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Mudge's contract not renewed

4-3 vote means superintendent will leave June 30, after three years on the job

by Paul Olson

The Manistique Area Schools will be looking for a new superintendent after the Board of Education voted 4-3 not to renew the contract of Superintendent Esther Mudge when it expires June 30.

The action came at the end of a nearly five-hour special meeting Sunday night, where all but the final vote took place in a closed-door executive session. That meeting was set up to continue Mudge's evaluation process, which had begun in an executive session at the Feb. 19 board meeting.

Voting to renew Mudge's contract were board President Steve Latteman, Secretary Robyn Loviska and trustee Ginger Stark.

Voting no on the motion were Vice President Grant Harris, Treasurer Michelle Syers, and trustees Gail Wood and Daryl Lawrence.

On Monday, Latteman declined to comment on the board's closed-door deliberations, but issued the following statement: "The board did note the many positive contributions of Superintendent Mudge



Esther Mudge has been superintendent at MAS since July 2004.

during her time with the Manistique Area Schools, but determined that the district needs to move in a new direction."

Mudge did not return calls or e-mails seeking comment for this story.

Mudge came to MAS from the Whitefish Township Schools in Paradise, where she had served as superintendent after teaching in the district for 24 years.

She was hired by the board in May 2004 to replace retiring

Superintendent Ken Groh. Her three-year contract, under which she was paid an annual salary of \$94,000, began July 1 of that year and expires this summer.

Mudge's tenure was marked by several high-profile issues, including the district's perennial problems of declining enrollment and tight budgets, and the massive annual cuts needed to minimize fund-balance losses.

Building issues were also in the spotlight, beginning with A.F. Hall Stadium construction problems, which were just coming to light as Mudge stepped into the superintendent's job.

Problems with the grandstand were eventually dealt with through a mediated agreement between the school district and the project contractor. Problems with the football field, track and other issues are still being mediated with the architect.

In March 2005, a fire destroyed the Lakeview Elementary School, sending the district scrambling to reassign students to different buildings

and plan for the future.

In November 2005, after four previous failures over eight years, the district successfully passed a bond issue for a new centralized elementary building - the Emerald Elementary School - which is now under construction at the Lakeside site.

Asking not to be identified, one board member said their lengthy debate came down to a central question: whether to give Mudge a one-year contract extension - at least in part so she could oversee completion of the new school - or to allow the contract to run out without renewal.

For her, Syers said, the decision was less about "budgets and buildings" and more about "vision" - her desire to see the district moving in a new direction as quickly as possible.

"The goals of the board have changed, the dynamics of the board have changed, and the direction of the board has changed," she said. "We have a whole new vision. We know where we want the district to be in five years. We have an excellent staff. We've excited

about raising the bar at every level, and we know if we do that, we can move forward."

She said the lengthy discussions and 4-3 vote didn't paint an accurate picture of board relations.

"You'd never get it from the numbers, but the process worked really well," she said. "All seven of us had different opinions, but everyone talked and everyone listened to everybody else. It was a whole-group process, and it worked the way it's supposed to."

No timeline for the replacement process has been determined, but Syers said there was general agreement to once again utilize the search services provided by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Typically, that process takes about three months. It includes forums with the board, administration, staff and public to identify qualities sought in a new superintendent, the development of job-posting information, advertising, screening, interviews and visits to the finalists' current school districts.

Spring groundbreaking expected for steel fabrication plant in Seney

by Paul Olson

Developers of a new steel fabrication plant expect to be up and running in Seney Township later this year, employing approximately 25 people in full-time jobs.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Schoolcraft County Economic Development Corporation, board members heard a report from Christine Rosenberg of Munising-based Sroye Rose Consulting, who discussed the development of Superior Steel Fabrication Inc., to be built in a recently created industrial zone outside the Seney Township industrial park.

Rosenberg, who specializes in areas such as grant and proposal writing, business consulting and training, and alternative energy research and

development, has been working with the owners of the new firm.

She declined to name the people involved with the company, citing confidentiality agreements, but said the principal and partners are area residents - "all born and raised in the Gemfask and Seney area."

Rosenberg said the cost of the start-up is estimated at \$3 million, which includes \$1 million for the state-of-the-art equipment needed to begin operations.

The business is being financed with \$1.2 million in loans and approximately \$1.8 million in grants. The company is also relying on tax abatements granted by the townships.

Rosenberg predicted it would take 60 days to put up the plant, which is being designed to meet "green building" codes and will be heated with wood chips or pellets.

Initially, the firm will focus on fabrication of heavy industrial- and construction-grade steel.

"Within 90 days from breaking ground, we hope to be doing bid jobs," she said. "It's an ambitious schedule."

Later, operations will expand to include the manufacture of towers for wind turbines, and perhaps the large turbine blades.

"You've seen them passing through here on trucks," Rosenberg said. "Most of them were manufactured out of the country and are just going

through here on their way to somewhere down south. In phase two, we'll be making them right here."

Beginning with 25 employees, Superior Steel expects to grow quickly, with a payroll of up to 100 within three to four years.

Their overall goal, said Rosenberg, is to "diversify some of the economy here," providing good-paying manufacturing jobs for local residents, people who have been laid off from positions downstate, and others looking to move to the area.

She said they are working with Michigan Technological University to recruit some of the skilled personnel needed. Active hiring should begin soon.

Rosenberg can be reached at (906) 387-3848 or by e-mail at skyrose08@yahoo.com.

In other business Tuesday, the EDC board underwent a surprise transformation, with the resignation of Chairman Rick Stram and the election of long-time Secretary Meg Wnuk to the chairman's position.

Stram stressed that he was not leaving the board, only resigning his officer's role.

He said he was concerned about his ability to effectively represent the EDC - in particular, the difficulties of adjusting his work schedule to attend

County sets discussion session

by Paul Olson

"Getting on the same page." That's the goal of a special committee-of-the-whole meeting to be held by the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners next week, and a regular series of meetings between the board and county department heads.

At the Feb. 22 board and finance meeting, Vice Chair Peggi Arnold and interim Commissioner Louis Lauzon pushed for the committee-of-the-whole session, which has been discussed off and on for the last several months.

The meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, at 7 p.m., at the county courthouse.

Arnold suggested that the meeting would be similar to a series of four goal-setting sessions held by the board between April of 2005 and June of 2006. At those meetings, commissioners informally discussed a wide range of objectives, reviewed progress on old goals, and added new items to the list.

Arnold said last week that commissioners still have "a lot of issues and goals to discuss."

Lauzon agreed, and said the meeting should be set up to allow a casual, free-flowing discussion not just between

board members but county employees and the public, as well.

Lauzon said they would have no agenda, there would be no motions made and no minutes kept.

"We've just got to communicate," he said. "We need to be updated on a lot of things. We've all got to get on the same page."

The board agreed with Lauzon that meetings between commissioners and department heads could be beneficial for the same reasons.

"We've got to get some communication going," he said. "These are the people who know what's going on around here. They know what's happening. They know how things work. We have to talk to them."

Lauzon said he would try to set up a regular schedule for department head meetings, with the sessions most likely taking place in late afternoon, "so that everybody can be there."

Initially, he said, they should meet monthly. Later, they could hold quarterly meetings, "after we get some rapport going."

In other business, the board authorized Lauzon, as chair of

the finance committee, to "borrow" \$10,000 from the delinquent tax revolving fund, moving it into the budget stabilization line item.

Lauzon said they needed the money in the general fund to deal with ongoing cash flow concerns, but could repay the revolving fund later this year, after tax revenues are received.

Without the transfer, he said, they would be drawing money from the revolving fund on a regular basis.

"We'd have to go into the DTR every other day, and we don't want to do that. We don't want to make that part of our budget," he said.

Lauzon said cash flow problems were also the reason he had stopped payment of the annual \$10,000 allocation to the Schoolcraft County Economic Development Corporation.

He said that action was taken because the county needed cash in hand and the EDC had a \$40,000 balance at the time.

matter coming to a vote.

Chairman Keith Aldrich said those decisions needed to be approved by the full board, and noted that moving funds without a formal budget amendment would lead to problems with the county audit.

During public comment, EDC board member Paul Olson said he didn't know if or when commissioners had approved the change, but that the first time EDC members were aware of the situation was their Jan. 30 meeting, when it was presented as a possibility only.

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not something that had already occurred.

Olson said the EDC relied on the county allocation when developing its own budget, and needed to be consulted before changes were made.

In other business... set the March 29 board meeting as the date of a public hearing on a state law that allows county boards to increase

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Woman killed in car-plow accident

A 71-year-old Manistique woman was killed Monday morning when her car was riding in a collision with a Schoolcraft County Road Commission snowplow. The accident happened in snowy and icy conditions on M-94 in Hiawatha Township.

According to Michigan State Police troopers from the Manistique post, Sidney Walker was a passenger in a car driven by her husband, 69-year-old Karl Walker. The vehicle was southbound on M-94, near

Freeman Road.

Karl Walker lost control of the car on the slippery road, crossed the centerline and struck the oncoming plow, which was driven by Road Commission employee John Osterhout, 46, of Manistique.

The Walkers were both taken to Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, where Sidney Walker died from her injuries.

Karl Walker was treated at the hospital and released. Osterhout was not injured in the crash.



Members of the GFWC Manistique Women's Club say last weekend's "Wine Tasting on the Upper Level" turned out to be a success. The club-sponsored event, held at the Elks Lodge, was a fund-raiser for the new community welcome and information sign that should be installed later this year. Attendees sampled a variety of wines from Mackinac Trail Winery (above), browsed displays from merchants and crafters, and won door prizes drawn by club members (below). Sherri Krause of the Women's Club organizing committee says they hope to make the wine-tasting an annual event - one that grows in popularity and raises money for different community projects. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)



City okays Zellar landfill agreement

by Paul Olson

The Manistique City Council breezed quickly through a light agenda Monday, covering only two items of regular business.

Council agreed to accept water collected from the new landfill being built by Stanley Zellar in Doyle Township. That water, known as leachate, will be delivered by Zellar to the wastewater treatment plant, where it will be tested, stored and eventually discharged.

According to the letter of agreement accepted by council and still pending Zellar's final approval, the city will charge a fee of eight cents for every gallon of leachate delivered to the plant.

Zellar questioned the cost, saying it was higher than the five cents a gallon discussed with the city several years ago.

He said the amount of leachate that will be generated at his landfill is still unknown, and would fluctuate from almost nothing during dry conditions to perhaps a tanker-load or more per day during rainy weather.

Over the course of a year, he said, they could average as much as a load per day.

Water-Wastewater Supervisor Corey Barr said they currently accept leachate from only one other customer, the Schoolcraft County Road Commission.

charged the Road Commission had gone up over the past few years, rising first from five to six cents a gallon, then to eight.

The price is based on the actual cost of accepting and processing leachate, Barr said.

Barr and City Manager Sheila Aldrich said they had to set the price high enough to cover all city expenses, so that accepting leachate was "self supporting" and none of the costs were passed on to city water and sewer customers.

Barr said the price charged per gallon would be evaluated on an annual basis and adjusted as necessary.

The proposed letter of agreement also spells out the city's right to amend testing procedures or reject loads of leachate that has an improper manifest, a pH test outside the acceptable range, or odors that indicate flammable or explosive substances.

The letter also explained that the leachate may initially have few contaminants, but as the landfill cells fill up, decomposition occurs, and water is recycled for dust control and other purposes during warm weather, those levels may rise.

Barr said it will take some time to get an accurate baseline assessment of leachate composition.

Zellar told council that his leachate handling costs would be "passed on down the line"

through the tipping fees charged to dispose of garbage at the landfill.

He said all their costs had gone up during the lengthy planning and construction, including the cost of the liner, which had risen from an original estimate of \$380,000 to over \$500,000.

"We'll have close to \$3 million spent out there by the time we're ready to fire up," he told council.

Zellar said they are currently working on the final paperwork for the landfill's operating license and expect to be open by June or July.

Council also appointed Jan Jeffcott to serve as the city's representative on the new economic development "task force" being developed under a \$5,000 planning grant received last week from the Land Policy Institute at Michigan State University.

As previously reported, the grant application was written by an eight-member "Prosperity Team" formed earlier this year, with Jeffcott as captain and members representing the city, county, townships, MSU Extension, Economic Development Corporation and the Chamber of Commerce.

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Fish Report

By Ret. Sgt. John Walker

Well, we sure had a little taste of winter the first of the week. But, we can be thankful those down south from us really got blasted and the big storm missed us. I do not mind the snow, but I can do without the rain and ice that seems to be going with it in some areas. Ice also makes it hard on some of the wildlife when everything gets ice coated.

The big news that seems to be making the rounds this week is the fact the DNR could find nobody to introduce a bill promoting their new license increase. It seems that in the house nobody wanted to go out on a limb and have their name on a bill that had so many sportsmen worked up. It will be interesting what happens now.

If you have read the Fish Report for years you have heard me say before that sometimes the people trying to sell the need for an increase go about it in the strangest ways. There are those who feel this was the case in trying to sell the idea of this license increase to the public. You wonder at times if they have someone video what they are saying and listen to it. If they did you would think they would change their methods.

When it is inferred the reason we need this big increase is because so many of the "baby-boomers" will be going over 65 years of age and then be buying the senior license while we get it from them while we can. To me you would be a whole lot better off telling the people affected by the increase what they would be getting from the increase. If, and it is a big if, people could honestly see how the increase would benefit them with better hunting and fishing conditions they would be more apt to support you.

The last couple of weeks I have been writing a few items telling why some of the attitudes towards the DNR may have changed over the last few years. Last week I wrote about changes in the licensing system that was supposed to set the DNR budget on a steady course. This week let me tell you about some other changes I have seen.

First of all I want to point out there are always two-sides to every story.

When I was growing up every kid in the backwoods spent time outdoors doing things that were really not legal under the letter of the law, but it was a way of life up here.

In the spring you would go down to the creek when the suckers ran and dam up the creek and make your own spears and try to spear suckers.

During the winter you would see where at least a zillion rab-

bits were moving around at night so you and your buddies would come up with some ingenious ways of trying to trap or catch rabbits. We never did catch any, but it was not for the lack of trying.

When I was working it stated in the law you needed a hunting license for slingshots, along with some pellet guns, but we never really went out of our way worrying about this fact. Now I have been told where dad's have been told their little hunting buddy cannot carry his BB gun without a hunting license when out with dad. If this be the case, is there not maybe a reason hunters numbers are going down?

Then there was the case where a youth, not yet a teenager, figured out a way to make a little money during the summer. Instead of setting up a Kool-Aid stand he got an old wash tub and caught a few minnows from the creek next to the barn and tried to sell a few minnows. Would you believe it the next thing he knew he was talking to a conservation officer about the fact that he was doing was illegal and he needed a license to sell minnows. Are you not sometimes better off using a little wisdom in what you see and don't see out there?

Then there was the dad that was going to take the kids out fishing. Seeing it was a nice sunny day mom decided to go along and get in a little sun bathing while dad and the kids were fishing. They had a nice enough boat so she could spread out a blanket and soak up the sun while the others fished. Along came a conservation officer to check out those fishing. When it is observed there are four people and four poles she insists mom needs a license if she was fishing. They did not ask if she was fishing, but took the fact that there was a pole for each body that she was. A bad taste was left with this family even though a ticket was not issued.

I will close with this fact you may find hard to believe with the way things are done today. Please remember the way the law is written has not changed. The department policy book states the only time you can write a party a ticket for having an unneeded gun in a motor vehicle is if there was an overt act of hunting. This means the gun is sticking out of the window being aimed at something.

You see times have changed; interpretations of the same laws have changed, and the way things are looked at by those enforcing the laws have changed. One does not have to wonder why the numbers are going down and not one legislator wants to go out on a limb for today's DNR.

Concealed weapons board sets meeting

The Concealed Weapons Licensing Board for Schoolcraft County will meet Thursday, March 8, at 9 a.m., in the office of the Schoolcraft County Prosecuting Attorney. The office is located on the second floor of the Schoolcraft County Courthouse, Room 209.

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DNR touts state ski trails

Editor's note: the following article is part of a Michigan Department of Natural Resources program called "Showcasing the DNR."

Picture yourself gliding silently past a clearwater stream gurgling in and out of pockets of glistening ice, or entering a pristine forest of pines and larch trees to see elk standing in the distant shadows, or even stopping with your companions in snow-draped woods to enjoy a steaming cup of hot chocolate.

All these scenarios and more can be enjoyed on a day trip to one of the public cross-country ski pathways found in Michigan's beautiful state forests.

Of the more than 800 miles of pathway managed by the Department of Natural Resources Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division, 24 trails, totaling more than 230 miles of pathway, are groomed this winter for cross-country skiing.

Eleven of those, with a total of 82 miles, are spread out across the Upper Peninsula. Another 13, totaling 152 miles, are located in the located in the northern Lower Peninsula.

"The focus of our ski program is on quality rather than quantity," said Mark Mandenberg, a non-motorized trails specialist for the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division. "We try to offer a family opportunity with something for the young folks as well as mom and dad and the individual who is more skilled at cross-country skiing."

All pathways are groomed with tracks set for the traditional kick-and-glide method of skiing, plus three of the pathways in the Lower Peninsula and four in the U.P. have some grooming for the growing skating style of skiing.

Skiers can expect to find most pathways identified by road signs and many have trail maps posted at trailheads. Additionally, parking lots associated with these pathways are plowed to provide better access for skiers.

Once on the pathway, skiers will find confidence markers at regular intervals to make route finding easy as they travel through the woods.

"Donations are encouraged and fully appreciated as they



The DNR says their cross-country ski trail program focuses on "quality rather than quantity." The program features more than 230 miles of groomed pathways around the state, including the Indian Lake trails outside Manistiquic. (DNR photo by David Kenyon)

help offset the costs of keeping these trails groomed," Mandenberg said. "Donation pipes are located in all of the trailheads."

Each year, Mandenberg said the forest recreation program applies for a grant from the DNR's Recreation Improvement Fund to assist with the costs of trail and parking lot upkeep, but individual donations are counted on to help make up the difference.

Popular pathway choices in the northern Lower Peninsula range from the Ogemaw Hill system, featuring more than 13 miles of pathway just north of West Branch, to the Black Mountain Forest Recreation Area with its 30-plus miles of pathway north of Onaway.

Other favorites include the six-mile Norway Ridge Pathway outside Alpena to the more demanding terrain of the 25-plus-mile system at the VASA Pathway near Traverse City.

The other pathways groomed for cross-country skiing in the northern Lower Peninsula include the Buttes Road Pathway (seven miles) near Lewiston, Chippewa Hills Pathway (6.5 miles) outside Alpena, Wildwood Hill Pathway (10 miles) close to Indian River, Pine Baron Pathway (six miles) southwest of Gay-

lord, Muncie Lakes Pathway (10 miles) close to Traverse City, Cadillac Pathway (11.5 miles) near Cadillac, Pine Valley Pathway (eight miles) near Baldwin, and the Mason Tract Pathway (11 miles) and Tisdale Triangle Pathway (eight miles) both outside Roscommon.

In the Upper Peninsula, local favorites with skiers include the nine-mile Algonquin Pathway in Sault Ste Marie, the 12-mile Blueberry Ridge Pathway system outside Marquette and the six-mile Lake Mary Plains Pathway near Crystal Falls.

The other pathways groomed in the U. P. include the Merriman East Pathway (6.5 miles) northeast of Iron Mountain, Anderson Lake Pathway (four miles) by Gwinn, Days River Pathway (nine miles) near Gladstone, Cedar River Pathway (seven miles) north of Cedar River, Indian Lake Pathway (six miles) outside Manistiquic, Canada Lake Pathway (14.5 miles) near Newberry, Pine Bowl Pathway (six miles) by Rudyard and the Peters Creek Pathway (two miles) near Naubinway.

The list of groomed cross-country ski pathways is available on the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr. Click on "Recreation and Camping" and then look under the "Seasonal Recreation Opportunities" heading. The list includes directions to the trailhead for each pathway and contact numbers for additional information.

"We encourage people to call the local DNR office of a pathway they are planning to ski to get the most up-to-date snow conditions and to have their other questions answered to help plan their visit," Man-

Garden Help



By Tom Earle-Bridgoc

With the overnight arrival of approximately a foot of snow, I decided there was no time like the present to take a peek into some of the newly arrived gardening catalogues.

By page three my resolve to simplify my garden scheme had already begun to waver. How could it be I had never noticed so many of the plant possibilities offered before me?

Very often I am able to console myself with the realization many of the choices wouldn't be hardy in this area. Alas, sadly such was not the case this time. Over half a dozen items caught my eye that were not only rated as hardy for my growing zone, but were also considered easy to grow and care for. A double whammy if there ever was one.

One plant in particular caught my eye. It is called *Elaeagnus* or the Autumn Olive. I've never seen or heard of this plant before. A deciduous shrub or small tree, the catalogues authors considered this an excellent choice for the small garden. As its name suggests, it does bear an edible olive like fruit that is high in lycopene. And yes, it is

hardy to Zone 4. Wow, for \$4.95 I can get a packet of 50 seeds of a plant that is not only good for growing in small gardens like mine, but it would also be beneficial to my health. How can I resist an offer like that?

I also came across some vibrant nasturtiums, which reminded me I had decided some time back I was going to grow a large mass of them, somewhere in my garden this year.

Another easy to grow plant, all nasturtiums need to grow is a little water, lots of sun and, surprisingly, a somewhat poor soil. An overly rich soil will result in lots of green growth but very few flowers.

Also known as Indian cress, the flowers and leaves of the nasturtium are edible, lending a peppery taste to salads. The flowers may also be chopped and used to flavor butters, cream cheese and vinegar; and the immature flower buds and seed pods may be pickled and used like capers.

Here is another little bit of trivia I discovered while researching nasturtiums, which I bet you didn't know. You may have noticed I didn't capitalize the word nasturtium, something that you would probably expect in such a grammatical situation. This is because the plant we call a nasturtium really isn't a Nasturtium. The proper name for this flower is *Tropaeolum*, (rolls right off the tongue doesn't it?), hence the lower case designation. The true and proper Nasturtium is the plant that we commonly refer to as Watercress.

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EDITORIAL

Juggling schedules

Maybe we're still missing something, but after pondering the question at length for the past month or so, we can't find a single good reason for the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners to continue holding three meetings a month. It's been suggested by many, including us, that board members save themselves time and save the county money by cutting back to just two meetings, and all the evidence seems to suggest that would be a good idea.

To start, however, let's give credit where it's due. Let's acknowledge the commissioners who first suggested rearranging the county's long-standing meeting schedule, which called for audit/finance sessions on the second and last Thursdays of the month, with the regular County Board meeting in its accustomed spot on the third Tuesday.

The idea, apparently, was to avoid the perennial debate over what kind of business, and how much business, should be done at the audit/finance meetings. Over the years, commissioners have dealt with the question in many ways, with some boards trying (with limited success) to restrict those committee-of-the-whole sessions to financial discussions only and other boards handling anything and everything that came before them.

That's the idea that was eventually adopted, but so far the results have not been encouraging. We've been treated to one session where the audit/finance business was reorganized and another where the dumbfounded audience watched the board hurray through a few discussion items before moving on to "audit/finance" - a portion of the meeting that consisted of them whispering among themselves and passing vouchers back and forth for nearly half an hour, before suddenly announcing that they were adjourned. Last week, things may have hit rock bottom, when commissioners carried out a lengthy board meeting on Tuesday and a second equally lengthy session just two days later. True, that was an oddity created by a 28-day month where the third Tuesday and last Thursday fell in the same week, but it also showed the problems of having too many meetings bunched up on the calendar.

Throughout all of this, people have started asking if there isn't a better way. In particular, the question we've heard again and again is why the county doesn't simply streamline its meeting schedule, eliminate the second-Tuesday board meeting altogether, and go to combined board and audit sessions on the second and last Thursdays.

One argument against that change was that commissioners need at least one meeting a month to focus on nothing but finance issues. But we have yet to hear a good reason supporting that point.

In reality, budget issues have always occupied a great deal of the board's time, at committee and full meetings alike. It doesn't really matter what you call the meeting. Money is going to be talked about, almost certainly at great length. Surely, if the finance issue is important enough, it should be on the agenda at a regular board meeting anyway, not talked about in a separate session. And if, by chance, the only finance item is a routine review of vouchers, then why can't commissioners study those on their own time and vote to approve them under a regular "audit claims and vouchers" agenda item? Why do we need a separate meeting just to glance over - and rubber stamp - the monthly bills?

Other boards handle their regular financial responsibilities in a variety of ways. In most cases, bills pass first through an administrator, if there is one, or the board's own finance committee, sometimes both. Board members are given a summary, which they can use to keep track of the money going out and ask questions if they need to. At the next board meeting, payment of bills is approved. We can't think of any other board that gathers all of its members together for a full-fledged meeting just to pour over vouchers.

By cutting the third-Tuesday meeting, commissioners would not only streamline their operations, they would save the county a considerable chunk of change. Under the current per diem schedule, board members receive \$30 for every in-county meeting they attend. So that third session every month, held just to talk about money, is costing Schoolcraft County taxpayers \$150 a pop, \$1,800 a year. Chump change? In a multi-million dollar budget it may well be, but given the county's current financial situation, the cries of job poverty we hear at every meeting, and the cutbacks asked of every other county department, it seems fairly significant.

Of course, none of this would prevent commissioners from calling a third meeting, a special session, if need be. The idea is to simplify things, not prevent the board from dealing with critical items of regular or fiscal business that may arise unexpectedly. But we're willing to bet the vast majority of county business could be handled smoothly and efficiently with two meetings a month, just as the city, school district, townships and others manage to get by with their regular meeting schedules 99 percent of the time.

It will be interesting to hear what commissioners have to say about this, if anything at all. If there are good arguments to maintain the status quo, we would love to hear them. Until then, the bottom line seems to be that two meetings a month is more than enough to accomplish the lion's share of business, that such a schedule would be a fair and sensible way to get things done and give the public a better chance to follow what's being done, and that it would be a fiscally-responsible step to save a bit of public money.

Or are we missing something?

A Tale of Two Trials

There were two major court proceedings taking place in the U.S. last week that drew a fair amount of media attention. One of them was very important and will likely show up in history books decades from now, while the other was not, and will not. However, it's the latter trial that dominated television coverage last week, and with the former barely mentioned at all.

I'm speaking, of course, of the perjury and obstruction trial of former White House aide Lewis "Scooter" Libby, and the custody hearing involving the body of the late Playboy model Anna Nicole Smith. The relative coverage of the two, needless to say, has not been the broadcast news media's finest hour. Scooter Libby, former chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney, is accused of perjury himself multiple times as part of an alleged White House conspiracy to discredit former ambassador Joseph Wilson and his wife, Valerie Plame. This is a case that has been in the news for almost four years, and the trial has shed all sorts of light on certain, not-so-virtuous practices of the Bush Administration. (As of this writing, the jury had the case but had not reached a verdict.)

Yes, I understand the trial itself has not been televised. But it's almost shocking how little Libby's trial has been covered by the three cable news channels, in comparison to Anna Nicole. In fact, the only primetime news hour giving major play to the Libby trial has been MSNBC's Keith Olbermann, who, to be fair, certainly has a partisan axe to grind.

Why is this? The most common answer is that the people want their Anna Nicole news, accompanied by constant b-roll footage of Anna in various "cute outfits." This is also true to see Larry King, every night, interviewing the same five people who are tangentially linked to the case, including that one friend of Anna's who's intent on being the Faye Resnick of the 21st century.

The cynical answer is that Americans have no trouble understanding a scandal when it's about sex, or paternity, or other such base things. When things get complicated - like the Plame case, like the Enron scandal, etc. - is when people get confused, and are less likely to stay tuned for hours at a time.

The low point was probably the moment Thursday morning when both CNN and MSNBC cut away from their gavel-to-gavel Anna Nicole coverage and went to another courtroom - the one in California where Kevin Federline, ex-husband of Brinley Spears, was said to be demanding a custody hearing (for his two children with Spears; no, K-Fed has not thrown his hat in the Anna Nicole paternity ring.) For sheer absurdity, this rivaled that CNN moment the week of Smith's death, mercifully mocked by Jon Stewart, when Lou Dobbs promised in a teaser that he would spend his entire hour not talking about Anna Nicole - after which the camera cut back to Wolf Blitzer, standing in front of four screens with different pictures of Anna herself.

In fact, Britney's antics are about the only thing that's pulled the news channels away from all-Anna, all-the-time these past two weeks. It should go without saying, then, that it was reported a few days later that Federline had demanded no such hearing.

But at least Britney was actually a major cultural icon, who dominated popular music for several years and sold more than 70 million albums. Her fall is both shocking and in some way fascinating. Anna Nicole was a Playboy model best known for marrying a 90-year-old billionaire, starting in a mid-level reality show and becoming a tabloid fixture late in life. Not only was no death surprised by her death, but comparing her to Marilyn Monroe, a true icon and talent who starred in several movies that are still considered classics four decades after her death, is especially ridiculous.

I feel the same way about Anna Nicole that I do about Barbara. Sure, it's sad that she's dead. I just don't understand why it has to be a week-long tragedy for everyone in the country.

The Anna Nicole stuff can be a bit entertaining, especially the bizarreness of the four potential fathers and the crazy judge at the preliminary hearing. But there's no way in the world this case deserves to monopolize news coverage, all day and all night - especially when something actually important, the Libby trial, is ignored by comparison.

Again join me as we move into Emerald Elementary. This is a dream that I have carried with me since my children were very small. I have visions of wonderful things happening for Manistique Area Schools. I see progressive times ahead for the city of Manistique and Schoolcraft County. Soon we will be able to offer students a well-designed, technology-ready facility. The combination of this building paired with a fantastic staff of high quality teachers and support staff will make Manistique an attractive area for all. We have a very bright future.

Colleen Hololik Manistique

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WEEKLY WEATHER RECAP. The following weather information starts Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007. Table with columns: Day, High, Low, Precip. Rows: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday.

Pioneer-Tribune Archives

40 Years Ago March 2, 1967. Residents of the Schoolcraft County area will have an opportunity to inspect the new St. Francis de Sales Parish Center this Sunday at an Open House being planned from 2 to 4 p.m. Mayor T.M. Scherger, pastor, said that members of the faculty will be in their respective rooms to explain and demonstrate teaching techniques. Refreshments will be served in the gym by members of the Altar Society.

30 Years Ago March 3, 1977. It may not have been the biggest rainfall that has hit Schoolcraft County, but the rain that did fall was welcome as hopes began to climb that the drought conditions were passing. It was sort of a mixed blessing, however, as the rain began to freeze, causing traffic to come to a virtual standstill on US-2 and other roads last Thursday. Schools closed, meetings were canceled and most general activities were postponed until the weather became more cooperative. About 1.7 inches of rain fell, which was enough to send city crews out to attempt to unclog storm sewers to alleviate water back-up along many roads. According to City Manager Bob Risk, about 60 percent of the catch basins in the city were covered with snow.

20 Years Ago March 5, 1987. The National Guard will be giving Manistique's economy a boost as they add 34 new recruits to the unit stationed here. Col. Mike Johnson of Lansing said Wednesday that half of the 1075th Maintenance Co. will be stationed in Manistique, replacing the 107th Maintenance Battalion detachment which was transferred to Bay City. The new unit will have 117 members as opposed to the 83 men in the former unit.

10 Years Ago March 6, 1997. The review of building and facility options for Big Bay de Noc School will continue March 13. That's when the district's 12-person citizens' committee will meet to resume its study of facility options presented by Integrated Designs of Marquette. According to Superintendent Sally Gerometta, the firm was hired to develop plans for meeting several needs. The most basic concern is lack of space. Gerometta said, "When this school was built 25 years ago, we had 600 kids enrolled. Now the number is less than 400. But the curriculum has changed. We've increased the number of offerings and that has made space a real problem."

Letters to the Editor newsroom@pioneertribune.com

Letter to the Editor: I have, since mid-December, been unhappy with what I perceive to be a less than desirable masonry product at the Emerald School building site. With no credentials regarding such matters, I do understand that a quality product is the consequence of good science, engineering and building practices, and not the result of arbitrary and expedient personal opinions regarding such matters.

built, substantially, during cold weather months, with any visible and effective outdoor environmental controls. I would expect a little more university interest in the ways, hows and consequences, with professional peer reviewed references. Though I may be ignorant, I can smell evasion a mile away. Though I may be ignorant, of most of the universe, I know that people will say and do anything with sufficient motivation, to achieve that which they deem is in their personal self-interest. Until I read some relevant and qualitative justification for the project plans and work, to date, to minimize the potential for greater future expenses. I suggested such an option, in my email exchange with Superintendent Mudge, and heard no subsequent response.

I voiced my concerns, by email, with Manistique Area Schools Superintendent Esther Mudge, first, and, subsequently, voiced them at the M.A.S. Board meeting of 02/19/07. I was not happy with the responses I received. No information provided, regarding my concerns, referenced any appropriate engineering standard.

Either the schools walls have been built in cold and freezing weather, without appropriate weather protection, or not. Either the mortar mix and preparation was appropriate for the weather conditions, or not. Either the building blocks were clean, dry and above freezing, or not. Either there is quotable engineering reference material that addresses my voiced and documented masonry joint fracture related concerns, or there is not.

I do not expect the project engineers to drop everything to address my voiced and documented perceptions, right or wrong; they have a school to build. What I do expect, when I ask serious justified technical questions, is for a spokesman to quote and provide verifiable plain English references, that justify what I witnessed, and set my mind at ease regarding my perception that, at least, some of the school walls are of less than desirable quality, and may, or may not, have the designed integrity envisioned.

Perhaps, design and construction quality control should be monitored by an independent professional, less likely to be influenced by personal interests in the construction of the Emerald Elementary School. Maybe, the community should spend relatively few dollars for a truly independent qualitative evaluation of the project plans and work, to date, to minimize the potential for greater future expenses. I suggested such an option, in my email exchange with Superintendent Mudge, and heard no subsequent response.

I have no interest in summoning the demons of the past; I don't have to. They live among us, today, and forever, as long as community leaders fail to recognize their own ignorance, and fail to act to reduce its impact on the community. The new stadium, and many other community projects, to a significant extent, stand as testimony to ignorance and foolishness. The necessity of an independent "community consulting engineer," with impeccable credentials and integrity, with no economic, political, or family ties to the community, is not optional in a region of limited economic and intellectual resources, cured by the silence, or detachment, of its resident professionals.

Then, again, maybe, I'm all wet, and all that I see, and understand, has no credible basis in fact, or has no relationship to my voiced concerns regarding the Emerald Elementary

School. Peter Markham Manistique

Dear Editor, Very upped! Yes! The Pop Band sure does a great job when they play at the basketball games. Too bad they can't be at every game. It sure adds to the night.

Thanks to the band members for a job well done.

As ever,

"Grandma" Jean Selling Manistique P.S. Good job, Sonny St. John, on your directing the band on Tuesday.

P.S. #2 Good luck to the Emerald basketball team as they go to the districts. Keep up the great team work.

Dear Editor: I congratulate Gov. Granholm for making some tough, but smart budget choices in her Executive Order. Her decision not to cut the Healthy Michigan Fund and the Smoking Prevention program was a good one. It was a decision in the best interest of the state's health and economy.

The Governor's proposal to raise the cigarette tax is also a good one. Raising the cigarette tax will bring in much-needed revenue. Revenue that is needed for important services, such as those included in the Healthy Michigan Fund.

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Elementary teacher 'elated' by school tour

Editor's note: The following letter was submitted by Manistique Area Schools elementary teacher Colleen Hololik, who with her colleagues, had a chance to tour the new Emerald Elementary School construction site last Thursday. The faculty got a close-up look at the new building with Elementary Principal Jason Lockwood and Project Manager Tim Kraft. Afterwards, Hololik discussed her feelings about the new building.

Excitement filled my heart as I walked down the hallways filled with diligent workers, cement blocks piled in neat stacks, and metal work hung overhead. My eyes welled as I stood in the shell of the fourth grade classrooms, imagining what it would look like when completed. The tragic memories were replaced with feelings of elation.

Lakeside School was like my second home. I attended this building with my sister and brother from kindergarten through sixth grade. I remember the construction of the Lakeside gym. I spent third grade in a portable classroom parked in the school-yard.

After the fire I had a hard time even driving by the school. I avoided the area completely. It was too painful to see the haunting shell of the building once filled with fun and education. I taught six of



Among the staff members taking a tour of the Emerald Elementary School construction site last week were (from left): Elementary Secretary Janet Peterson, M&S Technology Director Mary Hook and elementary teachers Kathy Brown, Mary Ritch, Bette Jahn and Colleen Hololik. (Submitted photo)

my 13 years in that school. Every teacher there felt the horrid loss of many combined years of work on lessons, units, projects and materials. My own children, the loss of their school for many months. We practically lived there. The kids came to school with me each morning, stayed late each day, and even followed me there some weekends. Suddenly, my family was split between two separate buildings and my Title I students were divided among three.

Next year Mindy will continue her school career in the middle school. Tony will once elementary is the perfect name. This place is truly a gem. We can put these behind us now. I have visions of wonderful things happening for Manistique Area Schools. I see progressive times ahead for the city of Manistique and Schoolcraft County. Soon we will be able to offer students a well-designed, technology-ready facility. The combination of this building paired with a fantastic staff of high quality teachers and support staff will make Manistique an attractive area for all. We have a very bright future.

Obituaries

Herbert M. Asp



Lifetime Manistique, Mich., resident, Herbert M. Asp, 84, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007, at Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manistique.

He was born May 14, 1922, in Manistique, the son of Adolph and Anna (Peterson) Asp and graduated from the Manistique High School.

On June 4, 1945, he married the former Shirley M. Charrier in Manistique.

Herb was employed at Manistique Papers and was a member of the United Paperworkers Union Local No. 34. He served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific during World War II and was a member of the Schoolcraft VFW, Post No. 4420. He enjoyed wood working, watching game shows and visiting the casino and was an avid Green Bay Packers fan.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley of Manistique; two sons, Ross Asp and Mike Asp of Manistique; daughter, Cindy (John) Peterson of Manistique; daughter, Heather (Scott) Spradler of Manistique and Stacy (Ryan) Price of Ashburn, Va.; two great-grandchildren, Carson Spradler and Nicholas Price; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Larry Asp; brother, Albert Asp; and sister, Margaret Hart.

Visitation was held 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Manistique. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 1:30 a.m. at the church in Manistique with Father Glenn Theoret officiating. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery at Manistique.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Francis de Sales Education Foundation, 210 Lake St., Manistique, MI 49854 or the Schoolcraft County Medical Care Facility, 520 Main St., Manistique, MI 49854. Messier-Brouillere Funeral Home in Manistique assisted the family with arrangements.

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

Sidney E. Walker

Sidney Elizabeth "Beth" Walker, 71, of Manistique, Mich., died Monday, Feb. 26, 2007, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Hiawatha Township.

She was born April 11, 1935, in Pontiac, Mich., the daughter of Howard and Juanita (Cornell) Walker and attended schools in Pontiac. She was a graduate of the Pontiac Central High School with the Class of 1953.

On Aug. 25, 1956, the former Sidney Elizabeth Walker married Karl Merwin Walker in Pontiac. They lived in southeastern Michigan and the Wisconsin Dells, Wis. areas for many years and moved to the Manistique area in June of 2003.

Sidney was a homemaker who enjoyed spending time with and writing letters to her family.

She was a member of the Hiawatha Country Church. She loved Jesus and helping her church.

Survivors include: her husband, Karl M. Walker of Manistique; four daughters, Kathe (Tom) Ray of Nov, Mich.; Betty (Krim) LeReau of Oxford, Wis.; Tammy (Bill) Henke of Reedsburg, Wis. and Jennifer (Jason) Udell of Monroe, Wis.; two sons, Bruce (Michelle) Walker of Grand Marsh, Wis. and Brian (Rhonda) Walker of Friendship, Wis.; 20 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Phyllis Walker of Higgins Lake, Mich. and Shirley (Elmer) Salmon of Higgins Lake; and brother, Malcolm (Diane) Walker of San Francisco, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Kay Walker.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 1, at the Hiawatha Country Church in Hiawatha Township with Pastor Dan McGhee officiating.

A luncheon will follow the service at the Hiawatha Mission Center.

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

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Truman Zook

Truman Zook, 87, of Middlebury, Ind. and Malabar, Fla., died Monday, Feb. 26, 2007, in Malabar.

He was born May 6, 1919, in Fairview, Mich., the son of the late Chauncey and Salina (Sharp) Zook.

On Sept. 11, 1944, he married the former Esther Miller in Fairview, Mich. She preceded him in death on April 5, 1982.

On Sept. 12, 1982, he married the former Elizabeth Lee in Naubinway, Mich.

Truman was a farmer and a meat cutter for 17 years. He was a member of Bonneyville Mennonite Church in Middlebury and attended Bethany Baptist Church in Melbourne, Fla.

Survivors include: his wife, Elizabeth "Beth" Zook, living in Phoenix, Ariz., due to health complications; three daughters, Maxine (Daryl) Zook of Middlebury, Phyllis Rolls of Malabar and Karen (Richard) Zook of Clarksville, Mich.; 15 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; three stepsons, Donald J. (Jackie) Lee of Phoenix, Robert (Jan) Lee of Phoenix and Neil (Elda) Lee of Phoenix; stepdaughter, Debbie Swartz of Phoenix; eight step grandchildren; 10 step great-grandchildren; sister, Ruth Webb of Fairview; and two brothers, Norman Zook of Lapine, Ore. and Delbert Zook of Fairview.

In addition to his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Erma Kline; son-in-law, Donald Rolls; brother, Virgil Zook; and two sisters, Verna Yoder and Vesta Handrich.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 3, at Fairview Mennonite Church, in Fairview, with Rev. Sam Troyer and Rev. John Schrock officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Fairview.

Memorial contributions may be made to Health First Hospice in Melbourne, Fla.

Foster Grandparents to meet

The Schoolcraft County Foster Grandparent Program will hold its next in-service meeting Wednesday, March 14, at 10:30 a.m., at Ann Marie's Family Dining in Manistique.

The guest speaker will be Amy Wilson from Marquette General Hospital.

For more information, contact program Director Mary Bunnin or Supervisor Angel Waeghe at (906) 786-7080.

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.

10:37 a.m. Lockout, Cedar Street	11:58 a.m. Lockout, Deer Street	1:25 p.m. Property damage accident, Maple Street	2:50 p.m. Domestic, Deer Street at Weston Avenue	2:55 p.m. EMS, Manistique Township	3:37 p.m. Two car property damage accident, Main Street	4:10 p.m. Possible attempted breaking and entering, Elk Street	5:35 p.m. Burglar alarm, Main Street	6 p.m. Two car property damage accident, Oak at Maple streets	5:55 p.m. Custody issue and malicious destruction of property, within city of Manistique	7:40 p.m. Prescription medication abuse, within city of Manistique	8:45 p.m. Malicious destruction of property, First Street	10:35 p.m. Lockout, Lake Street	Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007	3:40 a.m. Slippy Streets, within city of Manistique	7:40 a.m. Runaway, Cedar Street	9:36 a.m. Larceny of gas, U.S. Highway 2	9:46 a.m. School lockdown	drill, Mackinac Avenue	1:56 p.m. EMS, within city of Manistique	4:15 p.m. Well being check, within city of Manistique	4:55 p.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette	4:55 p.m. Property damage accident, U.S. Highway 2	5:38 p.m. Assault, Houghton Avenue	8:55 p.m. Hit and run Property damage accident, Deer Street	Friday, Feb. 23, 2007	2:58 a.m. EMS, within city of Manistique	8:47 a.m. Lockout, Oak Street	10:20 a.m. Illegal dumping, U.S. Highway 2	1:15 p.m. K-9 search, Main Street, two students cited for minor in possession of tobacco	4:10 p.m. Lock out, U.S. Highway 2	5:55 p.m. Fire hazard, U.S. Highway 2	7:10 p.m. Suicidal person, Alger Avenue	Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007	9:12 a.m. EMS, within city of Manistique	9:30 a.m. Walk for Warmth escort	10:40 a.m. Walk through	Maple Street	1:45 p.m. Unwanted person, Lake Street	7:30 p.m. Lockout, U.S. Highway 2	Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007	10 a.m. Walk through, Maple Street	1:20 p.m. Child custody dispute, Second Street	2 p.m. Salt truck request, U.S. Highway 2	3:30 p.m. Civil standby, Second Street	5 p.m. Department of Public works call out, U.S. Highway 2 and main city streets	5:30 p.m. Lockout, U.S. Highway 2	5:56 p.m. Motorist assist, Chippewa Avenue and Deer Street	6:44 p.m. EMS, Hiawatha Township	Monday, Feb. 26, 2007	8:39 a.m. Line down, Cherry Street at Steuben Avenue	8:57 a.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette	9:33 a.m. Personal injury accident/ EMS/extraction, Hiawatha Township	10:20 a.m. Non-sufficient fund check, Manistique resident	6 p.m. Assault, Elm Street	8 p.m. Freezing rain, city of Manistique
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Dye pleads guilty to charges in assault case

Europe Alonzo Dye, 34, of Manistique, is scheduled to be sentenced April 5 in 11th Judicial Circuit Court after pleading guilty last week to two counts of felonious assault, a charge of carrying a dangerous weapon and a charge of furnishing alcohol to a minor.

The charges stem from an incident on Feb. 5, when Manistique Public Safety Department officers and Michigan State Police troopers were called to an apartment at 331 Deer Street, where Dye had threatened 21-year-old Stephanie Maynard with a knife.

After speaking to Maynard outside the building, police attempted to enter the apartment and found that Dye had barricaded himself inside, armed with two knives.

Officers were able to gain entry and eventually arrest Dye. There were no injuries.

Dye pleaded guilty to assaulting Maynard and public safety Sgt. Charles Willour.

State issues first ballast water permit under new law

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality said last week that the first 10 permits had been issued to an international shipping company under the state's new ballast water control law.

The law, which went into effect Jan. 1, is designed to prevent the introduction of invasive species into the Great Lakes.

Navibulgar-Smolyan, a Bulgarian company, has received DEQ authorization to engage in port operations in Michigan when the St. Lawrence Seaway opens this spring.

"This marks a milestone in our efforts to protect the health of the Great Lakes and demonstrates the ability for all shipping companies to obtain these important environmental permits in a timely manner," said DEQ Director Steven Chester.

Under the new law, ocean-going ships must obtain a permit from the DEQ to use Michigan ports. Permits are issued only if the applicant demonstrates that they will not discharge ballast water or will use one of four approved technologies to prevent the discharge of invasive species.

Navibulgar applied for permits to conduct port operations without discharging ballast water, but the company is evaluating several water treatment methods for the future.

Vessels often take in thousands of gallons of ballast water to stabilize the ship when traveling without cargo. The ballast water is then released in port as new cargo is loaded, potentially releasing millions of live organisms into the Great Lakes. Often these invasive species have no natural predators in their new environment and can crowd out native species, cause environmental damage, or transport foreign disease or parasites.

"Invasive species cost billions of dollars to control once they are introduced to the Great Lakes, and too often, trying to control them is a losing battle," said Ken DeBeaune, assistant director of the Michigan Office of the Great Lakes. "We encourage our fellow Great Lakes states to follow our example and put an end to the introduction of invasive species from ballast water."



Merlin Rex Cross

Merlin Rex Cross, 89, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, at the home of his daughter Sheryl Hellenga in Traverse City, Mich., where he had resided since August 2004.

Merlin was born Feb. 15, 1918, in Kalkaska County to James Aid and Ethel Irene (Wright) Cross. He graduated from the Kalkaska Public School in 1937. On Dec. 24, 1939, he married Lucinda Phoebe Bateman in Kalkaska. They celebrated nearly 65 years of marriage.

Merlin was first and foremost a farmer and for many years he and his brother Fay operated the Cross Farm in Kalkaska County. Although he left farming to pursue road construction, he was always a farmer at heart. He was a wonderful caretaker of the earth and all its creatures, great and small, and passed these beliefs on to his children and grandchildren. He remained a tiller of the soil.

In 1970 Merlin and Lucinda moved to Steuben in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and operated, with their son Terry and his wife Sally, a general store and a canoe livery on the Indian River. During this time he also worked for Terry's construction business. Later Merlin and Lucinda settled into a home they built on acreage fronting Ogontz Bay near Nahma, Mich.

Survivors include: three daughters, Susan (John) Yonker, Sheryl (Ron) Hellenga and Jackie (John Sturgis) Miller; daughter-in-law Sally Cross; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; sister Winifred (Willard) Fox; sister-in-law Gladys Cross and brother-in-law Douglas Bateman; special friends Logan and Josie; and many nieces and nephews.

Merlin was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Lucinda and his son Terry. He was also preceded in death by his brother Fay and sisters Ila, Thelma and Doris.

Arrangements were handled by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place and a family celebration of the lives of Merlin, Lucinda and Terry will take place this summer near Steuben.

A good man is gone but not forgotten. Memorials may be given in memory of Merlin to the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter, 6091W U.S. Highway 2, Manistique, MI 49854; or Munson Hospice, 1105 Sixth St., Traverse City, MI 49684.

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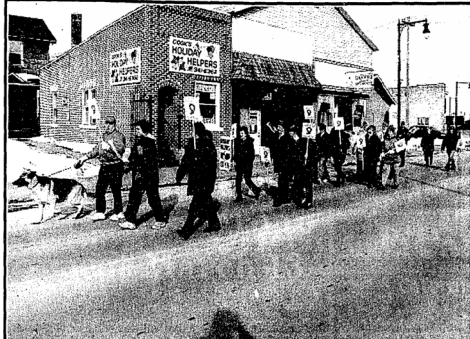
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It was a fairly small but hardy group that braved Saturday morning's chilly temperatures to take part in the annual Walk for Warmth in Manistique. The event, which raises money for the Menominee-Delta Schoolcraft Community Action Agency's heating assistance fund, generated approximately \$3,000, with donations still being accepted at the local CAA office in the courthouse. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)

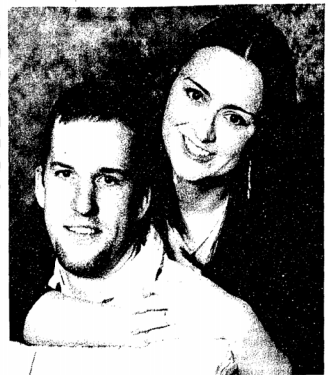


Lois A. Corcoran (Send your comments to corky@canet.us.)

According to Paul Harvey, the thing most women rescue first from a fire is photographs I assume here that the PEOPLE in the pictures made it to safety. Would anyone save images when the real McCoy is smoldering? Photos hold a special place in my heart, too. If I had to rescue mine, it would take a few trips, however.

You get the picture

film-worthy." I sniffed, ready at all times to inflict guilt. "Besides," I added, "I'm the one stuck behind the camera." Photographer, photograph thyself. Well, now I can, thanks to my brother-in-law. He bought me a new digital camera that, among other things, takes timed photos. One can adjust the proper settings and still have a chance to be part of the scene. So I studied the manual and gave it a try. I readied the camera, then raced like mad before diving into the sofa. And how did the picture turn out? Remember that fire I mentioned? It needs kindling.



Benjamin Hurley and Alissa Prater

Reidoca Angus earns national recognition

The American Angus Association has announced that Bill and Terri Reid, owners of Reidoca Angus of Cooks, have been nationally recognized by having one of their registered Angus cows included in the association's 2007 Pathfinder Report. According to John Crouch, the executive vice president of the Missouri-based organization, only 2,324 of the more than 34,000 members are represented in this year's report. Started in 1978, the Pathfinder Program identifies superior Angus cows based on recorded performance traits that are considered economically important to efficient beef production. Those traits include early and regular calving and heavy weaning weights. More than 1.5 million eligible dams and more than five million weaning records were examined to determine Pathfinder status, and all cows meeting the standards are listed in the report. The 2007 Pathfinder Report lists 9,726 individual cows and 256 sires. It is published in the April issue of the Angus Journal and also appears on the association's Web site, which is located at www.angus.org.

Prater and Hurley plan July wedding

Joel Prater and Lorna Prater of Manistique are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Alissa Prater, to Benjamin Hurley, son of Debra Maynard of Manistique and James Hurley of Marquette, Mich. The bride-to-be is a 2006 graduate of the University of Michigan and is currently employed at Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc., in Northbrook, Ill. She plans to attend law school in the fall. The future groom is a member of the United States Navy stationed at Naval Station Great Lakes in Illinois. A July 27 wedding in Escanaba, Mich., is being planned.

MHS Green Band first at competition

The Manistique High School Green Band earned the highest possible marks and finished first at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's District Band and Orchestra Festival, held at Rudyard High School Feb. 22 and 23. Altogether, three bands from the Manistique Area Schools took part in the event: the Green Band, made up of juniors and seniors; the White Band comprised of freshmen and sophomores; and the eighth grade band. In the performance part of a festival, each band performs three selections in the concert room. Three judges evaluate the performance and each gives the band a rating for tone, intonation, rhythm, technique and interpretation. In the sight reading portion, the band is required to perform two selections it has never seen before. Each band is given seven minutes to study and prepare the music before playing. A sight reading judge evaluates this performance and gives the band a rating. The ratings from the concert and sight reading rounds are then averaged for the band's final score. The ratings range from one to five, with one being the highest and considered "superior" performance. At last week's competition, the Green Band scored straight ones and received a final rating of one to take top festival honors. The White Band received mixed scores and a final rating of two. Competing a day before their high school counterparts, the eighth grade band also received mixed scores but still finished with an overall score of one, first overall in their division. The bands are now turning their attention to their annual spring concerts, which will take place in May. The MAS band program is under the direction of George McClintchy.

Births

PAQUETTE - Scott and Denise Paquette of St. John, Ind., are proud parents of their first child, Hailey Marie. She was born on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, weighing 5 pounds, 5 ounces. She was 18 1/4 inches in length. Maternal grandparents are former Manistique residents Denis and Debra Barton of Leeburg, Fla. Hailey's great-grandparents are Charles and Pat Rasmussen of Garden, Mich., George and Gladys Barton of Manistique, and Jim and Nancy Lambert of Leeburg, Fla. Paternal grandparents are Russell and Roxanne Paquette of Rapid River, Mich. Cynthia Hoholik of Manistique earned a master's degree in learning disabilities. Cornie Tuominen-Worth of Gulliver received a bachelor's degree in art and design. Brandon Selling of Manistique received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

NMU grads listed

Northern Michigan University has announced the names of students who earned degrees at the conclusion of the fall semester in December. Four students from the local area were on the list. Cynthia Hoholik of Manistique earned a master's degree in learning disabilities. Cornie Tuominen-Worth of Gulliver received a bachelor's degree in art and design. Brandon Selling of Manistique received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Meeks joins CenturyTel

CenturyTel of Michigan announced last week that Laymen Meeks had been hired as plant technician in the Manistique area. Meeks comes to CenturyTel from MTSK Inc. in Peshigo, Wis., where he worked as a splicer.

Caregivers' group to meet March 13

The Manistique Caregivers Support Group will hold its next meeting Tuesday, March 13, at 1:30 p.m., in the Light-house Room at Hiawatha Behavioral Health, 125 N. Lake St. The group is for anyone who cares for a chronically ill or disabled patient, including patients suffering from Alzheimer's disease or related disorders. Caregivers are invited to attend the meetings and share their experiences, receive helpful information, or talk about whatever is on their minds. For more information, call Barb Pohlman at 341-4684.

Model railroaders set next open house

The Upper Michigan Central Model Railroad Club will host its latest monthly open house this Saturday, March 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the 8th Street Coffee House, 720 Ludington St., in Escanaba. Everyone is invited to stop by and see what model railroading and the club are all about. For more information, call Darryl Bennett at (906) 428-1385 or Gary Stiles at (906) 428-3472.

MOVIE GUIDE
Shown Fri-Thurs 7 p.m.
Norbit
RATED PG-13 Running time: 103 minutes
Norbit has never had it easy. As a baby, he was abandoned on the steps of a Chinese restaurant/porch and raised by Mr. Wong. Things get worse when he's forced into marriage by the mean, junk food-chugging queen, Rasputia. Just when Norbit's hanging by his last thread, his childhood sweetheart, Kate, moves back to town.

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Senior Center

Did you attend the Annual Wiener Roast held at the Center? If not, you missed a great time of socializing and of course, good food!

We were still accepting telephone calls the day of the roast, not that I wasn't getting a little nervous about running out of food. All in all, we had a turnout of 102, up from 64 the previous year.

For those of you who were asking about my potato salad, I will share my mother's recipe with you. Here goes: You put Miracle Whip in a bowl, then you add mustard and sugar. As my mother would have said, there is no measuring, you just add it taste.

Now comes my confession. I prepared the mix and whipped it all together. But all the hard work came from volunteers. Especially, the onions, right Les Rogers!

For those of you asking about the homemade baked beans. You would be amazed to give Mabel Patz a telephone call. Mabel has been famous for her beans for the past several years.

The yummy cucumber, onion and noodle salad was Carol's recipe. We once again thank Emma Hardy and her daughter Dorothy Duquette for being so generous with the paper products. Emma and Dorothy also recently gave Center a donation of granules. Sharon Fish gave a donation of candy cups that not only was used at the hogfest roast, but will be used at our upcoming activities. Thank you, Sharon.

Yes, volunteers came out in groves for this event. That is why we pulled it off so smoothly. It actually made a lot of the preparing fun.

Volunteers included our very own chefs that once again braved the weather to roast the hogdogs on the grill. If you drove by the Center you saw Wes Turan, Ray Nelson and Perry Wise cooking the wiener-ners to order.

Hands in the kitchen were Sharon Fish, Fran Heitrich, Jean Anthony, Pat Clark, Cathy Wise, and Lester and Donna Rogers. I can't express how much you are appreciated by all those attending and myself. Cathy Wise also donated her time doing a lot of the running and purchasing of items.

I have been told that many come for the dessert. Wonder why? Could it be the homemade hot fudge cake Guenda Frenette gets credit for. I saw many of you licking your fingers. Great job, Guenda!

Community corrections and Community service workers were seen in the kitchen doing all the dishes, clean up, etc. If we omitted any volunteers, we encourage you to sign the volunteer workers list in the office. (This helps my short memory!)

Marty Fuller was the lucky winner of the large crocheted doily that Bertha Higley donated to the Center. We thank Bertha for supporting the

Center as generously as she does.

This past Saturday I was contacted by one of the local banks to inform you of a recent on-going scam. If you receive a letter informing you that you might be a winner of a Deutschland International Lottery, it is a scam. Of course they are asking for a clearance fee of \$2,990.20, upon which they will ask that you deposit their check into your account. They encourage you to keep the award strictly confidential until they have processed and received your money. How interesting is that? DO NOT fall into this scam. We thank mBank staff for sharing this info with us.

The same week the Center received an e-mail from Mrs. Nazeq Audi Hariri requesting our bank name, address, account, bank routing number, beneficiary name and address.

The letter goes on to tell us that we would be a trustee to receive funds in which they would like to become investors in commercial and residential properties in our country. The amount of funds they have totals \$86,000,000 US dollars and we would receive 20 percent. Once again, it's a scam!

Would you like to be adopted as a grandparent or have a family member that would like to adopt a grandparent? I have found a web site I would like to share with you. Log on to www.elders-withoutwalls.com to find an elder in an assisted living community who would like an e-mail pal.

Speaking of e-mails, I have to share another that has been sent my way. It is a new telephone greeting. Here goes:

"Good morning, welcome to the United States." "Press 1" to speak English." "Press 2" to disconnect until you can." (Everyone needs a good chuckle now and then.)

And if you are homebound and are unable to get out and get groceries, I was informed by one of our clients while visiting their home that you could go online to netgroceries.com and order groceries. Fed Ex then delivers them. Nosey me had to check this out. I was surprised the shipping wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. Although I am not allowed to give names of clients, I sincerely wish to thank her and her husband for sharing this information with the Center.

I recently received a birthday card that was sent to the Center for Marie Johnson. Does anyone have her phone number or address, as I don't know Marie? If so, give the Center a telephone call at 341-5923.

The Center wishes to thank

By Connie Frenette

the Fifth Grade students of St. Francis for the recently received thank you card. Our card was from Colby Brazda thanking the senior center workers for feeding, playing games and providing help for the Senior Citizens. Colby is a pretty good artist. We thank the local schools for all they have done for our elderly.

Another thank you is due to Ralph Bart. Ralph has donated his time to raise and lower our flag as needed, along with several small tasks at the Center.

Treasure and trash donations were received from Don'a Nelson, Rosie Krall, Norma Archambeault, Carl and Phyllis Louis, Cathy Wise and Natalie Olson.

Sharon Watts, Marilyn Nofke and Norma Archambeault gave miscellaneous donations.

Fran Heitrich gave a coffee donation. My favorite donation this week came from Marge Warren. Marge gave the Center a large Santa that not only sings, but dances. He has a microphone allowing those who are brave enough to sing along with him. Be sure to sign up for our Christmas party so you can check him out.

A memorial monetary donation has been received at the Center in memory of Bernice Stapleton from Eric and Marilyn Os.

Maintenance and support donations were received from Phyllis and Carl Louis and Marty Hanson.

BRIDGE Feb. 19: 1st-Ray Krall, 2nd-Eris Webb, 3rd-George Hough, 4th-Cleo Kotchou, 5th-Helen Barton, 6th-Lois Bellville, CFC-Bev Jahn. Hostess, Cleo Kotchou, served Payday Bars and crackers and cheese.

BRIDGE Feb. 23: 1st-Bibi Duquette, 2nd-Eris Webb, 3rd-Lois Bellville, 4th-Ray Schanz, 5th-Carlo Hough, 6th-Ray Krall. Hostess, Ann Willcock, served homemade rolls, popcorn and candies.

PINOCHLE Feb. 21: 1st-Vi Sundling, 2nd-Audrey Newborn, 3rd-Gerry Henkel, 4th-Marie Sellman.

CRIBBAGE Feb. 22: 1st-Emma Hardy, 2nd-Bill Roberts.

BIRTHDAYS this week: March 2- Leonard England, Lucille Fox, and Nancy Zelter; March 3- Eileen Renton; March 5- Dorothy Hohlak; March 6- Robert Cross and Audrey Martin; and on March 7- Theresa Klarich, Muriel Hamiel and Karen Colwell.



Quick and Easy

For many, the feast of St. Patrick's Day is about having a few pints at a nearby pub and listening to good Irish music. For true celebrants however, the holiday is as much about food as it is about drink.

HARGADON'S IRISH STEW

Serves 6

- 2 lbs. boneless lamb shoulder, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 cups barley
- 4 large carrots, peeled and thickly sliced
- 4 stalks celery, thickly sliced
- 3 onions, sliced
- 2 parsnips, peeled and sliced
- 5 potatoes, peeled and thickly sliced

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
Minced fresh flat-leaf parsley for garnish

1. In a stockpot or large saucapan over medium heat, combine the lamb with enough water to cover. Bring to a boil and skim off any foam that rises to the top. Add the barley, reduce the heat to medium-low and cook, covered, for 30 minutes, or until the meat is half-tender. Stir in the carrots, celery, onions, parsnips, and potatoes, and season with salt and pepper. Cook for 1 1/2 to 2 hours, until all the meat and vegetables are tender and the stew is thickened.

2. To serve, ladle the stew into shallow bowls and sprinkle with parsley.

HARGADON'S IRISH SODA BREAD

Makes 1 Loaf

- 3 cups coarse whole-wheat flour
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 T salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1 1/4 cups butter

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Butter and flour a 9 x 5 x 3-inch loaf pan.
2. In a large bowl, stir together the dry ingredients. Make a well in the center. In a small bowl, whisk together the eggs and buttermilk. With a wooden spoon, stir the egg mixture into the dry ingredients. Spoon the dough into the prepared pan and smooth the top with a spatula that has been dipped in water or buttermilk.
3. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes, or until a skewer inserted in the center comes out clean and the bread sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom. Remove from the oven and let cool in the pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Turn the bread out onto the rack and let cool, right side up, for about 1 hour to make slicing easier. Serve alongside Irish Stew.



It was poodle skirts, leather jackets, a few interesting hairdos and a lot of memories at the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility Tuesday, as the activities department hosted a '50s party. Above: Kevin Bagwell sings a rousing tune as costumed staff, residents and volunteers twirl on the dance floor. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

February MCF party observes eight birthdays, celebrates Valentine's Day

The dining room at the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility was filled for the monthly birthday party sponsored by the GFWC Manistique Women's Club Feb. 21. In keeping with the Valentine's theme, the room was decorated in red and white, and Rita Rossier's cakes were decorated accordingly.

Forty-five MCF residents were in attendance, along with many family members and other guests.

Familiar old-fashioned love songs were played by the popular duo of Don and Audrey Martin, and many residents sang along.

Eight February birthdays were celebrated. Marking their special occasions were Vickie Hawes, Glen Houghton, Herbert Leonard, Stella Middaugh, Marie Johnson, John Rozcek, Anthony Korench and Lydia Miller (who stood up to thank everyone for the party).

Each person received a birthday card and a handmade lap robe from the Women's Club members.

The next party will take place on March 21, with a St. Patrick's Day theme.

Also on hand to help out were Ellen Rosebush and Les, Dick, David and Sally Henry.

For more information, call the lodge at 341-8218.

Moose continue raising money for CBC

Manistique Moose Lodge 1972 and the Women of the Moose announced this week that their Feb. 18 euchre tournament and chili cook-off raised \$491.25 for CBC.

Organizers of the event say that success without the donations received from many area businesses and the hard work of members who volunteered their time.

Euchre winners were: first place, Jerry Stanley, 83 points; second place, Lois Jewett, 72 points; third place, Barb Drossart and Nancy Schrier (tie), 70 points.

First place in the chili cook-off went to Barb Drossart. Second place was won by Diane LaLonde. Third place went to Allen Grimm.

The Moose Lodge will continue its collection efforts with one of the longest-running special events, the annual Brown Bag Auction, Friday, March 30, at 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend the event, enjoy a fish dinner and participate in the auction. Attendees are urged to bring a brown bag containing at least \$5 worth of items, stapled shut, for the auction.

For more information, call the lodge at 341-8218.

CBC bid items due by March 14

Organizers of the 40th annual CBC fund drive are reminding businesses, artists, crafters and other donors the deadline for bid items is approaching fast.

All donations of items for the CBC Palm Sunday auction, or to be used as "pledge premiums" for those who contribute to the drive, should be turned in by the end of the day on Wednesday, March 14.

Items can be delivered to mBank, or you can call Julie Bosanic at 341-7174 for more information.

The annual CBC Radio-Television, which raises money for Bay Cliff Health Camp, the American Cancer Society and Easter Seal, will take place at Manistique High School on Sunday, April 1.

Worship Directory

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Dr. Jay Stein, Pastor, 315 Walnut Street, Sunday, 9 a.m. Morning Service, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. Morning Service. Child care is provided. Evv; Service 1 p.m.

BETH EL BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Joseph Cavelli, 118 East Elk Street, Sacto, Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday services 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.; 5:30 p.m. Prayer Wednesday 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. Allen G. Walmsley, 234 Main St., Sacto, 8 a.m. Worship, and Church School 11 a.m. SOUL, 10:00 a.m. Wednesday 8 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Don E. Sells, Pastor, Worship 11 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor: Rev. J. Scott Baker, Sunday School 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Thursday, 7:30 a.m. Wednesday 7:30 a.m. Evv, 10:00 a.m.

LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor: Rev. Dennis Knapp, 920 W. Ave. Sacto, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Evv, 10:00 a.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor: Rev. Wally D. Bond, 608 S. 10th St., Sacto, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Evv, 10:00 a.m.

DOM LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor: Rev. David L. H. Prange, 460 W. 10th St., Sacto, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Evv, 10:00 a.m.

GERARD LUTHERAN CHURCH
22 S. Lincoln Street, Jesus south of Gemini on 17. 7:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Evv, 10:00 a.m.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ROCKS
Pastor: Steve Jones, 812 Andrews Ave., 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Evv, 10:00 a.m.

FAYETTE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Pastor: Rev. Steve Jones, 812 Andrews Ave., 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Evv, 10:00 a.m.

THE HERESIE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Sundays 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays 7:30 a.m. Evv, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Evv, 10:00 a.m.

MARLE CROWE MEMORIAL CHURCH
Randy Holmes, Pastor, 601 N. Sacto, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Evv, 10:00 a.m.

UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Pastor: Rev. Steve Jones, 812 Andrews Ave., 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Evv, 10:00 a.m.

WOMAN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Rev. Steve Jones, 812 Andrews Ave., 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Evv, 10:00 a.m.

MANISTIQUE COUNTRY CHURCH
Pastor: Rev. Steve Jones, 812 Andrews Ave., 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Evv, 10:00 a.m.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Pastor: Rev. Steve Jones, 812 Andrews Ave., 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Evv, 10:00 a.m.

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Pastor: Rev. Steve Jones, 812 Andrews Ave., 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Evv, 10:00 a.m.

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Pastor: Rev. Steve Jones, 812 Andrews Ave., 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Evv, 10:00 a.m.

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Pastor: Rev. Steve Jones, 812 Andrews Ave., 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Evv, 10:00 a.m.

THE CONGREGATION OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
Pastor: Rev. Steve Jones, 812 Andrews Ave., 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Evv, 10:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
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daytime meetings, including the upcoming meeting of the Michigan Economic Development Association at the Comfort Inn on March 14 and the Upper Peninsula Economic Development Alliance session at the Elk Lodge March 15.

Board members approved the resignation reluctantly, with two - Ernie Hoholik and David Strasser - voting not to accept it.

Wnuk was elected chair by a unanimous vote.

The EDC also continued the gradual expansion of duties for Program Manager Laurie Jasmin, who has been the corporation's only employee since last summer, when financial problems forced the corporation to sell its Deer Street office building and layoff executive director Ilene Kotjarvi.

In the months following that restructuring, the board asked Jasmin to focus only on her traditional role overseeing the housing grant programs administered by the EDC.

More recently, she has accepted a broader range of responsibilities, including representing the agency at meetings and working on other marketing and development-related initiatives.

Jasmin and the board agreed Tuesday to continue that approach, and to give her more time for economic development work by increasing her schedule from 30 to 36 hours a week.

The change will allow the EDC's office in the courthouse to be open a half-day on Fridays, instead of being closed that day.

The executive committee agreed to review Jasmin's salary and bring a recommendation to the board next month.

In addition, Jasmin was appointed as the EDC representative to the new task force being formed in the county.

Working with the \$5,000 planning grant received last week from the Land Policy Institute at Michigan State University, the task force will hold focus groups, sponsor workshops and put together a report with recommendations for the future of local economic development.

Note: *Pioneer-Tribune* Editor Paul Olson is a member of the EDC board.

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The goal of the project is to "chart a new course" for economic development in the county, following last year's financial and operational restructuring by the EDC.

With the grant in hand, the Prosperity Team is now putting together the task force, with an even broader-based representation that will include a member from each township and other development-oriented organizations, including the Downtown Development Authority, Manistique Merchants Association and Manistique Area Tourist Council.

In the months ahead, the task force will work on several initiatives, including holding focus group sessions around the county to gather input from government officials and local residents on the direction economic development in the county should take.

The group will also arrange for several educational programs for residents, including workshops on leadership and entrepreneurship, and two new sessions of the development program "Can Small Towns Be Cool" that was presented in the county last year.

At the end of the planning process, the task force will prepare a report with recommendations and present it to the public.

One item not on Monday's agenda and not discussed during the meeting was reviewed in a memo from Mayor David Peterson to the council.

The memo discussed the process of real estate sales, which had caused some problems for council at the Feb. 12 meeting.

During that session, council voted to sell a lot in the city industrial park to local business owner Don Wood, but debated the meaning of a city charter requirement brought to light by City Clerk Deborah Filoramo.

At first glance, the charter appeared to mandate two council votes before a property sale could be completed - one vote to approve the sale and a second to finalize it after the transaction had been open at least 10 days for public inspection.

At the time, Filoramo and council members said they could not recall any previous land sale that had followed that procedure.

After the meeting, Peterson said the interpretation of that charter section was cloudy. He and Aldrich asked Filoramo to study the charter again and issue a formal opinion.

According to his memo, Peterson also contacted the two surviving members of the city's 1967 charter commission.

Program targets U.P. landowners for assistance

The Department of Natural Resources is offering private landowners interested in expanding habitat diversity on their property assistance through the Landowner Incentive Program (LIP). The private-lands program helps re-establish mesic conifers in the Upper Peninsula.

Mesic conifers, primarily white pine and hemlock, were over-harvested in the early 1900s due to their value as lumber products and for leather tanning purposes.

The species has declined by nearly 80 percent, which has led to a subsequent decrease in at-risk wildlife species such as the red shouldered hawk, northern goshawk and cerulean warbler. The trees also provide thermal and escape cover for other game and non-game wildlife species, including white-tailed deer.

Bill Moritz, chief of the DNR Wildlife Division, said 1.1 million trees have been planted on more than 4,299 acres in the U.P. since the program began in 2004.

"We are proud of these efforts and thankful that private landowners want to help us restore mesic conifers on the landscape," Moritz said.

Approximately 50 percent of the U.P. land area is privately owned and considered critical habitat to a variety of wildlife species.

The program is dedicated to providing sound technical assistance in sustainable timber management, soils, wetlands, waterfowl ponds and food plots.

A natural resources plan, which contains DNR recommendations for habitat improvement, is written upon request.

In addition, financial support is available to provide mesic conifer seedlings and planting labor for highly ranked properties.

Little to no cost is incurred by the landowner. The program primarily is funded by a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with a partial DNR match.

"LIP provides the opportunity to identify common habitat enhancement goals and to work cooperatively across multiple ownerships to meet those goals here in the U.P.," said Western U.P. District Supervisor Robert Doepker. "To date, we have written over 25 resource plans and provided technical assistance to more than 10,000 acres."

Priority areas in the U.P. fall mainly in the western and northern portions of the region. Two Schoolcraft County townships - Hiawatha and Seney - are listed as priority zones.

People with a minimum of 40 acres located in a priority area, or 200 acres outside of a priority area, should contact Kevin Swanson, DNR wildlife habitat biologist, at (906) 226-1357.

A map of all the priority areas can be found at www.michigan.gov/dnr under the "Wildlife and Habitat" and "Landowner Incentive Program" links.

Program targets U.P. landowners for assistance

Officials with the Michigan State University Extension have announced the schedule for the upcoming "Agriculture for Tomorrow" conference, which will take place Friday, March 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Heiman University Center at Bay de Noc Community College in Escanaba.

Participants can attend their choice of 16 different sessions - four to choose from in each of four one-hour blocks.

A sampling of workshop topics includes Energy Crops and Your Community; Going Organic; Farm Emergency and Security Issues; Is There a Place for Farms With 2,000 Cows in the U.P.?

U.P. Energy Sources; Selling on the Web; Feeding Ethanol By-products; Ag Tourism Opportunities; Are You Tractor, Trainers and ATVs Legal?; Is \$3.50 Corn a Cash Crop?; New Energy Sources for Your Farm; and How to Price Your Direct Market Product.

The luncheon keynote speaker will be Michigan Department of Agriculture Director Mitch Irwin.

The noon hour will also include time for visiting educational exhibits, which will include displays on U.P. alfalfa and corn trial results, the U.P. guard dog research project, the Groundwater Stewardship Program, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Forestry Assistance Program, the Farm Service Agency and more.

The cost of the conference is \$20 per person before March 5, \$25 at the door.

To sign up, send a check payable to MSU Extension to: MSUE U.P. Region, 205 S. Front St., Suite 2H, Marquette, MI 49855.

For more information on attending or exhibiting, call (906) 228-4830.

The conference is sponsored by MSU Extension and a variety of U.P. businesses and organizations, including the Chippewa Mac-Luce-Schoolcraft, Hiawathaland, Menominee, Iron Range and Copper County Farm Bureaus.

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**Upcoming
CBC
Special Events**

The roster of special events organized to benefit the 2007 CBC fund drive continues to grow. Not surprisingly, March is the busiest month for activities, as everyone prepares for the annual CBC Radio-Teletthon on Palm Sunday, April 1.

Here is the latest list of planned events:

MANISTIQUE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION SKATE-A-THON
Sunday, March 4, 1-3 p.m.
Hockey Association members take pledges and skate laps to benefit CBC

ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (Grades 4-6)
Saturday, March 24
Students organize their own teams, with each team having an adult coach. Awards presented to the first- and second-place teams at each grade level. A small admission fee is charged and a concession stand is available throughout the day. Proceeds benefit CBC.

EAGLES CLUB EUCHRE TOURNAMENT AND CHILI COOK-OFF
Sunday, March 25
Euchre tournament starts at 2 p.m. Entry fee is \$6, with \$1 going to CBC. The chili cook-off begins at 4 p.m. The cost is \$5 for all you can eat.

MOOSE LODGE BROWN BAG AUCTION
Friday, March 30, 7 p.m.
The traditional auction of "brown bags" containing items unknown to the bidder.

SCHOOCRAFT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CASUAL DAYS
Dates to be announced
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Varsity Emeralds look to take their late-season momentum into upcoming district tournament

Down by five at the half, the Manistique Emeralds varsity held Westwood to just two points in the third quarter and went on to spoil the Pats' senior night celebration by claiming a 39-34 victory Tuesday night.

"We started out OK, but then got a little sloppy towards the end of the half," Manistique coach Ed Marietti said. "We came out and played an outstanding third period. This was a very exciting victory."

Down by four early in the Mid-Peninsula Conference match-up, Westwood took a 6-4 lead when Dan Murry nailed a triple at the four-minute mark in the period.

A basket by the Emeralds' Josh Mickelson tied the game at six, but from there Westwood went on a 7-2 run, capped by Matt Sundberg's three-pointer, to control a 13-8 lead at the end of the quarter.

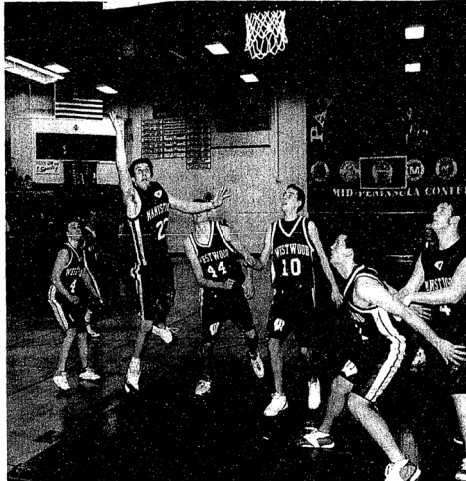
Trailing by seven early in the second period, the Emeralds cut the margin to three off baskets by Mickelson and Scott Giles.

Four unanswered points later, the Emeralds were chasing seven points again, with time running out in the half.

With just 40 seconds left before the break, Mickelson nailed his eighth point of the night to cut the margin to four.

With a bucket by Jared Turan, the Emeralds trailed 19-16 at the break.

Seven minutes ticked off the clock before the Patriots found



Cody Kangas puts up a shot as Jared Martin (number 34, far right) battles to get into position for the rebound during Tuesday night's regular season finale — a 39-34 Emerald victory — at Westwood. (Photo courtesy Jay Martin)

the net in the third stanza. "It was at that point when Dave turned to me and said they have not scored yet," Marietti said. "I looked at him and said I was hoping no one would say anything. This was our no-hitter, our perfect game, but then they hit one."

Taking advantage of Westwood's misfortune, the Emeralds outpaced their hosts 15-2 and held a 31-23 advantage at the end of three. Mickelson spurred the Emeralds with six in the quarter and finished the game with 15 points.

Down but not out, the Pats battled back, outscored the Emeralds 11-8, and pulled to within three midway through the fourth quarter, but came up short in their bid to send their seniors out on a positive note. "We got a little anxious, took some quick shots that

didn't fall, and let them back in," Marietti said. "I called a timeout and told them to just run the play. If we don't get anything out of it, start over but be patient."

Marietti said defense was the key to the win.

"They really stepped up and shut them down," he said. "We controlled the boards and held them to one shot in the second half. This was a nice way to finish the regular season."

Manistique was 17 of 44 from the floor. Kangas added eight points to the Emerald total, Corey Gonyea six, Giles four, Terry Martin, Jared Martin and Turan two points each.

Marietti will look for his team's late-season momentum to play a role in next week's district tournament.

The defending district champion Emeralds (8-12) will take on the St. Ignace Saints (17-3) Wednesday in Newberry, with tip-off set for 7 p.m. The winner will advance to the championship game against the winner of Tuesday night's Rudyard-Newberry contest, with a trip to the regionals in Escanaba on the line.

"We played very well in our last three outings," Marietti said. "We were able to adjust when we needed to, and hopefully we can keep it going. When we show up, there isn't a team out there we can't play with."



Four Manistique wrestlers qualified for the United States Girls Wrestling Association National Finals by placing at the qualifier in Escanaba Feb. 18. From left: Becca Anger, who finished in first place; Sammy Jenerou, who took second; Erin Holmberg, who finished first; and Amber Smith, who claimed second place. (Submitted photo)

Four Manistique wrestlers qualify for girls' nationals

On Sunday, Feb. 18, four female wrestlers from Manistique took part in the United States Girls Wrestling Association National Qualifiers in Escanaba.

Just one day after her fourth-place finish in the U.P. State Finals at Marquette, Manistique High School junior Sammy Jenerou captured a second-place medal in her division at the qualifiers.

"She wrestled well, but we could tell she was drained from the weekend," coach Everett Wood said.

Also taking a fourth-place medal was Manistique fourth grader Amber Smith.

Wood said Smith has made good progress on the mats. "She's learned a lot in a short time," he stated.

Winning gold were Erin Holmberg and Becca Anger, both taking part in their first competitions of the year.

"Erin looked real sharp right out of the block," Wood said. "Becca showed a little rust, but she prevailed in her division."

All four girls qualified to wrestle in the nationals, which will be held in the Detroit area March 31.

Kiwanis Invitational set

Given this week's weather, it may be just a bit early for most folks to think about track and field season, but officials at Manistique High School are busy making plans for a new track meet, the Kiwanis Invitational, to be held at A.F. Hall Stadium on Saturday, April 28.

Organizers say their goal is to establish an early-season invitational that initially will include teams that compete

Volleyball districts take place Saturday

The 2007 volleyball districts take place this weekend around Michigan.

In Class C action, Manistique will travel to St. Ignace for the District 93 tournament on Saturday, March 3.

The first game will pit the host Rudyard against Newberry at 10 a.m.

The Emeralds will play the host Saints in game two at 11 a.m.

The winners of those contests will square off in the finals at 12:30 p.m.

In Class D, Big Bay de Noc will head to Rapid River for the District 125 tournament Saturday.

At 9 a.m., Hannahville will take on Engadine in the opening game.

Game two will feature Big Bay de Noc against Grand Marais at 10:30 a.m.

The third contest will see Mid Peninsula playing the winner of game one at noon.

At 1:30 p.m., Rapid River will face the winner of game

against the Emeralds at the Michigan State High School Athletic Association regional meet.

In the future, the Kiwanis Invitational will expand to include other teams from around the Upper Peninsula.

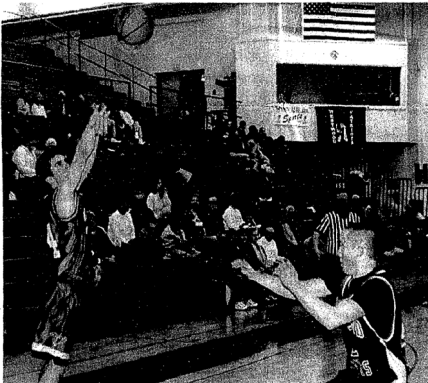
The committee is now seeking sponsors for each running and field event. The sponsorship fee is \$100 per event, which includes recognition at the meet and in the program, as well as the right to "name" the event and include program comments.

According to Roger Pratt of MHS, half of the events remain open for sponsorship at this time.

To sign up or learn more, contact Pratt at 341-4300.



Action from Tuesday night's JV game at Westwood. Left: Scott Zellner gets pressure from all sides as he tries to get off a shot underneath. Right: Dustin Demers lets one fly from long range. The Emeralds beat the Patriots 49-39 to finish the year at 18-2. (Photos courtesy Jay Martin)



Conference champs end the year 18-2

Turn the calendar back one year and rewrite the same story — well, almost.

The record is virtually the same (16-2 last year, 18-2 this time around), and the team is ending the year as Mid-Peninsula Conference champs.

The difference is that last year's Emerald freshmen, now junior varsity, finished the season with a 10-point victory over Westwood instead of five.

It was a fitting end to an exciting year for the underclassmen. After skating by the Patriots in their first meeting, the Emeralds found themselves in unfamiliar territory during the rematch, trailing after three periods of play.

Down by four, the talented group of seven rose to the challenge and buried Westwood in the final eight minutes of play to capture the 49-39 conference win.

The Emeralds jumped out

early and held a 9-7 lead off a five-point effort by Dustin Demers in the opening period.

But Manistique managed just six in the second quarter. A triple by Garde Kangas and three the old fashion way by Gunnar Mickelson summed up the offensive output for the Emeralds in the second.

Taking advantage of the lack of offense from the Emeralds, the Pats hit 10 and led 17-15 at the half.

With thoughts of an upset on their minds, Westwood came off the break and bettered the Emeralds 13-11 in the third to control 30-26 advantage going into the final stanza.

But Westwood found out firsthand that all good things must come to an end.

After outplaying the conference's best for almost 16 minutes, reality set in, as Manistique hammered the Pats 23-9 in the fourth quarter to capture

the win.

Demers led the volley of buckets with 11 points in the period. He finished with 18 to lead the Emeralds for the night.

Mickelson netted eight of his 13 points in the stretch. Rounding off the scoring for the Emeralds were Kangas, who netted eight points on the night, and Colton Walters and Scott Zellner, who finished with five points each.

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Menominee (11-6)
Sault Ste. Marie (12-7)
Westwood (11-8)</p> | <p>Class D</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cedarville (19-0) Jeffers (18-1) Forest Park (16-2) Ewen-Trout Cr. (16-2) Carney-Nadeau (16-3) <p>Also receiving votes:
North Dickinson (13-3)
Watersmeet (12-5)
Superior Central (14-4)</p> |
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Manistique's fifth and sixth grade boys' basketball team recently placed second in an annual tournament held in Newberry. Following impressive wins over Munising and Newberry, the team fell to Superior Central in the finals. They are now 6-4 for the season. Participating in the tournament were (front row, from left): Zach Lambert, Tyler Kangas, Tre Selling (ball boy), Bryson Lawrence, Max Nelson. Back row: coach Tommy Selling, Steven Repp, Jared Edwards, Ben Edwards, Connor Selling and coach John Nelson. The squad will travel to Dickinson County this month to play in the annual tournament at Norway. (Submitted photo)

Menominee County schools teaming up for hoops tourney

The North Central and Carney-Nadeau basketball programs are teaming up to sponsor a "March Madness" Invitational Basketball Tournament the weekend of March 10-12. Games will take place at the gyms of both schools. The event will feature four men's classes: B, C, D and 40 and over. There will also be a women's division. Those 40 and over can play in more than one division. Play in B and C class will either be double-elimination or determined by a first-round game where the winner goes to B and the loser to C. The format will depend on the number of teams entered. Classes D and E will be determined by roster, league standing and past performance, and the number of teams entered. Michigan High School Athletic Association rules will apply with several exceptions. Games will feature a 20-minute running clock except for the last two minutes of the first half and the last three minutes of the second half. There will be a five-minute halftime. Also, a 25-point rule will be implemented with four minutes left. The winning teams will be awarded a trophy and 10 individual awards. Second-place finishers will receive a team trophy. An MVP award will also be given in each class. The entry fee is \$80. Fees

and rosters should be sent to: Paul Pofius, Box 55, Carney, MI 49812. Registrations can also be obtained to (906) 639-2866, (506) 639-2171 or (906) 748-0184. The entry deadline is Sunday, March 4. For more information, use the phone numbers listed above or send an e-mail message to pofius@uplogon.com.



Manistique's Big Boy Wildcats returned home with a third-place trophy from the fifth annual "Chicks With Sticks" tournament in Mackinaw City this past weekend. After suffering a 5-2 loss to Alpena Friday night, the girls shut out Mount Pleasant 8-0 and knocked off number one-ranked Midland Saturday to earn a place in the Sunday semifinals. In that match, the Cats took an early lead but went on to drop a 3-1 decision to Alpena. Ten teams from across the state competed in the tournament. Pictured above, front: goalie Amanda Laramie. Second row, from left: Addie Gustafson, Darby Demers, Hannah Bryant, Hailey Hoholik, (third row) Carlie Kangas, Teighlor Hoholik, Samantha Walters, Sadie Sobieski, Kelsey Gonyea, (last row) coach Mark Hoholik, Allison Laramie, Cassie Walters and coach Nick Hoholik. (Submitted photo)

Many local racers compete in Snow X

A number of snowmobile racers from the local area took part in last weekend's Michigan Snow X Racing Association event, held at the Kawadin Casino grounds in Manistique. Their results are posted below:
Saturday, Feb. 24
Kitty Kats and 120s: Kanton Lauzon, winner.
Semi Pro 600 Open: Eric Zellar, first place; Kris Bowman, second place.
Junior B Stok 120: Lexi Carlson, eighth place.
Beginner - Sport Fan: Kaleb Ackley, third place.
Junior 10-13 600 Fan: Jordan Carlson, second place; Tyler Sample, third place; Dustin Williams, seventh place.
Pro 600 Open: Kaleb Ackley, fourth place; Jon Carlson, fifth place; Jamie Carlson, sixth place.
Sport Women: Jessica Ackley, second place.
Junior 1 (14-15): Kaleb Ackley, first place; Josh Klich, sixth place.
Sport 600 A: Heath Thomas fifth place; Cole Goudreau, seventh place.
Junior 2 (16-17): Scott Rosebush, fourth place; Jordan Carlson, third place.
Semi Pro Women: Emily Zellar, first place.
Sport 500 A: Kaleb Ackley, second place; Cole Goudreau, second place; Jamie Carlson, seventh place.
Junior 10-13 380 Fan: Jordan Carlson, second place.
Beginner 600: Scott Rosebush, sixth place.



District winners in the K of C Free Throw Championship were (front row, from left): Melanie Neddow, Danielle Swayer, Mallory Ramelis, Samantha Bennett. Back row: Mike Hueter, Kenya Oas, Cole Potvin, Zachary Frazier, Isak Frazier. The district event, hosted by Manistique Knights of Columbus Council 2026, was held at St. Francis de Sales School Feb. 18. The winners will take part in regional and state competition at Negaunee March 11. (Submitted photo)

Shooters advance from districts

Manistique Knights of Columbus Council 2026 hosted the district level of the K of C Free Throw Championship Feb. 18 at St. Francis de Sales School. Contestants from Manistique, Cooks, Garden, Munising, Engadine, Gould City and Nausinway took part, with each contestant attempting 25 shots. The winners, their hometowns, ages, and the number of shots made:
Girls: Samantha Bennett of Nausinway (9 years old, 9 shots), Mallory Ramelis of Gould City (11 years old, 10 shots), Danielle Swayer of Cooks (13 years old, 10 shots), Melanie Neddow of Manistique (14 years old, 16 shots).
There were no competitors in the 10- and 12-year-old age groups.
Boys: Isak Frazier of Engadine (9 years old, 13 shots), Zachary Frazier of Engadine (10 years old, 17 shots); Cole Potvin of Garden (11 years old, 17 shots), plus two five-shot tiebreakers where he made 3 state-level shootout, to be held and 4 shots respectively; Kenya Oas of Munising (12 years old, 18 shots); Michael Hueter of Manistique (13 years old, 8 shots, plus 4 shots on a five-shot tiebreaker); Michael Klobuchter of Engadine (14 years old).
The winners now advance to the next round of competition, the combined regional and state-level shootout, to be held at Lakeview Elementary School in Negaunee on March 11.

~NOTICE~
City of Manistique Board of Review

The City of Manistique Board of Review will be in session on the following dates to hear public comments on the 2007 assessment roll:

Monday, March 12, 2007
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13, 2007
12 to 3 p.m. & 6 to 9 p.m.

Purpose: to equalize assessment roll.

Taxpayers with questions concerning their assessments are invited to attend the meetings.

Fred Peterson,
City Assessor

NOTIFICATION OF TREE TRIMMING

Edison Sault Electric Company has contracted with Northern Tree Service to do maintenance tree trimming in the following locations within our operating system:

MANISTIQUE DIVISION
Hiawatha Township Circuit - leaving the Manistique Substation to M-94 and State Road, following State Road to the east of Indian Lake and M-94 and north to Ashford Lake, including all branch lines between.

City of Manistique West Circuit - leaving the Manistique Substation, going south to the city limits, north to Intake Park, including everything west of the Manistique River to 5th Street.

These contractors will be working in the areas noted for several months and have equipment with their own company designation openly displayed.

If there are any questions, please contact:

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AMENDED ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 07-20384-CZ

Plaintiff name and address
Kellie Hart, Personal Representative Estate of Timothy F. Hart, Deceased
7501 Oak Road
St. Helen, Michigan 48856

Plaintiff's attorneys, bar no., address, and telephone no.
Rebecca C. McClair (P26574)
312 N. Water Street
Owosso, Michigan
(989) 725-8189

Defendant names and addresses
John C. Ackerman
2255 N. 66th Street
Wauwatosa, WI 53213
and
Victoria Ackeman
2255 N. 66th Street
Wauwatosa, WI 53213
and all Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Assignees, Claimants, and Unknown Owners.

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Decedent's Estate
File No. 07-4078-DE

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ANSWERS FOR MAR. 1, 2007

BEAG	SADE	ERISE	ALAL	PRESENT	TNT	KANSAS	ASS	LESE	STOAT	ALP	RAER
9	3	7	1	8	5	6	2	4	1	7	8

ANSWERS FOR MAR. 1, 2007

1.	(Jane) Austen	11.	(Jane) Powell
2.	(Dick) Butkus	12.	(Dick) Butkus
3.	(Dick) Butkus	13.	(Jane) Russell
4.	(Dick) Cavett	14.	(Jane) Seymour
5.	(Dick) Clark	15.	(Dick) Smothers
6.	(Jane) Curtin	16.	(Jane) Struthers
7.	(Sally) Field	17.	(Dick) Van Dyke
8.	(Jane) Fonda	18.	(Jane) Withers
9.	(Dick) Martin	19.	(Jane) Wyatt
10.	(Jane) Pauley	20.	(Jane) Wyman

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You can cry and close your mind, be empty and let them go.
Or you can do what they would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

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Retailer raising money to help fight against MD

St. Patrick's Day is approaching, and the Pamida retail chain is asking the public to help decorate for the season while promoting a good cause. The company has teamed up with the Muscular Dystrophy Association to "paint the town green" with the Shamrocks Against Dystrophy fund-raiser.

Green and Gold shamrocks are available at all of Pamida's 206 stores to benefit MDA and support the programs and services that help improve the lives of people living with neuromuscular diseases.

Customers are invited to purchase and sign a green shamrock for \$1 or a gold shamrock for \$5 from now through March 17. The shamrocks will be displayed at the store for the remainder of the fund-raiser.

Monies raised will go to support MDA programs in the region, including clinics, summer camp for children with neuromuscular diseases and research.

"Pamida is proud to partner with the MDA on this fund-raiser," says Chief Merchandising and Marketing Officer Julie Lyle. "Supporting our communities and the people that call them home has always been very important to us. The Shamrocks Against Dystrophy program is one more way that we can do our part to make life better in our hometowns."

Pamida employees and stores donate time and money to their local communities throughout the year.

In 2006 the company developed the Pamida Foundation to support the local efforts of its stores through financial contributions to nonprofit organizations. Over the past six years, the foundation has given more than \$3.5 million to charities in their stores' communities.

The Shamrocks Against Dystrophy program has been a popular MDA tradition for more than 20 years. In 2005, the program raised more than \$14 million nationally through the efforts of volunteers, participating businesses and sponsors. Patrons of businesses nationwide, including supermarkets, convenience stores and restaurants, participated.

Memories

by Vonciel Ledue
Lumberjacks were paid differently depending on their job.

Wages for sawyers, timber fitters, skidders and log deckers (who piled logs at the dumps) were \$30 a month, swampers were paid \$24 a month, teamsters were paid \$45 a month and cooks received \$50 a month. All of them received room and board.

Life in lumbercamps was basically the same from one camp to another. The primary differences were the cooking and the role of alcohol.

The Chicago and Weston lumber companies' policy was no alcohol in any of their enterprises. If someone was caught with alcohol, they were immediately dismissed.

Some camps allowed alcohol initially, but found out alcohol and woods work don't mix.

The other important difference to many lumberjacks was who the cook was. Cooking determined where lumberjacks were going to spend their winter.

Everyone who worked in a lumbercamp worked long hours, beginning with the head ices working all night to the cook with his cookies begin-

ning meal preparations prior to daylight, since the lumberjacks were in the woods from first light to last every day but Sunday.

Lumberjacks required hearty meals three times a day to maintain their rigorous life-style.

The cook and cookies served pancakes, potatoes, sausages and leftover bread and biscuits for breakfast.

Lunch was comprised of salt pork, corned beef, potatoes and vegetables.

Some camps were supplied with venison on a regular basis, if they hired a hunter to supply them throughout the winter.

Coffee and tea were available, but no milk or sugar.

The cooks also baked cookies, pies, breads and biscuits on a daily basis.

Dinner was comprised of leftovers and various soups.

What perishables there were in camps were kept cool in streams or wells for the winter use.

The volume of food necessary to feed 30 to 60 lumberjacks daily kept the cook and his cookies busy.

No one came into the cook camp until called by one of several methods: banging pans together, hitting an iron bar with a hammer or blowing the camp horn.

Once the lumberjacks piled in, there was an unspoken rule of no conversing at meal times except asking for food to be passed.

Initially, when the lumberjacks were working close to the camp, they came in for their lunch meal, but as they moved farther away from the camp, it was the cook's responsibility to bring their lunch meal to the men in the woods.

For six days a week the lumberjacks arose before dawn and came back at dusk. Their evening hours were spent sharpening their axes, playing cards or reading. Normally, men went to bed early during the week.

In most camps, there were always lumberjacks who



Schoolcraft County Historical Society photos showing the crews of old lumbercamps. Above left: From the Clint Leonard collection, this picture shows either the Phillion, Warfield or Leonard camp in the late 1800s. Above right: A photo from the Adolf Sandberg collection showing the Sandberg Lumbercamp circa 1910. Adolf and Ida Sandberg are standing at the far left. Below: A lumbercamp crew with female cooks.



played various instruments, which normally came out on Saturday night. Fiddles, harmonicas and accordions were the most common.

Sundays were so-called days of rest and relaxation. After seeing to their laundry and tools, the games began. Lumberjacks competed with one another in the tools of their trade, and in some cases, if another lumbercamp was nearby, there would be various competitions between the camps, such as horseshoes, boxing and wrestling. Often-times, fights would be part of Sunday's festivities.

As was mentioned earlier, lumbercamps were listed by number and also by the foreman's name.

Lumbercamp foremen were every bit as tough as their lumberjacks.

Following is a list of foremen or jobbers for the lumber companies (this is surely an incomplete list): Frank Cook-

son, Harvey Saunders, George Hovey, Julius Phillion, George Roberts, Hartwell Plumber, "Red" Jack Smith, Charles Bridges, John Blomquist, William Bragg, George K. Moody, James Stewart, Alex Rowe, Paul Knuth, Bill Lockwood, William Wood, George Thomas and Adolph Sandberg.

District Court

Michelle Alexandra Allstead, 26, Gernfask, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (1/07). Assessed \$71.

Ruth Ann Almen, 42, of Marquette, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (2/07). Assessed \$100.

Jason Paul Arnold, 25, of Gulliver, charged with failure to transfer vehicle plates (2/07). Assessed \$110.

Nicholas David Block, 18, Gulliver, charged with littering (1/07). Assessed \$100.

Gregg William Bosanic, 37, of Manistique, was bound over to 11th Judicial Circuit Court on one count of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor - third offense noticed, driving while license suspended, three counts of assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer and refusal to be finger printed (2/07).

Justin Alexander Brinkman, 27, of Manistique, plead guilty in 93rd District Court to domestic violence (1/07). He was sentenced to serve 35 days in the county jail with 14 days to be served immediately. Credit applied for one day. The balance will be held over 12 months probation. He was assessed \$250 statute fine, \$45 state costs, \$100 statute costs, \$50 crime victim rights assessment, \$445 total. Attorney fees are to be determined.

Jacob Wesley Gage, 18, of Manistique, plead guilty in 93rd District Court to two counts of furnishing tobacco to minors (1/07). He was assessed \$50 statute costs, \$50 statute fine, \$30 probation oversight fee, \$130 total. He was also placed on probation for three months.

Phillip Jewell Hagenson, 31, of Manistique, plead guilty in 93rd District Court to malicious destruction of personal property greater than \$200 (10/06). He was sentenced to 35 days in jail with sentence held over six months' probation. He was assessed \$45 state costs, \$371 restitution, \$200 statute costs, \$50 crime victim rights assessment, \$150 statute fine, \$150 probation oversight fees, \$966 total. Optional jail term 35 days.

Martin Highland, 79, of Rapid River, charged with improper lane usage (2/07). Assessed \$100.

Michael Kevin Herro, 15, of Manistique, charged with failure to wear helmet (2/07). Assessed \$100.

Robert Shelton Howe, 60, of Marquette, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (2/07). Assessed \$100.

Bryon Charles Johnson, 59, of Manistique, charged with driving an unreasonable speed (2/07). Assessed \$120.

Randy Rodrick Johnson, 18, of Gladstone, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (2/07). Assessed \$100.

Michael Edwin Kirk, 52, of Sault Sainte Marie, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (2/07). Assessed \$100.

Ernie Robert Krueger, 57, of Manistique, charged with driving 65 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (2/07). Assessed \$100.

David James Lander, 54, of Manistique, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (2/07). Assessed \$100.

Riley Lee Litwiller, 17, of Cooks, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 50 m.p.h. zone and minor in possession of tobacco (1/07). Assessed \$96 and \$90 respectively.

Debra Ann McBurney, 51, of Manistique, charged with driving 65 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (2/07). Assessed \$100.

Frank Watson Mead, 85, of Grand Marais, charged with driving 50 miles per hour in a 45 m.p.h. zone (2/07). Assessed \$100.

Rhea Jean Menza, 54, of Kingsford, charged with driving 65 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (2/07). Assessed \$100.

Daniel James Murray, 30, of Manistique, plead guilty in 93rd District Court to larceny greater than \$200 but less than \$1,000 (12/06). He was assessed \$100 statute fine, \$45 state costs, \$150 statute costs, \$50 crime victim rights assessment, \$345 total. Optional jail term two days.

Christopher Isak Pawley, 18, of Manistique, charged with careless driving (2/07). Assessed \$155.

Matthew Michael Powell, 29, of Gulliver, plead guilty in 93rd District Court to assault and battery (10/06). He was sentenced to one day in jail and received credit for the same. He was assessed \$45 state costs, \$150 statute fine, \$50 crime victim rights assessment, \$200 statute costs, \$445 total. Attorney fees are to be determined.

Erin Joy Sheppard, 28, of Manistique, charged with driving 30 miles per hour in a 25 m.p.h. zone (12/06). Assessed \$71.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Posted Feb. 21, 2007
Manistique City Hall

There will be a public information hearing held during the regular Manistique City Council meeting being held March 12, 2007, at 7 p.m. regarding the City of Manistique's application for a United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$26,000.00 for the purchase of a Model Year 2007 Fire Equipment Van and Fire Fighting (Quick Attack and Wild Land Fires) Skid Unit.

This application will be on the Council's agenda that evening and anyone seeking information or wishing to make comments on this grant application should attend. This meeting will be held at:

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