot is currently filled by Louis Lauzon, appointed by the board in December.

The District 4 seat is now held by Jean Barber, originally appointed last year after the resignation of Scott Charter, then retained to serve in place of Phillips until the Hatch Act case was resolved.

District 2 includes Manistique Township and Precinct 4 in the city of Manistique.

District 4 covers the city's 3rd Precinct.

Petitions to run for those seats are available now at the office of the Schoolcraft County Clerk in the courthouse.

Petitions must be completed and turned in to the clerk by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Still to be determined is if May 8 will be a primary or a regular election - a decision that depends on how many candidates actually enter the race.

If there is no more than one candidate from each party, it will be a regular election, with the vote-gatherer immediately seated on the board.

If multiple party candidates run, the election will function as a primary, with the winners from each party moving on to run again in August.

Because of that decision, and the fact that the OSC ap-

By Tom Earle-Bridges

The more I think about it, the more I'm getting to like the idea of simplifying my garden space.

I have decided that the focus in the new garden is going to be oriented more toward texture and contrast and not so much color.

Don't misunderstand me, color will still remain a vital and necessary component of the new garden scheme, it's role however is not going to be as preeminent as it once was.

One way that I plan on retaining color in the garden is through the use of container gardening.

I know, I know. Container gardening is not necessarily the way to go if you are looking to cut down on maintenance. If you think about it though, once they are planted, all you really need to keep up on are consistent feeding and watering.

Okay, I probably should confess that I have a secret passion

when it comes to container gardening. I get very excited when I start to think about the various possibilities of different plant combinations. I don't understand how so many folks are totally content with the geranium, penunia, asyllum, spike plant and ivy combination thing.

True, I sometimes do have exotic tastes and the container combinations I contrive aren't necessarily for everyone, but one thing can be definitely said about them. They make an expression of individuality, something that many people are afraid to attempt for fear that they might fail in their attempt.

What I have been thinking about doing is to have several very large containers placed throughout my garden. Many people regulate their planters next to the front door or placed somewhere strategically on the deck or near the sidewalk. Placing the container physically into the border elevates the plants contained within, creating a stronger focal point than what they would have had they been planted directly into the ground.

Of course, large plant containers aren't necessarily cheap and I'm not exactly flush with funds. However, I will have to be creative something from scratch. I will have to keep my eyes open.

Some things are sure to come along.

You may reach me via email at [teb@chartermi.net](mailto:teb@chartermi.net)



Sara Harrington (left) and Sarah Duyck are sharing the honors as Schoolcraft County 4-H Members of the Year. The awards were presented last fall at the annual 4-H banquet. (Submitted photo)

News from 4-H



Schoolcraft County 4-H Program Associate

By Michelle Galla

The 4-H Recognition Banquet was held on Nov. 11, 2006. Thirty-six people were in attendance.

Yearly pins were presented to members and leaders.

The special award of 4-H Member of the Year was presented to two outstanding individuals this year: Sara Harrington and Sarah Duyck.

In addition to having the same name, both girls possess outstanding leadership qualities, are a role model to other 4-H members, participate actively in service projects and

believe and carry out the 4-H motto of "Pledging my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service and my health to better living."

Sara Harrington is the daughter of Ann and Brad Harrington of Cooks. She is the treasurer of the 4Ever Horses 4-H Club, a member of the Northern Dog Sports Club and was the recipient of the 2006 Upper Peninsula Hereford Breeders Association Heifer Give Away.

Sara was awarded a heifer

to use for breeding and showing within Schoolcraft county and the Upper Peninsula.

In addition, Sara has been an active member of the Horse Bowl Team, a teen leader for Michigan State University Extension Summer Exploration Camp, a member of the 4Ever Horses Mounted Drill team, and a participant in Michigan State's 4-H Exploration Days.

Sarah Duyck is the daughter of Pat and Al Duyck of Monticello. She is the current president of the Northern Dog Sports 4-H Club and is also a member of the 4Ever Horses 4-H Club.

She has actively participated in the State Dog Show in agility and obedience classes, with numerous awards.

Sarah has also been a member of the Horse Bowl team, placing both individually and with her team.

Sarah is also active in United Kamel Club activities and leader dog training with their second puppy, Grady.

Sarah has also participated in MSUE Summer Camp as a youth leader and has attended Michigan State Exploration Days.

Both of these girls and their families are to be congratulated on their dedication and hard work.

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Humphries sets agenda

Editor's note: The following article is part of a Michigan Department of Natural Resources' program called "Showcasing the DNR." From time to time, we run installments of this series.

Two issues are likely to dominate the Department of Natural Resources' leadership in 2007 - recruiting the next generation of conservationists and the pressing immediate need for a long-term solution to the money crunch facing the agency.

DNR Director Rebecca Humphries, entering her third year leading the agency, said that those issues, along with a handful of others, will be her focus in 2007 as the agency prepares to deal with another tight budget.

"There's no question that the fiscal health of the department will be a top priority," said Humphries. "For the last several years, our revenues have been flat while the cost of doing business has gone up steadily. This has created a structural deficit in our main fund - the Game and Fish Protection Fund - that will need to be addressed this year or we

face an even more uncertain 2009-10."

A long-term solution to funding conservation in Michigan is a top priority for Humphries and DNR leadership. The agency will host, along with the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Agriculture, a statewide Conservation Summit on Feb. 7 in Lansing. The summit will bring together a wide array of organizations to discuss the need for broader financial support for conservation efforts in Michigan.

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Fish Report

By Ret. Sgt. John Walker

Well, it seems like we are finally getting a real taste of winter weather. It has been cold enough, long enough, to finally make ice that seems safe enough for fishermen to venture out on. This is good seeing there is a number of ice fishing contests coming up very shortly. Of course with the crazy weather we have had this past month, you still want to be careful and check out the conditions before just charging out on the ice.

I would still be careful if I was traveling around after dark on the ice on snowmachines. Sometimes with ice forming, then you have a thaw like we had, you can run into bad spots where water from the snow melting has worn the ice thin from the bottom up. Just be careful out there catching a few fish or just having fun is not worth getting hurt over or worse.

I have been reading a number of articles where it seems there are a whole lot of deer hunters out there that are not happy with just taking one or two bucks under legal circumstances. It seems you hear more and more where hunters are shooting 2-3 bucks more than they can legally take. Now these are not people who are out there because they need the food to feed their family. These are hunters that are just motivated by greed or that big rack they just cannot pass up.

Isle Royale program open

Applications are now being accepted for Isle Royale National Park's annual artist-in-residence program. It runs from mid-June through early September, with each residency scheduled to last two to three weeks.

The program is open to professional visual and performing artists, writers and composers. Selections will be based on artistic integrity and the ability to live in a wilderness environment. All art forms will be accepted, except those harmful to the park's environment.

All artists must share their experiences with the public through demonstrations or talks and donate an art piece that represents their experiences.

Sport fishing group to meet, elect officers

The first 2007 meeting of the Schoolcraft County Sport Fishing Association will take place next Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 6:30 p.m., at the Elks Lodge on Walnut Street in Manistique.

The primary topic will be the election of officers for the year.

All association meetings are open to the public. Anyone interested in local fishing issues is encouraged to attend.

Refuge cuts planned

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Midwest regional office has announced a plan to reduce staffing at national wildlife refuges by 71 positions - approximately 20 percent of the workforce - over the next three years. The cuts are the result of nationwide budget shortfalls in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

The system is the only network of federal lands in the world dedicated specifically to wildlife conservation. The Midwest Region system covers eight states and includes 54 wildlife refuges, 12 wetland management districts and more than one million acres of public land and water.

Officials say the Midwest system's budget has remained relatively static since 2004. At the same time, personnel costs have increased an average of five percent annually. Operational expenses, such as fuel, equipment and other expenses have also increased.

To offset the rising costs, the region has already left 35 positions vacant and will cut an additional 36 jobs over the next three years. The losses will occur in each of the eight states that make up the region.

According to the plan, Michigan will eliminate four positions, going from 20 in 2004 to 16 in 2009. The cuts, which will take place through attrition, retirement and relocations, include one manager/resource specialist, two park rangers, and one biologist/biology technician.

A report focusing on Michigan says habitat management, visitor services and education programs will be affected.

The report notes that the effect of personnel reductions has already been felt at Schoolcraft County's Seneey National Wildlife Refuge.

It states: "The refuge has discontinued its environmental programs and teacher workshops. Annual public events, such as Snowfest, have been canceled due to lack of staff to organize and support the event. Refuge staff are no longer able to effectively monitor easements. Routine maintenance of facilities, vehicles and equipment has been reduced."

Region officials have developed a plan to focus the current budget toward areas that produce the maximum habitat and visitor use benefits, said Robyn Thorson, Midwest regional director for the Fish and Wildlife Service.

"We make no mistake, some hard decisions will have to be made and some important work will not get done," Thorson added.

Regional Refuge System Chief Nita M. Fuller said the refuge system has always operated with "fewer staff and less funding than any other federal land management agency."

"Now, faced with reducing our refuge system field workforce by 20 percent, the National Wildlife Refuge System is forced to reduce wildlife and habitat management efforts, as well as services offered to the visiting public," she stated.

Fuller stressed that there is no plan to "involuntarily remove" any refuge employees in the region.

"Our employees, along with our Friends groups and volunteers, are, and have always been, our most valuable assets," she said. "We've been doing more with less for some time. Now, however, we've reached a breaking point where we can no longer do more with less."

ATTENTION: Passport Applicants

Due to a major increase in the number of people applying for U.S. Passports recently, we at the Schoolcraft County Clerk's Office ask that once you've obtained the necessary documents:

- Passport Application form DS-11
• 'Certified' copy of your birth certificate
• Expired passport if applicable
• 2 passport quality photos

and have filled out the application, please CALL in advance and make an appointment to have your application processed at our office

Schoolcraft County Clerk Office
300 Walnut Street
Manistique, MI 49854
906.341.3618

Thank you
Sigrid I. Doyle, County Clerk

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Thursday, January 25, 2007

## Annual fishing derby takes place this weekend

### Officials warn of uncertain ice conditions on Indian Lake

With the cooperation of Old Man Winter, the annual fishing derby sponsored by Hardee's, Top O' Lake Sports Shop and Al's Taxidermy will take place as scheduled. Now in its 21st season, the tournament will be held this weekend on Indian Lake.

The two-day event starts Saturday, with a registration deadline at 8 a.m., and concludes Sunday at 7 p.m. Advanced registrations can be made at Hardee's and Top O' Lake.

While ice conditions continue to improve on the lake, event organizers warn participants about driving vehicles out onto the frozen surface.

"I was out the other day, and there is only five to eight inches in spots off the Danielson landing," said Top O' Lake's Ted Hentschell.

He said he wasn't aware of conditions to the north, where springs have been known to create hazardous conditions even in the coldest winters.

However, he did note that there are several expansion cracks running down the lake and making crossings difficult.

"We are not telling people what to do, but they should know that must be caught in Indian Lake, must be caught on a hook and line.

In case of a tie, weight and first fish registered will determine the winner.

The registration booth will be located at Danielson's Landing on Evergreen drive.

## A Strange Way to Seek a True Leader

By Herman Cain

The next president of the United States of America may not be what we need. We need a real leader who will bring real solutions to the challenges facing our economic infrastructure and national security.

We will get the candidate who can best manage the nomination process, party politics and public perception.

Too many presidential candidates fail to truly grasp the process, party and perception dynamics. Many credible candidates from both major parties have faltered because they failed at one or more of these critical pillars of caucus and primary success. A candidate's message must resonate with the likely voters in the key early states, but staying on message is not enough to win a state and the party's nomination.

The process for selecting the presidential nominee from the two major political parties is unlike any other election held in the U.S. Nearly every other election at the state and local levels requires the voter to simply register to vote, go to the appropriate poll on Election Day and cast a ballot for his favorite candidate. The candidate with the majority of votes wins. The process for selecting the Democratic or Republican nominee and, ultimately, the president is a year-long endeavor that tests the candidate's campaigning stamina, party acceptance and popularity.

Though the order of the states' presidential preference caucuses and primaries changes every four years, Dean was that year's rock star in the Democratic Party. He formed an unparalleled nationwide grassroots network of activists who pledged their time and money to his candidacy. Dean was the fresh face on the Democratic block, and early on looked like a legitimate contender for his party's nomination. Then came the scream.

arduous presidential process. Let's hope the next president will be in the race.

Herman Cain is a nationally syndicated radio talk show host and a Fox News business commentator. He is president for the United States Senate and CEO of T.H.E. Inc. and serves on the boards for AGCO Corporation, Aquila Inc., Reader's Digest Association, Hallmark Cards and Whirlpool Corporation. In 2004, he ran as a candidate for the United States Senate from Georgia.

WEEKLY WEATHER RECAP			
The following weather information starts Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007.			
DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
Wednesday	25	15	
Thursday	27	17	
Friday	21	12	1" Snow
Saturday	24	10	
Sunday	28	9	2" Snow
Monday	31	20	
Tuesday	28	11	5" Snow



Photos from last week's Fun Fitness Friday. Above left: Julyan and Olivia Brazda take a break from the action. Above right: Kids and parents doing some warm-up exercises. Below left: Crystal Conklin watches her daughter, Heather, play a catching game. Center: Madison Zellar launching an object as sister Delaney and mom Stacie look on. Right: Working on their tossing and catching are Dawn and Jacob Osterhout, Michelle Weber and Alex Goudreau.



## 'Fun Fitness Fridays' going well

Organizers of the new "Fun Fitness Fridays" program at the Manistique Area Schools are pleased with the response after the first few weeks.

The health and fitness program for preschool children and their parents began Jan. 12 and takes place every Friday afternoon through March 16, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., in the multi-purpose room of the high school administration building.

Each week focuses on a different area of health, fitness, physical activity and family fun, along with nutrition and other wellness tips. Last week's session (pictured above) dealt with developing

hand-eye coordination. Future programs will deal with strength and balance, water safety and swimming (in the high school pool), music and rhythm, games and more.

The program is funded, in part, by a grant awarded by the Michigan Department of Education and Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School District. Participation is free for children and parents. There is no need to sign up in advance, and you do not have to attend every session.

For more information, call Christi Ryan at 341-4314 or Jason Lockwood at 341-4300.

## Letters to the Editor [newsroom@pioneertribune.com](mailto:newsroom@pioneertribune.com)

**Letter to the Editor:**  
On behalf of the Manistique Merchants Association, we'd like to thank everyone who purchased MMA Gift Certificates in 2006.

The total amount purchased last year was \$67,495. That means \$67,495 was spent in Manistique area businesses.

These businesses truly do appreciate the customers who are redeeming the certificates, and also those who give the certificates to their employees.

We'd like to acknowledge O-N Minerals (Port Inland), Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility, Big Boy, Holiday Inn Express, Comfort Inn, Ace Hardware, and everyone who purchased individual gift certificates.

The merchants appreciate the investments made in our community. A dollar spent in Manistique stays in Manistique.

Sincerely,  
Sally Stram  
Treasurer  
Manistique Merchants Assoc.

children in this country and around the world being brutally abused on a daily basis, I believe the court system has enough on its hands tracking that.

I'm sure the people you saw smoking love their children with all their heart. So should people with overweight children be charged too? Are you the smoking police?

This is the United States of America, we are free to do what we want according to the constitution. While smoking is bad for our health, and it's not very smart to smoke around children, we don't need more laws to take away more of our private freedoms! I'm real tired of the smoke police and the fat police. Let's all quit judging everyone else, and make sure your backyard is clean. Listen to the news Mr. Walker, there are children out there truly being abused!

Jennifer Lord  
Smokin' Grandma  
Gulliver

women serving our great country. Thank you so much! We couldn't have so much success with this project if we didn't have friends like you!

God bless you and God bless America.

Sincerely,  
Sherry Nutt  
K.I. Sawyer

**Dear Editor,**  
I am an independent insurance agency owner from Breckenridge, Mich. Jan 11 we went by a burned out business on the east side of Manistique and noticed a painted warning on a wall about Auto Owners Insurance. The message displayed is negative of Auto Owners Insurance Company.

As an independent agency owner, I can tell you that there has to be more to the story than is evident to the public. If you have trouble with Auto Owners you'll have trouble with all insurance companies!

Auto Owners is a Fortune 500 company. A.M. Best, an insurance rating service, rates them A++ Superior. They are also consistently in the very top of the list as rated by independent agencies in Michigan!

In my opinion, you should not worry about your policy written with Auto Owners Insurance Company. Be sure to discuss your needs and concerns with your agent, often.

Roy D. Shankel  
Breckenridge, Mich.

we have been around for five years and gaining momentum.

You could not make up a stranger story than the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA). This well established organization is profit driven and on a crash course with nobody at the controls. The MCCA is spooky, they are a secret society and are milking us Michigan auto owners for billions of dollars.

For four years the newspapers in the Upper Peninsula gave us space in their guest opinion column. The folks who responded to the letters are the Michigan Concerned Citizens Alliance. We are the disenfranchised. We want answers to why we pay a 2,000 percent increase for our auto, motorcycle and now historical vehicle rates to the MCCA. Please visit our website [www.abolishmcca.com](http://www.abolishmcca.com). The site is undergoing updates including a newsletter. The folks who wrote or e-mail us have a common theme, we feel so hopeless and cannot affect change.

Look at your recent bill from your auto insurance company, notice that the dollars you send to the MCCA is around \$140 annually. Five years ago you paid \$5 per vehicle. This is tax free earnings you are paying.

Your readers can contact the Michigan Concerned Citizens Alliance, Patrick Kennedy, 1014 38th Avenue, Menominee, MI 49858. Visit the above website and e-mail your concerns.

Patrick Kennedy  
Menominee

**Letter to the Editor:**  
I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the Cards for the Troop project of 2006. The people of the Manistique area are amazing! This year, we finished the project with 42,850 cards to troops, with only seven more boxes needing to be "adopted!"

Although we had help from all over the United States, a few other countries, the majority came from the U.P. You've helped put smiles on the faces of our brave men and

we are the Michigan Concerned Citizens Alliance. We are unpolished politically, but

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Part of managing the nomination process includes managing relationships with the political party establishments in each early state. The media's talking heads, political pundits and even some likely candidates often refer to the necessity of "appealing to the party base" of likely caucus or primary voters, but the base of likely voters is not a monolith. The successful presidential nominees must recognize the dichotomy of opinions and priorities held by the voters in the key early states.

Given the sheer number of candidates seeking the Democratic and Republican nominations, managing the public's perception of a candidate is as critical as managing the process. History is the best teacher of the importance of managing perception. In 2004, Howard Dean was that year's rock star in the Democratic Party. He formed an unparalleled nationwide grassroots network of activists who pledged their time and money to his candidacy. Dean was the fresh face on the Democratic block, and early on looked like a legitimate contender for his party's nomination. Then came the scream.

Following his disappointing third place showing in Iowa, Dean unleashed his now famous "I Have a Scream" speech on America. He scared the bejeesus out of voters in New Hampshire and South Carolina and forced mothers to bring their children in off the streets. Howard Dean, the once and future darling of the unpledged left, was finished as a presidential candidate.

Many in the media will attempt to select the two candidates through their styles of coverage, bias and spin. The public must not allow that to happen. The informed voter will focus on substance and real leadership characteristics, and not just on which candidate can best manage the "three P's" of process, party politics and public perception.

There is always hope that whoever becomes the next president will possess the leadership mettle we need, and not just the leadership -- or lack thereof -- that we get. History has a way of providing America with the leadership she requires at her most critical junctures. Perhaps that leader will emerge in 2008 from the

More than 100 persons attended the semi-annual bowling dinner and dedication of the new automatic pinsetter at the Manistique Elks Temple last Wednesday evening. Four "old-timer" Elks bowlers had the honor of rolling the first balls down the lanes during the dedication. Participating were R.G. Henschell, John W. Kelly, Jack Quick and Jim McLaughlin.

**30 Years Ago January 27, 1977**  
• Those big, bulky waste receptacles, commonly referred to as the green boxes, that are scattered around the county and still causing some township supervisors a lot of grief. For the past few months complaints have been rolling in at least two townships on a regular basis. Most concern the scenery, or lack of it, at the dumping stations. Hiawatha and Thompson Townships seem to be registering the most complaints, mostly involving ill overflowing boxes. Other townships report some unappiness with the overall system, but nothing serious. Still some others are perfectly content with the whole thing.

• Work is proceeding on a bronze cast mural display scheduled to adorn the main lobby of the new Schoolcraft County courthouse building. County officials have commissioned Jack Anderson, artist from Lake Linden, to do the work for a fee to \$15,000. According to County Clerk Fred Lesica, the bronze presentation will include one major mural plus 10 to 12 smaller bronze plaques to be arranged throughout the lobby. Under the theme of "law, order and justice," the large mural will feature scenes of the area's historic, economic and wildlife attributes as well as a centerpiece of bronze. Money for the artwork is to come from a contingency fund in the \$2.2 million county building project.

• The Manistique Emerald grapplers dropped their record to 2-9 Tuesday night as the wrestlers swallowed a defeat by Givon 40-19. By comparison, they upped their record last Thursday night when they defeated that team 38-30. Coach Paul Cappaferrini indicated the win was the result of aggressive wrestling which "breeds pins."

**20 Years Ago January 29, 1987**  
• The sounds of "I am Michigan... The feeling is forever" filled the courtroom as the celebration of Michigan's sesquicentennial in Schoolcraft County started on Monday. The Junior and Senior High Choirs sang under the direction of their teacher, Laura Woodard.

• Robert Barr, 53, of Manistique has been appointed Friend of the Court for Alger, Lake and Schoolcraft counties. The appointment was announced Tuesday by 11th Judicial Circuit Court Judge William F. Hood. Barr will assume his appointment in March, following his retirement from the Michigan State Police. He is currently a sergeant at the Manistique Post and has worked for the law enforcement agency for 30 years.

• A leaking water main produced flooding on River St., near Elk St., Tuesday night. Eight inches of new blacktop buckled as the street flooded, Acing City Manager David Huddleston said, and detour signs were put in place Wednesday. There is still access to businesses in the area. The leak is an eight-inch water main about six to eight feet below the surface. A sounding device is being utilized to pinpoint the exact location.

• Two wins and five losses in conference play is the way the Junior Varsity Emeralds basketball team left Munising Friday night. They trimmed the Mustangs 65-54 to their overall record to three wins and seven losses. They played a good solid game and it was an overall team effort. Coach Bob Ryan said. Rob Ryan led the team with 28 points and Ben Hastings had 14, and Todd Wodzinski came off the bench to score 14. Hastings led the team with seven rebounds.

**10 Years Ago January 30, 1997**  
• "It was wonderful." "It was exciting." "It was worth every penny." "It was really cool." Those are just some of the assessments shared by four local residents who took the trip of their lives last weekend. Mary LaFleur, Sinker Snogrow, Barb Wood and Dave Strasser left Manistique last Thursday and traveled to New Orleans, where they watched the Green Bay Packers defeat the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI. The four know how lucky they were to be there in person, while thousands of other fans across the Upper Peninsula had to be satisfied with watching the green-and-gold and watching the game on TV.

• Big Bay de Noc Superintendent Sally Germetta is working hard to resolve many issues before she retires at the end of the school year. "The time is coming fast," Germetta said last week. "When I first made the decision, it seemed far away, but it's coming up quickly now and there's still so much to be done." Germetta said the process of finding her replacement is going "slowly but well."

• After several months of negotiation, an agreement has been reached between the city and the Manistique Area Schools for the use of the new multi-purpose athletic field under construction in the "New Park" recreation area. The agreement calls for the city to pay \$6,000 toward construction of the field, an amount previously pledged by the school board, plus an additional \$1,800 to cover the cost of bringing in additional sand. In return, the school agreed to release \$19,631 in community contributions it had been holding pending a deal with the city. The donations include \$12,500 from the Sault Tribe, \$3,000 from the Athletic Boosters Club, \$2,400 from Manistique Papers Inc. and \$1,060 raised by student organizations. \$1,000 was also pledged by Manistique Area Youth Soccer.

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**O**bituaries

**Kay F. Burkman**

Former Shelton, Wash., resident, Kay F. (Wood) Burkman, 68, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, in Olympia, Wash.

She was born in Michigan on Jan. 28, 1938, the daughter of Everett M. Wood and Hazel (McKenzie) Wood. She graduated from Manistique High School and attended nursing school at Northern Michigan University, graduating from the L.P.N. program.

On Aug. 23, 1958, she married Vernon D. Burkman in Manistique at the Presbyterian Church. They moved to Washington in 1962.

Kay worked many years at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital in Manistique and Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain, Mich. After moving to Washington, she was a stay-at-home mom until her children were older. She was a den mother for Cub Pack 110 and also an assistant leader for Brownie troops and Girl Scouts. She worked 20 years for the food program of Shelton School District. She was a charter member of Women of the Moose in Woodland, Wash.

She loved to read, go camping with the Good Sam Club, do word puzzles, games with her grandchildren, baking, having family gatherings and get together with friends.

Kay and Vern retired in 1994 and looked forward to traveling. They spent summers in the Shelton/Olympia area and winters in Yuma, Ariz. They loved special moments with their families in Michigan, North Dakota and Washington.

Survivors include: her husband of 48 years, Vernon; son, Arlan (Susan) Burkman; daughter, Jodi; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; her brother, Lowell (Liz) Wood of Manistique; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Everett Jr.; and three sisters, Evelyn, Ida and Fern. A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at Hope Chapel in Shelton.

Memorial donations may be made in her name to the following: American Lung Association, American Heart Association, Mooseheart or American Cancer Society.

**Gary F. Rodman**

Gary F. Rodman, 67, of Steuben, Wis., passed away Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital.

He was born Sept. 8, 1939, in Manistique, Mich., the son of William and Susan (Kendall) Rodman.

On April 23, 1960, he married Shirley Dixon in Felch, Mich. He worked as a contractor and did construction in the sewer and water industry in the Milwaukee, Wis., area.

Gary's ideal heaven would be driving his backhoe down to the river to check the fishing lines and eating a bowl of "Bunny Tracks" ice cream.

Survivors include: his wife of 46 years, Shirley Rodman of Steuben; two daughters, Kellie (Dan) Robinson of West Allis, Wis. and Gina (Bill) Holtz of Muskego, Wis.; son, Robert (Sue) Rodman of Milwaukee; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; four sisters, Barb Rodman of Newport Kiches, Fla., Beverly (Don) Human of Fairborn, Ohio, Mary Thorell and Ann Marie Miller both of San Diego, Calif., and three brothers, Dick Rodman and Pat (Sally) Rodman both of Manistique, and Don (Bunny) Rodman of Visalia, Calif.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, James.

According to Gary's wishes, his body was cremated. A memorial service was held at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 19, at St. Leonard's Catholic Church in Muskego, Wis.

Garrity Funeral Home of Prairie du Chien assisted the family.

**Elsie M. Burns**

Elsie M. Burns, 87, of Manistique, Mich., died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007, at her home.

She was born May 15, 1919, in Waukesha, Wis., the daughter of the late Fred and Edith (Cummings) Wildhagen and was a graduate of the Metropolitan Bible School in Waukesha.

On Oct. 23, 1943, the former Elsie M. Wildhagen married Raymond E. Burns in Carolina Beach, N.C., and they made their home in Manistique.

In addition to being a homemaker and a caregiver, Elsie was employed at the Red Owl Store in Manistique. She and her husband Ray later became the owner/proprietor of the Camper's Market at Indian Lake for several years.

Elsie was a former President of the Riverside School PTA. She enjoyed traveling, bird watching, embroidery, taking walks, watching the "Wheel of Fortune" and canning her home grown vegetables.

Survivors include: her husband, Raymond E. Burns of Manistique; three daughters, Gloria (Tim) Belfleur of West Linn, Ore., Wanda (Dan) Martin of Omaha, Neb. and Judy (Rob) Lucas of Manistique; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and sister, Ethel Bishop of Berne, Ind.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Clyde, Clare and Lloyd; and two sisters, Martha and Myrtle.

Visitation was 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, at Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Manistique. Funeral services followed at the funeral home with Pastor Larry Berger officiating.

Burial will be held in the Fairview Cemetery at Manistique. Memorial donations may be directed to the Take 5 Program, Manistique Senior Citizens Center or Northwoods Hospice. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com.

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**David R. Semear, Jr.**

David R. Semear, Jr., 40, of Cooks, Mich., died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007, at his home following a courageous battle with cancer. He was born Oct. 13, 1966, in Detroit, Mich., the son of Cheryl K. (Farley) and David R. Semear, Sr.

He moved to the Manistique area as a child and was a graduate of Manistique High School.

On June 21, 2003, he married the former Sally D. Brodick in Garden, Mich.

David was formerly employed as a foreman at Manistique Dimension Co.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening.

Survivors include: his wife, Sally D. Semear of Cooks; three sons, Christopher of Detroit, Mich., Bobby and Danny of Cooks; two daughters, Annmarie of Detroit and Ajanya of Cooks; a grandchild (to be born this year); father, David Semear, Sr. of Detroit; mother, Cheryl (Jerry) Albrecht of Richmond, Ind.; seven brothers, Harold (Maureen), Danny, David Wayne (Amanda), Paul, Brian, Kenny and Eric Semear; two sisters, Sylvia and Katie Semear; nieces and nephews; along with several aunts and uncles, including a special aunt, Aunty Melba.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25, at Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Manistique.

A memorial service will follow at 4 p.m. at the funeral home with Celebrant Carole Cooper officiating.

Memorial donations may be directed to the family, c/o Sally Semear.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com.

**Perry M. Downing**



Perry M. Downing, 85, of Manistique, Mich., died Friday, Jan. 19, 2007, at Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manistique.

He was born March 25, 1921, in Manistique, the only child of Custer and Gladys (Hannah) Downing and attended Manistique area schools.

On July 20, 1942, he married the former Mercedes E. Houghton in Manistique.

From July of 1942 until December of 1945, during World War II, Perry served in the U.S. Army seeing duty in the European Theatre.

Perry was employed at the Crawford and Holland Garage in Manistique and in 1955 established and operated Perry's Motor Clinic in Manistique until 1964. He then started employment with the Inland Lime and Stone Company and worked there until his retirement in March of 1983.

He was a member of St. Francis de Sales Church in Manistique, Schoolcraft County V.F.W. Post No. 4420 and USWA Local No. 4302.

Perry is survived by his wife, Mercedes E. Downing of Manistique; daughter, Kristine (David) LaLonde of Manistique; two grandsons, Steven (Wendy) LaLonde and Mark LaLonde of Kenosha, Wis.; and seven great-grandchildren, Zachary, Jack, Andy, Alexis, Elizabeth Kristine and Addison LaLonde all of Kenosha.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Terrence M. Downing in Sept. 1990.

A graveside service will be held in the spring at the Lakeview Cemetery in Manistique.

Memorial donations may be directed to Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manistique.

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

Online condolences may be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com.

**Richard C. LaCasper**

Richard Charles LaCasper, 84, of Brampton, Mich., passed away Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007, at St. Francis Hospital in Escanaba, Mich.

He is survived by his wife, Minnie and other family members. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced at a later date. The LaCasper family is being assisted by Skradski Funeral Home in Gladstone, Mich.

For additional information or to send the LaCasper family a message of condolence please go to www.skradski-boycefuneralhomes.com.

**Bay announces recent graduates**

Bay de Noc Community graduated with an associate of applied science degree in nursing.

Heather Tiglas of Manistique earned a certificate in accounting.

Debra Nagy of Manistique

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**Donation helps CPR program**

The ongoing campaign to train area residents how to perform life-saving cardio-pulmonary resuscitation got a boost last week, with the latest donation of CPR materials from the National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation.

On behalf of the foundation, Jim Curran of Curran Chevrolet Pontiac Buick Inc. in Manistique presented Schoolcraft County CPR instructors with a "Little Anne Four Pack" — four state-of-the-art training mannequins — to enhance their education program.

According to Ed Unger, a licensed practical nurse and CPR instructor at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, the American Heart Association recently modified its training format, so that participants can practice on their individual mannequins while watching the instructional movie.

Unger said they've been working with departments throughout the county and neighboring areas to get enough mannequins to train 20 students at one time.

It's a costly effort, and the nonprofit instructors' group has been scrambling to find the funds to cover the additional training units, as well as videos, instruction books and other materials.

Unger said the support of the local dealership (the dealer's foundation) will save them \$750 to \$1,000.

This is not the first time instructors have benefited from the program. Over the years, Curran's has sponsored numerous donations of CPR



Jim Curran of Curran Chevrolet Pontiac Buick (left) presents a "Little Anne" CPR training mannequin to Kristin Demers and Ed Unger of the Schoolcraft County CPR Instructors. The donation was part of an ongoing program sponsored by the National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

mannequins to training programs in Manistique and Garden.

The most recent mannequin request was submitted by nurse Kristin Demers, who works for SMH and the Manistique Area Schools.

Terry Burns of the Michigan Automobile Dealers Association (MADA) said Jim Curran's support of the application, his involvement with the charitable foundation, and his input on the hard work of local instructors, were key reasons the request was

granted. Of the 758 MADA members, only 10 to 14 receive mannequins each year. In 2006, just 12 were approved.

There are five different training models to choose from. The instructors selected the Four-Pack in part because it will allow them to train more students, but also because of several innovative features on the Little Anne units, including a removable face shield that allows for easy sterilization.

The models also give signals to let trainees know when they are applying appropriate pressure to the right spot and breathing correctly into the mouth of the unit. Area instructors train approximately 500 students a year, and will provide CPR courses to any interested group, organization or business. From Feb. 5-9, they will teach the technique to every member of the senior class at Manistique High School. For more information about CPR or training opportunities in Schoolcraft County, contact Unger at 341-3240.

**Walk for Warmth is Feb. 24**

The Menominee-Delta Schoolcraft Community Action Agency has kicked off its annual campaign to support the home heating assistance fund, which helps residents with heating emergencies. The drive will culminate with the traditional Walk for Warmth fundraisers in each of the three counties on Saturday, Feb. 24.

As always, the CAA is encouraging participation from individuals, businesses, youth and church groups, service clubs and other organizations. All participating groups are invited to carry their banners during the walk. Pledge sheets can be picked up at the local CAA office, located on the second floor of the Schoolcraft County Courthouse.

ing provide heating assistance to local families. This year's walk will begin and end at the Manistique Senior Citizens Center. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. and the walk gets underway at 10 a.m., going from the center to the U.S. Post Office, then back north to the Siphon Bridge, before returning to the center.

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Donations to the heating assistance program are accepted throughout the year. They can be delivered in person to the local office or mailed to: CAA, 300 Walnut St., Room 206, Manistique, MI 49854.

For more information, call Barber at 341-2452.

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Sheree Gould and Bobby Weber

## Gould and Weber set June wedding date

Announcing their recent engagement are Sheree Gould and Bobby Weber. The bride to be is the daughter of Gordon and Tammy Gould of Manistique. She is a 2001 graduate of Manistique High School and is currently employed at Schones Chiropractic of Manistique. Bobby is the son of Robert and Jill Weber of Manistique. He is a 1997 graduate of Manistique High School. He is employed at ON Minerals in Gulliver, Mich.

The couple has selected June 2 for their wedding date. The ceremony will be held at Bishop Baraga Shrine located near Indian Lake in Manistique.

Bobby is the son of Robert and Jill Weber of Manistique.

The GFWC Manistique Women's Club will help raise money for a new community welcome sign by hosting a wine tasting and cheese party next month.

"Wine Tasting on the Upper Level" will take place Saturday, Feb. 24, from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Elks Lodge on Walnut Street.

The event will feature five wines from the local Mackinaw Trail Winery, along with cheese, breads and crackers.

Local businesses and crafters will have tables set up throughout the room, giving visitors a chance to shop as they enjoy the refreshments.

Drawings will be held throughout the day for various prizes, including a "faux" fireplace.

The cost is \$12 per person, \$20 per couple. Tickets are available now at Sazy's Shadow Box on South Cedar Street, the Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce office on US-2 or by calling Sherri Krause at 341-6701. In Garden, contact Rosemary Stollings at 644-6017.

Artists and merchants interested in having a table at the event can contact Krause at the number listed above.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward the installation of a permanent double-sided sign, with a decorative stone base, that local officials are hoping to erect at the corner of US-2, Maple Street and

Arbutus Avenue. A project of the local retail subcommittee, the sign would include a top portion styling "Welcome to Manistique's Historic Downtown," with arrows directing highway traffic to turn either at Maple or Cedar Street, depending on the direction they were traveling.

The lower portion of the sign would be an illuminated message board with changeable letters to highlight events in town.

Early estimates showed the project costing an estimated \$6,300.

Named to the list were: Elizabeth Hopp of Cooks; Courtney Klein of Garden; Robert Johnson, Trisha Pelon and Ashley Schauer of Gulliver; Jason Billings, Timothy Brum, Sara Fletcher, Beatrice Hill, Dennis Jackson, Sarah Maddox, Christian Nelson and Jessica Rochefort of Manistique.

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Lois A. Corcoran  
(Send your comments to corky@dsnet.us.)

## But weight, there's less!

After a lifelong search for cheekbones, it finally happened. I lost the 20 pounds I've battled since puberty. This latent development should make me deliriously happy. But you know I'll find something to gripe about.

For one thing, the weight came off in all the wrong places. You'd think the leftovers would be evenly distributed, but no. I'll give you two guesses what shriveled up. Like my bright outlook on life, I see my cups as half empty.

All of which means the land mass south of the equator appears bigger now, proportionally speaking. This, despite my best efforts to compact it.

Oh, sure, I dropped a few sizes. And it's kind of a thrill to fit into clothes I used to wear. Too bad they went out of style when the Brady Bunch got canned—and refuse to make a comeback.

Besides, the whole thing has been fairly anticlimactic. It's

not like—bang!—I woke up 20 pounds lighter one day. Without a formal beheading. No, I've battled since puberty. This latent development should make me deliriously happy. But you know I'll find something to gripe about.

It was so gradual, in fact, that I saw no point in drawing up a timeable. Yo-yo dieters know what I speak. With high hopes, we draft weight loss schedules with impressive headings like

"Prospective" and "Actual" under which to log our goals. These may also take the form of bar graphs, or my personal favorite—pie charts. When I was really gung ho about a reducing plan, I used a computer for a boardroom-worthy specimen.

The enthusiasm that ushered in this well-documented event routinely died down within a week or two. And before long I hid my official-looking timetable in the recycle bin.

But, as I said, this time was different. I won't bore you with the details unless you e-mail a request. But something finally clicked to make me two sacks of potatoes lighter, and I can only hope it lasts. Not like permanent hair color that washes out in four shampoos.

Which reminds me. Now that my weight shows signs of good behavior, my mane has declared full-scale mutiny. I can't tell you the last time I had a good hair day. Towards the end of last summer, if I recall correctly.

Gilda was right—it IS always something.

## Dean's list

A number of local students were named to the Bay de Noc Community College dean's list for the fall semester, which was released this week.

To be selected for the list, Bay College students must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.5 and complete 12 or more credit hours.

Named to the list were: Elizabeth Hopp of Cooks; Courtney Klein of Garden; Robert Johnson, Trisha Pelon and Ashley Schauer of Gulliver; Jason Billings, Timothy Brum, Sara Fletcher, Beatrice Hill, Dennis Jackson, Sarah Maddox, Christian Nelson and Jessica Rochefort of Manistique.

## Young writers getting published

Five Manistique Area Schools fifth graders have had their work selected for publication in an annual anthology of student work. Logan Hayward, Jordan Hubble, Tyler Kangas, Elisa MacGregor and Coby Ryan, all students in Brenda Fleck's class, have been chosen to appear in a collection called "A Celebration of Young Poets" published by Creative Communication. Their winning entries appear below.

Teachers submit student work, which is judged by a panel of poets, writers and teachers, who evaluate each entry based on literary merit, creativity or social significance.

Creative Communication, which also produces an annual collection of student essays, says its goal is to make publication "selective so that it is an honor to be included, but not so exclusive that it is discouraging to enter." That standard results in only about 45 percent of entries chosen for the anthologies. There are no entry fees or any requirement to purchase copies of the books.

Each year Creative Communication also awards cash prizes to student writers and their schools, and offers language arts grants to schools. They also provide free copies of their books to teachers and distribute information on teaching poetry.

Fire  
Glorious Blazing  
Destroying Lightning Hurting  
Caveman's Friend  
Log's Foe  
Logan Hayward

Apple  
Red Chewy  
Chomping Peeling Shining  
Teacher's Prize  
Doctor's Recommendation  
Coby Ryan

Devil  
Red Horned  
Tempting Demanding Bribing  
God's Arch Nemesis  
Pitchfork Owner  
Jordan Hubble

I Awoke  
I woke up one morning to a peaceful sound. I went outside and the mist tickled my toes. The roses made the outside smell so soothing. Then I went back in and fell asleep to the cooling of the morning dew.  
Elisa MacGregor

A Perfect Day  
It was a bright, misty sundown that my dad and I went for a walk in the woods. We saw a patch of lilies on the horizon and bobolinks flying here to there. We heard a growl of a bear, but we knew it wasn't coming to us. A mouse scattering across our feet.  
Then, we got a glimpse of a remarkable thing. It was a baby fawn about to go to sleep by its mother. I yawned and went home to bed. My mom put on my soft blanket. I got snuggled and mom sang me a lullaby. I went to sleep remembering this perfect day with my dad.  
Tyler Kangas



The five published writers from Brenda Fleck's fifth grade class stand beside a display highlighting their work. From left: Coby Ryan, Logan Hayward, Jordan Hubble, Elisa MacGregor, Tyler Kangas. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

## Event to raise money for sign

The GFWC Manistique Women's Club will help raise money for a new community welcome sign by hosting a wine tasting and cheese party next month.

"Wine Tasting on the Upper Level" will take place Saturday, Feb. 24, from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Elks Lodge on Walnut Street.

The event will feature five wines from the local Mackinaw Trail Winery, along with cheese, breads and crackers.

Local businesses and crafters will have tables set up throughout the room, giving visitors a chance to shop as they enjoy the refreshments.

Drawings will be held throughout the day for various prizes, including a "faux" fireplace.

The cost is \$12 per person, \$20 per couple. Tickets are available now at Sazy's Shadow Box on South Cedar Street, the Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce office on US-2 or by calling Sherri Krause at 341-6701. In Garden, contact Rosemary Stollings at 644-6017.

Artists and merchants interested in having a table at the event can contact Krause at the number listed above.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward the installation of a permanent double-sided sign, with a decorative stone base, that local officials are hoping to erect at the corner of US-2, Maple Street and

Arbutus Avenue. A project of the local retail subcommittee, the sign would include a top portion styling "Welcome to Manistique's Historic Downtown," with arrows directing highway traffic to turn either at Maple or Cedar Street, depending on the direction they were traveling.

The lower portion of the sign would be an illuminated message board with changeable letters to highlight events in town.

Early estimates showed the project costing an estimated \$6,300.

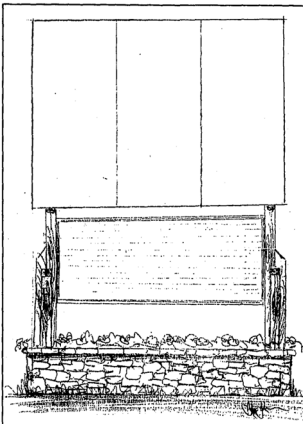
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A conceptual drawing of the new welcome sign planned for the corner of US-2, Maple Street and Arbutus Avenue.

## Mooi makes Calvin list

Marian Mooi of Manistique was named to the fall semester dean's list at Calvin College in Grand Rapids. To be eligible, Calvin students must maintain a semester grade point average of at least 3.5 and a cumulative GPA of at least 3.3.

Mooi is a 2006 graduate of Manistique High School. She is the daughter of Len and Karen Mooi.

CHIPPewa — Robert and Jennifer Chippewa of Curtis, Mich., are the proud parents of a baby boy. Easton Gregory Chippewa was born on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at Marquette General Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches in length.

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Senior Center

By Connie Frenette

The Senior Center has been very actively involved in Easter Seals projects and fundraisers for the past several years.

This past year the Center agreed to take over the responsibility of the medical equipment loan closet, which has been housed out of the Center. The agreement came when the Marquette office for Easter Seals closed this past year. Medical equipment available includes shower benches, wheelchairs, transfer benches, walkers, canes, commodes, crutches, etc.

Medical equipment is available to all ages residing in Schoolcraft County. A \$5 donation is asked, allowing you to keep the equipment for up to six months at a time. One of the new services the Center recently partnered with Easter Seals on included assisting financially with wheelchair ramps. The Center is allowed to distribute \$500 solely for the purchase of building materials. Family members are responsible for the volunteer labor towards building of the ramp.

A new project that has been in the works and hopefully will be implemented this year is the Respite Support Program. Last year was a trial with two families.

The position I am in, I can tell you this is one of the most worthwhile programs allowable. Easter Seals respite support program provides a small monthly stipend that allows a caregiver on a limited income to hire someone to be with their family member so the caregiver can go shopping or have an evening's break from his/her duties.

One program that was lost last year, but that we hope to have return is the wheel chair our chefs stood over the grill outside while it was snowing, and blowing. We will once again have potato salad and Mabel Patz's famous baked beans along with Guerdia Frenette's homemade hot fudge cake. Please sign up as soon as possible, allowing us to place our food order early, and get a better price.

As many of you know by now, we have just ended one year of our two-year food pantry. We received food at a cost of 15 cents per pound, compared to the average of \$2.18 per pound from a retail store.

In the year 2006 we distributed a total of 58,815 pounds of food at a market value of 128,216.70. Our cost was \$7,496.34 giving us total savings of \$120,720.36.

If you are age 60+ and are living on a limited income your welcome to participate. The distribution is held the third Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. We ask you to come no earlier than 12:30 p.m., which allows those attending the Noon Meal to not feel rushed.

We sincerely wish to thank the Marion Orr and Elsie Burn families for their generous donation of medical equipment. Several families will

benefit from their donations. John and Cindy Nelson gave the Center a "Treasure and Trash" donation along with an Open House contribution.

The Schoolcraft County Community Foundation received a monetary donation from John Neu and Claire St. Jean of Oak Park, Ill. which was applied to the Senior Center account. Thank you so much, John and Claire!

Yarn was given by Deb Lancour. Memorial monetary donations have been received at the repair clinic is held annually in September. We encourage you to watch for the date.

To learn more about any of the above programs, call the Senior Center at 341-5923 or contact Julie Dorcay at 989-753-4773. Julie's email is dorcay@essmichigan.org.

The Center has also been actively involved in the bake sale held every year at CBC. Volunteers, no matter what age, from all over the county, donate baked goods such as breads, pies, cakes, bars, fudge, cookies, etc. Proceeds are turned over to CBC, which then splits these ways: Easter Seals, Cancer and Bay Cliff.

CBC is scheduled for Sunday, April 1. If you would like to donate baked goods they can either be dropped off the Friday prior between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or at the High School cafeteria the day of CBC before noon.

Other programs that Easter Seals is offering include speech therapy, camperships and AgrAbility. Easter Seals partners with Superior Therapy Service of Marquette to provide summer speech programs.

Julie has informed me 74 children at sites in Schoolcraft County participated this past year. This program has the largest increase, going from 25 in 2005 to the current 74 children being served.

AgrAbility is a program that serves those with disabilities working in agriculture and agri-related businesses, including logging. When a farmer or other agri-business worker experiences a disability through injury or illness, adaptive equipment may be needed to help that individual continue to work. Easter Seals and partner agencies, Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) and Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) provide adaptive equipment including equipment designs that are unique to the individual circumstances and financial assistance to fund the acquisition of the recommended adaptations.

Since the Center is not real familiar with the above program, we encourage you to

Upper Peninsula Chapter 16 of the State Employee Retirees Association will hold its monthly meeting Monday, Feb. 5, at 1:30 p.m., in the

contact Julie Dorcay at the above telephone number or email.

Easter Seals-Michigan is committed to providing quality services in the UP and to Schoolcraft County. Recent corporate changes have seen the consolidation of the organization from three chapters into one affiliate serving the entire state of Michigan. In an effort to dedicate more money to direct services, a regional fundraising office in Marquette was closed. "The closure of the Marquette office allowed us to increase expenditures on direct services in the UP by nearly \$50,000," states Easter Seals' Chief Operating Officer Greg Fronzier.

Easter Seals is currently doing a national study of the UP to ascertain other service needs. Your feedback is most welcome. To share your ideas, contact Elizabeth Kelly at (800) 7573257 or via email ekelly@essmichigan.org with your comments.

Our Annual Hotdog Roast is fast approaching. Where has January gone? Call a friend and invite them to join us on Thursday, Feb. 15. Activities of your choice will begin at 1 p.m. and dinner will be at approximately 5 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. The menu consists of char-roasted Jumbo hotdogs, specially cooked by our volunteer chefs. Last year the Center in memory of Gerald Turk and Hazel Rubick from Betty DeSautel.

Maintenance and support donations were received from Doris Alexander, Lucille Boyd, Anzel and Julie Burrell, Laura Lee Tegman, Joyce Demers, Dolores Gould, Dorothy Hoholik, and Betty DeSautel.

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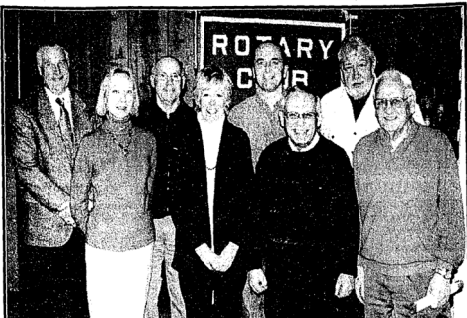
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Quick and Easy SPICY JACK MIX & CHEESE WITH BROCCOLI

2 cups dry elbow macaroni
2 cups chopped frozen or fresh broccoli
2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
2 cups Pepper Jack cheese
1 can Nestle Carnation Evaporated Milk
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided
1/2 tsp ground black pepper
2 T bread crumbs

PRE-HEAT oven to 350 degrees. Lightly butter 2 1/2-quart casserole dish. COOK macaroni in large sauce pan according to package directions. Drain broccoli to boiling pasta water for last 3 minutes of cooking time. COMBINE drained cooked pasta, broccoli, cheddar cheese, Pepper Jack cheese, evaporated milk, 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese and black pepper in large bowl. Pour into prepared casserole dish. Combine remaining Parmesan cheese and bread crumbs; sprinkle over macaroni mixture. Cover tightly with aluminum foil. BAKE covered 20 minutes. Remove foil; bake additional 10 minutes until lightly browned. NOTE: For a less spicy version, substitute 2 cups (8 ounces) Monterey Jack cheese and a few dashes of hot pepper sauce (optional) for the Pepper Jack cheese.



Rotarians have been busy preparing for their 12th annual Super Pancake Breakfast - a popular Super Bowl Sunday tradition in Schoolcraft County. From left: Tom Pugh, Nancy DeWees, George Ecclesine, Giannine Perigo, Rick Stram, Gilbert Sablack, Tom Arnold, Bob Broullire. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

12th annual breakfast set to kick off Super Bowl Sunday

The Manistique Rotary Club will host its 12th annual Super Pancake Breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Elks Lodge on Walnut Street. The all-you-can-eat breakfast will begin at 9 a.m. and run until 1 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Children under six are admitted free. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance from any club member.

As always, all proceeds from the breakfast will stay in the community, supporting Rotary projects and funding a variety of club donations in Schoolcraft County.

St. Francis to celebrate Catholic Schools Week

The nation's nearly 8,000 Catholic schools will celebrate Catholic Schools Week Jan. 28 through Feb. 3. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: The Good News in Education," was chosen because of its appeal to Catholic schools it sends for the strong message it offers to parents and supporters.

"If you talk to our graduates and ask what was the high point of their years at St. Francis, they always say it's Catholic Schools Week," notes St. Francis de Sales School Principal Sally Gerometta. "We want to build on that."

The local celebration kicks off with the school Mass on Sunday, Jan. 28, at 11 a.m. Students will do the readings. "We hope all the employees will attend that Mass and walk in together, and sit in the front pews," Gerometta says.

The Mass will be followed by an all-school pizza party and talent show. Coordinated by Lisa Slavinsky, the talent show has a country headon theme, with the gym decorated in a western style. Monday opens with an all-school prayer service. Also, students will begin writing community thank-you notes to people who provide quality education in Schoolcraft County. "We feel it's important to recognize those contributors and thank them, and to teach the children to do that," Gerometta says.

It will also be a Crazy Hat or Crazy Hair Day for students. A Heres Day is planned for Tuesday, with an all-school program in the gym. An ice-skating party at Little Bear Wet Area is the highlight for Wednesday, designated as Sports Day. The arena is reserved for two hours, and students will receive tickets for refreshments as well.

Thursday will see an all-school Mass, and the delivery of appreciation letters will begin. In addition, Thursday is Dress-up Day; and the fourth grade class will perform a play, "Blame it on the Wolf." PJ Day is Friday. It's also Bring a Hero to Lunch Day, where each class will invite a local hero to enjoy lunch with them. A hero presentation will follow. Root beer floats, and Pre-K students will be treated to a trip to Burger King. "We're taking pride in our Catholic identity and recognizing who we are through charities and fun activities," Gerometta says.

Catholic Schools to be observed Wednesday, Jan. 31

The event was established to encourage supporters nationwide to showcase the accomplishments and contributions of Catholic schools to the country. In Washington, a delegation of more than 150 Catholic school students, teachers and parents will visit Capitol Hill to meet with congressional leaders and promote Catholic schools. They will hand-deliver letters from chief administrators of Catholic education to their representatives and provide a background package on Catholic schools to every congressional office.

Catholic Schools Week is an activity of the National Marketing Campaign for Catholic Schools, a joint project of NCEA and the USCCB.

District Court

District Court to controlled substance - possession of marijuana (1/07). He was assessed \$45 state costs, \$250 statute fine, \$50 crime victim rights assessment, \$500 statute costs, \$845 total. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and received credit for 15 days serviced. His license will be suspended for 90 days followed by a 275 day restricted license. Optional jail term 60 days. Tyler J. Segerstrom, 19, of Manistique, plead guilty in 93rd District Court to pe-

ing a motor vehicle while impaired by liquor (1/06). He was assessed \$300 statute fine, \$45 state costs, \$100 state police expense reimbursement, \$350 statute costs, \$50 crime victim rights assessment, \$150 probation oversight fees, \$995 total. He was sentenced to 65 days in jail and received credit for one day served. Two days are to be served or completion of 24 hours community service will equal six. Balance will be held for six months' probation. He shall attend victim impact panel and obtain substance abuse assessment.

Restaurants Directory

Advertisement for Restaurants Directory listing various dining establishments like Teddy's Pub & Bistro, The Upper Crust, and others with their addresses and phone numbers.

Advertisement for Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital featuring a photo of a doctor and patient, and text about Type 1 Diabetes support groups.

Worship Directory - THESE LOCAL HOUSES OF WORSHIP WELCOME YOU

List of local churches including St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph's, and others with their addresses and phone numbers.

Thursday, January 25, 2007

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City Council Continued from A1

STS after interviewing three firms. The project includes a complete upgrade of the gravel road from Tannery Road to Oak Street, expected to be a primary bus route for the new elementary school being built at Oak and Cattageau.

Planning and Zoning Commission, fulfilling the requirement that one member serve on both boards. Peterson, Rantanan and Jan Jeffcott voted in favor of the appointments, with Evonich and Tim Noble opposing.

DNR Continued from A2

Humphries said the DNR has a list of pressing needs, including funding support, including the monitoring and enforcement of captive cervid facilities, state forest camps and improvements.

Humphries said she wants to work more closely with hunting and fishing organizations to raise awareness of the important need to get more youth involved in the outdoors.

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.



DOUBLE TAKE By Mark Szoradz (SEE? MY COMPUTER HAS A VIRUS!)

Answers for Jan 18 puzzle on Page 3B. Includes solutions for 'DOUBLE TAKE' and 'HOROSCOPES'.

Donors sought for blood drive

The U.P. Regional Blood Center's first local donor drive of 2007 will take place next Wednesday, Jan. 31, from 1:30 to 5:45 p.m., in the multipurpose recreation room.

Horoscopes Jan. 29 - Feb. 4

ARIES (March 21 to) You're both too close to purchases for a while. Do deny to daydream. Aquarius (Jan. 20 to) You're not being true to your own instincts.

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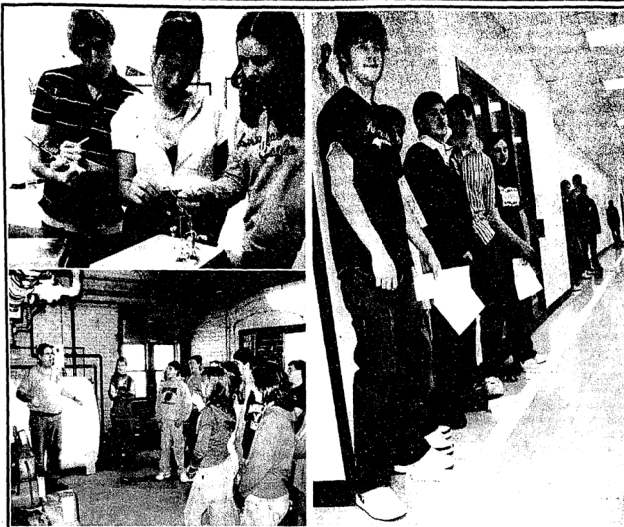
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As always, students in Tony Williams' science classes at Manistique High School have been receiving their lessons in unique and interesting ways.

**Top left:** Students in the college prep biology class are seen harvesting Wisconsin Fast Plant seeds for a genetics experiment designed to reinforce the concept of dominant and recessive genes.

**Right:** The biology students use a roll of ordinary toilet paper to visualize the history of the earth. Each sheet of paper equates to 12.5 million years, and a 400-sheet roll running down the hallway represents the approximate age of the earth — 5 to 5.5 billion years. The signs on the floor denote when significant events occurred, such as the rise of single-celled organisms and the disappearance of the dinosaurs.

**Bottom left:** Students in Williams' physical science class wrap up their unit on heat and temperature with a lesson from MAS building and grounds supervisor Randy Watchorn, who showed them how the subject relates to their everyday lives. Watchorn started at the classroom thermostat and worked all the way back to the school boiler room, explaining how heat and temperature are used in climate control systems. (Submitted photos)

**Mentoring**

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key element of the organization's mission, it's not the only element.

"Tyler's a great example of that," Gonyea says. "He's got a mom and dad and a strong family. Having a Big Brother doesn't take away from that. It just adds another dimension. It doesn't subtract from your family at all, it adds to it. It's really a family program, and the whole family is involved."

Matches in the agency's outdoor program are made like any other Big Brothers Big Sisters connection. After the initial screening and interview process, bigs and littles are brought together by common interests or because the strengths of a certain volunteer complement the needs of a particular child.

Once the match is made, the typical big-little team spends about four to six hours together each month, sharing their company and engaging in a nearly limitless list of activities.

For Malloch and Bolm, the focus is on outdoor recreation. For others, their time together might involve reading, working on school projects, taking walks, shopping baskets, shopping, playing games, painting pictures, or just "hanging out" and talking.

The relatively unstructured nature of the program, with bigs and littles setting their own schedules and choosing their own activities, makes mentoring a perfect choice for busy adult volunteers with hectic daily schedules.

"People say they don't have the time, but it doesn't take much time at all," Malloch says. "Tyler and I get together when we can. There's no set

days or times. It's not scheduled or regimented. Sometimes our schedules don't match up, but sometimes they do. We try our best."

In addition, he notes that they don't spend all their time together hunting or fishing.

"We've just done things like stopping for a burger or building a bird feeder together." He pauses with a smile. "At least we tried to build a bird feeder. That didn't come out real well."

Malloch admits that their mentoring relationship works both ways.

"Tyler's teaching me," he says. "I'm learning from him about iPods and all that stuff. One of these days, he'll teach me how to use my new GPS."

January is National Mentoring Month, and Big Brothers Big Sisters programs across the country have been in the spotlight, earning recognition for their proven success.

According to a 1995 national study, children participating in the program are significantly less likely to start using drugs and alcohol than their peers, less likely to engage in violent behavior, even less likely to skip a day of class. They've also shown academic improvement and stronger relationships at school and at home.

Gonyea says they've seen all the same benefits here, which is why they're constantly working to expand the program.

Currently, there are 13 big-little matches through the community-based program in Schoolcraft County. Six more children are on the waiting list, hoping for a match.

In keeping with the long-running trend, more boys than girls are on that list.

"We're always looking for more men to participate," she says. "We need men volunteering."

**Man charged in vehicle assault**

On Monday, Jan. 22, troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Manistique investigated an incident that occurred at approximately 8:20 p.m. on M-183 in Delta County's Garden Township.

According to the report, a pickup truck had stopped in the southbound lane, facing south. Another vehicle traveling in the same direction was forced to stop behind the truck.

At that point, troopers state, the driver of the pickup put his vehicle in reverse and intentionally backed into the second vehicle with "significant force."

There were no injuries.

Troopers conducted interviews of people in the second vehicle and collected evidence that led them to identify the pickup driver.

Troy Nester, 40, of Garden was arrested and lodged in the Delta County Jail. He was arraigned Jan. 23 in 94th District Court and charged with malicious destruction of property over \$1,000 less than \$20,000, and two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Jensen has been released on a \$5,000 personal recognizance bond. He is scheduled for a court appearance Thursday, Feb. 1, at 9 a.m.

teers. The littles are always waiting. That's one reason the outdoor program is a nice addition. It might appeal to men who wouldn't otherwise think about volunteering. They look at it and realize it's something they could do."

Big Brothers Big Sisters is also continuing its successful High Five program, a school-based initiative that's been in place since 1996, bringing together high school students and elementary children to talk, share and study.

Four sessions of High Five are in place this year at the Manistique Area Schools.

Another school-based program is the corporate mentoring initiative, introduced here several years ago, where local businesspeople volunteer to visit an elementary school one day each week to have lunch and spend some quality time with their little.

Gonyea is actively recruiting for the community-based and corporate programs.

"I don't have any corporate matches at all this year, and I'm really looking for people for next year," she says. "It's a nice way to get involved and help, without a huge time commitment, and it can even be a nice transition into the community program."

Like so many organizations, Big Brothers and Big Sisters is also in need of donations to support its efforts.

The regional office sponsors a number of fund-raising events each year, including the Jig It Like Fishing-Extravaganza, which takes place on Little Bay de Noc in Gladstone Feb. 24, and the popular Bowl for Kids' Sake events in Escanaba Feb. 10, Iron Mountain and Menominee in the spring. There is also a Golf for Kids'

Sake set in Escanaba this summer.

In Schoolcraft County, the program sponsors a different kind of fund-raiser — Volley for Kids' Sake, which is slated for March 15. Gonyea says they're still looking for six-person teams to take part in the annual co-ed volleyball tournament.

The group also hosts a weekly bingo game Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall.

Perhaps their biggest challenge, Gonyea says, is simply spreading the word about the program, letting people know how important an adult mentor can be in a child's life — and how gratifying it can be for the volunteers who participate.

Malloch believes many local residents would be interested in the program, if they understood how easy and fun it really was.

"I would hope someone reads this and says, 'I have a little time, I could do that,'" he says. "When I first called Big Brothers, I didn't even know they had an outdoor program. I just called because I wanted someone to be outdoors with me. It's worked out great. It's nice to have the company out there. It's safer. It's bringing someone new into outdoor recreation. I really recommend it."

More information about Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area can be found on the organization's Web site at [www.bbbsbayarea.org](http://www.bbbsbayarea.org).

To learn more about local services, how to enroll a child, volunteering for the community-based or corporate mentoring programs, or participating in agency fund-raisers, call Gonyea at her Manistique Area Schools office: 341-4300, ext. 340.

**Manistique Public Safety Department Log**

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

**Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007**

2:35 a.m. Possible domestic, Range Street  
9:21 a.m. Malicious destruction of property, Second Street  
10:15 a.m. Non-sufficient funds check, Maple Street  
10:26 a.m. Emergency Medical Service (EMS), city of Manistique

11:45 a.m. Domestic civil standby, Range Street  
11:46 a.m. Malicious destruction of property, Main Street  
3:06 p.m. Suspicious situation, Main Street  
3:40 p.m. Violation of restraining order, within city of Manistique

**Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007**  
9 a.m. Trauma, Main Street  
10:14 a.m. Lock out, Manistique Avenue  
12 p.m. Harassing telephone call, Maple Street  
1:06 p.m. Non-sufficient fund check, Chippewa Avenue  
2:34 p.m. Hit and run traffic crash, Cedar Street  
3:15 p.m. Background check on volunteer fireman, City of Manistique

4:25 p.m. Two car property damage accident, River Street  
6:20 p.m. Injured dog, Cedar Street  
8:15 p.m. EMS, city of Manistique

**Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007**  
8 a.m. Be on the look out for possible operation of motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, U.S. Highway 2  
11:50 a.m. Delinquent juvenile, Park Street

1:30 p.m. Lock out, Main Street  
1:44 p.m. Property damage accident, Municipal parking lot  
3 p.m. Two car property damage accident, U.S. Highway 2, resident cited for improper turn  
3:20 p.m. Civil dispute, Main Street  
4:15 p.m. Lock out, Maple Street  
4:50 p.m. Warrant arrest, Manistique resident arrested on a failure to appear warrant from another county

5 p.m. Personal injury accident, Main Street  
**Friday, Jan. 19, 2007**  
1:33 p.m. Be on the look out for reckless driver, U.S. Highway 2  
2:08 p.m. Property damage accident, River Street

**Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007**  
12:40 a.m. EMS, Gernfask Township  
4:15 a.m. Hazardous streets, city of Manistique  
5:50 a.m. Lock out, main Street  
7:35 p.m. Possible gun fire, Main Street  
9:45 p.m. Missing child, Fourth Street  
10:10 p.m. Attempted Malicious destruction of property, within city of Manistique

**Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007**  
4:05 a.m. Citizen assist, Deer Street  
1 p.m. Call out salt truck, U.S. Highway 2 and bridges  
3:40 p.m. Call out snow plows, city of Manistique

**Monday, Jan. 22, 2007**  
6:30 p.m. EMS assist, Inwood Township  
10:40 p.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette  
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12:10 a.m. Disturbance, MIP

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3:25 a.m. Motorist assist, River Street  
4 a.m. Department of Public Works call out, city of Manistique

8:30 a.m. Citizen assist, Walnut Street  
12:12 p.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette  
2:15 p.m. Disturbance, Main Street  
4:30 p.m. Suspicious smoke, U.S. Highway 2  
7:20 p.m. K-9 request, Inwood Township

**Undercover Public Safety operation nets tobacco violators**

Manistique Public Safety Department officers, in conjunction with officials at Manistique High School, recently conducted an undercover sweep for minors in possession of tobacco.

Several citations were issued to minors and adults as a result of the operation. Nine citations were issued for minors in possession of tobacco. Individuals receiving the citations could be fined \$30 to \$75, depending on the number of previous offenses.

One citation was issued for littering, which incurs fines and costs of \$200.

Officers are also seeking a warrant on an individual for contributing tobacco to minors. The offense is a misdemeanor and requires an appearance before the 93rd District Court judge.

There were no injuries.

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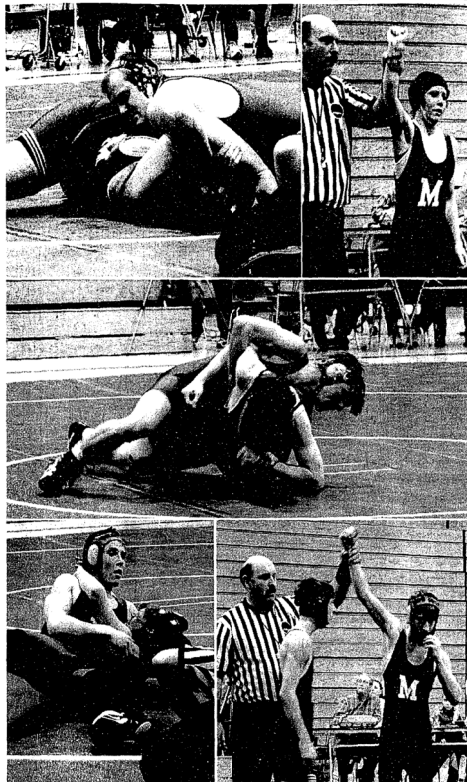
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Pictures from Monday night's match at home against Menominee and Newberry. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)

## Wrestlers struggle at home

In December, when they faced downstate Cheboygan at the annual Bridge Brawl tournament, the Manistique High School wrestling team fought to a 42-42 tie and ended up winning the match on a count-back.

Hosting the Chiefs at the Bonifas Gymnasium Jan. 17, it was a different story for the Emeralds.

"Their roster size had just about doubled," coach Everett Wood said. "They fielded a full team and we had five open weight classes."

That was one factor in what turned out to be a 55-24 defeat

for Manistique — but it may not have been the only reason.

"Though we were outnumbered, it didn't account for our performance," said Wood. "Whether the kids were overconfident or just complacent, we wrestled poorly in most of our matches."

There were several bright spots, including Conrad Jewett earning his first varsity win, with a pin of Caleb Taratuta in 3:47.

"This was very exciting for him and gave our fans a reason to cheer," the coach said.

That was one factor in just 22 seconds, senior heavy-

weight Bill Wood improved his season record to 25-0 and maintained his number-one ranking in the U.P.

Ken Cummings pinned Cheboygan's Matt Williamson in 1:21 to up his record to 22-5.

"Ken has wrestled well all year," said coach Wood. "He should make a good showing at conference and the U.P. Finals."

Also getting a speedy victory was Emerald freshman Mike Jenerow, who pinned Willie Neelis in only 19 seconds. Jenerow's season mark now stands at 20-4.

## Wilson and Vaughn to state finals

Two local athletes were crowned district champions in the second round of competition in the annual Elks Hoop Shoot free-throw contest earlier this month.

Kali Wilson and Ashley Vaughn, both of Manistique, won the district event, which

took place Jan. 6 at Ishpeming High School.

Wilson took home the first-place trophy in the girls 10-11 division, after sinking 13 of 25 free throws.

Vaughn hit 20 of 25 shots to win the girls 12-13 competition.

The pair had earned their way to the districts by winning the local qualifier sponsored by Elks Lodge 632 in December.

They now advance to the state Hoop Shoot Finals, to be held this Saturday, Jan. 27, in downstate Midland.

## Dems concerned about hikes

The Schoolcraft County Democratic Party will discuss the proposed increase in Michigan hunting and fishing license fees at their next meeting. The session is slated for Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 6 p.m., in the downstairs lounge at the courthouse.

Party Chair Dixie Anderson said the controversial fee increase plan came up at their last meeting Jan. 18. The consensus was that the public should get involved by calling, writing or sending e-mail messages to their state lawmakers.

The proposal, currently

awaiting legislative approval, can be found at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

Anderson said all party members are encouraged to attend next week's meeting, as is anyone from the general public concerned about the proposal.

# Varsity beats IM and Rudyard

The Manistique Emeralds held off a late-game surge by the Iron Mountain Mountaineers last Friday night. Down by eight after trailing for all but the first three minutes of the game, Iron Mountain rallied and took a 32-31 lead off a bucket by Tyler Yake at the 6:51 mark in the final quarter.

Watching his team outscored 9-1, Scott Giles came off the bench and nailed a shot that sent the Emeralds on a 15-0 run to seal their 47-35 Mid-Peninsula Conference win.

"Our defense has kept us in our games, but this was our best overall defensive effort of the season," coach Ed Marietti said. "They came back late in the third, but our pressure wore them down late in the game."

The Emeralds were down by four at the 5:22 mark of the opening period when Josh Mickelson found the back door of the Mountaineer defense and laid one in, giving Manistique their first points of the night.

With the teams tied at four, Corey Gonyea nailed the first of three from three-point range to put Manistique up 7-4 midway through the stanza.

Trailing late in the period, Gonyea hit again from behind the arc to put the Emeralds up 12-11 at the buzzer.

Mickelson and Gonyea accounted for all the Emerald points in the period, each scoring six.

The Emeralds exploited Iron Mountain's defense under the

net in the second quarter. Mickelson combined with Jared Martin to score nine of the team's 13 points and give them an eight-point (25-17) lead at the half. Mickelson added five points to his total in the second. Martin netted four.

Mickelson finished the night with 16 points to lead the Emeralds in the win. Cody Kangas added 14.

Josh Blumensadt helped eliminate the Mountaineers' deficit by scoring 10 of his 14 points in the third quarter. Down 32-28, Blumensadt hit a trey to cut the margin to one heading into the fourth.

Coming off that big conference win, the Emeralds went outside the Mid-Pen and sent the Rudyard Bulldogs home without a bone Tuesday night. Behind a stellar performance from Kangas, Manistique gave the district challengers a taste of things to come.

Whether he was sinking a shot, bring down the rebounds, dishing the ball off to a teammate or forcing turnovers, the junior's presence was felt from one end of the court to the other.

In the 32-minute stretch, Kangas set a career-high 28 points and paced the Emeralds to the 61-48 win.

Back-to-back baskets by Kangas pushed the Emerald advantage to 13 (27-14) midway through the second period, but the Bulldogs rallied before the half came to an end, going on a 11-0 run to trail just

30-26 at intermission.

"That was our opportunity to put them away and we didn't do it," said Marietti. "We didn't take care of the ball, got a little anxious on offense and didn't get back on defense. At that point, they were in foul trouble and we should have put the clamps on them."

The Bulldogs put up 14 unanswered points before the Emeralds shook off a short-lived cold spell early in the third period.

His team up 30-29, Mickelson went strong to the net and scored.

Taking advantage of a turnover forced by Kangas, Gonyea hit from behind the arc, pushing the Emerald advantage back to six (35-29) at the 5:20 mark in the quarter.

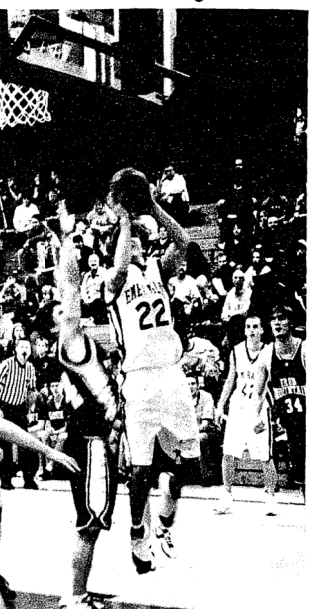
From there it was all Manistique.

"I've got to give them a lot of credit," Marietti said. "Like us, they are a young team, and they were playing without a starter. They came back, hung around, and made us work for every shot."

With the pair of wins behind them, Marietti is focusing on the road ahead.

"We played two good games, confidence is high, and it will need to be there when we go to Negaunee Friday."

Mickelson added 14 points to the Emeralds' total in the win, Gonyea eight, Brandon Lawrence and Terry Martin four points each, Jared Martin three.



Cody Kangas shoots a pair of his 14 points against Iron Mountain last Friday. In a stellar performance Tuesday night against Rudyard, Kangas scored a career-high 28. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

# JV still rolling, nabs two more W's

Two more down, eight to go. The Emerald junior varsity put another pair of notches in their belt with a 55-36 Mid-Peninsula Conference win over Iron Mountain Friday and a 63-58 non-conference victory

over the Rudyard Bulldogs Tuesday night.

With the wins, the Emeralds improved to 12-1, 11-0 in conference play.

The 9-2 Bulldogs trailed from the opening tip and were

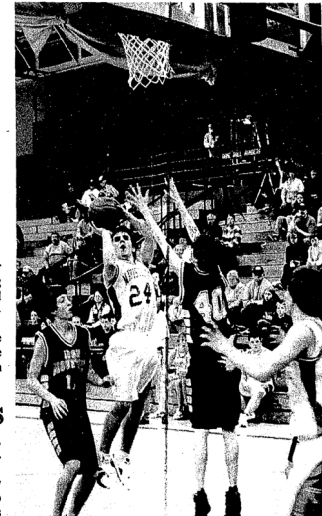
down by seven (60-53) with 24 seconds left in the contest when Tom Hendricksen stepped in front of an Emerald inbound pass, then stepped back and nailed a three-point basket to cut the margin to four.

Mountainers in the first half, then settled in and opened the game up in the third.

Up 22-19 at the break, the Emeralds went on an eight-point run and kept the Mountaineers in check for the first five minutes of the quarter.

Manistique went on an 11-0 run capped by a trey from Kangas in the final three minutes to ice the victory.

Fans who haven't yet seen the JV in action are encouraged to catch a game and see the team firsthand as they continue their quest for a conference title — their second consecutive championship after nabbing the freshman crown last year.



Dustin Demers overlooks a tight Iron Mountain defense to get off a shot in the junior varsity's win against Iron Mountain last Friday night. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

Still trailing and forced to foul, Rudyard sent Garde Kangas to the line, where he nailed three to seal the Manistique win.

Kangas finished the night with 15 points.

With four players in double figures, the Emeralds jumped out and held an edge over the Bulldogs through the entire 32 minutes of play.

Spreading the points over six players, Manistique held a 15-8 advantage in the opening period.

The JV pushed its lead to 15 when Dustin Demers hit a pair from the free throw line, but from there the Bulldogs scored five unanswered points to pull to within 10 (31-21) at the half.

Demers, who was eight of 10 from the line, finished the game with 10 points.

Jared Turan scored six early in the third, but once again the Bulldogs battled back.

Kyle Jeffery hit one from three-point range to cut the Emerald lead to 46-38 at the end of three.

Turan led the Emerald scoring for the night, finishing with 16 points.

In Friday's contest, Manistique played around with the

Mountainers in the first half, then settled in and opened the game up in the third.

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Manistique was up by nine when Colton Walters followed his own missed shot, got the rebound and laid it in to give the Emeralds an 11-point (38-27) lead at the end of three.

Just as they did in the third, the smothering Emerald defense shut down the Mountaineers in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter.

A triple by Demers extended the advantage to 14 early in the stanza.

The next foe in line is the Negaunee Miners, who host Manistique Friday night. The Emeralds held on to beat Negaunee 38-36 earlier this season.

Manistique will welcome Gwynn to the Bonifas Gymnasium Jan. 30.

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Class A-B-C	Class D
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2. Negaunee (10-1)	2. Carney-Nadeau (9-0)
3. St. Ignace (9-1)	3. Jeffers (8-0)
4. Calumet (9-2)	4. Ewen-Trout Cr. (8-1)
5. Ishpeming (7-4)	5. Forest Park (7-2)

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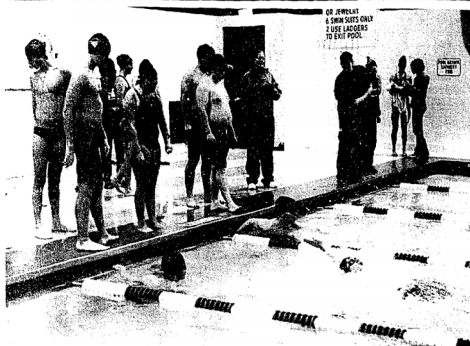
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# Frosh get on track with two big wins



The Emeralds' 200-yard medley relay teams in action at last week's meet against Ruyard. Above, from left in the near lane: Derek Tuttle and Joel Smith on the deck, Zach Haley in the water, Scott Clark swimming. Below, from left in the near lane: Kelly Aldrich, Hannah Boudreau and Kim Vallier on the deck, Abby Smith in the water. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)

After struggling early in the season, the Emerald freshmen appear to have found their way.

Behind two explosive offensive performances, the frosh improved their record to 3-1 with a 7-45 win over Iron Mountain Friday and a 73-41 trouncing of Ruyard Tuesday night.

Against the Mountaineers, the Emeralds jumped out to a 20-11 advantage at the end of the first period, but found themselves tied at 27 at the break.

After a 10-point first quarter, they ran out of room on the score sheet for Matt Baker in the third. Baker exploded for 16 points and helped put the game out of reach. The Emeralds held a 19-point advantage at the end of the quarter.

Baker finished the night with 30 points to lead the Emeralds in the win.

Derek Lambert netted 11 points for Manistique, and

Broulliere 11, Kyle Edwards six, Greg Vaughan four, Zach Weber three, Cory Gardepe, Mike Latterman and Tom Mercier two points each.

Averaging just 42 points in their first eight games, the freshmen lit up the nets again Tuesday, scoring 73 against the Bulldogs.

With all 10 players in the scoring column, the Emeralds jumped out to a 20-6 lead at the end of the opening period, and behind a seven-point second quarter from Baker, controlled a 38-18 advantage at the break.

Eleven points from Lambert in the third helped the Emeralds extend their lead to 30.

Lambert paced the offense in the win, finishing with 19 points. Baker put up 18 points, Broulliere eight, Weber six, Spencer Lindemuth five,

Gardepe and Vaughan four points each, Mercier three, Latterman two.



Matt Baker puts up a pair in Tuesday night's freshman win over Ruyard. Baker finished the night with 18 points. Against Iron Mountain last Friday he was on fire, netting 30 points to pace the Emerald offense. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

## Boys' swim team tops Bulldogs

The Emerald boys claimed victory in a home swim meet against Ruyard Jan. 18. With 10 first-place finishes and a number of other strong performances, Manistique defeated the Bulldogs 99-36.

The Emerald girls did not fare quite as well, dropping a close 75-66 decision to Ruyard. Coach Lindsey Yates was pleased to see her teams working hard in the non-conference meet.

"The girls swam hard and finished strong, and the boys had a great night," Yates said. The Emeralds were scheduled to compete at Marquette Wednesday (after press time) and welcome the Ishpeming-Negaunee squad to Manistique for a 5 p.m. meet tonight (Thursday, Jan. 25).

Boys: Manistique 99, Ruyard 36  
Girls: Ruyard 75, Manistique 66  
First place finishes: Kelly

Aldrich, Kim Vallier, Christine Kemper, Alyssa Strasser, 400-yard freestyle relay; Scott Clark, Zach Haley, Joel Smith, Derek Tuttle, 200-yard medley relay; Kyle Loup, 200-yard freestyle, 500-yard freestyle; J. Smith, 200-yard individual medley, 100-yard butterfly; Tuttle, 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard freestyle; Spencer Burns, diving; Loup, J. Smith, Clark, Tuttle, 200-yard freestyle relay; Clark, 100-yard backstroke.

Second place finishes: Abby Smith, Hannah Boudreau, Aldrich, Vallier, 200-yard medley relay; Jessica Neddow, 200-yard freestyle, 500-yard freestyle; Kemper, 200-yard individual medley; Aldrich, 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard backstroke; A. Smith, 100-yard freestyle; Neddow, Boudreau, Strasser, Katie Birdsley, 200-yard freestyle relay; Neddow, Boudreau, A. Smith, Danielle

Reid, 400-yard freestyle relay; Luke Mooi, 200-yard freestyle; Clark, 200-yard individual medley; Sean Pfister, 50-yard freestyle; Haley, 100-yard freestyle, 100-yard breaststroke.

Third place finishes: Birdsley, Kemper, Reid, Strasser, 200-yard medley relay; Reid, 200-yard individual medley; Vallier, 50-yard freestyle; A. Smith, 100-yard backstroke; Boudreau, 100-yard breaststroke; Jamie Helmus, 200-yard freestyle; Helmus, Pfister, Mooi, Burns, 200-yard freestyle relay.

Fourth place finishes: Reid, 100-yard freestyle; Birdsley, 100-yard backstroke; Kemper, 100-yard breaststroke.

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



Manistique resident Tyler Hinkson recently competed in the 45th International Silver Stick Finals in Port Huron, Mich. Hinkson is a member of the Marquette Legion Sentinel Bantam AA hockey team. Marquette Legion put together a five game winning streak to beat teams from Delaware, Washington, Missouri, Toronto and host Port Huron on their way to the International championship game. There they were beaten by the Mississauga (Ontario) Jets 5-2. The Silver Stick Finals is the culmination of regional playoffs held in 16 states and 24 sites in Canada. Following the championship game, Hinkson was one of only five skaters to be selected to the All-Tournament team. In six games, Tyler scored 16 points, netting seven goals and passing out nine assists. He recorded a "Playmaker" (3 assists in a single game) twice, including 2 multi-goal games en route to scoring in every game. The Sentinels are currently 39-14-2 on the season and 24-1 in their last 25 games. (Submitted photo)

## Vikings nab runner-up honors

The Manistique Vikings brought home the runner-up trophy from the Cabin Fever 2007 event held in Sault Ste Marie last weekend. Sixteen teams competed in the peewee division, and Manistique was one of two that earned the right to compete for the championship.

The final game, pitting the Vikings against the Mt. Pleasant Patriots, was an exciting one, with a 2-2 tie at the end of regulation.

Manistique competed well, but it was the Patriots who managed to net the winning score with only 20 seconds remaining in overtime.

To earn the right to compete in the semifinals, Manistique

played three qualifying games. The first was a tight competition, with Manistique winning 2-1. Justin DeLisle put the first score on the board, Nathan Rahn netted the second and final goal. Dustin Brown assisted on both. Goalie Kyle Wely held the opponents to only one goal and was awarded the game star award.

Game two ended in a 3-3 tie. Nick Peterson kicked off the scoring. Justin DeLisle picked up the next goal. Aaron Cook netted the third. Robert Ayotte, Brent Savage and Tom Robbins earned assist points.

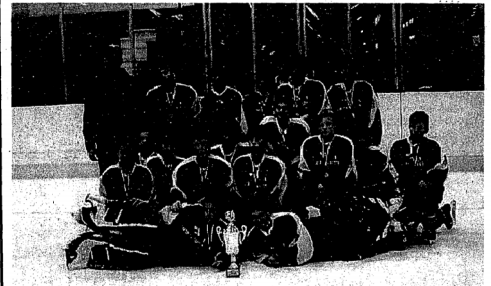
Goalie Roger Lustilla got the game star award.

Manistique dominated in their third qualifying game,

winning 6-2. Hunter Majurin, Dustin Brown and Tom Robbins netted one goal a piece, while Rahn had a hat trick. Cook, Brown, Kyle Peterson and Shane Link earned assist points. The player of the game went to Tanner Watson.

The Vikings also coasted through the semifinal contest, winning by a margin of 7-1. Scoring was by Rahn, Robbins, Cook and Brown. Kyle Demers and Brent Savage contributed assists. Kyle Peterson received the game star.

In the championship matchup, player of the game honors went to Nathan Rahn. Both goals were set up by Dustin Brown and knocked into the net by Justin DeLisle.



Peewee team members pictured are: (front row left) Kyle Wely, Roger Lustilla, (middle row) Tanner Watson, Kyle Peterson, Tyler Pomeroy, Justin DeLisle, Brent Savage, Willie Lanaville, Robert Ayotte, Tommy Robbins, Kyle Demers, Nick Peterson, (back row) Coach Craig Savage, Hunter Majurin, Shane Link, Dustin Brown, Aaron Cook, Camden Ludlow, Coach Dan Cook and Nathan Rahn. (Submitted photo)

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Said premises are situated in City of Manistiquette, Schoolcraft County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of Lot Three of Section Twelve, Town Forty-one North, Range Sixteen West, Commencing at a point on the Western line of Maple Avenue, Three Hundred Fifty-five feet North-

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Said premises are situated in Township of Hawatha, Schoolcraft County, Michigan, and are described as: That part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Township 42 North, Range 15 West, and situated in the Township of Hawatha, Schoolcraft County, Michigan, described as:

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The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless otherwise determined by the court, in accordance with MCLA 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 11, 2007

For more information, please call: (906) 341-6200

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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT -  
FAMILY DIVISION  
SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY  
PUBLICATION OF HEARING

CASE NO. 06-266-ns

TO: Sara Arleen Leech (DOB 8/23/81)

IN THE MATTER OF:  
A hearing on February 20, 2007 will be conducted by the court on a petition requesting the termination of your parental rights, at 10:00 a.m. in the Schoolcraft County Probate Courtroom before Judge William W. Cassidy.

IT IS HEREOF ORDERED that Sara Leech personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

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