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Weekend Forecast

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Mon 4-10	Tue 4-10	Wed 4-10
Thu 4-10	Fri 4-10	Sat 4-10
Sun 4-10	Mon 4-10	Tue 4-10
Low 10	Low 10	Low 10
High 13	High 13	High 13
Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers

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County board, school boards ...

Candidate petition deadline next week

Next Tuesday, Feb. 13, is the last day for petitions to be filed by candidates for the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners and local board of education seats.

Four school board seats will be on area ballots in the annual election, to be held Tuesday, May 8.

In the Manistique Area Schools District, the four-year terms now held by Grant Harris and Michelle Syers are up for election.

In the Big Bay de Noc district, the four-year terms of Jon Haindl and Brenn Kurth are expiring.

Petitions to run for a MAS Board seat can be picked up at the office of the Schoolcraft County Clerk in the courthouse.

Petitions for the Big Bay de

Noc races are available at the school office or the Delta County Clerk's office in Escanaba.

May 8 will also mark a special election to fill two seats on the Schoolcraft County Board, for partial terms expiring Dec. 31, 2008.

Up for election will be the District 2 seat formerly held by Dan McKinley, now being filled under temporary appointment by Louis Lauzon. The district includes Precinct 4 in the city of Manistique and the southern portion of Manistique Township.

In addition, a new commissioner will be elected to represent District 4, which is comprised of city Precinct 3. That seat was won in last fall's general election by Susan Phillips, who could not take office due

to a conflict with the federal Hatch Act, and is currently being filled by appointee Jean Barber.

It's possible that the county election may turn out to be a party runoff.

If multiple candidates from the same party file for the same seat, the May 8 balloting will not choose a new commissioner. Instead, the election will function as a primary, with the winners from each party moving on to run again in August.

Petitions for the county board races are available at the Schoolcraft County Clerk's office.

All petitions for school board and county board races must be turned back in to the clerk's office by 4 p.m. on Feb. 13.

Local man charged with knife assaults

A 34-year old Manistique man was arrested and charged with three counts of felonious assault following an incident that occurred just before midnight Monday, Feb. 5. At press time this week, the suspect's name was being withheld by police until his arraignment.

Manistique Public Safety Director Ken Gelsat said officers arrived at 331 Dier Street, Apt. 6, and met outside the apartment complex with a 21-year-old female, who told them the suspect was inside the apartment, armed with a knife.

The witness told officers that the suspect had threatened to stab her, and that her 2-year-

old daughter was still inside the apartment and was in danger.

Officers said they tried to enter the unit, but found the door locked. They reported that the suspect was still armed and barricaded the door.

When they succeeded in entering the apartment shortly thereafter, they encountered the suspect, who was armed with two butcher knives. He allegedly threatened to kill one of the officers, but was eventually taken into custody without any injuries.

Officers also discovered a 21-year-old male resident in the apartment, who had locked himself in the child's room to

protect himself and the youth.

Additional investigation determined that a 17-year-old male had also been present and had reportedly been threatened by the suspect.

There were no injuries to anyone involved in the incident.

Public Safety officers were assisted at the scene by Michigan State Police troopers from the Manistique post.

The suspect was lodged in the Schoolcraft County Jail, where he was being retained on a probation violation. He was set to be arraigned in 93rd District Court pending formal charges from the Schoolcraft County Prosecutor's office.



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Yes, this is the Banana Belt, and yes, it's almost always a bit warmer near the shore during the winter months, but those facts didn't stop Schoolcraft County from plunging into the deep freeze along with the rest of the U.P. and most of the eastern U.S. over the past five or six days. On the left, pictures of a chilly Manistique waterfront Monday afternoon, with the temperature in the low single digits and the wind chill well below zero. Above: a reading early Tuesday morning, the second consecutive day that area school classes were cancelled because of the freeze. At the time that picture was taken, the wind chill was reported to be a balmy minus 29. By Wednesday morning the temperatures had finally "moderated," rising in most areas to somewhere around the zero mark, and schools were back in session. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)

Germsfask gets water project funds

Germsfask Township is receiving a federal grant and loan to upgrade its water system.

According to a Feb. 1 announcement from U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak, the township will

receive a \$975,000 grant and a \$395,000 low-interest loan from USDA Rural Development. The loan will be repaid over 40 years at an interest rate of 4.125 percent.

The money will be used to install a second water production well, a new 75,000 gallon ground-level accumulation storage tank, a centrifugal pump station, 4,500 feet of 12-inch water main, 4,000 feet of eight-inch water main, water

meters, a standby generator and a river crossing. Stupak said the project will benefit 93 township residents. "Providing clean water is one of the most basic responsibilities of government," the

Menominee Democrat said. "Without federal assistance, it can be difficult for rural communities to make the necessary, expensive upgrades to provide clean, safe drinking water."

Young Manistique musher off to a fast start

by Paul Olson

With just three races under her belt, rookie musher Raquel Lundgren-Rodrigues of Manistique has already worked her way to the top of the rankings. As of this week, the 12-year-old daughter of Barb and Alex Rodrigues was number one in the junior three-dog race standings for both the Great Lakes Sled Dog Association and the International Sled Dog Racing Association.

It's a notable accomplishment, made all the more impressive by Lundgren-Rodrigues' novice status. Not only is this her first season on the snow, she hasn't even been training very long.

In fact, she only started working with her dogs in late November, a time of year that U.P. mushers should be able to get in some miles on the snow.

By starting in the mild fall of 2006, however, Raquel wasn't so fortunate. With nothing but bare earth to be found, she launched her training regime with a time-honored warm weather method: having her team pull a four-wheeler along the trails.

For the seventh grader, just being out with the dogs at all was a treat.

"I've always loved dogs," she says. "I was always interested in having a kennel, and raising and training dogs."

That opportunity came through an arrangement between the Rodrigues family and long-time local musher

Carl Fuller to keep his dogs on their property.

Out of that agreement was born a new kennel name - USamba, a title chosen to reflect both American spirit and the Rodrigues' Brazilian heritage - and the beginnings of Raquel's racing career.

Along the way to that career, she's gotten a lot of help, beginning with the assistance of Carl Fuller and his wife, Marty, retired Manistique racer Kandi Palminter, and her own family, including her mother, who has taken years of horse-handling experience and translated it into her new role of dog-handler, trainer, equipment specialist and all-around assistant.

Barb Rodrigues may be the animal expert, but says her daughter's skills as a handler have also been quite impressive.

"The dogs just respond to her so well," she says. "Carl noticed it right away and he pointed it out to me. They snap to attention and lock right on her whenever she's around. They bonded with her immediately."

Ideally, Raquel and her three-dog team - Ladybug, Koda and Fire - would have had a few months, or at least a few weeks, to run on snow before leaping into their first competition.

Mother Nature had other ideas. With the late-arriving win-



Raquel Lundgren-Rodrigues (right) with her mom, dog-handler and all-around assistant, Barb, and the members of her three-dog racing team. The dogs, from left, are Fire, Koda and Ladybug. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

ter, snow training was out of the question, and suddenly it was time for their first scheduled race, which had also been pushed back due to the unreasonable conditions.

In the end, the team's first time together on snow was the day of that event, the Tahquamenon Country Sled Dog Race, which took place Jan. 20 at the Rainbow Lodge, near the shores of Lake Superior north of Newberry.

Barb Rodrigues recalls the excitement of the day - and the parental trauma of watching her daughter leave the starting gates. "I was really nervous," she says. "Raquel went over the hill and disappeared, and I was in a panic. Marty told me to relax. 'Don't worry,' she told me. 'She'll be back.'"

Sure enough, she was - 23 minutes and 22 seconds later, with a second-place finish to show for her debut effort. As a non-sanctioned race, the result didn't count toward Raquel's standings, which are based on a formula that includes the number of racers in the event, the number of miles traveled and speed over the course.

That changed on Jan. 27, when she returned to the same venue to compete in the junior sled 3-dog speed class of the Two Hearted River Sled Dog Race, an event sanctioned by the international association. Covering the 4.9 mile course in 23:09.52 the first day, 19:58.59 on day two, Raquel

Raquel says the competition and the course were tough.

"It wasn't like a junior course," she says. "There were hills and hazards, like places where you had to turn before you ran into a tree. It was a hard course."

She was also facing off against some seasoned junior drivers, including some with several years of competition experience and the children of professional racers, running pro-trained dogs.

Despite those hurdles, Raquel acquitted herself nicely, clocking 20:59.18 and 23:21.18, to finish with a final time of 44:20.36 - placing her fifth in the nine-musher field.

That elevated her international ranking, which had stood at number five after the Two Hearted River event, to first, matching her standing in the Great Lakes association.

It's a nice place to be for a young racer with only two official results in the books.

If she stays ranked for the rest of the season, she'll earn medals and other recognition at both the state and national levels, and set herself up as a known quantity in the sport - a name to beat in 2007-2008.

She should also catch the attention of potential sponsors, a critical step in a racer's career, and one the family would

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Fish Report

By Ret. Sgt. John Walker

Well, we sure have had some terrific ice making weather the past few days. The only problem is it has been so cold ice fishing has almost been out of the question unless you were in a nice warm shanty. This and the fact from what I have heard ice fishing has slowed right down with this cold snap. All I can say is what a difference a month has made up here in Yooperland.

In last weeks Fish Report I talked about the fact you could melt snow with the sun shining in cold weather and I guess this week has really proved my point. Can you imagine how cold it would have felt if it had not been for the sunshine we had during this cold snap? For the life of me I cannot figure out how some people can figure this system of ours was all just an accident. If you stop and think about it there is no way everything that takes place could just happen by chance.

Seeing most of us are trying to find ways to stay warm I thought I would give you something to warm you up as you think on it. In fact for some people it may reach the boiling point.

It totally amazes me how things have turned around in my lifetime. People will read an article on something and never even stop and think about what it really says. In fact I think most people read the headline and to them that is the whole article.

I read a headline this week that sure falls into this category. It read "Humans cause global warming". Now I am sure one has to have at least 50 years of college to come up with a headline like that.

First you have to remember 90 percent of these scientists that have this opinion do not believe in the God some of us believe created this earth, so they are left with only one other place to throw the blame. There are not really too many directions to throw the blame but at us humans.

From someone who has spent their whole life in the great outdoors and has been rubbing elbows with those in the environmental field for years one has to wonder. I have stated in the Fish Report time and time again one of the things that really bothers me is when someone has the "official" approved opinion, but when you get a chance to sit and talk with them on one, they will confide in you a whole different story. They just cannot give their opinion when it differs with the "official" opinion.

How many of you can remember not so many years back when we had a period of real cold winters that the official word was the "ice age" was going to return and glaciers would once again start

working their way south from the North Pole?

Or we will have a couple of real dry seasons and a 10 year drought is descending upon us. This only to be proven wrong when we have monsoons for the next three years in a row. How come scientists can throw out all these earth ending theories only to be proven wrong by nature and not have to answer for their actions. It kind of reminds me of some politicians that can state a fact as gospel only to find out later there was no truth to it and they are never made to answer for their comments.

I just have to wonder when we "humans" cannot report the weather accurately for a 10 day period, how can we say, "In the year 2079 there is going to be a real problem with the weather patterns." So as you read the "official" scary opinion make sure to look into and read the whole article and also read a selection of articles on the subject. One truth you can believe in is there is a reason history is not being studied and taught any more.

Of course speaking of our weather I will take it any day over what they have had in other parts of the country. Snow and cold you can always get ready for, but ice and tornados are all together different.

I will close with the following that reminds some of us old fossils there were times we could have used a little Global warming.

The Little Building Way Out Back: Here's a little information that perhaps you'd like to know about the outdoor plumbing we had so many years ago.

Not approved by city folks, but farm folks (and Yoopers) can recall, when those little privies weren't considered bad at all.

Most of those little sheds were fashioned with two holes. For paper, dated catalogs, it didn't come in rolls.

How we recall those catalogs, we used 'em up real fast. Especially those thin pages, the glossy ones were last. We always bought them from SEARS, our parents weren't so dumb, and everyone was happy, when new catalogs would come.

Those were handy buildings, but we never that it was right, when nature made a call in the middle of a winter night!

Sometimes it would happen, and all you'd really need to avoid some frozen complications, was a little extra speed.

But my, how things have changed, we view the change with pride. Now we eat outdoors and the bathroom is inside!

We don't miss those old days tho, we did have lots of fun. But we still are mighty glad that those "Good old days" are done!



Top left: 6-year-old Kyle Hoholik took eighth place in the walleye division. Top right: Taylor Rodman, 8, earned ninth place with this walleye. Bottom: Emily Norman, 6, finished eighth in the perch division. (Submitted photos)



Fishing Derby results posted

The annual Indian Lake Ice-Fishing Derby sponsored by Hardee's, Top O' Lake Sports Shop and AI's Taxidermy took place Jan. 27 and 28. The winners were:

- Walleye**
- First place, Darren Rochefort, 25 3/8 inches, 5 pounds 4 ounces.
 - Second place, Don St. John, 24 3/4 inches, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
 - Third place, George Hoholik, 24 1/2 inches, 5 pounds 4 ounces.
 - Fourth place, Heath Thomas, 23 inches, 4 pounds 10 ounces.
 - Fifth place, Russ St. John, 21 1/4 inches, 3 pounds 11 ounces.
 - Sixth place, Mike Goudreau, 20 7/8 inches, 3 pounds 10 ounces.
 - Seventh place, Kyle Hoholik, 20 inches, 3 pounds.
 - Eighth place, Dale LaFolite, 19 7/8 inches, 3 pounds 12 ounces.
 - Ninth place, Taylor Rodman, 19 1/4 inches, 2 pounds 14 ounces.
 - Tenth place, Dave Benish, 19 1/4 inches, 2 pounds 10 ounces.

- Perch**
- First place, Homer Joslin, 12 1/4 inches, 16 ounces.
 - Second place, Frank Weber, 11 7/8 inches, 19 ounces.
 - Third place, Dan McDonough, 11 3/8 inches, 12 ounces.

- Fourth place, Matt Hooker, 11 1/4 inches, 16 ounces.
- Fifth place, Russ St. John, 11 1/8 inches, 13 ounces.
- Sixth place, Scott Hozeze, 11 1/8 inches, 13 ounces.
- Seventh place, Kevin La-Londe, 11 inches, 12 ounces.
- Eighth place, Emily Norman, 11 inches, 11 ounces.
- Ninth place, Jeremy Cook, 11 inches, 10 ounces.
- Tenth place, Jerry Renk, 11 inches, 10 ounces.

Prizes included a fish mount from AI's Taxidermy, a \$100 Top O' Lake gift card, a heater, a digital depth sonar, rod cases, a scale, tip-ups, and gift certificates from Top O' Lake and Hardee's.

From the Forester

Benign neglect, at best, is a state of good intention without action. Often times, the failures of omission have more dire consequences than errors of commission. In other words, what we don't do can be just as important as what we do do. Forests are far too often "managed" through benign neglect.

Doing "nothing" generates opportunity for unpleasant things. A vegetable garden ignored is a garden lost. Forests are much the same way.

Many a well-intentioned forest owner allows "nature" to take its course, thinking that nature "knows" best. Nature "knows" nothing. However, natural processes have predictability. More often than not, this leads to unintended and undesirable consequences.

In a way, "natural" forests don't exist, at least not in the romantic sense of some set of pre-human environmental conditions. We have inherited a legacy shaped by historic over-harvest, wildfires and exotic species introductions. Therefore, forests can no longer follow an entirely natural course.

The notion of returning to "pre-Euro-American" forest conditions is not only ecologically impossible, but it's absurd from the social and economic standpoints as well. Forests may "look" natural to the casual observer, but the way something looks is an exceptionally poor indicator of forest health and quality.

Looking to the future and imagining what might be, is a far more valuable exercise than benign neglect. Securing a healthy and vigorous forest that meets the demands of society takes more than good intentions; it takes management and a sense of community welfare.

We often forget the importance of forests, other than for "trophy" possessions or a place to stick a house into. Forests are essential elements for our survival. Relegating forests to a mere recreational role is extremely short-sighted and calls into question a range of social justice issues. Owning forest land opens up a rich and exciting set of purpose-driven possibilities.

Forest resources produce valuable commodities. Some folks may not acknowledge their personal use of wood-based products, but wood is just as vital to our livelihood as oil, coal, gas, metals, water and any other raw material. One main difference, of course, is that wood is renewable. If we put our collective minds to the task, more of our supply could be produced domestically and responsibly.

Forest resources also have a wide range of non-commodity values, such as wildlife habitat, water and soil protection, recreation, etc. Recognition of these values has been long-incoming in some cases, but they are also very important values that can be enhanced through management.

Benign neglect can lead to the degradation of all these values. There are numerous examples. Timber quality and dollar values decline long before the trees become outwardly unhealthy.

As stream-side forests crumble, they may not be replaced by new forests. This can lead to deterioration of both stream quality and trout habitat.

Thoughtless recreation has introduced and spread a variety of exotic and invasive species. The patterns of second home and retirement construction are alarming.

Forests that grow too dense will lose structure, affecting wildlife habitat, and slowed tree growth creates a forest under stress, an unhealthy condition. Too much shade or too much light can prevent the regeneration of many trees, shrubs and flowers.



By Tom Earle-Bridges

With the local weather behaving more akin to something you'd expect from the northern regions of this planet, staying warm is likely to have a higher priority than thoughts of future garden planning.

Spring seems like an eternity away, yet the magazine racks are already abundantly stocked with a wide array of glossy publications geared toward wanna-be gardeners. Despite the bitterly cold weather, or perhaps because of it, I'm sure folks eager for a glimpse into summer are snatching the magazines up.

For those of you impatient for a bit of summer in your winter abode, there is another way to fulfill your desire. How about considering artificial flowers?

Many people have a derogatory idea when it comes to artificial flowers. I think this stems from the days when plastic flowers originated. I remember the days of plastic flowers and I would be the first to admit that they were a very poor substitute for the real thing. Things have changed considerably since those days.

Often referred to as "silk" flowers, artificial flowers are now days more often than made

of polyester blends. The quality of these flowers can be simply amazing. In many instances it's difficult to differentiate an artificial flower from its real counterpart by visual inspection alone.

A couple of years ago, when my flower shop was still open for business, I was one day amused to discover my Mother watering what she thought was a living orchid plant. Now this was a woman who had been taking excellent care of all the shop plants for several years. She certainly wasn't a novice when it came to plant identification, yet this plant had proved so life-like, it had fooled even her careful scrutiny.

A good quality artificial flower can cost as much as its fresh cut counterpart, but the price is well worth the expenditure. A larger price tag means more realism, which entails such things as more petals, stems and leaves.

Many people object to artificial flowers on the grounds that they don't have any scent. All I say for this is that you need to stop and consider the fact most flowers bred for the cutting market have had the scent bred out of them in favor of longevity.

A purchase of artificial flowers can also be considered a good investment. Think about it. Say you were to spend \$50 bucks on a fresh flower arrangement, (and I can tell you right now, that's not all that much). Then spend \$50 bucks on an artificial one. Then cost each arrangement based on their longevity. Hands down the artificial bouquet is easily going to be the price point winner!

By Bill Cook

We practice benign neglect at our own peril.

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EDITORIAL Promoting our assets

If you listen closely you can hear it. The distant rumble of plans developing, connections being made, wheels starting to turn: the sound of something slowly coming together.

Over the past week or so, City Manager Sheila Aldrich has been visiting various meetings to talk about community marketing, the idea of pitching and promoting Manistiquia and Schoolcraft County to potential visitors, residents and business owners. She discussed the idea last week with board members of the Economic Development Corporation. On Monday she brought the discussion to the Chamber of Commerce. Next week, we understand, she'll be laying out the same ideas for the City Council.

The goal, according to Aldrich, would be to bring these and other organizations together to promote the area's existing strengths—not hypothetical plans and dreams, but things that are here right now, things that are already in place, already attracting attention and earning positive notices.

In particular, Aldrich is talking about two key assets: safe, walkable streets and waterfront that's both accessible and affordable.

Not surprisingly, these are the very things that many of us tend to overlook, or at least the things we're so accustomed to that we don't realize the power and significance they hold for others.

As Aldrich told the chamber members, the things we take for granted are exactly the things people look for when they're planning to relocate.

We agree. In fact, we've said it here before, on numerous occasions: most people work all year long for the chance to spend a few days seeing sights that we have right in our own backyards, they struggle and sweat their entire lives hoping that, someday, they'll be able to retire here, surrounded by the assets we pass each day and barely notice.

Of course, there's nothing new about the idea of community marketing. It's often talked about, frequently attempted, and is already a primary focus for groups like the chamber and the Manistiquia Area Tourist Council. What may be a little different about this approach is that it would target more than just businesses or vacationers or new residents but focus on all of those groups together, and that it would be a unified effort, with many organizations working as partners, utilizing a coordinated strategy and a common theme.

All of this seems to mesh nicely with other things that are happening today in Schoolcraft County, from the Downtown Development Authority's renewed focus on waterfront improvements to the city's Central Park initiative, from the new school and hospital projects to the stated commitment of city and county officials to support tax abatements and other business-friendly policies.

That's not surprising, really. It's the sound of many different ventures moving forward, inevitably building a better community, adding up to something larger, a whole much greater than the sum of the parts.

There are still some missing components in that bigger picture, one of which is marketing. That's not surprising, really, given that consistent and effective marketing is always one of the hardest puzzles to solve, whether you're planning a community event, advertising a business, pushing a product—or promoting an entire county. Finding the right approach, identifying a target audience, coming up with the methods and means to reach that audience and following through with it are usually a lot harder than they seem on the surface.

By combining the strengths, brainpower, manpower and will-power of our local governments, business, development and civic groups, by working together to put our best foot forward and promote our most attractive assets, we'll be taking an important step, moving a little closer to solving the marketing riddle once and for all.

Schoolcraft County is never going to make one of those well-publicized lists of America's "most livable communities." We'll never be big enough, fancy enough or, let's face it, hip enough to attract such notice. And that's all right. Truth be told, it's exactly the way most of us want it. To grow and change so much that we're almost afraid of our own success, we would have to destroy everything we love about this place right now.

But here's the secret: we are already an extremely livable community, and getting more livable by the moment. Not by glossy, national magazine ranking standards, perhaps, but by the standards of many who know what really matters, who value the truly important things in life. Even as we write this, those people are out there looking, searching for Schoolcraft County. They just don't know it yet.

By working together, highlighting our strengths, focusing on what's here now and what's coming soon, we can certainly find the way to reach those more discerning folks and let them in on our secret.

apreciation to Edison Sault and its employees. The power outage Friday night reminded us of our intention. How fortunate we are that Edison Sault's employees are willing to brave the treacherous weather conditions and restore the power so quickly!

Thank you so much, Edison Sault. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

Jim and Ginger Stark Manistiquia

Let me tell you about the power outage Friday night. I have had the opportunity to try many of these sweet treats, they are irresistible.

Also I would like to remind our gardeners that it is time to start thinking about the Flower Show on Aug. 6. With the catalogs coming to your home, you have time to plan what you would like to plant in your garden for your arrangements.

Again thank you all. Judy Rattan, President SMH Auxiliary

In your 2/107 issue. In regards to the letter from Tom Quinn. He is absolutely correct in the name for the new Elementary school. Marie LaFave is by far the best name for that school. You talk to anyone about the Lakeside school and the first thing they start to talk about is Marie LaFave. More people remember her than any other teacher in that town.

Emerald? Just doesn't cut it. Lakeside School is better than Emerald but Marie LaFave is definitely the name.

After all that's how I see it. Jim Stewart Griffin, Wis.

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Margaret Besaw Manistiquia Editor's note: For more information on the Foster Grandparent Program, call (906) 786-7080.

I would like to take this time and thank the community for all the support that they have given the SMH Auxiliary in many of our past adventurous things that we have done. I hope that all of you will

You Call This a Super Bowl?

Super Bowl XLII has come and gone, and for some of us, it's hard to know what we're supposed to do, or where we're supposed to go from here. At the very least, we can take a look back at a game that is now history, and reflect on its wide array of disappointments.

I think the only bright spots were a few commercials, especially the face-slap one, and the GPS power-ranger, which was absolute genius.

But onward we go, with my list of gigantic disappointments.

1. I guess Rex Grossman just isn't that good a quarterback. I was holding out hope that he would surprise the barrage of critics who have been mercilessly attacking him for the better part of the season with a miraculous MVP performance. You couldn't help but feel a little sorry for the guy. I guess it's just like they say, though, you can congratulate a dog all you want but you still have to clean up its poop. Now that's disappointing.

Maybe no one says that. But I think you know what I mean.

2. I was really hoping that someone would ask Lovlie Smith how it felt to be the first black head coach ever to lose a Super Bowl. And here I was, thinking we just hit some sort of social landmark. Talk about disappointing.

3. Aside from a totally bizarre first quarter, the game went exactly as everyone predicted it would. I really think it may be the most predictable Super Bowl ever. The Bears managed to make it interesting without an ounce of offense. Rex Grossman threw two interceptions, one of them especially costly. Manning was shaky, but ultimately impressive in his flashy, inconsistent sort of way. The Colts won. Manning was named MVP.

And we witnessed the first black head coach ever to win a Super Bowl. I totally saw that one coming. Nothing's more disappointing than a predictable Super Bowl.

4. I'm assuming the group of players with whom I watched the halftime show were not the only ones who reacted strongly to Prince's perverted shadow trick. Don't even try to tell me he had no idea what he was doing. Have a little class, Prince. I, along with your parents, am disappointed in you.

5. Miami turned out to be quite the disappointment. All we hear about is Tim in the sun and sleazy parties, and come crunch time, the acclaimed party town delivers a down-

pour. Way to go, Miami. Way to go.

6. I'm not even going to get into that Cirque du Soleil fiasco. Let's just say that "disappointing" might not quite capture giant floating butterflies and prouetting football players. I'm pretty sure I enjoy interpretive arts as much as the next guy, but they've never quite managed to get me in the football spirit.

7. Neither team delivered a performance you'd want your aspiring athlete to watch. I think it was around the 19th fumble that I began wondering if half of the guys on the field were playing with prosthetic arms. That game was sloppier than Lindsay Lohan on a Tuesday night. Very disappointing.

8. Perhaps the single most disappointing aspect of Super Bowl XLII was CBS's limited coverage of the fact that this was the first Super Bowl ever to feature a black head coach. Wait, I'm being told there were black head coaches. Wow, you'd think CBS would say something about it. Was someone going to mention this, or are we supposed to notice this stuff on our own?

9. Where the hell were the Eagles? Oh yeah, nowhere to be found.

Anyway, there were a few things I liked about this Super Bowl. The only reason part of me rooted for the Colts is because I really, really like Tony Dungy. He has been through a heck of a lot this year with his son's sudden passing, and he's always been a total class act. I'm very happy for him, and even though I'm not the biggest Peyton Manning fan, for reasons I have yet to figure out, watching Dungy hoist the Lombardi Trophy more than compensated for having to watch the conclusion to Manning's impressive streak of choking in big games.

Also... OK, I guess that's about the only thing I liked about this Super Bowl, that and the commercials, which are actually becoming more and more significant on my list of reasons for watching the Super Bowl. So I guess it wasn't completely disappointing, just disappointing enough to make me a little less sad that yet another football season has come and gone.

Nathaniel Shockey hails from Philadelphia, but currently resides in the San Francisco Bay Area. He considers himself a ruthless Philadelphia sports fan, and enjoys dabbling in the world of poker and billiards as well.

Weekly Weather Recap

Table with columns: DAY, HIGH, LOW, PRECIP. Rows: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday.

A Look Back at the Pioneer-Tribune Archives

40 Years Ago February 9, 1967

- The Top of Lake Michigan Chamber of Commerce will undertake a drive to name Manistiquia as the home port for a new 60-foot steel fishery study boat now being constructed for the State Conservation Department.

30 Years Ago February 10, 1977

- Following protests at a courthouse public hearing last week, the area four-county district health department has dropped its proposed increases for health and sanitation services.

20 Years Ago February 12, 1987

- A government loan may be the answer to paying the bills for necessary repairs to the high school roof and Lincoln School Supt. Herb Harroun told the Manistiquia Area Schools Board of Education Tuesday.

Semi truck hits power pole, knocks out westside power

Niagara Logistics Inc., was reportedly exiting the parking lot when his attention was diverted by an oncoming vehicle. His truck then struck the pole and severed the power lines.

Crews from Edison Sault Electric Company immediately responded to the scene and began the necessary repairs.

There were no injuries in the accident. No citations were issued.

State Police say 'ticket frenzy' an urban legend

Michigan State Police officials in Lansing say an e-mail message circulating around the state is a hoax, and that there is no plan to conduct a "30-day speeding ticket frenzy."

The e-mail, which was received by a number of area residents, said state troopers were trying to generate \$9 million in revenue by staging a 30-day enforcement blitz.

The message stated that the department had issued 30 new unmarked cruisers and was even bringing part-time officers on full-time for the campaign, with every trooper expected to pull over a car and write a ticket every 10 minutes.

Among the Michigan roadway mentioned as enforcement targets were US-2 and US-41 in the Upper Peninsula.

An official statement from the department said the e-mail warning is not true.

"There is no such effort underway at this time or any time to generate revenue by issuing traffic citations, and readers should regard the warning as nothing more than an urban legend," the department said.

According to the State Police, the ticket-frenzy e-mail has been circulating on the Internet for over a year, with similar versions appearing in several other states, including New Jersey, Hawaii, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Oklahoma.

Official security is the number one priority at the Schoolcraft County Jail—a fact that was recently driven home when a prisoner awaiting transfer to another facility became unexpectedly violent, according to Sheriff's Deputies Bob Popour and Terry Jones.

Two members of the Manistiquia Emeralds Swimming and Diving Team took home championship crowns from last week's Mid-Pen Conference meet. Jenny Van Dyck finished with two titles, winning both the 100 butterfly and 200 individual medley events.

Letters to the Editor

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If I understand the matter correctly, Susan Phillips can not run for partisan office because she is reimbursed for mileage to attend meetings of the hospital board. This is due to someone's interpretation of "The Hatch Act."

I have volunteered at the Seney Wildlife Refuge for the last couple of years, and enjoy doing so. I am reimbursed for mileage from a federal program.

Using the same thinking, such as in Susan's case, I can not run for County Commissioner, or any other partisan office. Does this make any sense?

Please write to Rep. Bart Sponak at http://www.house.gov/sponak (e-mail through website).

Letter to the Editor:

I realize that people are entitled to their opinions; however they are not entitled to their own facts. In the Jan. 4, 2007, letter to the editor it was written that our Senators Stabenow and Levin don't pay into Social Security and that they receive their salary for life with a cost of living increase.

All Senators are treated the same way and voting out the ones in office now will change the facts.

First of all since 1983 according to Andrew G. Biggs Social Security Analyst for the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C., they have been required to pay Social Security. They do have a generous pension plan and a Thrift Savings Plan.

Depending on a person's length of service, it is possible to retire with annual income that is equivalent to a Congressional salary, but no member of Congress automatically retires with his or her salary being paid as pension.

The person may have read an e-mail that has been being circulated for several years that has been proven fiction NOT fact. Here is a link to the full story: www.truthofaction.com/runors/congressionalpensions.htm.

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apreciation to Edison Sault and its employees. The power outage Friday night reminded us of our intention. How fortunate we are that Edison Sault's employees are willing to brave the treacherous weather conditions and restore the power so quickly!

Thank you so much, Edison Sault. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

Jim and Ginger Stark Manistiquia

Letter to the Editor:

I recently read in the paper that some people want to name the new school Emerald Elementary School. The name Emerald Elementary sounds like something that belongs to the emerald city out of the Wizard of Oz story.

In the 2-1-07 paper the idea to name it Marie LaFave Elementary School is a very good idea. Another idea is to name it the Carl Olson Elementary School, as he was the principal for many years.

Please consider other names also. Sincerely, Suzanne (Heinz) Scott Kingsford

Letter to the Editor:

This letter is in response to a letter to the editor in the Feb. 1 paper about the "State of Dis-Union."

In contrast to the writer of that letter, I find it encouraging that the Senate and the House of Representatives are questioning, debating and opposing many of the disastrous foreign and domestic policies of the Bush Administration. After all, in our democracy we have three co-equal branches of government and, for too long, Bush has tried to act as a dictator. The problem of his arrogance and ignorance was summed up best by this statement, "I am the decider."

In my opinion, Congress needs to "seize back" a portion of the military funding to start deploying the troops from Iraq and bring them home. We are approaching the four year anniversary of the start of what I consider to be, an immoral and illegal war. We are an occupying force in a country that is in the middle of a civil war. What would be the definition of winning? To date we have had

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Obituaries

Myrtle I. McKenzie

Myrtle I. McKenzie, 67, of Gulliver, Mich., died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007, at Marquette General Hospital in Marquette, Mich. She was born May 27, 1939, in Manistique, Mich., the daughter of the late Martin and Mildred (Wood) Holmberg and attended Manistique area schools.

On Dec. 5, 1959, the former Mildred I. Holmberg married Antonio "Tony" E. McKenzie in Carp River, Mich. Together they married and worked in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania and moved back to the Manistique area in 1998.

Myrtle enjoyed craftwork, traveling, going to the casino, and was an avid Green Bay Packer fan. Most important to her was the time she spent with her family, especially her husband and twin sister, Marie.

Survivors include: her husband, Tony McKenzie of Gulliver; two sisters, Elva Jean (Robert) Ammann of Plantation, Fla. and Marie (Aaron) White of Manistique; brother, John "Jack" (Sharon) Holmberg of Appleton, Wis.; along with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Martin "Bud" and Donald Holmberg; and sister, Sally Ann Holmberg.

Visitation was 2-4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at Messier-Broulliere Funeral Home in Manistique. Funeral services followed at 4 p.m. with Pastor Don Bedwell officiating.

Burial will be held in the Fairview Cemetery at Manistique. Memorial donations may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

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

William E. Wright

William E. Wright, 91, of Manistique, Mich., died unexpectedly Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, at his residence.

He was born Oct. 30, 1915, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., the son of the late William E. and Ida (Mitchell) Wright. He attended schools in Manistique and Gladstone, Mich. and was a graduate of the Gladstone High School with the Class of 1933. Thereafter, he continued his education at Wabash College in Indiana.

During World War II, Bill served in the U.S. Army Air Corps with the Eighth Air Force, European Theatre of Operations for 3 1/2 years. He was honorably discharged on Oct. 11, 1945, having attained the rank of Sergeant.

Following military service, Bill moved to Delano, Calif., where he married the former Henrietta A. LaFolite on April 22, 1946. They lived there until returning to Manistique in 1965.

Upon his return, Bill owned and operated the Malt Shop and later worked at the State Savings Bank, both in Manistique. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Manistique, Manistique Elks Lodge No. 632, Schoolcraft V.F.W. Post No. 4420 and Indian Lake Golf and Country Club.

Bill is survived by a nephew, John W. Wright of Omaha, Neb. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Henrietta; brother, Robert; and sister, Edna.

In keeping with Bill's wishes, there will be no services at this time.

Burial will be held in the Fairview Cemetery at Manistique. Memorial contributions may be directed to the First United Methodist Church in Manistique.

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

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Aglow meeting is Feb. 15

"How Can God Work in Our Homes?" will be the program topic when the Manistique Aglow International gathers for its next meeting, Thursday, Feb. 15, in the community room at the Harborview Towers apartments, next to Subway on US-2. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Presenting the program will be Don and Danna Kultur. Mark Lighthouse of Women's Aglow International guests are welcome. Registration is \$2. Guests passes will be available.

Organizers note that men are encouraged to attend this special meeting and will be admitted free.

Richard C. LaCasper

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

Richard was born Aug. 7, 1922, in Detroit, Mich. and graduated from Dearborn High School. Following graduation he served his country proudly in the U.S. Army as a military policeman in Japan during World War II.

A few years after returning from the war, Richard married the love of his life, Minnie Moore on Feb. 25, 1949, in Angola, Ind. Richard and Minnie enjoyed many wonderful years together.

They spent a few years living in the Detroit area before moving to Hartford, Mich., in 1957, then Gulliver, Mich. in 1965, where they lived for over 20 years and then finally settling in the Gladstone area.

Richard was a member of the Gladstone V.F.W. and enjoyed traveling, doing things around the house, talking and telling stories, and was an avid reader.

Survivors include: his wife Minnie; daughter, Diana (Jon) LeVasseur of Evanston, Wyoming; brother, Edward LaCasper; two sisters, Betty Jean Cadegan and Joan Eben of Daytona Beach, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

His parents preceded him in death. Memorial services were held at 3 p.m. Sat., Feb. 3, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Gladstone with Rev. Ellen Jensen officiating. The family asks that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

Skradski Funeral Home in Gladstone assisted the LaCasper family.

To leave a message of condolence go to www.skradski-boycefuneralhomes.com.



Manistique High School seniors Pat McDonald and Abby Wilson were crowned 2007 Winterfest King and Queen during halftime ceremonies at last Friday's varsity basketball game. The coronation and a postgame dance wrapped up a busy week of Winterfest games, contests and other activities. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

Fayette State Park set to host x-country event Saturday night

It's an extremely popular summertime destination, but now, for the first time ever, Fayette Historic State Park will be holding a winter event. The special activity will take place this Saturday, Feb. 10, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the park's historic townsite.

"We have been waiting for snow, like most of the U.P.," says Park Supervisor Randy Brown. "Finally we have just enough to move ahead with our first-ever venture into nighttime cross-country skiing. The townsite should make for a beautiful backdrop for this unique experience."

The evening will include lantern-lit cross-country skiing around the townsite, with hot chocolate and marshmallows served around a campfire.

Brown reminds people that the park's recently-opened modern lodge is available for rental this winter. Rates are \$100 a night, Sunday through Thursday, \$125 a night on Friday and Saturday.

For more information, or to make a reservation for the lodge, call the park at 644-2603.

Women's Club sets meeting

The next luncheon meeting of the GFWC Manistique Women's Club will be held Tuesday, Feb. 13, at noon, at the Comfort Inn.

The day's program will be presented by Bonnie Garvin, who will discuss the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

St. Andrew's ready to host its annual 'Winter Getaway'

St. Andrew's Catholic Church will host its fourth annual Winter Getaway Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Nahma Township Hall.

The doors will open at 7 p.m. for the adults-only event, which will feature a raffle, door prizes, and live music by the group Generations from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The menu will include sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips, bars, popcorn and pop. Beer and wine will also be available.

The cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple.

Heart health tips offered

February is Heart Month, and the U.P. Diabetes Out-reach Network (UPDON) is joining forces with the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Diabetic Education Program to issue some important reminders about heart disease.

Heart disease is the number-one cause of death for people 65 and older, and continues to be a leading cause of death for diabetes patients.

In addition, health officials say, people with diabetes have three to four times more heart attacks and strokes than people without the disease.

But despite the doom and gloom, there is good news.

Specific "lifestyle actions" include:

1. Be a non-smoker and avoid second-hand smoke as much as possible.
2. Keep cholesterol and blood fats under control. For many people with diabetes, an LDL (bad cholesterol) level under 70 mg/dL, HDL (good cholesterol) over 40 mg/dL (men) or 50 mg/dL (women), and triglycerides under 150 mg/dL are desirable.

Health lecture scheduled

A free health and nutrition lecture will be offered next Monday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 p.m., at the newly-remodeled Upper Crust Deli, located on Traders' Point Drive in Manistique.

The session will feature chiropod Dr. Tammy Karp and wellness educator Katherine Kipling, who will discuss a variety of issues, focusing on the things your body needs and how to become proactive about health. Topics will include such things as cancer in children, obesity, the ability of the body to heal itself, and the question, "Are you just managing the symptoms of your illness or disease with drugs?"

Club plans antique appraisal

An antique appraisal will be offered at the next meeting of the Manistique Amity Group, to be held Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 9:30 a.m., at the Presbyterian Church on Main Street.

New members and guests are always welcome at Amity meetings. For more information, call 341-6865.

3. Control blood pressure. Always strive for a reading below 130/80. Eating fruits and vegetables, being active, and limiting salt and alcohol also help keep blood pressure under control.
4. Stay physically active at least 30 minutes a day.
5. Lose weight if overweight. Even a 10-pound weight loss can help.
6. Keep blood sugar under control. An A1c level (long term measure of blood glucose control) of less than seven percent is recommended.
7. Control stress levels.
8. Avoid large amounts of alcohol.

Take medications as prescribed and get regular check-ups.

According to UPDON, all of those controllable heart attack and stroke risk factors are related to how we live.

While medications and insulin are important for many with diabetes, they are not the sole solution. Food, physical activity, and staying tobacco-free are always important considerations.

For tips on eating healthy, visit www.diabetesinmichigan.org. The site provides several heart-healthy recipes, along with a different kind of "Recipe for a Healthy Heart" - the steps you can take to lower your risk of having a stroke or heart attack.

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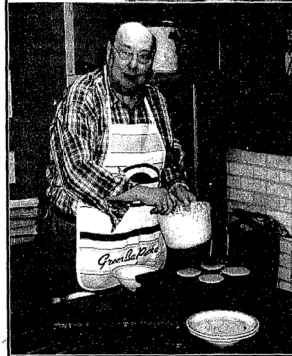
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Members of the Manistique Rotary Club braved Sunday morning's sub-zero temperatures and downright dangerous windschills to whip up a warm and inviting atmosphere at the Elks Lodge. The occasion was the club's 12th annual Super Pancake Breakfast, a Super Bowl Sunday tradition that raises money for Rotary service projects and community donations. Over the course of the four-hour event, many cold but hungry residents stopped by to eat and socialize. Above: Among those keeping things cooking in the kitchen were, from left: George Ecclesine, Bob Monahan, Joy Strand and Rick Stram. Left: Clyde Strasler made sure the blueberry and black-berry pancakes kept coming throughout the morning. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)



College aid event is Sunday

On Sunday, Feb. 11, dozens of volunteers from the Michigan Student Financial Aid Association will help hundreds of families complete their FAFSA college financial aid forms for free at sites across the state, including Escanaba. The event is called College Goal Sunday.

"Too many families leave cash for college on the table because they don't realize how much is out there, are confused by the forms or wait until March to complete them," says Bryan Taylor, president of Partnership for Learning, a nonprofit training and media team coordinating the event.

Most families overestimate the cost of college and underestimate how much financial aid helps. They also risk losing money when they fail to submit their FAFSA federal aid form early.

"Even if you're not sure you're going to college, you should still fill out the form now to maximize how much money you could get," Taylor says. "You can always make up your mind later about whether to accept it."

Bay de Noc Community College will be a host site for College Goal Sunday. The event will run from 2 to 4 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Student Center. Students can learn more at www.baycollege.edu or by contacting Sue Hebert at (906) 786-5802, ext. 1177, or heberts@baycollege.edu.

The FAFSA form provided at College Goal Sunday is the primary ticket for determining

most loans, grants and other aid nationwide. To fill it in, parents or students should bring their family's completed 2006 IRS 1040 tax return, if possible, and their W-2 and other income records.

Students younger than 23 are encouraged to attend with a parent or guardian. Participants should arrive by 2 p.m.

College Goal Sunday, which began in Indiana in 1989 and now runs in 23 states, will serve 27 Michigan communities this year. Other sites for U.P. residents include Lake

College fair scheduled at Manistique Tribal Center

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians will hold a college fair Sunday, Feb. 18, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the local tribal center, located on the US-2 east of Manistique. The event is open to the public, and parents are encouraged to attend.

College representatives will be on hand to answer questions. Workshops will be held on financial aid, the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, Sault Tribe scholarships, and Indian Health Service Scholarships.

There will also be chili and fry bread, door prizes and other giveaways. Sault Tribe Friday, Feb. 9.

Business sessions slated

Joel Schultz of First Step Inc. will be in Manistique Wednesday, Feb. 14, offering free and confidential small business counseling to persons interested in starting or expanding a business. Sessions

will be held at the Schoolcraft County Courthouse.

To schedule a free one-hour meeting, contact the Schoolcraft County Economic Development Corporation at 341-5126.

During business hours, help is also available by calling Partnership for Learning at (800) 832-2464.

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Cots A. Corcoran
(Send your comments to corky@dnct.us.)

Conversing with candy

Believe it or not, America's number one selling Valentine's Day treat is NOT chocolate. No, indeed. The honor goes to those itty bitty conversation hearts. This, according to the New England Confectionery Company, where some eight billion are produced annually. The pastel candies with two-word messages on them have been around for over a hundred years. And, frankly, they taste like it. A single serving size contains 40 pieces, which is about 39 to many.

Unlike chocolate, which can be gummed if need be, conversation hearts tend to be rock hard. You could cut glass with those things. Eating them means jeopardizing your dental work or letting them dissolve in your mouth, an event that could last all year.

Either way, they taste like glorified chalk, though some are less palatable than others. In a recent taste test, the little morsels were rated from bad to worse. For those who like to play it safe, keep in mind that, white won unanimously. Runners-up included orange, green, yellow and purple. And though putrid pink came in last, it did well in the swimsuit competition.

Since flavor isn't their strong suit, it must be the brief message that draws customers.

Former resident gets national teacher honor

Former Manistique resident Danielle Brostrom has been named a member of the National Honor Roll's Outstanding American Teachers for 2005-2006. Brostrom is a 6th grade teacher at Blair Elementary School, part of the Traverse City Area Public Schools.

The Outstanding American Teacher program recognizes educators who have made a difference in their communities. Students who make the National Honor Roll are asked to identify one teacher who has made the most difference in their lives. These teachers are then asked to join the list.

Brostrom appeared in the NHT Outstanding American Teachers Commemorative Edition for 2005-2006.

"The service teachers provide to society cannot be underestimated," says publisher Lynn Romeo. "Our goal is to

Used effectively, these are far cheaper than a telegram for getting your point across.

According to my favorite book, "1001 Ways to be Romantic" (Gregory J.P. Godek, author), we can also string them together to spell out love-dovey notes. But that's easier said than done. Not all of the sentiments are gushy, as demonstrated by the addition of "NO WAY" and "GET REAL."

On the other hand, they beat typical dialogue between my Better Half and me, some of which would be banned from a piece of candy. So an investment in conversation hearts could improve relations considerably. Not only that, we could hold entire discussions without moving our lips.

In the interest of fairness, we could take turns fishing for each comment. But to tell you the truth, I only need three: "BE GOOD," "WISE UP," and my personal favorite, "YOU WISH." Being generous to a fault, I'd give Dan all of the rest and remainder, which include such phrases as "YOU RULE" and "YES DEAR."

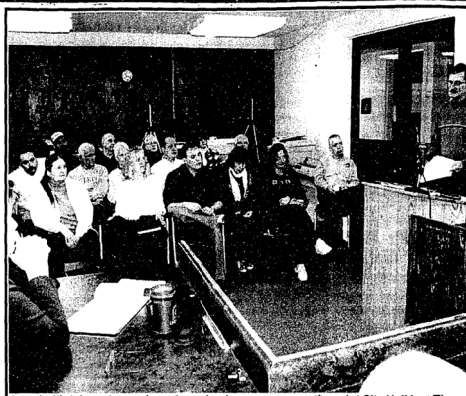
For those candies with only partial words on them, we could improvise, though I'd best not expand on that. Suffice it to say, they make a real conversation piece.

The winners at regionals will advance to the U.P. Spelling Bee.

Weber, this year's local eighth-grade champion, was one of several area students to compete at the 2006 U.P. Bee, where she went on to win the seventh grade title.

That earned her the chance to compete against the three-other grade-level champs for the right to represent the U.P. at the national spelling bee in Washington, D.C. — a honor won by Aaron Charrier of Menominee.

Spelling bees in the U.P. are conducted under rules set by the Upper Peninsula Community Education Association.



Local officials and a number of area business owners gathered at City Hall last Thursday to hear Dave Gillis of CUPPAD explain the inner workings of a state grant program that could help businesses underwrite the cost of exterior repairs and upgrades. A representative of the grant agency, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, will be in town next Wednesday, Feb. 14, to meet with interested business and further explain the program. For more information, contact City Manager Sheila Aldrich at 341-2290. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

Spellers face off at district bee, eight move on to regional action

Six students will be advancing to the 2007 Regional Spelling Bee, after competing at the district event at the Manistique Area Schools Jan. 25.

Students who placed in the event were:
Fifth Grade: First place, Mandy Swayer; second place, Jena Bosanic; third place, Joey Brazda; fourth place, David Pratt.

Sixth Grade: First place, Jasmine Volk; second place, Hunter Ashbrook; third place, Maryse Hinkson; fourth place, Hannah Bryant.

Seventh Grade: First place, Amanda Laramie, second

place, Sarah Casey; third place, Dakota McKerchie; fourth place, Eric Hepker; fifth place, Haley Norton.

Eighth Grade: First place, Millicent Weber; second place, Ashley Tuttle; third place, Molly Michaels; fourth place, Gabrielle Peters; fifth place, Tyler Rokela.

The first- and second-place winners at each grade level now move on to regional competition, which will take place Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 4 p.m., in the library of the Big Bay de Noc School.

The winners at regionals will advance to the U.P. Spelling Bee.

Area students named to honors list at CMU

Six Schoolcraft County students were named to the fall semester honors list at Central Michigan University. In order to earn a place on the list, students were required to achieve grade point averages of 3.5 or higher.

Earning honors were Nicole Jodi Hattinger and Freshman of Manistique, sophomore Audra Mulligan of Manistique, junior Destina Bartor of Manistique, and seniors Keith Proctor and Sandy Proctor of Gulliver.

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Senior Center

The first month of 2007 has come and gone. Tax season is here. In order to help with completing your homesteaded property tax, rental and heating credit forms, it is a good idea to look for needed information and paperwork and place them together in an envelope or file folder. Since you are already organizing, it is also a good time to get all your records in order. Good records simplify your life. Americans lose millions of dollars because of careless record keeping and lost information about bank accounts, life insurance policies, investments, etc.

You should keep back tax returns for at least three years but keep older tax returns if they show capital gains you're carrying forward, investment losses from previous years, or any contribution made to a nondeductible IRA account. Keep checking account statements for six years and keep deposit slips only until they show up on your monthly statement. Toss cancelled checks, but keep cancelled checks (or a record of which show the value of household goods (for insurance purposes), checks that prove tax deductions or money spent on home improvements.

Besides keeping the actual documents - make a list of all your assets, liabilities, insurance policies, deeds, titles, stocks, savings bonds, and account numbers. Keep all documents that prove marriage, divorce, military service, birth, death, adoption, child custody, citizenship, education or other technical or professional training. Put together a home inventory, which includes appraisals or sales receipts for valuable items. Take pictures or video of the contents of your home.

Let others know where you keep important documents such as your durable power of attorney, your health-care directives or a living will, your will, trusts, and a note stating where you keep the bank safe-deposit box key. Throw-out those old checkbooks and paper bags. Buy some files and organize and label your information. Today, there are many inexpensive ways to store files

but you might consider getting a fireproof home safe or a bank safe deposit box for important documents. Remember that the best record-keeping system is one that you will use. A motto to remember: Keep it simple and keep it handy. Invest in a paper shredder to insure secure disposal of your personal information. Now back to filling out the homesteaded property tax, rental and heating credits. Remember these are refunds. You may not file federal or state tax forms but still qualify for one of these credits. We complete these credits for those age 60 plus, asking for a \$3 donation per form. If you are not sure, give us a call at 341-5923 or drop off the following information:

- 1. Social Security number(s).
2. Last year's return, if available.
3. Income-including social security, pension, SSI and bank interest.
4. Taxes paid on your home or rent paid, along with name and address of landlord.
5. Medical insurance premium (other than Medicare).
6. Heating costs.
7. Copy of 1099 or a Social Security check. If you receive financial assistance, please bring in your statement from Scholcraft County Department of Human Services (Form SA1059).
8. Telephone number of where we can reach you if we have any questions.
As we have in the past several years, we will once again be traveling to the following places:
Monday, Feb. 12 - Heritage House
Thursday, Feb. 22 - Germfask Senior Center and Senior Housing
Friday, Feb. 23 - Harbor View Towers
The above are by appointment, so please take the time to get your name on the sign up sheets that are posted at each place.
I am sure many of you are not aware of a new refund. The refund of a long-distance telephone tax created to help fund the Spanish-American War. The tax was adopted as a "luxury" tax in 1898 in the

days of Teddy Roosevelt, when only wealthy people had telephone service. Federal courts have ruled that the 3 percent tax does not apply to long-distance service as it is billed today. However, telephone users will continue to pay federal taxes on local service. Refund amounts vary with the number of customer's income tax exemptions. For one exemption, the standard refund will be \$30; two exemptions, \$40; three, \$50; four or more \$60. The 2006 telephone tax returns are expected to total \$10 billion, and they cover long-distance telephone expenses incurred between Feb. 28, 2003 and Aug. 1, 2006. They are available to anyone who paid federal long-distance taxes on landline, cell phone or voice over Internet protocol (VoIP) service.

I have to laugh at this one: Did you ever notice: When you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together, it spells "Theirs." I am still looking for interest in an upcoming Branson trip. We are now up to 19. Please call the Center at 341-5923 and get your name added to the list. I have been promised more information this coming week and will pass it along to you as soon as I receive it. As we are discussing this, I want to mention to those that are going on our Kewadin Casino overnight bus trip Wednesday, June 13, the cost is \$75 per person. We are asking that you get your money into us as soon as possible to guarantee your seat, as we already have a waiting list.

You still have time to sign up for the Annual Hotdog Roast, which is fast approaching. When in the winter can you go to get a char-grilled jumbo hotdog fresh off the grill along with all the other fixes to make a picnic for only \$5 per person? The \$5 even includes Guerdin Frenette's famous hot fudge cake for dessert. That alone is worth coming for. The date is Thursday, Feb. 15. Activities of your choice will begin at 1 p.m. and dinner will be served at approximately 5 p.m.

By Connie Frenette

Creative writing has cancelled for this night, but will be meeting on Thursday, Feb. 22. The free food distribution for that age 60 plus that live on a limited income will once again be held the third Wednesday of the month, the date is Feb. 21. The distribution will begin at 1 p.m. Please do not arrive until 12:30 p.m., allowing us to keep the hallways open for those attending the Noon Meal.

A great Big Happy Birthday goes out to one of our 1st employees-Loretta Norbotten who turned a "young" 74 on Feb. 4. Memorial monetary donation has been received at the Center in memory of:
• Bernice Stapleton from Barb O'Conner, Eris Webb, and Ken and Bonnie Groh
• Perry Downing from Ed and Jane Leonard

Maintenance and support donations were received from Doris Peck, Jack Sangraw, and Bill and Virginia Erickson. BRIDGE Jan. 29: 1st-Larry Savoia, 2nd-Eva Wendling, 3rd-Bill Bellville, 4th-Helen Barton, 5th-Cleo Kotchon, CFC-Bibi Duquette. Hostess Jane Leonard, served pineapple upside down cupcakes, maple nut candy, and cheese and crackers.

BRIDGE Feb. 2: 1st-Tom Flint, 2nd-Eris Webb, 3rd-George Lowman, 4th-Joyce LaTulip, 5th-Bill Bellville, 6th-Pat Flint, CFC-Jane Leonard. Hostess, Tom Flint, served oatmeal pie (it was awesome!) pumpkin pie, Valentine candies, and cheese and crackers. FINOCHELE Jan. 31: 1st-Audrey Newborn, 2nd-Marie Sellman, 3rd-Nancy Casey, 4th-Cathy Wise. 500 Feb. 2: 1st-Audrey Newborn, 2nd-Peggy Beckman, 3rd-Don Nelson. CRIBBADE Feb. 1: 1st-John Moulds, 2nd-Vi Sebrighi Birthdays this week! Feb. 10: Judy McEachern, Bonnie Garvin and Betty Heinz; Feb. 11- Don Martin; Feb. 12- Colleen Cody; Feb. 13- Charles Lukasiawicz; Feb. 14- Bill Bellville; and Feb. 16- Bumby Olson and Pat Gutierrez.



Quick and Easy PASTA PUTTANESCA

- 1 1/2 cups heated Marinara Sauce or other prepared marinara sauce
12 oz uncooked penne or rigatoni pasta (about 4 cups)
1/4 cup clam juice (preferably unsalted)
2 tsp mashed chopped anchovies (about 2 fillets)
2 tsp capers, rinsed, chopped
2 tsp finely chopped fresh oregano leaves
1 1/2 tsp Progresso red wine vinegar
1 1/2 tsp finely chopped hot chili peppers (oil-packed from Italy) or chili flakes
2 T extra-virgin olive oil
12 cup kalamata and picholine olives, pitted, quartered
12 cup undrained Progresso diced tomatoes (from 28-oz can)

- 1. Make Marinara Sauce (see recipe).
2. Cook and drain pasta as directed on package.
3. Meanwhile, in large bowl, beat 1 1/2 cups Marinara Sauce and the clam juice with wire whisk until blended. Stir in remaining ingredients.
4. To serve, stir sauce mixture into drained pasta. A rule of thumb for wine pairing: choose something you like. If you're a fan of white wine, the citrus flavors of Sauvignon Blanc make the perfect match for the Puttanesca's pungent olives and capers. For red wine devotees, Sangiovese delivers the perfect amount of acid to balance the dish's distinctive flavors.

- MARINARA SAUCE Makes 4 cups of sauce
2 T extra-virgin olive oil
12 cup finely chopped onion
1 can chopped fresh Italian (flat-leaf) parsley
1 large clove garlic, finely chopped
1 Progresso crushed tomatoes with added puree (28 oz)
1 large fresh basil sprig with leaves removed
sea salt or kosher (coarse) salt
Pinch baking soda or sugar, if desired
1. In 3-quart nonreactive saucepan, heat oil over medium heat. Add onion; cook 4 to 6 minutes, stirring occasionally, until translucent. Stir in parsley and garlic; cook about 30 seconds or until fragrant. Stir in tomatoes, basil stem and salt. Simmer uncovered 20 to 30 minutes, stirring frequently, until thickened.
2. If sauce tastes too acidic, add pinch of baking soda and cook 5 minutes longer. If sauce needs touch of sweetness, add pinch of sugar and cook 5 minutes longer. Remove basil stem. This marinara sauce makes the perfect base for Italian favorites like pasta, lasagna, chicken parmesan and so on, and it freezes well. So make your life easy - double the recipe and put half in the freezer.
Recipe by Michael Chiarello for Progresso Foods
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The Menominee-Delta-Scholcraft Foster Grandparent Program Foundation recently honored Lincoln Elementary School for its participation in the 2006 fund drive. The campaign netted a total of \$12,603.45, making it one of the most successful ever. Lincoln students raised \$307 of that amount by holding a penny drive. Receiving recognition were (above, from left): Lincoln School Foster Grandparents Joanne Larson and Ann Mikuska, Lead Teacher Barb Ryan, and Foster Grandparent Margaret Besaw. (Submitted photo)

Big Bay de Noc posts honor roll

Big Bay de Noc School District has released the elementary honor roll for the second marking period of the 2006-2007 school year. Receiving High Honors with all A's in the fourth grade was Nicholas Knudson. Other fourth grade honor students were Vanessa Damer, Rebecca Johnson, Brett LaLonde, Kaden Pelletier and Tony Richard. Achieving High Honors in the fifth grade with all A's were Jennifer Carlson, Alex Hubble and Alex Rangutte. Additional fifth grade honor students were Cassidy Cayembere, Isaac Cooper, Emily Kurth, Makayha LaButte, Samantha Sundling and Libby Thill. Stephanie Hubble and Levi Tatrov received High Honors with all A's in the sixth grade. Also on the honor roll for the sixth grade were Jordyn Bradshaw, Nathan Dalgard, Robert Holmberg, Jacob LaFollette, Ryan Minor and Brandon Rodhefort.

Annual cake auction takes place Monday

The Manistique Area Girl Scouts will be holding their annual cake auction Monday, Feb. 12, at the St. Francis de Sales School gym. Judges from local businesses will view all the entries and award trophies to their favorites. At 6 p.m., Doug LaFollette will begin auctioning off cakes to the highest bidders. Everyone is invited to attend the event, which is the largest fundraiser of the year for local Girl Scouts. Proceeds help maintain Camp Hy-Da-Way. Last year, there were 73 cake entries, and the auction raised over \$3,000.

Catholic school task force to discuss plan

The Bishop's Task Force for Catholic Schools has developed the draft of a long-range strategic plan for the nine Catholic schools in the Marquette Diocese, and is now inviting key leaders to a meeting to discuss it. Task force members hammered out the core of the proposed plan at their Jan. 10 meeting. The meeting included a work session where each subcommittee responsible for a specific focus area refined its proposed goal and the accompanying objectives. The group discussed all of the goals and objectives. Bishop Alexander Sample then collated the material into one document.

The draft plan addresses five areas: Catholic identity, academic excellence, financial viability, governance and the role of the pastor(s), and marketing and public relations. "The purpose of the strategic plan is to project systems and resources needed for the growth of our Catholic schools, over an extended period of time, with a comprehensive statement of the goals, objectives, and outcomes," Sample said. The bishop has invited past

tors of parishes with Catholic schools, Catholic school principals and Catholic school board presidents, or another officer if the president cannot attend, to a special meeting Feb. 15 in Marquette. Pastors and principals are also welcome to bring parish finance or parish council chairpersons and those who are highly involved with local school financial issues. The task force will explain the draft plan, ask for feedback and answer questions. The task force also plans to present the draft strategic plan to the Priests' Council and pastors of parishes that do not have Catholic schools. Officials hope that a final version of the strategic plan will be released in the spring.

All proceeds from this and other CBC special events go directly to the campaign, which raises money for the American Cancer Society, Bay Cliff Health Camp and Easter Seals. Pack & Ship is open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call 341-1444.

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Retirees to get update on community projects

The Scholcraft Chapter of the retired school personnel will gather for a ham dinner and meeting next Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 11:30 a.m., at the VFW Hall on Maple Street. Special guests will be Manistique City manager Sheila Aldrich, Scholcraft County Board of Commissioners Chairman Keith Aldrich and Manistique Downtown Development Authority Chair Bill Hentschell. They will provide an update on current and future projects in the community. All area retired school personnel are urged to attend.

Pasty sale scheduled

The women of First United Methodist Church, 190 N. Cedar St., will hold their monthly pasty sale Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 14 and 15. More information is available by calling the church at 341-6662.

Restaurant Directory listing various dining establishments and their locations.

Teddy's Pub & Bistro advertisement featuring a list of menu items like Daily specials, Sandwiches, and Soups.

UPPER CRUST advertisement for a pizza and pasta restaurant.

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Delta Disposal Residential Service advertisement including 95 gallon cart, dependable service, and contact information.

Worship Directory advertisement listing various churches and their services.

Worship Directory advertisement listing various churches and their services, including First Baptist Church, St. John the Baptist, and others.

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welcome to help with the prohibitive costs of engaging in a travel-heavy, equipment-heavy sport.

For now, the USAmBA team plans to take things one race at a time.

Next up is the Kinross Classic in the eastern U.P., another event that was postponed because of mild weather and is now scheduled to be run Feb. 17 and 18.

"The weather's been a challenge," Barb admits. "It's been a hard year to get started. The snow doesn't follow us. We've had to follow the snow."

Uncooperative weather aside, the family has embraced Raquel's racing and developed a strong enthusiasm for the sport — so strong, that dad Alex is preparing to join the musher ranks himself.

Upcoming workshops to review firefighter grant program changes

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will offer three workshops in the Upper Peninsula this month to assist local fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service agencies in applying for a grant through the Assistance to Firefighters program.

Over the past few years, the federal program has helped many U.P. departments, including several in Schoolcraft County, by providing grants for purchases of new fire trucks, turn-out gear and other equipment.

According to the announcement from the office of U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, the DHS has made significant changes to the grant program for 2007. Representatives of all U.P. departments should attend one of the workshops to learn more.

Area senior citizens can forget about the snow and cold, and banish the mid-winter blues for a while, by taking part in the annual mid-winter dog roast at the Manistique Senior Citizens Center. The popular and long-running event will take place next

Annual hot dog roast slated

Thursday, Feb. 15, at 5 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person, which includes car-roasted quarter-pound hot dogs with fixings, staid, baked beans and dessert.

Martin visit is Sunday afternoon

Officials at St. Francis de Sales Church are reminding local residents about this weekend's scheduled visit from evangelist, teacher, author and TV host, Ralph Martin. He will speak at the church Sunday, Feb. 11, at 4 p.m.

Martin, host of the TV show "The Choices We Face," will present a program called "What Does It Mean to be a Catholic Today?" Everyone is invited to attend.

ROARING TWENTIES

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

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For her part, Raquel looks eagerly to a time that she's old enough to compete in events like the Midnight Run and U.P. 200 — and some day, perhaps, the famed Lidlarod.

For now, though, she's just enjoying her rookie season, where every weekend brings another race, another opportunity to improve, something new to learn.

She's also learning to juggle the demands of dog care and handling, training, travel and racing with an already busy schedule that includes her school work and a range of extracurricular activities such as cheerleading and wrestling.

It's a workload that might scare away the average pro-teen. But when Raquel is asked how she manages to fit mushing into her hectic day, she just shrugs and laughs. "It's fun," she says. "I love it."

Celebrating 40 years ... MFCU members look back on four decades of history

From humble beginnings with a little over \$100 in assets and an office on the manager's front porch, Manistique Federal Credit Union has grown to a \$16 million and a modern headquarters on East Elk Street.

MFCU celebrated that growth, and four decades of service to the community, at its 40th annual dinner meeting last Saturday, Feb. 3, at the St. Francis de Sales School gym.

As institutions owned by their members, credit unions traditionally sponsor such annual sessions to elect officers, review the financial report, hear board and committee updates, and enjoy a meal and dancing in the company of other members.

The theme of this year's event was "Awards Night." MFCU's Holiday Helpers decorated the gym in a Hollywood movie theme that included a history of MFCU printed on a film strip decoration around the hall for members to read and reminisce about. Some members and guests arrived in evening gowns, suits and tuxes to add to the fun.

Forty cases of prizes were awarded in a "Deal or No Deal" tie-in, and 13 dance prizes were presented throughout the night as "The Bearwalkers" provided live music.

Next year's annual meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 9.



A 40-year history of Manistique Federal Credit Union offices. Top left: The original headquarters at the Frankovich home on M-94, where the office was located from 1967 to 1972. Top right: The credit union was based at 210 1/2 Oak Street from 1972 to 1982. Middle left: From 1982 to 1992, this is what the East Elk Street building looked like. Middle right: The East Elk Street office as it appeared from 1992 to 2004. Bottom: The office today, a modern 48-foot by 52-foot facility. (Submitted photos)

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.

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HOROSCOPES Feb. 5 - Feb. 11

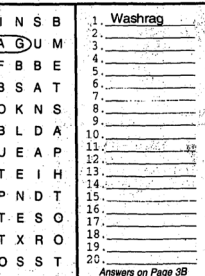
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YOUR HOROSCOPE by Charles Cooper

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Ease up a bit! You get back on a more positive note. This week at work, be sure you get more done if you're able to handle the stop pushing your weight 22 to Jan. 19. You'll feel your overbearing right about now. This is a big test for you. Others will be very harsh and rather rude. Back down a bit and you'll be in the long run. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Guard against things, you'll find you're really this week. Everything you touch seems to work out. At this point, you have an opportunity to shine. Home, though, it's a different story, so be on the alert. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)** Don't get into temptation this week where credit matters are concerned. You could easily get in over your head. In relationships, remember that compromise is always best. **PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)** You're on a roll. This week at work, to Dec. 21. Guard against things, you'll find you're really this week. Everything you touch seems to work out. At this point, you have an opportunity to shine. Home, though, it's a different story, so be on the alert.

DOUBLE TAKE

Find at Least Seven Differences Between Cartoons



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Memories

By Vonciel LeDuc

As with any industry, the logging industry went through several changes in order to increase efficiency and increase its production.

Prior to the 1880s, trees were felled with a four-man crew: two men called "choppers" using double-edged axes and two men called "swampers" trimming the limbs and cutting the bark on one side.

The smooth area allowed the teamster to haul the logs to the landing area using his team and a travois to lift the log off the ground. Initially, teamsters used primarily oxen as their work animals.

By the 1880s the crosscut

saw came into being, replacing the axe as the primary cutting instrument.

The crew now was comprised of three men: the "limber-finer," who notched the tree and determined where it would fall, and two "sawyers," who then cut the tree.

This three-man crew would cut approximately 15 trees per day, which would be 75 logs 20 feet long.

Moving logs to the landing improved by creating ice roads, as discussed in my prior article.

With ice roads, oxen and the travois were replaced by horses pulling log-laden sleds. A pair of horses could pull a

larger load of logs than oxen, plus horses were easier to handle. (As mentioned by William Crowe, special equipment was required to shoe oxen. If a blacksmith lifted one of their hooves, the ox would either fall or lay down, so one needed a hoist to hold the ox upright, plus they required two sets of shoes, where horses only required one set.)

Another method used to haul logs out of the woods was using "big wheels." These were 10-foot high wheels on a frame pulled by horses, and could be used both in the winter or summer.

The largest load of logs ever pulled by a team of horses was 50 logs totaling 36,000 board

feet of white pine. This was assembled in Ontonagon County in February of 1893 and became the Michigan exhibit at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. Two large work horses did pull this load 80 yards.

Another change in the logging industry was going from bark marks to log marks.

Because of the number of companies using the rivers to carry their logs to sawmills, each log needed to be marked. Initially, companies made axe marks with the owner's name and other information. The log marks were similar to cow brands used in the west. Log marks were pounded into the

end of logs by a special hammer.

Because of the potential for log piracy, log marks were registered within the county where the companies were logging. The Chicago and Weston Lumber Companies controlled the rivers as a result of their River Improvement Company, so they did not register their log marks.

Once the logs were on sleds, they would be piled in various locations called dumps for the spring river drives. If the ice was deep enough on some of the rivers, the logs would be piled on the ice, ready to fall into the river in the spring. Most common dumps were at the edge of rivers or lakes.



This photo, which appeared in the Pioneer-Tribune in February 1979, shows a set of authentic log-hauling "big wheels" that was on display at Hovey's Resort at Indian Lake.



A teamster and his oxen, from the Schoolcraft County Historical Society collection.



From the Hulshof Collection at the Schoolcraft County Historical Society, a picture of logs being hauled by sled in the late 1800s or early 1900s.



A team of sawyers with their crosscut saw and other tools. From the Adolf Sandberg Collection at the Schoolcraft County Historical Society.

Bay College M-TEC offering annual mine safety program

On Wednesday, Feb. 14, the Michigan Technical Education Center (M-TEC) at Bay de Noc Community College will host an eight-hour annual refresher course on Part 46 of the Mine Act administered by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA).

Under the law, owners and employees of shell dredging, sand, gravel, surface stone, surface clay, colloidal phosphate, and surface limestone mines must receive annual

training.

M-TEC officials note that the Mine Act defines the term "mine" very broadly to include operations that are not commonly considered mines. For example, the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration has held that a cement plant located two miles away from a quarry is a "mine" under MSHA's jurisdiction.

The Michigan Mine Safety and Health Training Program

offered through Michigan Technological University will be conducting the Part 46 refresher course. Funded in part by a federal grant, it is designed to be a low-cost way to get required safety training.

The cost of the session is \$25 a person, which includes lunch.

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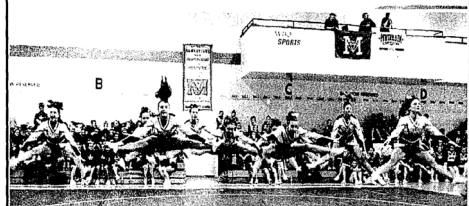
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JV puts two more in 'W' column



Watching the introduction of the varsity basketball team, with its appearance by a trio of "guest cheerleaders," wasn't the only scary moment in the Richard Bonifas Gymnasium Friday.

After jumping out to an 8-0 lead over Westwood, the Emeralds' powerhouse junior varsity found itself trailing 10-8 as the buzzer signaled the end of the opening stanza. Taking advantage of several Emerald turnovers, the Patriots went on a 10-0 run to close out the quarter with the lead.

But any Patriot thoughts of competing with the number-one ranked Emeralds were quickly crushed as the teams took to the court in the second quarter.

Behind a smothering defensive effort, the Emeralds scored 10 unanswered points of their own and were holding an 18-10 lead when Dustin Demers nailed two of his 19 points at the 3:50 mark in the period.

Garde Kangas capped a 15-point quarter for the Emeralds with a triple, to put the team up 23-14 at the half. Kangas finished the night with five points.

After allowing four points early in the third, the Emerald defense shut down the Pats, holding them to just two points in the remaining six minutes of

the quarter. Jared Turan pushed the advantage to 16 when he scored two of his 14 points at the 2:20 mark in the period.

A basket from Demers and two from the line by Gunnar Mickelson left Manistique with a 40-20 lead at the end of three. Mickelson finished with four points.

Still up by 20, the Emeralds went nine of 10 from the line to close out the night with the 58-29 win. Manistique was 12 of 13 from the charity stripe.

Brad McBurney added six points to the Emerald total, Colton Walters and Scott Zellner four each, Ryan Edwards two.

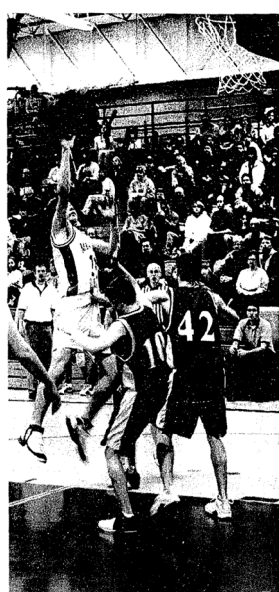
Tuesday, it was Ishpeming's turn to feel the wrath of the Mid-Peninsula Conference's crowned jewel.

With 11 points from Mickelson and 10 each from Kangas and Demers, the Emeralds shined up the dull Hemetite stone, coming away with a 45-30 victory.

Also scoring in the win were Turan with six, Zellner three, Walters and McBurney two each, Jacob Lang one.

With the wins, Manistique improved to 14-2.

The team will travel to Munising Feb. 9, and return home to take on Ishpeming in the remaining six minutes of



Emeralds Jared Turan (above left) and Jacob Lang (above right) put up shots for the JV in Friday night's Winterfest game victory over Westwood. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)

Offensive struggles doom varsity in Mid-Pen battles

Hopes of a Winterfest clean sweep came to an end for the near-capacity crowd at the Richard Bonifas Gymnasium Friday night. Coming off wins by the frosh and JV, the Emerald varsity found itself trailing early, battled back, but in the end fell 42-31 to the Westwood Patriots.

With his team trailing by six, Corey Gonyea created three Patriot turnovers at the start of the fourth quarter and hit a triple to pull the Emeralds to within four with 5:33 re-

maining in the contest. Following another Westwood turnover, Manistique trailed by just two when the Pats' Aaron Adriano hit the backboard while Cody Kangas was going up for a lay-up.

But with the game well within reach and their defense creating opportunities, the Emerald offense suddenly turned ice cold. Westwood outpaced Manistique 14-5 in the final three minutes of play to walk away with the Mid-Peninsula Conference win.

"Whether we were shooting free throws, taking shots from 10 feet out or driving to the basket, we couldn't get shots to fall tonight," coach Ed Marietti said.

It took the Emeralds three minutes to find the net in the opening period. Trailing by five, Josh Mickelson broke the ice and put his team on the board at the 5:00 mark in the quarter.

Gonyea hit a bucket late in the period to close the gap to three (9-6), but back-to-back treys by the Pats' Matt Sundberg quickly pushed the Patriots' lead to six in the second quarter, netting just three points.

Taking advantage of the stalled Westwood offense, Manistique carved out their only lead of the night, a slim 18-17 edge, when Mickelson took the feed from Brandon Lawrence and scored at the 2:45 mark.

Westwood regained control when Sundberg hit his third long-range shot as the half-time buzzer sounded.

Down by just two points, the Emeralds took the wrong page out of the Patriot playbook and managed to score just three third-quarter points. Kangas hit two, from the floor and Mickelson sank one from the line.

Despite the lack of offense, Manistique trailed by only eight points (28-20) going into the final period of play. On the road at Ishpeming Tuesday, the Emerald offense once again found itself struggling.

Down early against the Hemetites, Manistique battled

Westwood's advantage to 15-6 late in the quarter. Jared Martin hit a bucket at the end of the period to leave the Emeralds trailing 17-10, back, captured a brief lead and kept the game close, but in the end dropped a 65-46 decision.

Ishpeming came out strong, putting together an 11-2 run in the opening minutes of the contest and led 21-10 at the end of the first stanza.

"Their pressure in the first quarter hurt us," Marietti said. "We were down by five at the half, came out and scored the first eight points of the third to take the lead. They switched from a zone to man-to-man on defense. After that, we scored just 15 to their 37. We just didn't do anything offensively from that point."

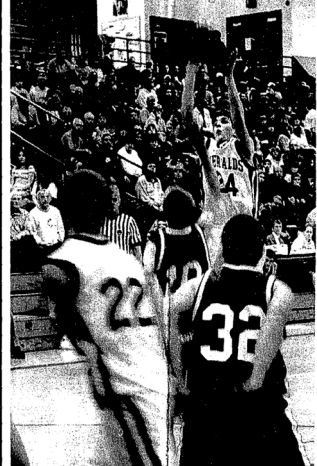
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Coming out strong, the Emeralds scored eight unanswered points and went up 33-31. Ishpeming quickly responded with a 13-0 run, including hitting three shots from behind the arc.

Up by 11 at the end of three, Ishpeming held a double-digit lead through the final quarter.

"I was pleased with our effort in the second and third quarters, we just went down hill in the fourth," Marietti said. "We were down by five at the half, came out and scored the first eight points of the third to take the lead. They switched from a zone to man-to-man on defense. After that, we scored just 15 to their 37. We just didn't do anything offensively from that point."

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Cory VanAmberg in action, getting off a jumper against the Westwood defense, in Friday night's varsity action at the Bonifas Gymnasium. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

The Manistique Emerald competitive cheer team participated in their first challenge at home Thursday, Jan. 31. While teams competed for awards, the focus of the competition was on learning. Following the challenge, the teams spent about 10 minutes with a judge to review their performances, receive comments and thoughts, all from a judge's perspective. Taking first place in the varsity division was Gladstone with a score of 634.8. Second place went to Iron Mountain with a score of 610.9. Norway took third with a total of 552.6, followed by Manistique with 517.

In middle school competition, Manistique was victorious with a score of 384.6. Second place went to Gladstone with 285.6. Munising took third with 280.

The squads will travel to Norway on Feb. 15 for their next competition. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)



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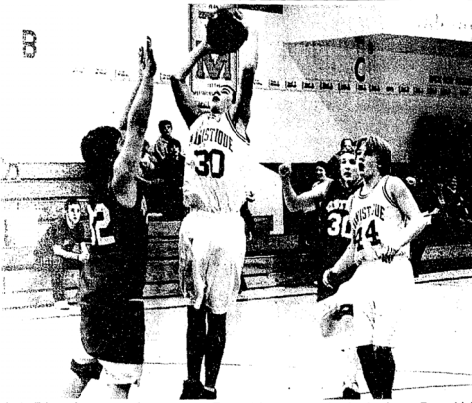
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Mike Edwards goes up for a shot as Trevor Birr looks on in the freshman Emeralds' victory over the Patriots last Friday. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

Baker and Broullire power Emerald frosh past Patriots

Behind explosive performances by Anders Broullire and Matt Baker, the Manistiquie Emeralds freshman basketball team jumped all over the visiting Patriots of Westwood Friday. Broullire and Baker lit up the net in front of a Winterfest crowd, scoring 25 points each in the 69-56 Mid-Peninsula Conference win.

Seven points from Baker helped the Emeralds cut out a 17-10 advantage in the first eight minutes of play.

Broullire accounted for 11 of the team's 15 points in the second quarter, pushing the Emeralds' lead to 13 points (33-19) at the half.

A bucket early in the third by Tom Mercier jumped the margin to 15, but it took eight more points from Baker to hold a 44-31 lead after three quarters.

Down by double digits from the opening tip, the Patriots hung in and managed to cut the Emerald margin to five (50-45) at the 40 mark in the fourth, but once again it was Baker to the rescue.

The front end of a pair from the line by Baker sent Manistiquie on an 8-2 run down the stretch. The Emeralds took 27 trips to the line in the quarter, sinking 17 to seal the win.

Derek Lambert chipped in 10 points for Manistiquie, Mercier four, Zach Weber three, Kyle Edwards two.



Freshman Derek Lambert fights through a crowd of Patriots to attempt a layup in last Friday's Winterfest game. He finished the night with 10 points for the victorious Emeralds. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

MThe volleyball games between Manistiquie and Iron Mountain, postponed Monday due to inclement weather, will be played Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Bonifas Gymnasium. The games will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars!

MHSAA taking sign-ups for next CHAMPS clinic

Registration is now underway for the ninth annual CHAMPS Clinic, to be held at the Michigan State High School Athletic Association girls' volleyball finals in Kalamazoo March 17.

CHAMPS stands for Cooperation, Hard Work, Attitude, Motivation, Participation and Sportsmanship. The clinics target female junior high and middle school students and their parents with a morning-long workshop designed to provide game skills and life skills information.

There is no charge for the clinic. Enrollment is limited to 60 girls and their parents; parental attendance is required.

Applications are available on the Recognition page of the MHSAA Web site: www.mhsaa.com.

"The kids receive some great on-the-court skills training from some of the best clinicians around, while their parents hear about the things that are truly important about high school sports - safety, sportsmanship and scholarship in the classroom," says John E. Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA.

The parents' portion of the program will focus on academic requirements in high school and beyond, sports nutrition, and parental perspectives on educational athletics.

All students taking part in the skills clinic will receive a T-shirt, and lunch will be provided for players and parents. They will also be guests of the MHSAA for the volleyball finals that day, and participating students will be recognized on court at the Class D championship match.

The CHAMPS program is supported locally by the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Western Michigan University, where the volleyball finals are held.

For more information, call Renea Penski at (616) 387-2710.



They got a great reaction out of the crowd... but were they any good? Well, in all honesty, they weren't half bad. If nothing else, Jim Demers, Rollie Lambert and Tim Zellner were entertaining when they took to the court with the Emeralds varsity cheerleaders before Friday night's Winterfest game against Westwood. The trio, who often work together as the "chain gang" at Manistiquie football games, were making good on a challenge bid placed at last fall's Save Our Sports fund-raising dinner. In the end, they more than delivered on the challenge, arriving in full costume and performing several routines with the squad. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)

Wrestlers wrap up home season by hosting dual meet

The Emeralds' wrestlers wrapped up the home portion of their season with matches against Negaunee and Rudyard at the Bonifas Gymnasium Feb. 1.

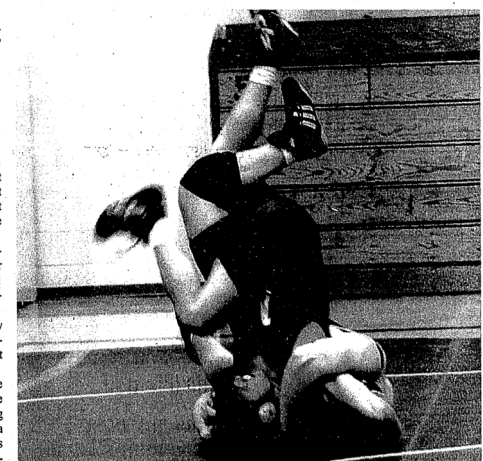
The event marked the last time seniors Bill Wood and Pat McDonald would take to the mats in front of a hometown crowd.

Unfortunately, said head coach Everett Wood, the matches were not what they had hoped for - but Wood and McDonald did say farewell to the fans in style.

The Emeralds dropped a close 42-36 decision to Negaunee, but McDonald scored a win over the Miners' Jake Yoho, with a pin at the 2:40 mark, while Wood took a forfeit win in the heavyweight division.

Sammy Jenerou, Ken Cummings and Mike Jenerou also received forfeits in their weight classes.

Alex Rubick rounded off the scoring for Manistiquie with a pin of Braden Wainio at 1:52.



Tim Marks battles his Negaunee opponent at last week's meet. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

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Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007

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SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
BY: Gregory Huse, Chairperson
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF MANISTIQUE

The City of Manistique has received funding from the Community Development Block Grant Program in the amount of \$579,351. These funds were used for water, sewer, sidewalk, and street improvements in the downtown along Main, Arbutus, and Cedar Streets. Construction of the CDBG-funded improvements is complete, and closeout of this project is anticipated.

The Manistique City Council will hold a closeout public hearing on the downtown infrastructure project at

7:00 p.m.
Monday, February 12, 2007
at Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Maple St., Manistique, MI

The purpose of this hearing is to accept public comments regarding the project. Oral and written comments are encouraged.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Continuum of Care Coordinator
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- Coordinate HMIS Activities
- Fund Development/Grant Applications
- Coordinate the 10 year plan to end homelessness
- Reporting/Representation
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A request from Frank Pink to allow for a Dental Office to be located in an M-1 zoning district.

The property is located at Traders Point Condominiums, 375 E Harbor View Drive, Building #5. Part of Gov Lot 2, Sec. 13 T.41N R.16W.

The public hearing will be held on Feb. 28, 2007 at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 300 North Maple Street, Manistique, MI 49854.

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

Tom Lang
City of Manistique Zoning Administrator

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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. 30, 2007
11:35 a.m. Emergency Medical Service (EMS) - transfer to Marquette
1:45 p.m. Dog complaint, Cherry Street
5:55 p.m. Be on the look out for possible operation of motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, Deer Street
6:55 p.m. Lost dog. Manistique Avenue
9:20 p.m. EMS, city of Manistique
Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007
4:45 a.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette
5:10 a.m. EMS, Doyle Township
9 a.m. Larceny of cell phone, city of Manistique resident
9:25 a.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette
10:20 a.m. Lock out, Maple Street
10:28 a.m. Solicitation of minor, city of Manistique resi-

dent
11:55 p.m. Citizen assist, city of Manistique
12:35 p.m. Harassment/trespassing, within city of Manistique
12:37 p.m. Phone scam, within city of Manistique
1:15 a.m. EMS, within city of Manistique
3 p.m. Civil dispute, Oak Street
3:07 p.m. Lock out, Maple Street
4:36 p.m. Possible operation of motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, Chip-pewa Avenue
4:55 p.m. Missing child, Deer Street
5:30 p.m. Threats, within city of Manistique
9:15 p.m. Alarm, U.S. Highway 2
11:55 p.m. Department of Public Works callout, snow covered roads
Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007
1:30 a.m. Domestic dispute, Houghton Avenue
5:35 a.m. Smoke, Main Street
6:30 p.m. Department of Public Works call out, U.S.

Highway 2
7:15 a.m. Possible operation of motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, Maple Street
11:10 a.m. Lock out, Maple Street
11:15 a.m. Non-sufficient funds check, U.S. Highway 2
11:35 a.m. Chlorine leak, Intake Park Road
12:52 p.m. Lock out, Maple Street
5:30 p.m. Property damage accident, Park Avenue
8 p.m. Harassment, within city of Manistique
8:40 p.m. EMS, Manistique Township
Friday, Feb. 2, 2007
5:50 a.m. Department of Public Works, call out salt trucks
10:30 a.m. Department of Public Works call out, U.S. Highway 2, M-94
12:37 p.m. Dog complaint, Houghton Avenue
1:27 p.m. EMS, city of Manistique
1:30 p.m. Snowmobile trespassing, Houghton Avenue
3:25 p.m. Lockout, Quarry Lane
4 p.m. Loose dog, within

city of Manistique
9:15 p.m. Suspicious situation, Garden Avenue
8:42 p.m. Domestic disturbance, Houghton Avenue, Manistique resident arrested on bond violation
9:15 p.m. Property damage accident/power outage, Chip-pewa Avenue and Elk Street
Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007
1:20 a.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette
11:05 a.m. Well being check, Steuben Avenue
11:15 a.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette
2:25 p.m. Broken water main, Second Street
Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007
1:45 a.m. Low temperature alarm, Elk Street
3:03 a.m. Operation of motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, Lake Street, Manistique resident arrested for same
8:25 a.m. Property damage accident, Main Street
10:25 a.m. EMS, Hiawatha Township
8:20 p.m. EMS, Germfask Township
8:30 p.m. EMS, Thompson Township

Monday, Feb. 5, 2007
2:09 a.m. EMS, Manistique Township
9:40 a.m. Permit to purchase, Manistique resident
10:15 a.m. Phone problems, city of Manistique
10:58 a.m. Harassing phone calls, Manistique resident
11:30 a.m. Entry without permission, Houghton Avenue
12:03 p.m. EMS, Thompson Township
1:45 p.m. Parking dispute, within city of Manistique
3:06 p.m. Property damage accident, Maple Street
3:13 p.m. EMS, within city of Manistique
4:25 p.m. Well being check, within city of Manistique
4:55 p.m. Water main break, Second Street
5:35 p.m. Citizen assist, Maple Street
6:24 p.m. Domestic violence, city of Manistique
8:10 p.m. Suicidal person, Maple Street
11:47 p.m. Felonious assault, 331 Deer Street, Manistique resident arrested for three counts of felonious assault and probation violation

District Court

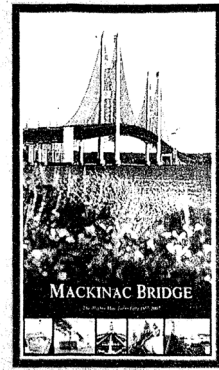
Michelle Theresa Cook, 19, of Manistique, charged with improper turning (1/07). Assessed \$96.
Tracie Renee Henry, 32, of Manistique, charged with littering (abandoned vehicle) (11/06). Assessed \$100.
Carlynn Marie Hoskins, 18, of Iron Mountain, charged with driving 65 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (1/07). Assessed \$91.
George John Karhgeorge, 64, of Marquette, charged with driving 40 miles per hour in a 35 m.p.h. zone (1/07). Assessed \$71.
Leroy Carl Peterson, 66, of Iron River, charged with driving 65 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (1/07). Assessed \$91.
Stephen Clarence Roell, 43, of Iron Mountain, charged

with driving 40 miles per hour in a 35 m.p.h. zone (1/07). Assessed \$71.
David Roy Surdy, 61, of Manistique, plead guilty in 93rd District Court to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (10/06). He was sentenced to serve 75 days in jail with three days to be served immediately. Credit for one day served will be applied with completion of 24 hours community service equating to two days jail time. Balance will be held over six month's probation. He was assessed \$100 state police expense reimbursement, \$350 statute costs, \$400 statute fine, \$150 probation oversight fees, \$1,095 total. He shall also follow recommendations of substance abuse assessment and attend alcohol highway

safety program. Optional jail term 75 days.
Kelly Lynn Waybrant, 18, of Brimley, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (1/07). Assessed \$71.
Gregg William Bosanic, 37, of Manistique, plead guilty in 93rd District Court to Controlled substance - use (10/06). He was sentenced to five days in jail and received credit for one day served. His license was suspended for 60 days followed by a 305 day restricted license. He was assessed \$45 state costs, \$300 statute fine, \$50 crime victim rights assessment, \$450 statute costs, \$845 total. Attorney fees are to be determined. Optional jail term 75 days.
Shyla Marie Dotson, 53, of Sault Sainte Marie, charged

with driving 65 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (1/07). Assessed \$51.
Cassandra Dee LaFord, 23, of Garden, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (1/07). Assessed \$76.
Alfred James Lundquist, 46, of Grand Marais, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (1/07). Assessed \$71.
Kenneth Scott Martz, 34, of Manistique, charged with driving 40 miles per hour in a 35 m.p.h. zone (1/07). Assessed \$76.
Timothy Michael Moore, 53, of Manistique, plead guilty in 93rd District Court to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (1/07). He was sentenced to 85 days in jail. Five days are to be served immedi-

ately with credit for one day served applied. Balance will be held over six month's probation. He shall also complete 24 hours of community service, attend victim impact panel and alcohol highway safety education program. He was assessed \$400 statute fine, \$45 state costs, \$100 state police expense reimbursement, \$450 statute costs, \$50 crime victim rights assessment, \$150 probation oversight fees, \$1,195 total. Optional jail term 85 days.
Corey Michael Nicholson, 20, of Curtis, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (1/07). Assessed \$71.
Robert Wesley Parrish, 58, of Manistique, charged with unlicensed firearm in motor vehicle (11/06). Assessed \$125.



These four limited edition posters commemorating this year's 50th anniversary celebration of the Mackinac Bridge are now available from the Michigan Department of Transportation. Larger images of the posters and information on ordering can be found online at www.michigan.gov/mackinacbridge. The Mackinac Bridge opened to traffic on Nov. 1, 1957.

MDOT marking Mighty Mac's anniversary with four posters

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has unveiled four limited-edition posters commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Mackinac Bridge, which are available for purchase online.
"On Nov. 1, 1957, the Mackinac Bridge began serving Michigan residents by connecting our beautiful peninsulas," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle.

"Over time, the bridge has become a beloved Michigan landmark. We have captured some incredible images of the bridge that we would like to share with the public to commemorate this milestone."
The posters will not be available in stores but can be found online at www.michigan.gov/mackinacbridge. At the site, visitors will find information on how to order

copies by phone, fax or mail. The cost is \$4 each or \$3.77 for nonprofit organizations that do not pay sales tax. Information about the posters will also be on display soon at all 13 Michigan Welcome Centers.
In December 1999, the American Society of Civil Engineers recognized the Mackinac Bridge as Michigan's top civil engineering project of the 20th century.



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Nolan Raredon
Isaac Anderson
Cwen Faketty
Diamond Graham
Nickolas Lund
Marc McKinney
Zachary Newton
Deacon Tate

WOLVES

Den 3
Leader - Tracy Block
Robert Baker
Matt Block
Mac Englehart
Colton Hoholik
Brett Jasmin
Zach Santl
Jon Seeley
Caleb Swanson
Chris Weinert
Cooper Wheaton

Den 4

Leader Tracy Block
Tanner Holmberg
JoDean Lavance
Logan Macphail
Kris Ozanich
Danny Phillips
Josh St. John

BEARS

Leader Amy Kraatz
Andrew Frisbee
Andrew Hutchinson
Logan Kraatz
Derek Nelson

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Leader Dan Edwards
Nathan Edwards
Connor Hamlin
Andrew Johnson
Hunter Schurner
Kyle Upton
Zachary Wheaton
Chester Goodreau

WEBELOS II

Leaders Rae Birr and Tracy Block
Robert Ayotte
Tyler Baker
Parker (P.J) Birr
Joseph Block
Tommy Frisbee
Travis Kay
Matthew Michaels

SCOUTS

Trevor Birr - 1st Class
Gabe Gustafsen
Zachery Haley - Life
Joshua Hentschell - Tenderfoot
Kollyn Hubble
Billy Jenerov - Life
D.J. Peterson - Tenderfoot
Ryan Peterson - Life
Garret Prater - Star
Brandon Schnurer - Scout
Robby Smith - 2nd Class
Cory VanAmberg - Eagle
Stephen Young - Eagle
Tanner Yurk - 2nd Class

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James Barr - Scoutmaster
Maria Barr - CM
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Edward Klump - Assistant Scoutmaster
Ingmar Levin - IR
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Linda Mason - CC
Mary Ann Pawley - CM
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