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Daylight-Saving Time Begins This Sunday, March 11
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Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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After dodging a bullet from several other Upper Midwest storms this winter, Schoolcraft County took a direct hit from the blizzard that moved across the area last week. These pictures show the Pioneer-Tribune office on Walnut Street Thursday, just as the first flakes were beginning to fall, and again the following morning.



During the storm, severely reduced visibilities led law enforcement to close US-2 between Manistique and Rapid River. The stretch of highway was shut down from Thursday evening straight through to Friday morning. This shot shows the highway looking east into the city, a few hours after reopening — but without much traffic.



People were busy cleaning up Friday morning, including Arbutus Avenue resident Sandy Slining, seen here shoveling her front walk and steps, and neighbor Jim Nelson, almost lost in a cloud of snow as he clears the sidewalk.



On Friday morning, the weight of accumulated snow caused the awning at M & L Electronics on South Cedar Street to collapse. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)

Roof of Big Bay bus garage collapses

by Paul Olson
Officials at the Big Bay de Noc School are working to come up with a plan for replacement of their bus garage, after the roof of the old facility caved in sometime Sunday night.

According to Transportation and Maintenance Director Bryan Landis, the building was fine when he was at the site to plow snow Sunday, but when bus drivers arrived early Monday for their morning runs, they discovered the collapsed roof.

Trapped beneath the rubble of the roof were three of the district's buses — the three newest ones, Landis noted.

It was impossible to assess damage to the vehicles right away, he said. On one of the buses, they spotted "wrinkles" in the roof, indicating a serious problem. The other two were hidden from view by the collapsed timbers, insulation and other debris.

Normally, Big Bay de Noc has five buses on the road each day. With the three main units out of commission, the district had to scramble to handle Monday runs.

Landis said they utilized three full-size "spare" buses, a smaller vehicle, and a bus loaned to the district by the Manistique Area Schools.

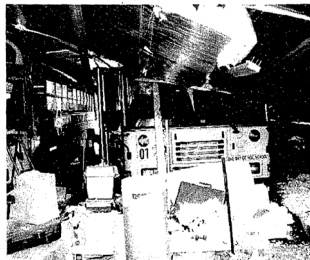
For the Monday morning runs, Landis also contacted several parents whose children are bused in from Manistique, and asked them to drive the students to school.

Officials noticed that the collapsed roof was causing another problem, dangerously



Left: an exterior view of the Big Bay de Noc School District bus garage after the roof collapsed sometime during the overnight hours Sunday into Monday. The garage was built in the early 1970s. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

Below: Two school district photographs showing some of the damage inside the building. At press time this week, the extent of damage to the buses and other equipment stored inside the garage was unknown.



stretching a power line that ran across the road to the garage. Because of that safety hazard, they called in Edison Sault Electric Company to cut electric service to the building.

Next, they had to engage a private contractor to run power to a nearby pole, creating a temporary plug-in for the engines on the remaining buses to be heated during Monday night's sub-zero temperatures.

It's unknown exactly what caused the roof of the early-

1970s building to come down, but Landis said the recent heavy snow and high winds were likely suspects.

Insurance adjusters were slated to be at the site Tuesday afternoon to assess the damage.

The district was also making arrangements with Roy Ness Contracting of Escanaba to "bury their maintenance tools, win."

Once the buses are out, he said, the rest of the roof will come down and completely "bury their maintenance tools, win."

ORV users back state House bill

by Paul Olson
Off-road vehicle enthusiasts were in Lansing Tuesday to offer testimony on a bill that would allow northern Michigan counties to open the shoulders of their roads to ORVs. The measure is up for a state House committee vote next week.

According to Roger Beauchamp, president of the Sportsmen Off Road Vehicle Association (SORVA) of Schoolcraft County, the bill is an important step in assuring that ORV riders can use county roads to access trail networks, and do so in a safe, responsible manner.

The measure was introduced in the state House by Rep. Joel Shelton, a Democrat from West Branch in downstate Ogemaw County, chair of the Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources Committee.

Similar legislation is being backed by Upper Peninsula state Sen. Mike Prusi, D-Ishpeming.

When they first announced their plans last fall, Shelton and Prusi said they wanted to resolve the ongoing legal dispute over the right of counties to open road shoulders to ORVs.

even be aware of the issue, Beauchamp says, since most counties north of the bridge already allow ORVs on their roads.

In Schoolcraft County, for example, commissioners passed a temporary ORV ordinance in 2001 and made it a permanent law the following year.

The ordinance allows the machines to operate during daylight hours within the outer five feet of the improved surface of all public highways in the county, with the exception of U.S. highways, state highways and public roads governed by other municipal laws and ordinances. The ORVs must travel on the right side of the road, cannot be operated in or on drainage ditches, grades, inclines or declines alongside roads, and cannot travel faster than 25 miles per hour. They can also not be operated in county parks, the airport, cemetery properties or areas closed to snowmobiling.

In addition, the local ordinance sets penalties for violations, including fines of up to \$100 and/or 90 days of jail.

ORVs

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All SMH property to be smoke-free

"We understand this is a very emotional and difficult habit to conquer, and we want to provide as many programs, support and counseling opportunities to our staff as possible," Strand said.

According to the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, tobacco use is the number-one cause of preventable death and disease in the United

States.

MHA describes smoking as the largest health care epidemic the country has ever faced.

Officials at SMH agree.

Communications Coordinator Alison Jones said the new smoke-free rule will be "a move towards better health for our staff, patients and community."

Summer schedules announced

It's been a wintry few weeks for local residents and folks in many other parts of the country, but it's also the time of year that people are setting their travel and recreation schedules for the sunny summer months.

In Schoolcraft County, meanwhile, plans are firming up for two annual summertime celebrations that draw large crowds of residents and visitors alike: Independence Day and Folk Fest.

Members of the Fourth of July Committee say they will be following the long-standing practice of holding their events on the weekend prior to July 4. That means this year's activities will begin with the Kiddie Parade on Friday, June 29, and continue with the "Big Parade" and fireworks on Saturday, June 30. Complete details on those activities and related events will be released as the holiday draws closer.

Plans are also developing for the 18th annual Folk Fest celebration, which takes place Friday and Saturday, July 13 and 14. The entertainment lineup includes several local favorites and a variety of other Michigan performers.

Kicking things off at the downtown street dance on Friday evening will be The Bearwalkers, a local band that performs everything from oldies to classic rock and country. The group will be making its first-ever Folk Fest appearance, but is no stranger to local audiences, having performed at the Music in Manistique summer concert series and

including such things as welders, compressors, a power jack and other gear needed to keep the transportation fleet on the road.

"We've got a lot of things to figure out in a hurry," Landis said. "We need a place to park the buses, a place to work on the buses, and the tools to do it with."

Taking the stage for Saturday's day-long celebration on South Cedar Street will be another local band, Cousins' Back, which has been entertaining audience members at the festival for several years.

Also slated to appear are singer-songwriter-storyteller Bill Jamerson of Escanaba, who last appeared at Folk Fest in 2005, and two groups from downstate making their first Folk Fest appearances: The Blue Water Ramblers and The Banjo Picker and Friends.

Other Folk Fest components are also taking shape. Committee members note that applications have gone out to area organizations to serve food during the festival, and report that reservations have been coming in from artisans who want to display their wares at the arts and crafts show.

For information on food booths, contact Co-Chair Lois Hoholik at 341-5437 or send e-mail to hoholik@charterni.net.

For art fair information, contact Lenore Heminger at 341-5010 or chamber@retiers.net.

Another popular Folk Fest tradition is the annual Paper Chase, a 5K and 10K walk-run that officially launches Saturday's activities. For information and registration, contact race Chairman Ron Rulick at 341-4640.

Additional information on these and other Folk Fest activities will be announced in the coming weeks.



Among those who will be taking the stage for this summer's Folk Fest celebration are the Blue Water Ramblers (top left), U.P. folksinger Bill Jamerson (top right) and the Banjo Picker and Friends (bottom left). Entertaining at the opening street dance will be local favorites The Bearwalkers (bottom right). (Publicity photos)

Fish Report

By Ret. Sgt. John Walker

Well, we no longer have to worry about if we are going to have any winter weather and storms anymore. To think just a little more than a week ago we had grass showing and now we have snow banks to sled down. Life sure can be interesting up here in the U.P.

You know it is really funny how the twist and turns of life and nature always seem to work. There are those years when you have all kinds of success trapping but you wonder if you are going to receive enough for your furs to cover your gas cost. Then there are those years when the price of furs is going through the roof but you have to really work for each critter you catch. Such was the case this year.

I was reading an article where they were getting as much as \$11 per muskrat, where just a few years ago you were lucky to get \$3. This year Michigan should ship over 500,000 pelts, 6,000 muskrat pelts were sold at the Clare auction. There is no shortage of raccoons around the state and this is good news for trappers. The average the trappers received for raccoon was \$11 with a high of \$24.

Michigan has produced some prime gray fox pelts and they were going for a high of \$38 with an average of \$30. A good number of these pelts are being shipped to China and some feel that this is the reason the fur market was so high this year. You have to remember one of the reasons the price of furs bottomed out a few years ago was the breakup of the Soviet Union. Like I said life can be interesting.

They are saying the reason fur numbers were way down on those that live in creeks or dams is because of the drought in some areas. It will be interesting to watch and see where things go in the next couple of years.

They still have a good market for red squirrels and there seems to be no shortage of these little critters in most areas. I hear that the Natural Resource Commission may be having trouble with their math as was pointed out in the Fish Reports a while back. They are now talking about still allowing you to take two bucks, but one has to be during bow season and the other during firearm. I ask you does this not still make two bucks?

The bad thing about this whole deal is that it is a proven

fact that fewer than six percent of all the hunters out there even bother to take the second buck. That's right just six percent! So as you can see this has become a political issue not a biological one. This is what makes the deer program too hard for those that are trying their best to manage it the right way.

I also found it interesting when I read on the internet the other day where Colorado is spending \$160,000 on emergency feeding of wildlife with the stormy weather and all the snow they have received. What's wrong with this picture, don't they know it won't work and there is no justified reason to help starving wildlife out during the winter. If you don't believe me just ask the "Expurms" here in Michigan.

So you think you had a bad day. Did you hear about the moose that brought down a helicopter? It seems an Alaska wildlife biologist shot a moose to tranquilize it. The moose figured if this big bug was going to shoot darts at it he may as well go down fighting. So he charged the helicopter hitting it and damaging it so that it was forced to the ground. The moose was hurt so bad by the spinning rotors it had to be euthanized.

I find this to be the most amazing part of the story. "As the animal got closer and closer to going down, an animal sort of loses its thinking ability to rationalize what's in its best interest," the regional supervisor stated.

Now I think this comment tells all of us one of the biggest problems we all have with the way things are looked at in today's world. I am going to try and put this supervisor's remark in Yopper terms so you can understand what this college educated person is really trying to say.

Mr. Moose thinks after just being shot by a dart. "Ouch, someone just stuck me! It looks like it came from that helicopter over there. Oooo I feel sleepy I would like to change that helicopter and fix their wagon, but if I did I just might get hurt and then they would have to put me to sleep for good. Man! I really feel sleepy now maybe I had better lay down. No! Those turkeys shot me with a dart so I may as well go for it!"

Now does any "normal" person really think a moose can stop and reason things in life out?

Grand Marais plans for second annual offshore tournament

The second annual Grand Marais Offshore Fishing Tournament has been scheduled for June 29, 30 and July 1. The tournament, which features fishing in Lake Superior for lake trout and salmon, offers prize money based on the number of entries. Up to date tournament information can be obtained on the Grand Marais Chamber of Commerce Web site at www.grandmaraismichigan.com.

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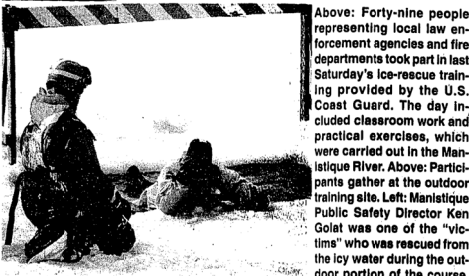
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Above: Forty-nine people representing local law enforcement agencies and fire departments took part in last Saturday's ice-rescue training provided by the U.S. Coast Guard. The day included classroom work and practical exercises, which were carried out in the Manistique River. Above: Participants gather at the outdoor training site. Left: Manistique Public Safety Director Ken Golas was one of the "victims" who was rescued from the icy water during the outdoor portion of the course. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)

Local officers receive ice rescue training from U.S. Coast Guard

Forty-nine local police and fire department officers underwent ice-rescue training in Manistique last Saturday. The session was conducted by U.S. Coast Guard ice rescue instructors from St. Ignace.

Taking part in the training were personnel from the Manistique Public Safety Department, Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police, Sault Tribal Police, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and area volunteer fire departments.

The session included two hours of classroom instruction and three hours of practical training exercises, which were carried out in the Manistique River, off the Mackinaw Trail Winery.

Public Safety Director Ken Golas said the important training would not have been possible without the support of the Coast Guard personnel, who included Chief James Renkes, Petty Officer 1st Class Jason Grimm, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Dan Dean.

Grimm, who graduated from Manistique High School in 1993, was also instrumental in obtaining two Ice Commander rescue suits for the Public Safety Department, which were used in the training.

Grimm will be stationed at the Coast Guard station in St. Ignace until August, when he will leave to begin training in advance of a deployment to Iraq.

Watercraft registrations go out

On March 1, the Michigan Department of State began mailing more than 250,000 notices to Michigan boat owners, reminding them to renew their registrations.

All the notices include a personal identification number, allowing watercraft owners access to the Department of State's online or touch-tone telephone renewal systems. Both options are available 24 hours a day until Aug. 31.

"The boating season is just around the corner, and I want to make sure that all watercraft are properly registered," said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land. "We've made our online and telephone renewal systems quick and easy to use so you can spend more time with your boat and less time with the department."

All watercraft on Michigan waters, including privately owned lakes and waterways, must be registered, except for those 16 feet or less, propelled by oars or paddles, and not used for rental or commercial purposes; nonmotorized canoes and kayaks not used for rental or commercial purposes; rafts, swim floats, regardless of length; and watercraft registered in another state and used only temporarily in Michigan.

"In addition to the online and telephone renewal options, customers may renew by mail or at a Secretary of State branch office."

For most watercraft the registration fee is based on length. Registrations are issued for three years and expire on March 31 of the final year. There are about 945,000 watercraft on file with the department.

To access the online renewal system or learn more about other services and programs, go to www.michigan.gov/soa.

Garbaged House

By Tom Earle-Bridges

A very good friend of mine, anxious to get away from the vagaries of our recent winter and in possession of a goodly amount of frequent flyer points, invited me to join him on a trip to Seattle, Wash. Hardly giving it a moments thought, I said yes.

The last time I was on vacation was seven years ago when I went on a garden tour of England. While Seattle may not have exactly the same sort of cachet as England, it does take nearly as long to get to, so it seemed to me.

Actually, Seattle has been a city I have always wanted to visit primarily because of its diverse

growing conditions, not that dissimilar from that which is experienced in England. Sure it gets cold sometimes, but nowhere the way it does in the U.P.

It's very spring-like here in Seattle. The Forsythia is in bloom, crocuses, tulips and daffodils are popping out of the ground and beginning to flower. I have seen several camellia bushes bursting with their gorgeous red flowers. The rhododendrons are also beginning to flower and cherry trees are also putting on a good show.

While here, we are staying with a friend who lives in a very nice turn of the century Craftsman's style home. Being a single man, working two jobs, it goes without saying he doesn't have a whole lot of time to devote to gardening. At least that is the impression I get when scoping out the landscape around his home.

There are many plants in his yard that I am not familiar with, I am going to have to take lots of pictures. If there is one thing that really bugs me, is not being able to identify a particular species of plant.

My host has indicated I am

more than welcome to do any sort of gardening chores I might fancy. I hope he knows what he has let himself in for.

First on the list is to do some pruning, lots of pruning in fact. I have the impression it doesn't take long for shrubby growth to get out of hand in this growing climate. The pruning alone could easily take one whole day to get done.

Next on the list would be weeding. This would be an excellent time of year to get some serious weeding done. The weed roots don't have as an aggressive hold onto the ground as they will later in the season.

The only hazardous thing about weeding at this time of year is the inadvertent possibility of erroneously extracting non-weed plants from the garden. This is especially possible for me since there are things growing out there, both weed and non-weed I am unfamiliar with. I will just have to make an intelligent guess and simply go for it. I can't wait for the day to begin and I can get out there!

I welcome your comments. You may reach me via email at teb@charter.net.

No fee increase - for now

Michigan hunting and fishing licenses went on sale March 1, without a price increase.

With no legislative agreement on the Department of Natural Resources' proposed higher fee structure, license costs will remain the same as 2006 - at least for the time being.

If a price hike is eventually approved by lawmakers, fees may go up before next year, the DNR said.

"We encourage hunters and anglers to purchase their licenses early this year if they would like to take advantage of the current prices," said DNR Director Robert G. Hundert and Major

ing to work with the Legislature to develop a new license fee package that will likely see incremental increases spread over the next few years. Should the Legislature approve new fees, we hope they will be enacted immediately, but for now licenses remain at 2006 prices."

Anglers who purchase a 2007 license should save and use last year's Michigan Fishing Guide. The guide is now a two-year publication, as a cost-saving measure to the department. A new guide will be published again in 2008.

The guide also is available online at the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr under the "Publications and Maps" category.

From the Forester

Got a forest? Thinking of a timber sale? Need some help? It's out there.

For several reasons, hiring a professional forester to work for you is the best route to go. Forestry has many more dimensions than simply a timber sale and timber sales have many dimensions that most forest owners may not think about. With the potential for many thousands of dollars in value, not to mention the non-monetary values, it's worth the effort and investment to hire a forester.

One good tool to find consulting foresters is a Web-based directory maintained by Michigan State University (see below). More locally, Conservation Districts employ foresters that serve as good sources of information. Regionally, the DNR has a handful of service foresters to assist private forest owners. In some cases, foresters also work for large mills, conservancies, cooperatives and other organizations that work with private forests. Foresters come in several breeds, with variable sets of skills and provide differing levels of professional service. Pick one that suits you, just like you might select an investment counselor

Forestry Assistance

Managed forests provide more of all outputs than unmanaged forests, from timber to environmental quality. Yet making the connection between your forest and just the "right" forester can sometimes be challenging. Most forest owners value their forests for a wide range of reasons, and the idea of management implies a perceived degree of risk that often prevents owners from exploring their options.

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Obituaries

Lyme Broemer



Lyme "Lee" Broemer, 84, of Escanaba, Mich., formerly of Manistique, Mich. and White Pine, Mich., passed away Sunday, Feb. 24, 2007, at Winners Medical Care Facility, where she had been a resident. Mrs. Lee Broemer was born Lyme Sophie Hulta in Greenland, Mich., on Nov. 29, 1922. She was the youngest of eight children born to Finnish parents, Sophie and Victor Hulta who had immigrated from Jalasjärvi, Finland.

She attended Greenland public schools and graduated from Mass City High School in 1939. She worked in Detroit during World War II.

On Dec. 28, 1945, she married Clarence "Bud" Arthur Broemer. They both worked as mail carriers in the Ontonagon area until Clarence became Post Master at the White Pine Post Office in 1953. They moved to White Pine and lived there until 1978 when they moved to Manistique to take up a post at the Manistique Post Office.

Lee was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Manistique and enjoyed the quilting group there. She was a past president of the Eagles Women's Club in Manistique and a member of the VFW Auxiliary and the Order of the Moose. Lee enjoyed socializing with her friends and was well-known in the local area as a karaoke singer who sang "These Boots are Made for Walkin'" with much feeling.

Survivors include: two daughters, Marlene Broemer of Helsinki, Finland and Suzanne Wolkiewicz of Escanaba, Mich.; two grandchildren, Jessi Chouinard of Escanaba and Clint Broemer of Green Bay, Wis.; three great-grandchildren, Zote and Tyler Chouinard and Alysa Broemer, nieces and nephews; numerous cousins in Finland; and closest cousin, Pentti Lund, of Florida and Thunder Bay, Ontario.

The Broemer family will receive friends on Saturday, March 10, from 2-4 p.m. at Skradski-Boyer Funeral Home in Escanaba. Funeral services for Lee will be at 4 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Dean Peterson officiating.

A luncheon will follow services at the home of Diane Hanson. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Greenland in the spring. For additional information or to leave a message of condolence, go to www.skradski-boyerfuneralhome.com.

Kenneth M. Krueger

Kenneth M. Krueger, 49, of Manistique, Mich., died Sunday, March 4, 2007, at Marquette General Hospital in Marquette, Mich.

He was born Nov. 6, 1957, in Detroit, Mich., the son of Rudolph and Beverly (Calappi) Krueger and was a graduate of St. Clair Shores High School. He furthered his education at the Macomb Community College-Culinary School and moved to the Manistique area in 1982 from St. Clair Shores.

On June 16, 1986, he married the former Janet L. Peterson in Manistique.

Ken was the former owner/proprietor of the Blaney Inn in Blaney Park, Mich. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, especially his annual Canadian fishing trip with his family. He also enjoyed playing, cooking, listening to his grandfather's war stories and amping with his beloved dog, Baxter. He was a former member of the Lakeside Lodge No. 271 F. & A.M.

Survivors include: his wife, Janet L. Krueger of Manistique; two daughters, Jennifer (David) Ozanich of Manistique and Stacie (George Carroll, IV) Matton of Manistique; son, Craig Matton of Manistique; grandchildren, Madison Ozanich, Christian Carroll, Kristopher Ozanich and Mackenna Ozanich, his mother, Beverly K. Krueger of Curtis, Mich.; and his brother, Kurt (Lori) Krueger of Marquette.

He was preceded in death by his father Rudolph H. Krueger; and grandson, George Carroll, V.

Visitation will be held from 2-6 p.m., Thursday, March 8, at Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Manistique. Funeral services will follow at 6 p.m. with Reverend David Hueter officiating. Burial will be held in the Thompson Township Cemetery in Thompson, Mich.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Beacon House of Marquette. Online condolences may be directed to www.mbfuneral.com.



Alvin H. Zurfluh

Alvin H. "Al" Zurfluh, 96, formerly of Port Edwards, Wis., died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007, at Schoolcraft County Medical Care Facility, Manistique, Mich. Al was born Dec. 7, 1910, in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., the son of Herman and Mary (Palm) Zurfluh. He married Beulah Bean on Nov. 27, 1939, in Dubuque, Iowa. She died Jan. 25, 1988.

Al was employed at Nekoosa-Edwards Paper Co. Inc. (Domtar) for 40 years, retiring in 1976 as supervisor of product quality services. Al was a 3rd and 4th Degree member of Knights of Columbus Council 1558 of Wisconsin Rapids, the Wisconsin Rapids Serra Club and Tri City Golf Course. Al enjoyed golfing, gardening and dancing.

Survivors include: his son, James (Norma) Zurfluh of Port Edwards; two daughters, Julie (Tom) Hoholik of Manistique, Mich., and Terry (Gary) Flugaar of Wisconsin Rapids; grandchildren, Don (Lori) Hoholik, Mark (Cynthia) Hoholik, Michele (Eric) Schaeffer, Nick (Lisa) Hoholik, Scott Zurfluh, Heather (Paul) Klebs, Heidi (Ryan) Hackman, Sarah (Mike) Raemisch, Kristin (Chad) Sampson, Brady (Kelly) Flugaar, Lindsay (Michael) Su and Kiley (Scott) Hackl; 19 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mabel Long of Nekoosa, Wis.; and three sisters-in-law, Marie Zurfluh of Nekoosa, Sophie Zurfluh of Port Edwards and Mavis Zurfluh of Ormond Beach, Fla.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Mary Look in 1991; three brothers, Arthur, Herbert and Carl Zurfluh; and sister, Hildar Pearman.

Visitation was held from 4-7 p.m. Friday, March 2, at Ritchey Funeral Home in Wisconsin Rapids. Knights of Columbus rosary was at 6:30 p.m. Visitation continued from 9-10 a.m. Saturday March 3, at St. Alexander's Catholic Church in Port Edwards. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. with Rev. John Swing officiating. Burial will be in the village of Port Edwards Cemetery.

The family will be establishing a memorial in Al's name at a later date.

William D. Graff

William David Graff, 86, of Las Vegas, Nev., died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, in Las Vegas.

He was born Dec. 4, 1921, in Lima, Ohio, the son of Frederick J. and Hazel N. (Smale) Graff.

He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1945. On May 4, 1946, he married the former Shirley Vandycyk.

William was employed at Manistique Paper Co. He enjoyed golfing, hunting and fishing.

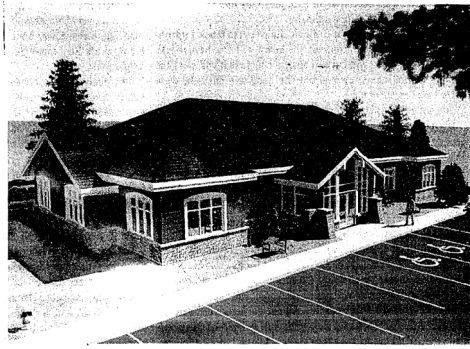
Survivors include: his wife, Shirley Graff of Las Vegas; two daughters, Cathy (Leo) Perez of Littleton, Colo. and Debbie Graff of Manistique, Mich.; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Chamber banquet tickets still available

The Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce is reminding chamber members and other local residents that tickets are still available for the organization's annual spring banquet. The event takes place Saturday, April 21, at the Diamond Lights Banquet Centre. The evening will begin with a social hour and cash bar at 5:30 p.m. Dinner, a buffet style meal served by Jul's Country Catering, will take place at 7 p.m. The event will also include door prizes, a cash raffle and entertainment by Studio 2 DJs. In keeping with long tradition, one of the highlights of the banquet will be the presentation of three separate awards: the chamber's own Ambassador of the Year and Business of the Year awards, and the annual Schoolcraft County Person of the Year honor presented by the Manistique Area Kiwanis Club.

Tickets for the banquet are \$20 per person and must be purchased in advance. Seating is limited. Tickets can be purchased at the chamber office on US-2 or from chamber board members and ambassadors. You can also reserve tickets by calling 341-5010.

Limestone Federal members elect officers, hear about building project at their annual meeting



A rendering of the new Limestone Federal Credit Union building was unveiled at the organization's recent annual meeting. Construction is slated to start this year.

Limestone Federal Credit Union recently held their annual meeting Hollywood style. Dressed for the evening, Limestone Federal staff greeted 250 members and their guests on the red carpet at St. Francis de Sales gymnasium.

Re-elected to the Board of Directors were Gilbert Sablack and Liz Charlier. Completing the board are members Ken Fagan, Ron Provo and Jean Vanderville.

Re-elected to the Credit Committee was Rob Bosonic. Also on the Credit Committee are Chairperson Julie Hinkson and Chief Executive Officer Jennifer Watson.

A Little Bit of Outlaw entertained throughout the evening including dinner music. There was a photo opportunity for all members to have their portraits taken by their "photographer", Keith White. Photos were printed on site allowing members to take them home with them at the end of the evening.

Several prizes were awarded throughout the evening. The \$1,000 grand prize was won by Sam and Amy Johnson. Seventy-five cash prizes were given away plus two 50/50 drawings. As an added bonus, all in attendance were declared winners as CEO Jennifer Watson refunded the \$10 cost of their dinner tickets.

The biggest announcement of the evening was the unveiling of the rendering of their new facility to begin construction at the existing location this year. As stated in the manager's report, the new building will provide increased security, improve member

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Draft of long-range plan unveiled for U.P. Catholic school officials

Approximately 35 representatives from all nine Catholic schools in the Marquette Diocese got their first look at the draft of a strategic long-range plan Feb. 15.

During the meeting in Harvey, Bishop Alexander K. Sample explained the purpose of the strategic plan to Catholic school principals, school board presidents, pastors of parishes with Catholic schools and parish finance council chairs.

"I am a strong supporter of our Catholic school system," Sample said. "I am convinced that we can't let our Catholic schools go. They are irreplaceable vehicles for forming young Christians for our future in church and society."

Various members of the Bishop's Staff Force for Catholic Schools, which drafted the proposed plan, took turns presenting the goal and related objectives in the five areas of concern previously identified by the group.

Rev. Mark McQuesten, pastor of St. Mary Parish in Norway, addressed Catholic identity. Mary Brien, principal of St. Mary School in Norway, and Jacelyn Wright, principal of Father Marquette Elementary School in Marquette, discussed

academic excellence. Rick Schaefer, diocesan director of administration and finance, talked about financial viability.

Gloria Kalbfleisch, diocesan superintendent of Catholic schools, presented information on governance.

Rev. Glenn Theoret, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Manistique, addressed marketing and public relations.

The participants had the opportunity to ask questions of the task force and to register their comments about the proposed plan.

Once the plan is approved, Sample said, it will be phased in over a three- to five-year period.

However, he added, "Some parts can be implemented fairly quickly."

Sample said the comments and reactions of those at the meeting were helpful.

Kalbfleisch was also pleased, saying, "I felt that it went very well. I thought good questions were raised."

Following the meeting, Sample distributed the draft strategic plan to all the priests and pastoral coordinators in the diocese.

They will get the chance to learn more about the document and respond to it during a videoconference scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Videoconference sites will include the diocesan office in Marquette, Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital in Manistique and the local hospitals in Iron Mountain, Iron River, Ironwood, Laurium, Munising, Ontonagon, St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie.

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Jeremy Hamill and Nicole Marto

Couple announce September wedding

Debra Lawler, mother of the bride-to-be, and Richard Lawler of Saumico, Wis., are excited to announce the upcoming wedding of Nicole Marto to Jeremy Hamill, son of LaVerne and Lori Hamill of Abrams, Wis.

Nicole is a graduate of Bay Port High School and North-



Cols A. Corcoran

(Send your comments to corks@dnet.us.)

Rumor has it that letter writing has forged a comeback. I mean REAL letters—also known as snail mail, though that term can rile disgruntled postal workers.

Nothing warms the heart like a handwritten letter. The ones I receive from an aunt of mine are true works of art. Her penmanship is flawless. Each letter parallels to the next, they march like disciplined soldiers across the page.

My script looks more like it staggered from a bar. (If that's where "notes in a bottle" come from, imagine their legibility.)

So as a personal favor to recipients, I type my correspondence. To that end, I use MS-word, a program that aids in the letter-writing process. I merely type the word "Dear" and this

Letter perfect

animated paper clip pops up on the screen. Its dialogue balloon reads, "It looks like you're writing a letter. Would you like help?"

"Sure!" I answer. "Could you finish this note while I go start the laundry?"

The bad news? Clippy flunked composition. Luckily I own a worn copy of "How to Write Letters for All Occasions" (circa, 1942).

You name the circumstance and I can steal a sincere reply. I question some of the closings the book suggests though. Like, for instance, "Best." Is it me or does that sound conceited? And if a guy felt inferior, would he close with "Worst?"

Another one that turns me off is "Yours." They're not mine and I'm not theirs, so

let's quit the bull, shall we? MS-Word's offerings aren't much better. "Cordially" reminds me too much of cherries and "Respectfully" is clearly a matter of opinion.

Then there's "Love," which only works for a few people. I surely didn't apply to the Dear Jane letter I once received. Ironically, it resulted from not playing Post Office.

Why I kept it, I don't know, but its five-cent stamp gives you an inkling how old it is.

I also have a stack of letters from my husband that are tenderly bound with a string. This was long before e-mail, of course, and far more romantic than the present. Saving love notes now means stretching rubber bands around computer printouts.

Maybe my Better Half and I should request that form of communication.

Provided it's not poison pen letters.



Leslie Henry of Henry's Ball Shop (right) presents a \$110 check to Sheriff Gary Maddox for Schoolcraft CARE Search and Rescue. The money represents half the proceeds collected in the ball shop's 13th annual fund-raiser. Each year, Leslie and Danalee Henry carry out the campaign in memory of their son, Daniel Jon, who died in an accident on the Manistique River Sept. 9, 1979. They contribute the proceeds from minnow sales on a designated weekend (Feb. 17 and 18 this year), with half going to the Search and Rescue organization, half given to CBC. That presentation will take place during the CBC Radio-Television on Palm Sunday, April 1. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

Campaign launched

Nida Samona, chair of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, recently announced that the agency had teamed up with the Century Council on the "We Don't Serve Teens" campaign, designed to raise awareness about the dangers of underage drinking in Michigan.

"We Don't Serve Teens" is a nationwide effort aimed at reducing underage drinking and focusing on the social sources that may provide teens with access to alcohol.

The campaign centerpiece is www.DontServeTeens.gov, a Web site sponsored by a coalition of public and private sector organizations, including the Federal Trade Commission, the nation's consumer protection agency.

Among other things, the site offers tips on how people can help reduce teen access to alcohol.

"Most teens who drink get alcohol from 'social' sources—parents of other teens, older siblings, and other relatives and friends," Samona said. "People who provide alcohol to teens not only undermine the efforts of parents to protect their kids, they also break the

U.P. quilters sought for juried exhibition

Quilters throughout the Upper Peninsula are invited to submit their work to "Fabrications: Art Quilts of the U.P.," a juried exhibit opening June 21 at the Bonifas Fine Arts Center in Escanaba.

"We've had quilt exhibits before," said Bonifas representative Paquita Warfield, "but I think Fabrications is the first juried U.P. quilt exhibit. It's the first I know of certainly."

The exhibit will be on display during the National Quilt Show, which will be at the Bonifas June 21 to July 26.

The National is an international biennial juried touring show of quilts originating from the Dairy Barn in Athens, Ohio. The book for the Quilt at the Bonifas is currently on sale at the Bonifas.

The Fabrications exhibit will accept submissions from May 17-22. Notifications will be sent out May 25.

A first-place award of \$100 cash and a \$50 gift certificate is sponsored by the Fabric Patch of Ironwood.

Second prize is \$50 cash and a \$50 gift certificate from

Northern Quilt Products of Cedarville.

Third prize is a \$50 gift certificate from Tebar Sewing Center and a \$30 gift certificate from Quilts 'n' Stuff, both of Escanaba.

Honorable mention awards include gift certificates from retailers, a copy of the Quilt National 2005 book from the Bonifas, and a gift certificate for "Cashing and Sewing for Quiltmaking," a Bonifas workshop.

Submissions for the show may be digital, slides or actual

pieces. Entrants must be 18 or older and residents of the U.P.

Only original artwork and design may be entered, and pieces must not be the result of a workshop, must not have been displayed at the Bonifas Arts Center, and must have been completed in the last five years.

Dimensions may vary, but all pieces must be received for display completed and ready for hanging, including a sleeve or hanging slat.

For more information, call (906) 786-3833.

Retirees to meet

The Schoolcraft Chapter of the retired school personnel will meet next Wednesday, March 14, at 11:30 a.m., at the VFW Hall on Maple Street. The session will include a four-course soup and sandwich lunch.

Library to host annual book fair

The Manistique School and Public Library will host its annual Scholastic Book Fair, Wednesday, March 14 through Monday, March 19. The fair is

The guest speaker will be Steve Kukowski of Health Watch, who will explain the Life Call program available in the area.

Organizers say "all retired and tired-of-winter school personnel" are welcome to attend.

open to the public and features books for readers of all ages. For more information, stop by the library or call them at 341-4316.

Burns' benefit is Sunday at VFW

A benefit to help with Sharon Burns' cancer treatment expenses will be held this Sunday, March 11, from noon to 6 p.m., at the VFW Hall on Maple Street in Manistique.

The event will include a spaghetti dinner running all afternoon, available for a \$5 donation. Also planned are an auction with local auctioneer

Doug LaFolle, a silent auction, a bake sale, live music with Slipdisk (Kevin B. and Mike J.) and live music with the Music Makers.

Anyone who would like to assist with the benefit, donate auction and bake sale items, or contribute money to the cause, can contact Mindy at 450-3968.

Births

ANSELL - Michael and Cassandra Ansell of Garden, Mich., are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Brayden Michael Ansell. Brayden was born on Friday, Feb. 23, 2007, at Marquette General Hospital weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces. He was 19 inches in length.

GOUDREAU - Announcing the birth of her son Ryker James Goudreau is Krystal Goudreau of Manistique.

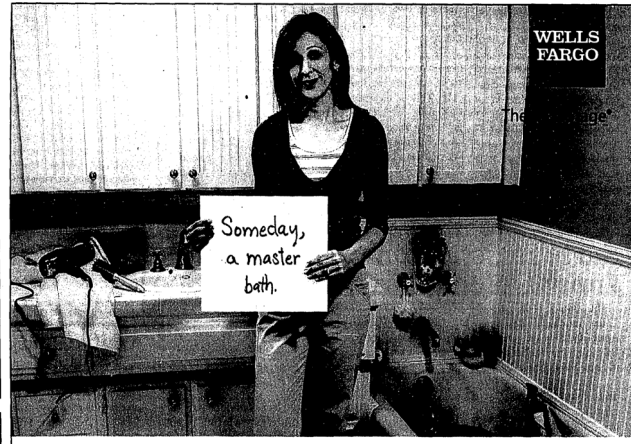
Ryker arrived on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007 at 11:15 p.m. He weighed 9 pounds, 5.8 ounces and was 21 inches in length.

LAWRENCE - Gabriel Polimir Lawrence was born on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, the son of proud parents Devin and Janet Lawrence. At birth he weighed 7 pounds, 10.6 ounces. He was 19.25 inches in length. The family resides in Manistique.

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Senior Center

I have to admit mere defeat! If you didn't get a chance to attend the 50s party at the Medical Care Facility I encouraged you to attend recently, trust me, you missed a wonderful party!

They outdid any party we had at the Center. Of course the main dining area was decorated to the hilt in the 50s with records, Elvis memorabilia, etc.

The staff was dressed in poodle skirts, jackets and of course those awesome glasses and saddle shoes. What would they have said back then? Cool, baby!

Kevin Bagwell, Les, David and Dick Henry, along with Lee McManus provided the entertainment, playing all those old songs. And Elvis made his guest appearance.

Several of the residents dressed for the occasion also. As I looked around the room, I got the chance to observe many dancing, including Kathy Johnson, a hometown friend of mine from Gulliver. Susie Delome used her cane as a guitar and put on quite a show.

The menu for the day at the "Diner" consisted of cheeseburgers and fries, onion rings, jumbo wing dings and of course, cherry cokes. What would a party be with no cherry cokes?

Later in the party, residents along with family members enjoyed banana splits.

I was even talked into joining the train as they played the "locomotion".

Everyone that attended sang "Happy Birthday" to Tony Kornich. What an awesome way to celebrate.

The staff at Medicare went above and beyond on this party. All I can say is "job well done."

Remember quite awhile back when I mentioned a trip to Branson, Mo. in my column? Well, I have more details to be into the Center by March 19, which doesn't give us a lot of time. (No exceptions!)

I was recently in contact with Spotlight Coaches and this is the information shared with me. It would be a seven-day, six-night trip, taking place on April 19-25, with the cost being \$650 per double occupancy. Single occupancy would be \$769. Along with your money we will need the following: name, address, smoking or non-smoking and your telephone number.

Do I sound nervous? Yes, I

as this would be my very first time as just an on-looker. I will probably have panic attacks that everything doesn't go smoothly.

We depart from Manistique on April 19 somewhere between 5 and 6 a.m. staying overnight at the Holiday Inn Express in St. Louis. We will get more accurate information to you as soon as we find out if the trip is a go ahead.

We will stay at the Leisure Country Inn with the following itinerary: On April 20, we will attend a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a Legends and Concert show at 8 p.m. Vicki said we could possibly tour the city earlier in the day if there was enough interest.

On April 21 everyone would get the chance to attend a Yakov Smirnoff show, which is a comedy, at 9:30 a.m. and a Moe Bandy show at 2 p.m. Later in the day a Magnificent 7 show is scheduled for 7 p.m., with dinner at 5 p.m. The dinner prior to the Magnificent 7 show will be held at the White House Theatre. You will get your choice of K.C. Strip Steak with baked potato and Grilled Chicken Breast with rice pilaf. Also included will be a traditional ice cream salad, fresh baked Bavarian bread, dessert and a beverage.

On April 22, there will be a chance to have free time for shopping and wine tasting. Drive-Along breakfast is scheduled for 4:40 p.m. with the dinner and show to follow at 5:30 p.m.

April 23 would include a 10 a.m. show called "Lost in the 50s." Later in the day at 4 p.m. everyone would be doing a dinner cruise and show on the showboat Eranson Belle.

April 24 we will head back home, with a stay over in Spring Field, Ill.

As of now I have 18 showing interest. Hopefully we can get an interest of 30. Money needs to be into the Center by March 19, which doesn't give us a lot of time. (No exceptions!)

By Connie Frenette

That is a lot of goodies. This was up from \$327.75 in 2005. Can we do it again? What does CBC stand for? American Cancer Society, Bay Cliff Health Camp and Easter Seals Crippled Children.

Calvin Trudell gave a craft donation and Esther Czarnik dropped off raffle gifts and decorations for the Center. Wilma Gierke gave a treasure and trash donation and Janice Redeker donated cases for the blind to our medical equipment loan closet.

A great big "Happy birthday" goes out to my daughter, Stephanie Frenette, on March 14. What happened to worth 16? You're the greatest!

Memorial monetary donations have been received at the Center in memory of:

- Herb Asp and Bill Henschell from Jim and Janice Redeker
- Maria Brock from Leland Pawley, William and Sandra Doyle
- Arvo Kettala from Sally Schuetter
- Gerald Tarek from Sally Schuetter and Bill Pawley

Maintenance and support donations were received from Martha Hansen, Zella Barcome, and Annual Relic Snowmobile Riders.



Quick and Easy

Known for their buoyant jigs and heavenly feasts, the Irish certainly understand the importance of entertaining. In honor of the day when everyone is Irish, welcome your family and friends to a traditional St. Patrick's spread, with flavors they won't forget.

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3 tsp butter, divided
1/2 cup chopped onion
2 tsp chopped fresh thyme
2 T reserved horseradish-butter mixture*
2 cups reserved potato halves*
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Melt 2 teaspoons butter in large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add onion and thyme; cook and stir 3 to 4 minutes or until onion is tender. Remove from heat; stir in corned beef and horseradish-butter mixture. Meanwhile cut bottom and sides of 9-inch glass pie plate with remaining 1 teaspoon butter; set aside.

2. Cut each potato half into 4 wedges. Arrange potato wedges in single layer over bottom and up sides of pie plate. Combine cheeses in small bowl. Sprinkle 1/2 of cheese mixture over potatoes on bottom of pie plate. Top with corned beef mixture and remaining cheese mixture. Press firmly with spatula to compact layers; cover with aluminum foil.

3. Bake in 375°F oven 25 to 30 minutes or until heated through. Uncover; continue baking 3 to 5 minutes or until cheese is melted and edges begin to brown. Let stand 5 minutes. Cut into wedges.

*Reserve from Dijon-Glazed Corned Beef With Savory Cabbage & Red Potatoes recipe.

DIJON-GLAZED CORNED BEEF WITH SAVORY CABBAGE & RED POTATOES
Total preparation and cooking time: 3-1/2 to 4 hours
Makes 4 servings

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Slice 1/2-inch thick corned beef brisket with seasoning packet cloves garlic, peeled whole black peppercorns

2. Cut each potato half into 4 wedges. Arrange potato wedges in single layer over bottom and up sides of pie plate. Combine cheeses in small bowl. Sprinkle 1/2 of cheese mixture over potatoes on bottom of pie plate. Top with corned beef mixture and remaining cheese mixture. Press firmly with spatula to compact layers; cover with aluminum foil.

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BRIDGE Feb. 26: 1st-Helen Barton, 2nd-Joyce Kistner, 3rd-Kay Shantz, 4th-Betty Stewart, CFC-Paul Stewart. Hostess, Bev Jahn, served cranberry nut bundt cake, crackers and cheese and candy.

BRIDGE March 2: 1st-Bibi Duquette, 2nd-George Lowman, 3rd-Tom Finitt, 4th-Cleo Kothcon, 5th-Kay Schanz, 6th-Lois Bellville, CFC-Norma Archambeau, Hostess, Norma Archambeau, served assorted cookies.

PINOCHLE Feb. 28: 1st-Nancy Casey, 2nd-Peg Beckman, 3rd-Adrey Newborn, 4th-Carl Sundling.

CRIBBAGE March 1: 1st-Bill Robere, 2nd-Emma Hardy

Birthdays this week: March 9- Alma Johnston; March 10-Don Dulinski, Cleo Kothcon, Charles Green and Bill Cheney; March 11-Lowell Conley and Betty Leach; March 13-Charmaine Lehman and Bill Westphal; March 14-Eleanor Schurmer; and on March 15-Rita Chatter and Eleanor Jackson. Happy birthday wishes to all.

COOK'S TIP: If seasoning packet is not included with corned beef brisket, substitute 1-1/4 teaspoons pickling spice.



Dennis Jankowski, president of the Manistique Area Tourist Council (left), presents a \$10,000 check to Mike Powers, chair of the city recreation board. The money was the Tourist Council's donation to the city's upcoming Central Park recreation project. Like the funds contributed by a number of other local organizations, businesses and governmental units, the money will be used as part of the local match, helping to leverage more state grant dollars for the project. Donors are recognized as members of the city's growing Central Park Club. For more information, contact City Manager Sheila Aldrich at 341-2290. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

Northern Michigan University to host premier of new HBO special

Great Lakes Recovery Centers (GLRC), in partnership with Project WEAVE and Northern Michigan University's Health Promotion Office, will be hosting an advanced public viewing of the HBO special "Addiction" Wednesday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m., in room 102 of Jamrich Hall at NMU.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will include a discussion with local experts on the special and substance abuse in the community.

GLRC officials say it is generally accepted that 10 to 15 percent of the population will be affected by their own substance use or abuse, but many do not know that one in four people is affected by someone else's abuse, making the issue a concern for the entire community.

The local premier coincides with a larger national multi-platform campaign produced by HBO, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to educate Americans about advancements in the understanding of drug and alcohol addiction and its treatment as a brain disease.

Marquette was chosen as one of only two cities in Michigan and a limited number of sites throughout the country to premier the special.

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Early registration urged for 34th annual women's retreat in the Soo

The 34th annual Women Today retreat will take place April 20-22 on the campus of Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie. The event is described as an inter-denominational Christian ministry. The theme this year will be "Nothing is Impossible With God!", based on Luke 1:37.

The featured speaker will be Danae Carrough of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., who has sung on commercial jingles for some of the world's largest advertisers, including companies such as Coca Cola, Pepsi, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Minute Maid and Wrigley's.

In her ministry, she has sung with the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir and can often be seen on the "Day of Discovery" television program. She has recorded 13 albums, the most recent of which is called "The Heart of God."

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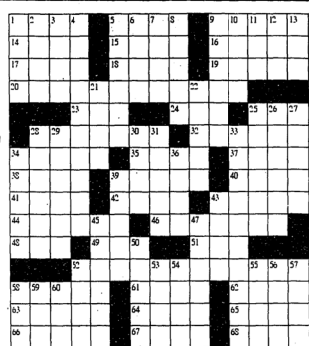
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Forestry

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Meanwhile, benign neglect typically and gradually erodes the very values owners hope to maintain. Usually, it's the fear of getting... Forestry work on slim margins, manage huge monetary investments and operate under increasingly strict guidelines.

DEQ reverses its proposed decision to approve permit

The airwaves, phone lines and Internet connections in the Upper Peninsula were buzzing last Thursday, March 1, following a surprise announcement from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The DEQ said it had withdrawn its proposed decision to approve a permit for the Kenecott Eagle Minerals Company.

Delta County taking part in 'Passport Day' event this Saturday

Delta County Clerk Nancy Solich is joining forces with county and municipal clerks across the state to offer special hours this weekend for travelers who need passports. Michigan's "Passports-to-Go" Day will take place from 9 a.m. to noon this Saturday, March 10.

"We've been concerned from the beginning that this was a terrible place to put a mine," said co-founder Dick Huey in a statement posted on the group's Web site.

"Just imagine being a miner when the roof falls and tons of rock and millions of gallons of water from the Salmon Trout crash in," he wrote.

"It is crucial for us to gain a better understanding of the situation before we engage in that important part of this process," Chester stated.

Save the Wild Up, a citizens group that has been working to stop the mine project, applauded the announcement.

The DEQ said it will conduct the needed technical review of the reports in question, as well as "an extensive procedural review" to determine how the documents were not immediately given the proper consideration.

"We want to make it as easy as we can for our residents, especially in light of strict new passport regulations," says Solich.

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Seegerstrom benefit is Saturday in Nahma

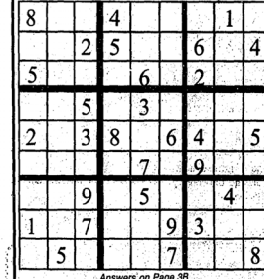
A benefit for local resident Tara Seegerstrom will be held this Saturday, March 10, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Nahma Township Hall. Organizers say Seegerstrom needs life-saving surgery and has no medical insurance.

Terminology Prevention Act of 2004 requires travelers to have passports when they may have needed them in the past.

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills. The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers.

Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.



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ORVs

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time, plus restitution for any damage caused.

Beauchamp says they've had few problems since the measure went onto the books, and have received good cooperation from the county sheriff's department and Michigan Department of Natural Resources officers.

"They've been very supportive," he says. "The people up here know it makes sense. They think it's better to allow us to use the roads and control the way we do it, instead of passing some law against it."

Some areas downstate have not been so lucky. When several counties in the northern third of the Lower Peninsula passed ordinances similar to the one in Schoolcraft County, disputes followed their way to Lansing, and ultimately to the desk of Attorney General Mike Cox.

Last summer, Cox issued a non-binding advisory opinion that said the laws may be invalid, and that county commissioners do not have the authority to open all their roads for ORVs.

That created a "gray area," according to Beauchamp, with county commissioners wondering if their ordinances were about to be overturned, other counties waiting for legislative clarification before proceeding with their own ORV laws, and riders pursuing their sport under a cloud of uncertainty.

"There was talk that some roads were going to close or that all of them were going to close. No one knew what was going to happen," Beauchamp says.

The bill being backed by Shelton and Prusi would remove the uncertainty by writing county authority over ORVs into state law.

Among other things, it would specifically grant commissioners the right to adopt an ordinance to allow the machines on road shoulders, or to extend that authority to their local municipalities.

Like the measures in effect in Schoolcraft and other U.P. counties, it would also govern the way ORVs are used, specifying daylight-only operation, setting a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour, and other restrictions.

It also allows counties to make violation of the law a civil infraction, with fines up to \$500, plus court-ordered remediation for any damages. Money collected from violators would go into a special county fund, with 50 percent earmarked for local ORV enforcement and officer training, 50 percent for county road commissions to use for ORV signage or repairing damage caused by the machines.

If approved in the House and Senate and signed into law, the measure would cover all 15 U.P. counties and the 27 northernmost counties in the Lower Peninsula.

Not surprisingly, the bill has received widespread backing from ORV organizations, including the Michigan Motorized Recreation Council, a coalition made up of user groups like the local SORVA chapter.

In its analysis, the council called Shelton's House bill, "a giant step forward in managing the growth of ORV activity in Michigan in the interest of safety, convenience, recreational opportunity and economic growth."

As of this week, the bill also appeared to have the support of representatives on the Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources Committee.

But Beauchamp says success is not guaranteed. For example, he says, DNR officers in this area may support ORVs, but the same is not true on a statewide basis.

"The DNR in Lansing is against this," he explains. "They want to limit access to state lands. They think there's too much access to state land now. They want to put ORVs where they want them."

Certain portions of the House bill are also causing disagreements between the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC), which represents county governments around the state, and the County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM), which represents road commissions.

Among the items being disputed by the lobbying groups is the 50-50 split on enforcement money and a section of the bill that would allow road commissions to close certain roads to ORVs.

As written, the measure would allow up to 30 percent of county roads to be closed, if the road commission deemed the machines a threat to the environment or public safety.

According to reports out of Lansing last week, MAC and CRAM were still arguing about that percentage.

Beauchamp did not make the trip to Lansing Tuesday, but says the testimony by ORV supporters in front of Shelton's committee was an important step in the process.

The bill is slated for a committee vote next Tuesday,

March 13.

Until then, SORVA, the motorized recreation council and other user groups will be busy making their case to committee members — and urging other ORV enthusiasts to do the same. [A list of representatives on the committee, with contact information, appears at the end of this article.]

Assuming the bill clears committee, it would next move to the full House. At that point, backers say, the lobbying focus should shift to each user's own local representative.

In the case of Schoolcraft County, that means state Rep. Steven Lindberg of Marquette. For Delta County residents, it would be Rep. Tom Casperson of Escanaba. Both are also members of the Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources Committee, with Casperson serving as minority vice chair of the panel.

The public relations effort won't stop, even if the bill is approved in the House. At that point, the Senate would begin its consideration, prompting another round of letters, phone calls and e-mails from supporters.

"I don't really know what's going to happen after it gets out of committee," Beauchamp says. "I don't know what will happen in the House, or in the Senate, or if the governor supports it. I think it's going to take a lot of work."

In the end, Beauchamp agrees with Shelton and Prusi, who cite the benefits of ORVs for recreation — and for the boost the sport gives to tourism, business activity and even property sales across northern Michigan.

He says their SORVA chapter is always looking for new members, and welcomes the input of all ORV riders, even if they don't join the organization.

The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month (March 28 is the next session), at 6:30 p.m., at the Moose Lodge on M-149/County Road 442, west of Marquette.

For more information, contact the group at (906) 226-4422.

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"You don't have to be a Moose member to be there and you don't have to be a SORVA member," Beauchamp says. "Just come by and have a pop, listen to what's going on and voice your opinions. We welcome everyone."

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U.P. lawmakers, college presidents oppose funding 'separation' proposal

On Tuesday, the presidents of all three Upper Peninsula universities stated their opposition to funding Michigan's three largest public universities separately from the other 12.

Their remarks, made during a hearing of the House Appropriations Higher Education Subcommittee at the Capitol, reiterated the comments that were made by the presidents of Western Michigan University and Oakland University during a subcommittee session last Friday.

"It's prudent to take advantage of all research done by Michigan's public universities," said Michigan Technological University President Dr. Glenn Mroz. "Separating funding is not going to help in that direction."

Also testifying Tuesday were Northern Michigan University President Les Wong and Betsy Youngblood, president of Lake Superior State University.

Last week, the presidents of the University of Michigan,

Michigan State University and Wayne State University began a campaign to permanently separate their state funding from the other 12 universities.

They are lobbying for a separate appropriations bill, a move apparently aimed at increasing their share of Michigan's higher education budget.

Those three schools received 57.4 percent of higher education funding in fiscal year 2007, leaving 42.6 percent to be divided by the remaining 12 universities.

At a subcommittee hearing in Flint on Friday, Western Michigan University President Diether Haenicke and Oakland University President Gary Russi voiced their opposition to the plan, which they characterized as a change in focus from collaboration to separation.

"You have to be mindful that the vast majority of our students are Michigan residents," Haenicke said about the plan. "Separation is a bad idea whose time has come."

Russi agreed, adding, "At this critical juncture in Michigan's history, when more than ever the 15 state public universities should stand together as a unifying force for higher education in Michigan, this proposal has the very real potential to be divisive and counterproductive — and damaging to Michigan's economy."

A report from the Cherry Commission, a panel commissioned by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and led by Lt. Gov. John Cherry, called on Michigan's 15 public universities to double the number of college graduates.

Currently, two-thirds of bachelor's degrees awarded to Michigan residents are earned at the 12 universities.

"That Cherry Commission goal is one we all embrace," said Haenicke. "Michigan will be strongest and best served by maintaining and enhancing the strength of all of its public universities. I am disappointed that in this time of economic crisis, three of my colleagues

have lost their global perspective and have decided on a short-term strategy of self-interest that does not serve our state well."

Three U.P. state lawmakers, Rep. Steven Lindberg, D-Marquette, Mike Lahti, D-Hancock, and Gary McDowell, D-Rudyard, applauded the comments.

"The U.P. is home to some of the finest universities in the state, and we need to protect them," Lahti said. "In order to become a magnet for good-paying, 21st century jobs, we must have a highly trained, highly educated workforce. We need to give our students every opportunity to succeed in a global economy."

Lindberg agreed, saying, "Michigan is facing tough economic times, but we can get our state back on track by strengthening and investing in our universities. These schools are tremendous assets to our communities. Maintaining their success must be among our top priorities."

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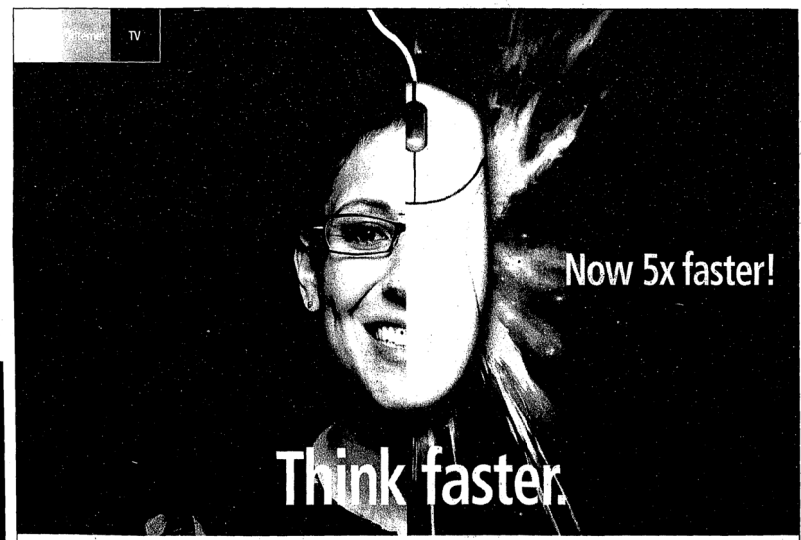
Erik Bessonon, Christine Lundin and Terry Savage, expire on June 30.

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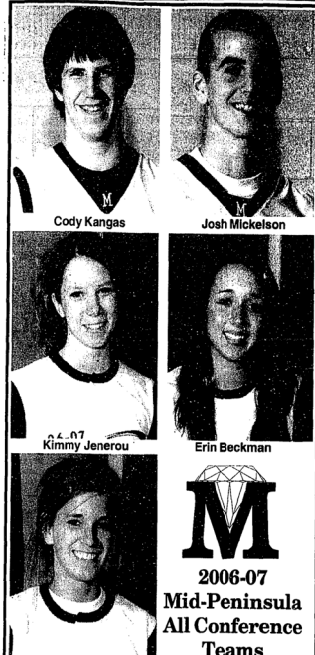
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JV volleyball team wraps up 11-4 season



2006-07 Mid-Peninsula All Conference Teams

BOYS BASKETBALL	SCHOOL	GRADE
FIRST TEAM		
Travis Swanson	Negaunee	11
Matt Sundberg	Westwood	12
Erik Laksonen	Ishpeming	12
Tanner Norman	Gwinn	12
Nick Benaglio	Negaunee	11
Phil Milbrath	Norway	12
SECOND TEAM		
CODY KANGAS	MANISTIQUE	11
Kyle Zweifel	Norway	12
Andy Wolf	Ishpeming	12
Dustin Doren	Ishpeming	12
JOSH MICKELSON	MANISTIQUE	10
HONORABLE MENTION	SCHOOL	GRADE
Billy Hartwig	Iron Mountain	12
Dan Ellis	Negaunee	11
Brandon Eden	Gwinn	11
Adam Maxon	Manistiquie	12
Nathan Menghini	Norway	12
ALL DEFENSIVE TEAM	SCHOOL	GRADE
Anthony Katona	Negaunee	11
Dan Murray	Westwood	12
Tony Marietti	Ishpeming	12
Tanner Norman	Gwinn	12
Kyle Zweifel	Norway	12
VOLLEYBALL		
FIRST TEAM	SCHOOL	GRADE
Samantha Newberry	Iron Mountain	12
Jessica Wood	Ishpeming	12
Becly Keiholtz	Gwinn	11
Brittany Newberry	Iron Mountain	11
Ellyer Renier	Norway	12
Andrea Graves	Manistiquie	12
SECOND TEAM	SCHOOL	GRADE
Collene Froberg	Gwinn	12
Aly Dix	Negaunee	11
Stephanie Weymouth	Manistiquie	11
Stephanie Bahman	Gwinn	11
Hilary Bauchamp	Iron Mountain	12
Kathryn Turay	Westwood	12
HONORABLE MENTION	SCHOOL	GRADE
Lindsay Waters	Ishpeming	12
Sam Shultz	Norway	12
Sasha Dixon	Iron Mountain	12
ERIN BECKMAN	MANISTIQUE	12
KIMMY JENEROU	MANISTIQUE	12
Jessie Ziller	Norway	12
ALL DEFENSIVE TEAM	SCHOOL	GRADE
Jess Herndon	Gwinn	12
Christine Jani	Negaunee	12
Brittany Newberry	Iron Mountain	12
LHEA YURK	MANISTIQUE	12
Sam Shultz	Norway	11
Megan Murphy	Ishpeming	12

"Wow! What a season!" Those were the words of coach Stacey Morrison, describing the results turned in by her Manistique Emerald junior varsity volleyball team this year.

The Emeralds finished the season with a record of 11-4. Along the way, they were victorious over many perennial powerhouse teams. In fact, the only team that was able to beat the Emerald JV on more than one occasion was the Norway Knights.

Morrison, who hadn't coached in 12 years, was very happy with her lineup.

"On and off the court, these girls were a joy to spend three months with," she said. "Volleyball has come a long way since I first coached back in the early '90s. Volleyball was a new sport for Manistique at that time, and no one had really played much power ball or expected too much from the program. At the JV and even the varsity level, we were just trying to build a program. This year was more challenging for me, and was so much fun."

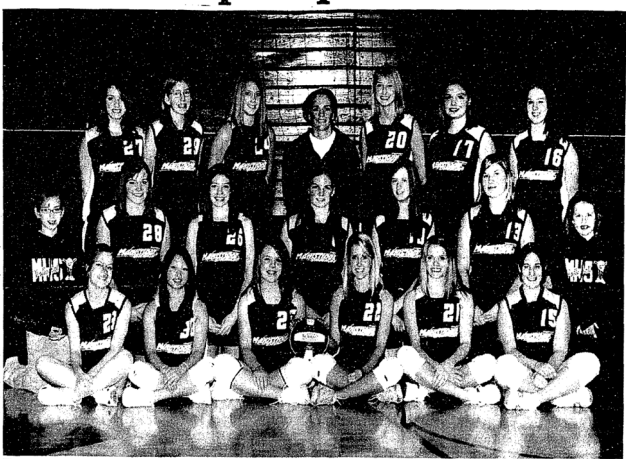
Yurk played in a club program called Anticiz Volleyball in Gwinn, where they worked with coach Tracy Hruska, former collegiate player and assistant coach and interim head coach at NMU.

Morrison said the four girls returned with excellent fundamental skills and led the team to a winning season.

Sophomores new to volleyball this year were Kayla LaMuth, Christie Hyland and Bonnie Lee.

"LaMuth and Hyland both saw a lot of playing time, while Lee was such an inspiration to us all with her positive attitude and team-building talks," Morrison said. "LaMuth really came on throughout the season, and as her timing improved, she was really able to make some fantastic kills. Hyland was always consistent with her serve and scored a lot of critical points."

Freshman Melanie Neddow was described by the coach as "an all-around great athlete who worked hard at practice and on game nights," earning a role as a starting setter on the team.



The 2006-2007 Manistique High School Junior Varsity Volleyball Team. Front row, from left: Billie Jo Henry, Bonnie Lee, Kylie Anthony, Chelsea Wright, Bree Yurk, Cassie Haley. Middle row: Manager Shayna Morrison, Melanie Neddow, Allison Cook, Courtney Dibble, Sarah Wright, Danae Henry, Assistant Manager Maggie Morrison. Back Row: Christie Hyland, Holly Heuter, Lynelle Tallman, Coach Stacey Morrison, Kayla LaMuth, Mallory Lakosky, Brittney Pierce. Not pictured: Statistician Kayla Tuttle. (Photo courtesy Portraits Plus)

The 2006-2007 Emerald line-up featured 10 sophomores, including veterans Malorie Lakosky, Chelsea Wright, Bree Yurk, Courtney Dibble, Holly Heuter, Lynelle Tallman and Brittney Pierce.

Throughout the fall, Lakosky, Wright, Tallman and

other freshman players were Cassie Haley, Sarah Wright, Kylie Anthony, Alison Cook, Billie Jo Henry and Danae Henry.

"Next year we're looking to have Anthony develop more as a setter, while Cook is going to be just a great all-around

player," Morrison said. "Haley and Billie Jo Henry are good back row players, while Sarah Tuttle attended every game to keep the book and statistics. Morrison also gave credit to her "behind the scenes" staff,

which included sophomore Kayla Tuttle and seventh grader Shayna Morrison.

Tuttle attended every game to keep the book and statistics. Morrison also gave credit to her "behind the scenes" staff,

manager at games. "We appreciate all that both of these girls did to make our season run smoothly," Morrison said.

The coach admitted feeling sad that the season was over,

but said she was looking forward to next year. "It will be so fun to watch these girls move on to the varsity and really bring it all together at the next level," she stated.

Former Lady Bear Leckson has successful transition to the world of collegiate hoops

Northern Michigan University's freshman forward Angie Leckson left the crowd at the Berry Events Center in Marquette with a taste of good things to come. During the Wildcats' final game of the season Feb. 17, the Big Bay de Noc High School graduate put on a show, netting 20 points in a 73-68 win over Northwood University.

The NMU women wrapped up the season with a 9-18 record. With her rookie collegiate year all but a memory, Leckson said the transition to the college ranks was a challenge.

"I never really knew what to expect when I got here," she said. "Playing at this level is very intense. There is so much to learn. Between classes and

practice, I just really had to start planning so I could get everything done."

She also had a lot to learn on the court.

"The game is so much more physical in college than in high school, it's unreal," she said. "It's a challenge dealing with the mental and physical strain of it all."

Despite those challenges, the

former Lady Bear standout built an impressive resume as a freshman Wildcat.

Over the course of a rugged 27-game schedule, she averaged six points-per-game to finish sixth in scoring with 160 points.

Leckson led the Wildcats in scoring from the free throw line by sinking an impressive 82 of her 115 attempts, for a

71.3 percent success rate. She also ranked fourth in rebounding, hauling in 110 boards.

The daughter of Joyce and George Leckson of Garden, Angie finished her high school career with a total of 1,065 points, earning first-team Central U.P. Conference and All-U.P. honors.

Leckson will now put up her basketball shoes for a while as she prepares to participate in track and field at Northern this spring.

During the off-season, she plans to work on several key areas in preparation for her sophomore year, including strength training, conditioning and footwork.



A sizeable contingent of hometown supporters and former schoolmates took the trip north to Northern Michigan University's Berry Events Center last month to see Angie Leckson play the final game of her freshman season as an NMU Wildcat. After a stellar 20-point performance, the Big Bay de Noc High School graduate signed autographs for her fans. (Submitted photo)

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BOYS' BASKETBALL POLL

Class A-B-C	Class D
1. Houghton (19-2)	1. Cedarville (19-0)
2. St. Ignace (17-3)	2. Jeffers (19-1)
3. Negaunee (17-3)	3. Forest Park (17-2)
4. Escanaba (13-7)	4. Ewen-Trout Cr. (18-2)
5. Calumet (13-6)	5. Carney-Nadeau (16-3)

Also receiving votes:
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Sault Ste. Marie (12-8)
Ishpeming (13-7)
Kingsford (12-8)
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DNR explains trail program

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

A cold, cold wind blows across the Great Lakes state, bringing snow and below-freezing temperatures - perfect conditions for snowmobiling. Michigan's outdoor enthusiasts rely on cold temperatures and steady snowfall for winter fun. And if they snowmobile, Michigan is ideal for them. Our state offers snowmobile enthusiasts 6,352 miles of trail on the state-designated snowmobile trail system. Along the way, trail users can enjoy easy access to Michigan's hinterlands through conveniently located trailheads, bridges over waterways and signage that indicates directions or warnings.

The trail system also provides connection with amenities found in towns, such as fuel for the machines and food and lodging for the riders. Many northern communities depend on good snow and lots of snowmobiling visitors for their economic vitality.

But, have you ever wondered how all those trails get maintained?

Enter the dedicated members of snowmobile clubs and local governments acting as trail sponsors. Sixty-six clubs and local agencies currently receive grants from the Department of Natural Resources to maintain snowmobile trails across the state.

The Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division administers the program in cooperation with DNR's Grants Management. Grants are paid from the Snowmobile Trail Improvement Fund, which is funded from trail permits purchased by snowmobilers and from snowmobile registration fees.

"Having local clubs do the grooming has been positive because they take pride and ownership in the job they do for their communities," said Charlie Vallier, FMFM Nauswabing Field Office.

A grant is issued to each trail sponsor that specifies the trail segments assigned to them, outlines the work they are to accomplish during the year and provides funding limits for reimbursement of costs.

Depending on the terms of their grant, a trail sponsor may be responsible for clearing trees, branches and brush from the trail corridor; grading dips and mounds in the trail; and installing warning and directional signs before the season begins in December of each year.

For this winter, almost \$545,000 in grant funding was awarded for this season work. "My contact with the DNR has been very positive, both at Nauswabing and in Lansing," said Gary Schupbach, a trail sponsor for the Curtis area. "I'm very pleased with how the program is run."

Trail sponsors maintain the trails during the snowmobile season by regularly grooming the snow surface, replacing signs, repairing fences and plowing parking lots at designated trailheads. More than \$3,860,000 was awarded statewide in grants for trail maintenance and related costs for this year's snowmobile season.

Trail sponsors also receive grants to purchase trail grooming equipment. Last fall, the snowmobile program purchased 22 groomers and tractors, seven blades for the grooming machines and 24 drags (for smoothing the trail surface) at an additional grant award of \$3,390,000. As the end of winter nears, you may be thinking the snowmobile program closes up shop and waits until the snow



Top: Some of the equipment purchased last fall by Michigan snowmobile clubs, which received \$3.3 million in grants from the DNR for 22 new groomers and tractors, seven grooming blades and 24 drags. Below left: Altogether, 66 clubs and local government agencies were awarded more than \$3.8 million in grants to groom and maintain 6,352 miles of trails. Below right: A look back from the cab of a groomer as it maintains a trail. (DNR photos by David Kenyon)

flies again. Not true. Often there is a need for larger maintenance projects on the trails, such as installing culverts in small drainage areas or building a bridge over a river or wetland. Trail sponsors may receive grants for these types of projects, with a whole set of requirements to follow.

When carrying out a larger maintenance project, the responsibilities of the trail sponsor may include selecting a licensed professional (such as an engineering firm); overseeing preparation of plans and specifications; applying for permits; advertising for bids; awarding construction contracts; monitoring progress of construction; and coordinating with and reporting problems to a contact person at one of the DNR's field offices.

"Regular communication between trail sponsors and the DNR is critical for successful completion of maintenance projects," said Richard Kennedy, a resource analyst for the DNR in Lansing. One such project is the construction of the Thompsonville Bridge, recently completed after several years of work by the Benzie-Manistee Snowbirds trail sponsor group. This bridge is on the Bettsie

Valley Trail and spans the Bettsie River, a state-designated natural river in Benzie County. Great care was taken to design and construct the bridge in compliance with several state natural resources protection laws and avoid negative effects to the river system.

Before the old bridge trusses could be removed, the wood was tested and traces of arsenic were found, so a plan for dealing with the contaminant was prepared. Soil erosion control measures as well as landscaping compatible with the natural river plan also were incorporated into the project.

The total cost for the new bridge was about \$325,000. "DNR staff worked closely with the trail sponsor and consulting firm to address issues related to design changes, regulatory requirements, aesthetic and structural considerations, and the needs of trail users," Kennedy said. For other projects like this, although not quite as complex, another \$1.1 million was awarded in grant funds to trail sponsors for 2006-2007.

So, the next time you're out having some winter fun, remember the work performed by all those trail sponsors in cooperation with the DNR.

MAS hosting Northern Lights tournament

Manistique High School will be a busy place this weekend, when the Northern Lights League holds a post-season basketball tournament at the Bonifas Gymnasium.

Launched in 1970, the Northern Lights League is made up of smaller Class D schools, the majority of which are notable not just for their low enrollment but their geographic isolation.

Charter members of the league included Mackinac Island, Paradise and Grand Marais. Other member schools have varied over the years, but have included teams from the Upper and Lower peninsulas.

Youth wrestling underway

With the varsity wrestling season finished, the young Emerald grapplers have now taken over the mats. Already this season, they have wrestled in Westwood, Ishpeming, Manistigon and Sault Ste. Marie.

At Westwood on Feb. 24, Manistique sent 22 competitors into action, and all did well for their first meet of the year.

Taking first place were Garrett Jasmin, Tanner Gonzalez, Cole Gonzalez, Mat Gonzalez, Zach Lindemuth and Matt DeKousha.

Second-place medals went to Andrew Nelson, Amber Smith, Jacob Milavec, J.L. Gonzalez and Bobby Holmberg.

Finishing third were Dylan Fuson, Ryan Mercier, D.J. Peterson, Bobby Burton, C.J. Goudeau, Erin Holmberg and Billy Bartholomew.

Taking fourth were Nick Burris, Jeremy Gould, Dale Mattson and Dustin Bryant.

Eight wrestlers stepped over for matches in Ishpeming the next day, and brought home a number of medals for the team: two firsts, three seconds, two

thirds and a fourth. Capturing gold for Manistique were Erin Holmberg and Jacob Milavec.

"These two should get many of those gold medals as the season progresses," said head coach Everett Wood.

Runner-up medals went to Bobby Holmberg, D.J. Peterson and Jeremy Gould.

Claiming third place were Nick Burris and Dylan Fuson. Dustin Bryant wrapped up the weekend with a fourth-place medal.

On March 3, the Emeralds were split, with 10 going to Manistigon and 12 competing at the Soo.

At Manistigon, Ryan Mercier battled his way to first, as did Matthew Wood, wrestling in his very first competition.

Taking second were Michael Brock, Kenny Peters and Dale Mattson.

"It's the first year for our 'Gemflak Connection,' and they are all doing a great job," coach Wood said. Earning third were Bobby

Brook, Clarence Brock, Tyler Barker, Travis Bolin and Dylan Fuson.

"There were many close matches that could have gone either way in this group," said Wood.

At Sault Ste. Marie, Manistique claimed six first-place medals, five seconds and a fourth.

"It looks like the kids know the season is on now," the coach said. Winning championships were Erin Holmberg, Bobby Holm-

berg, Andrew Nelson, Dustin Bryant, Cole Gonzalez and Tanner Gonzalez.

Second-place finishers were C.J. Goudeau, D.J. Peterson, Mat Gonzalez, J.L. Gonzalez and Tanner Holmberg.

Getting a fourth-place medal was Amber Smith.

"We knew she had a bad day, but she will bounce back," Wood said.

Manistique will travel to Gladstone this weekend, for a tournament Wood describes as "a heavy-hitter competition."

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SENEY TOWNSHIP

Seney Township has received funding from the Community Development Block Grant Program in the amount of \$346,481. These funds were used for the construction of a new wastewater collection facility in the community of Seney. Construction of the CDBG-funded improvements is complete, and closeout of this project is anticipated.

The Seney Township Board will hold a CLOSEOUT PUBLIC HEARING on this wastewater infrastructure project at

7:00 p.m., Monday, March 19, 2007
Seney Township Hall
1576 Railroad Street, Seney, MI

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

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

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

Fred Peterson,
City Assessor

Manistique figure skaters Nicole Johnson (left) and Danielle Reid recently participated in the Marquette International Open skating competition.



For her performances, Johnson received a second in swing dance and third place finishes in: fiesta tango, preliminary free skate, preliminary compulsory and preliminary spins.

Reid received a first place finish in preliminary spins, second in preliminary compulsory and third in preliminary free-style.

Both girls are in their fifth year of skating with the Escanaba Figure Skating Club. They will hold their annual ice show on March 17 and 18 in Escanaba. (Submitted photo)

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The purpose of this meeting is to give the citizenry an opportunity to become acquainted with the proposed project and to comment on such items as economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project, or any other issue identified by Rural Development.

Robin Loviska, Secretary
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This is a special thank you to my friends, family and entire community in my time of need. Many of you came to help me when I found out I had cancer. Some of you baked fun treats, went back and forth to Marquette. Many of you sent cards and letters and called.

I thank you for all the continued support I am receiving. A special thank you to Pamida for allowing my family to conduct a bake sale at the store.

Sharon Burns

I wish to take this time (rather belatedly) to thank all of those who attended, sent flowers, condolences, or in any way assisted in the funeral of my brother, GEORGE SOLAR. The staff of Messier-Brouillette Funeral Home were very accommodating. Our family was especially gratified by the big turnout of the local veterans organizations. I would like to thank each of them personally. I didn't bring my Am. Legion hat or jacket from my Post 16 in Hammond, Ind., but was asked by Don Martin to join in. Thanks Don, you were all so good to participate in spite of the weather.

George was a stalwart pillar of the family and served his country honorably during WWII in North Africa as a member of the Army Air Corps.

A BIG thanks also to Fr. Glenn for the beautiful eulogy and service. It was so comforting to have this good priest for the final ceremony.

Sincerely, *John J. Solar*

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who assisted us in anyway during the death of our beloved husband and dad, HERB ASP.

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Preschool students at Lincoln Elementary held their annual rodeo last week, with activities that included riding homemade stick horses around the "arena," barrel racing, roping the steer, a wagon-pulling relay, a big boot race, a cow-corralling competition, and a chance to ride a pretend bucking bronco. Top row left: Teacher Christy Ryan with the morning 4-year-old class. Top right: Owen Klarich and Lucas Gould. Middle left: Richard Parker and Emily Mattson. Middle center: Ryan with Fylyeh Weigel. Middle right: Ryan with Emilee McDaniel. Bottom left: the afternoon class riding their stick horses. Bottom right: Brady Price and Jacob Ziminski. (Submitted photos)



Survey shows retailers pessimistic for short term but expecting better things by year-end

Michigan retailers are forecasting better sales in 2007, but are braced for continued challenges throughout the late winter and early spring. According to the latest Michigan Retail Index, a monthly survey compiled by the Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 57 percent of responding businesses expect to see better sales than last year, with 30 percent saying gains will top five percent.

New bovine TB rules now in effect

The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) is reminding cattle producers that new requirements on cattle movement testing, electronic identification and certification went into effect on March 1. "These program changes are necessary to bring Michigan into compliance with federal rules and are a tremendous step forward in MDA's goal to be a bovine tuberculosis free state," said MDA Director Mitch Irwin. "While some Michigan cattle producers will now need to test for movement from Lower Michigan, long term we will see a reduction in testing requirements, and associated costs, once the state is

chief executive officer of the MRA, said January sales showed some improvement as the holiday shopping season extended into the new year, boosting confidence for the year ahead. "But that optimism didn't necessarily extend to the next few months," Meyer added. "Retailers believe the challenges facing our state will continue and be especially tough through early spring."

MDA has been successful in regaining T3 Free Status in the Upper Peninsula, and with the new regulations expects to move the MAAZ to TB-free within the next year. There is no TB testing required for movement of cattle from farms in the U.P. to any destination in Michigan and no movement certification required for movement within the U.P. A document outlining the bovine TB zonal changes and requirements can be viewed online at www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases or obtained by calling (517) 373-1077.

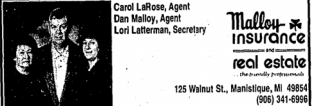
Manistique Public Safety Department Log

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.

Feb. 27, 2007
3:35 a.m. Snow ordinance violation, cited and towed vehicle at Cataraugus and Park streets
7 a.m. Alarm, River Road
11:30 a.m. Signal light out, Highway M-94 and U.S. Highway 2
11:51 a.m. Suspicious situation, Maple Street
12:20 p.m. Reckless driver, U.S. Highway 2
3:25 p.m. Permit to purchase, Manistique resident
4:15 p.m. Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Transfer to Escanaba
5:45 p.m. Property damage accident, Maple Street
6:50 p.m. Citizen assist, Maple Street
6:50 p.m. Unwanted person, Lake Street
9 p.m. Illegal parking, Lake Street
10:23 p.m. EMS, Hiawatha Township
Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007
1:40 a.m. EMS, Transfer to Marquette
3:11 a.m. Snow ordinance violation, vehicle cited and towed
6:30 a.m. Salt truck request, U.S. Highway 2
8:15 a.m. Suspended driver/plates, Park Avenue
9:53 a.m. Citizen assist, Maple Street
10:45 a.m. Assault, Main Street
5:25 p.m. Possible domestic, Houghton Avenue
5:32 p.m. Parking violation, Lake Street
5:45 p.m. Department assist, Thompson Township
6:10 a.m. Citizen assist, U.S. Highway 2
7:30 a.m. Attempted malicious destruction of property, Lake Street
7:42 a.m. Breaking and entering, Cedar Street, Manistique resident arrested for breaking and entering and bench warrant out of Chippewa County
8:35 a.m. EMS, Transfer to Marquette
10:03 a.m. Semi blocking roadway, U.S. Highway 2
10:10 a.m. Civil defense system test
12 p.m. Signal out, U.S. Highway 2 and Highway M-94
12:10 p.m. Property dispute, Manistique residents
12:53 p.m. Lockout, Cedar Street
2 p.m. Loose road sign, U.S. Highway 2
3:05 p.m. Unwanted person, Cedar Street
3:35 p.m. Low wires, New Elm Street
6:20 p.m. Line down, Cedar Street and U.S. Highway 2
7:05 p.m. Deceased dog, Schoolcraft Avenue
8:50 p.m. Vehicle in ditch, U.S. Highway 2
9:25 p.m. EMS, within city of Manistique
10:40 p.m. Assist, U.S. Highway 2 and Chippewa Avenue for road closing
Friday, March 2, 2007
1:05 a.m. Domestic dispute, Third Street
2:31 a.m. Intoxicated person, within city of Manistique
2:55 a.m. Disorderly person, Main Street, Manistique resident arrested for disorderly conduct.
3:29 a.m. Snow ordinance violation, cited and towed vehicle near Oak and Cedar streets
5:25 a.m. Snow plow complaint, Chippewa Avenue
10:30 a.m. Snow removal violation, Fifth Street
11 a.m. Collapsed awning, Cedar Street
11:30 a.m. Traffic/hazard snow removal vision obstruction, U.S. Highway 2
3:01 p.m. Civil standby, Elk Street
3:10 p.m. Safety inspection, Manistique resident
5:45 p.m. Lockout, Houghton Avenue
7:01 p.m. Child custody, Manistique resident
Saturday, March 3, 2007
2:25 a.m. Lift assist, Intake Park Road
10 a.m. Ice rescue training, U.S. Highway 2
4:01 p.m. Attempted arson, Deer Street, Manistique resident arrested for station tour, Hiawatha Fire Explores toured facility
7:10 p.m. Citizen assist/traffic hazard, U.S. Highway 2
10 a.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette
10:30 p.m. Suicidal subject, Alger Avenue
11:52 p.m. Suspicious vehicle, Houghton Avenue
Sunday, March 4, 2007
12:53 a.m. Loud music, Elm Street
1:24 a.m. Larceny, Cedar Street
2:35 a.m. Citizen assist, Cedar Street
4:15 a.m. Salt truck request, city of Manistique
11:37 a.m. Lock out, Intake Park Road
1:15 p.m. Runaway, Manistique resident
6:51 p.m. Domestic dispute, Cedar Street
11:30 p.m. EMS, Hiawatha Township
Monday, March 5, 2007
6:20 a.m. Snow plow/salt truck request, U.S. Highway 2
6:55 p.m. EMS, Transfer to Escanaba
8:40 a.m. Signal out, U.S. Highway 2 and Highway M-94
9:20 a.m. Request snow removal, Elk at Cedar streets
10 a.m. Safety inspection
11:30 a.m. Arrested Manistique resident on felony warrant for delivery/manufacture controlled substance and probation violation
11:45 a.m. Illegal dumping, U.S. Highway 2
3:20 p.m. Fire hazard, U.S. Highway 2

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Robert James Boudah, 21, of Rapid River, charged with expired operator's license and driving 40 miles per hour in a 35 m.p.h. zone (1/07). Assessed \$86 and \$76 respectively.
Darwin Lee Butkovich, 41, of Engadine, charged with driving 40 miles per hour in a 35 m.p.h. zone (2/07). Assessed \$100.
Denys Helene Hoholik, 51, of Manistique, charged with driving 70 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (3/07). Assessed \$120.
Sarah Jean Howard, 19, of Shingleton, plead guilty in 93rd District Court to trespassing (2/07). She was sentenced to seven days in jail which was suspended. She was also assessed \$25 statute fine, \$50 costs, \$75 total. Optional jail term seven days.
Roger Allen Kimball, 61, of Skandia, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone (2/07). Assessed \$100.
Barbara Jean Tebear, 56, of Escanaba, charged with driving 40 miles per hour in a 35 m.p.h. zone (2/07). Assessed \$100.

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The City of Manistique Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public meeting to consider amending the City Ordinance to regulate temporary Cargo (Intermodal) containers in residential R-1 and R-2 zoning districts.

The proposed ordinance reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. _____ OF 2007
An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 253 of 2000 Restricting Cargo Storage in R1 and R2 Residential Districts

THE CITY OF MANISTIQUE ORDAINS:

Section 1 Permitted Temporary Storage:
Cargo (Intermodal) containers may be used for temporary storage in R1 and R2 Zoning districts for a period not to exceed Sixty (60) days in any calendar year. Cargo (Intermodal) containers that exceeds a height of 8', a width of 8' and a length of 40' are prohibited at all times.

Cargo containers are prohibited in R1 and R2 Residential Districts for any use other than the affected temporary storage.

Section 2 Penalties:
Violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, said person shall be fined not more than \$500.00 or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days or both.

Section 3 Effective Date:
This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after publication.

Section 4 Repeat:
To the extent any Ordinance heretofore adopted is inconsistent herewith, the same is hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistency, and the balance of said Ordinance shall be preserved and remain enforceable.

The public hearing will be held on

March 28, 2007 at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 300 North Maple Street, Manistique

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