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The weather in the Upper Peninsula, and most of the eastern U.S., took an unseasonable turn for the worse late last week, but that didn't stop the Easter Bunny from making his scheduled stop at the Manistique Marina on Saturday — and it didn't stop local children from turning out to meet him. The event was the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Manistique Merchants Association, with support from the Manistique Area Kiwanis Club. Children received special eggs from the Bunny, each one containing a slip redeemable for goodies from local businesses. Ignoring the snow and wind, the children then joined the frantic search for candy-filled eggs hidden all around the marina. More pictures from the hunt elsewhere in this week's issue. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)



Officials studying impact of governor's grant moratorium

Local arts programs affected; other project grants may survive

by Paul Olson

Officials in Schoolcraft County are still waiting to learn the full impact of a recent directive which placed a moratorium on spending state grant funds. As of Tuesday, it appeared that local arts-related programs would be affected, while infrastructure work would not.

The moratorium was spelled out in Executive Directive 2007-11, issued March 29 by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to all of Michigan's department directors and autonomous agency heads. It followed the more highly publicized executive order issued by the governor a week earlier, slashing state spending for the remainder of the fiscal year by \$344.6 million, or about a third of the current budget deficit, estimated at more than \$900 million.

The directive called for all state grant expenditures to be stopped for the remainder of the state's budget year, which ends Sept. 30. It applied to new grants, grants already awarded but not fully spent, and the renewal or extension of existing grants.

The only expenditures allowed under the directive would be for grants required by legal or federal mandate or court order, those necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the state's residents and visitors, programs that produce budgetary savings, protect existing state revenue or secure additional revenue, and those that provide a financial incentive for the retention and creation of jobs.

Manistique City Manager Sheila Aldrich spent much of last week trying to determine what all of that meant — specifically, what impact the moratorium would have on city programs, many of which are supported, in one way or another, by grant funds. "Something like this could have a huge impact on what we do, but getting answers hasn't been the easiest," Aldrich said Monday.

At this point, Aldrich said, it's too early to know what might happen with several new grant requests from the city and Downtown Development Authority.

Those include the recent application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Waterways program for a \$50,000 waterfront planning grant, and an application now being prepared for a May 11 submission to the Department of Environmental Quality Coastal Management Program, which could fund planning of

proposed historic and educational center in the city. At Monday night's City Council meeting, Aldrich distributed a letter from the DNR, acknowledging receipt of the Waterways grant application.

In the letter Harbor Program Manager Paul R. Peterson indicated that the availability of funds might be an issue, and could even push back the waterfront planning process several years.

"If your proposed project is approved and money is available, an agreement could be developed in approximately two to three months or less," Peterson wrote. "If, however, your proposed project is a viable project, but money is not available, the Parks and Recreation Division will hold your application information until funding for that particular project becomes available (this process could take several years depending on the grant funding climate)."

Of even more immediate concern are several projects already approved for funding and in the pipeline for construction this year, including the sewer separation and street project on the south end of Range Street, the upgrade of Lakeside Road, and long-planned improvements to the Central Park recreation area.

Aldrich said the Lakeside Road work is not in jeopardy, a fact confirmed last week by the Michigan Department of

Transportation. The work, estimated to cost between \$300,000 and \$438,000, is being paid for in part with "task force" dollars awarded by MDTOT, but since the original source of that money is federal highway funds, it is not affected by Granholm's directive.

The \$733,000 Range Street project is being funded in part by a \$508,000 Community Development Block Grant awarded through the Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement program of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Aldrich said they don't know for sure until the end of this week, but it appears that project will also be unaffected by the moratorium, since the sewer and street work falls under several protected categories, being necessary for the public welfare and helping to address sewer separation required under a consent order with the DEQ.

There has been no definite answer on the \$573,000 Central Park project, where the bulk of the money, \$424,000, is set to come from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, through a grant awarded in 2005.

Mike Powers, chair of the city recreation board, said he's

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Council approves project manager, agrees to borrow for Little Bear West kitchen upgrade

by Paul Olson

The city of Manistique will hire an Escanaba firm to assure the proper specifications are drawn up for the upcoming kitchen project at Little Bear West Arena, and that the work is completed properly.

During their regular meeting Monday, the City Council voted 4-0 to approve a request from the city recreation board and pay Hiawatha Chef Supply

\$700 to design and oversee the project. Should that company also be the winning bidder for construction, the fee will be waived.

The project involves the upgrade of the arena kitchen to full commercial status, with the appropriate design and equipment.

Estimated to cost around \$75,000, the work will be funded through a contribution

from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, which has pledged \$15,000 a year for the next five years.

Aldrich said an initial \$7,500 payment has been received from the tribe, with a second installment coming soon.

In related business, council authorized Aldrich and City Treasurer Zach Sanville to negotiate with local lending

institutions for a project loan.

Using the Sault Tribe commitment, the city will look to borrow \$60,000, with a four-to-five-year payback schedule.

Aldrich said the recommendation to hire Hiawatha Chef Supply came after speaking to company representatives and local contractors about the best way to proceed.

The number-one concern, she said, was that the kitchen

meet all applicable codes and standards.

"We want to be in compliance with the health department. That's very, very important to us," Aldrich said.

She explained that Hiawatha Chef will design specifications that will enable the city to put the project out for bids.

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First Baptist Church marks anniversary

The congregation of Manistique's First Baptist Church is marking a major milestone this week, as the church celebrates its 125th anniversary.

Manistique's oldest church, First Baptist traces its roots all the way back to 1872, when Martin Henderson Quick and his wife, Martha, arrived in the city, which then had a population of roughly 100 people, no churches and no organized religious services.

Quick was the general

superintendent for the Chicago Lumber Co. He was also a Baptist, and organized a Sunday School for the community, serving as its first superintendent.

Over the next few years Manistique grew quickly, and a number of other Baptists moved to the community. Soon, they were seeking their own place to worship.

In the fall of 1880, the Rev. C.W. Burnham arrived with his family and began conduct-

ing services in the village schoolhouse.

Nearly two years later, on April 9, 1882, a group gathered at the schoolhouse and formally organized as the First Baptist Church of Manistique, with 18 charter members.

Current Pastor Jay Martin, who has served at the church since 1979, says they are marking their 125th birthday throughout the spring and summer months.

Last weekend, a special

group picture was taken, with local photographer Dan White capturing a shot of all the members attending the Easter Sunday service.

During 11 a.m. services this coming Sunday, April 15, the church will hold its official anniversary observance, which will include remarks from a representative of the American Baptist Churches of Michigan, a celebration of historic events in the history of the church, and special recognition for

those who have been part of the congregation 50 years or longer.

Following the service, a celebration luncheon banquet will be held in the newest part of the historic facility — the 6,200 square foot community center that opened in 2003.

A bit farther down the road, a community open house has been scheduled for Sunday, June 17, with the public invited to stop by and view displays showcasing the church's outreach in the community over the years.

Everyone who has been married in the church is being invited back for that event, where they will have a photo taken in the sanctuary.

On June 23, the church will participate in the third annual Pioneer Day, hosted by the Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce at Pioneer Park and the historic water tower. Included will be a display of historic church information.

One week later, on Saturday, June 30, church members will be participating in the local Independence Day celebration, with an anniversary float entered in the community parade.

Other highlights of the anniversary year will include the traditional church picnic in August, the creation of special 125th anniversary medallions, a new composite photo of church members to be hung in the sanctuary, and publication of a new pictorial church directory.

For more information, call the church at 341-2814.

Clean Sweep targeting out-of-date medications

Prescription and over-the-counter medications will be collected in Manistique and at other free drop-off sites around the Upper Peninsula during the third annual Earth Keeper Clean Sweep on Saturday, April 21.

Launched in 2005, the first Clean Sweep targeted household toxins such as herbicides, drain cleaners, car batteries and oil-based paints. Forty five tons of poisons and other dangerous items were gathered up and disposed of according to state and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency guidelines.

Last year, the project collected worn-out electronics, including personal computers, televisions, VCRs, cell phones, stereos and fax machines. Across the U.P., over 320 tons of electronic waste were dropped off by an estimated 10,000 residents in just three hours, and it took nine semi trucks to haul the waste to approved recycling centers in the Lower Peninsula.

Both previous Clean Sweeps broke EPA collection records for the Great Lakes, and last fall the sponsoring Earth Keeper Initiative and its project partners were honored with three international awards.

Not resting on those laurels, this year's Earth Keeper Clean Sweep is zeroing in on out-of-date and unwanted medications of all kinds, according to Carl Lindquist, executive director of the Superior Watershed Partnership.

By addressing the issue of pharmaceutical disposal, the Earth Keepers Initiative is once again at the forefront nationally, says Lindquist, co-organizer of the Clean Sweep efforts.

The EPA, and Lindquist say the project is important be-

cause most treatment plants are not designed to filter out medications. When pills or liquid medicines are poured down the sink or flushed down the toilet, they remain diluted in the water supply after treatment, and trace amounts of pharmaceuticals are turning up in America's drinking water when they are suspected of causing a range of health problems, according to the EPA.

Research is showing that the drugs are increasingly being detected in lakes and rivers at levels that could be causing harm to the environment and ecosystem, says Elizabeth LaPlante, senior manager for the EPA Great Lakes National Programs Office in Chicago.

"Specifically, reproductive and development problems in aquatic species, hormonal disruption and antibiotic resistance are some concerns associated with pharmaceuticals in our wastewater," LaPlante says.

Lindquist points to recent national studies showing that over 80 percent of the rivers sampled tested positive for a range of pharmaceuticals, including antibiotics, birth control hormones, antidepressants, veterinary drugs and other medications.

He adds that said some urban centers have even detected traces of pharmaceuticals in their tap water.

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Clean Sweep 2007

Who
The Earth Keeper Initiative, a coalition of nine U.P. religious communities, the Superior Watershed Partnership and other organizations.

What
The third annual collection and disposal of dangerous, toxic items. This year's project will collect out-of-date medications (prescription and over-the-counter) from U.P. residents.

Where
Drop-off sites will be located all across the U.P. In Schoolcraft County, medications can be dropped off at First United Methodist Church, 190 N. Cedar St., in Manistique.

When
Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to noon.

More Information
Contact Rev. Don Bedwell at 341-6222 or go to www.superiorwatersheds.org and click on the "Earth Keepers" link.



At last weekend's Easter Sunday service, the congregation of Manistique's First Baptist Church posed for this group photo, commemorating the church's 125th anniversary. (Photo courtesy Portrait Plus)

Call Tom Earle-Briggs



By Tom Earle-Briggs

I find it somewhat ironic that while there was a marked deficit of snow last Christmas, the accumulation that blessed us this Easter fully made up for that lack. It's rather odd that something I would have welcomed back then is now something I find despicable. As much as I hated to see it snow falling, there were others who were even more dismayed than I at this occurrence. There bulbs are going to be on short weeks many unhappy and dis-granted robins flying around the neighborhood in an attempt to find something to eat. My wife Michele mentioned she's suddenly disappeared from the bushes growing along the beach and I had also noticed the normally despised berries on my privet bush had experienced a noticeable decrease in numbers. Needless to say, I'm rather depressed by the whole state of our current climatic conditions. I bet I'm not alone either as I

wallow in my trough of snowy misery. Just when I thought winter might truly be over, this had to happen!

I don't believe a whole lot of damage has been done to my garden by this sudden and severe cold snap. I will know better once all the snow melts... again.

I do know the tulip leaves that had made an early spring appearance aren't looking all that great however. This won't hinder the development of these years flowers, I will have happy, healthy and gorgeous blossoms that while there was a marked deficit of snow last Christmas, the accumulation that blessed us this Easter fully made up for that lack.

What I have to really worry about is next year, if my tulip bulbs grow new leaves then I will be okay, if not, I could be in for some trouble. The function of the tulip leaves is to provide energy, something I find despicable. Much of this energy is stored by the bulb for future growth. If the tulip leaves are dead and no new ones appear, this means the bulb is going to be on short weeks many unhappy and dis-granted robins flying around the neighborhood in an attempt to find something to eat.

Other than the tulip leaves, I don't believe I have any true concerns. The crows had suddenly disappeared from the bushes growing along the beach and I had also noticed the normally despised berries on my privet bush had experienced a noticeable decrease in numbers. This cold snap isn't likely to faze them in the least.

You may reach me via email at teb@earthlink.net.



What do you do if you're the universal symbol of spring but you're caught in a U.P. snowstorm? Like this robin, photographed by Manistique resident Peter Markham during last week's unseasonable snow and cold, you just puff up and hold on tight, waiting for better weather to appear.

Fish virus curtails DNR production and stocking of walleye, pike, musky

The rapidly increasing distribution of the Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) virus in Michigan waters is forcing the Department of Natural Resources to place a one-year moratorium on the production and stocking of walleye, northern pike, and muskellunge. The disease entered Michigan waters from the Maritime Region of Canada, likely in the discharge of infected water from cargo ships that took up ballast water in previously infected areas.

The virus does not affect humans in any way. "If VHS would inadvertently infect a state fish hatchery, all of the fish at that facility would have to be destroyed and the hatcheries completely disinfected. The economic loss to our state would be between \$40 and \$60 million," Smith said.

Since cooler water is reared at the Thompson State Fish Hatchery and the downstate Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery, including potentially infected walleye, musky and northern pike eggs at those facilities would put at risk all of the state's production of steelhead, 40 percent of the Chinook salmon and a number of other species, Smith said.

Tom Tigh, biologist at the Thompson facility, confirmed this week that they have halted walleye and northern production, but will continue to rear coldwater fish species, including Atlantic and Chinook salmon, steelhead and brown trout.

Prior to making the decision on a cooler water moratorium, Currently, Smith said, it's not known if eggs from these species can be disinfected. He also noted that disease testing takes four to eight weeks, making it impossible to determine which egg sources are infected before moving the eggs into state hatcheries.

VHS, an international reportable disease, has already caused widespread fish mortalities in lakes St. Clair, Erie and Ontario. In late 2006, the DNR determined it had spread into Lake Huron, as far north as Cheboygan and Rogers

Fish Report

By Ret. Sgt. John Walker

Well, it makes one wonder if spring weather is really here to stay this time. If you look at the weather for the next 10 days you have to wonder. You have to admit the last storm that hit us was an interesting one. On one side of the house you had 4 foot drifts while on the other side you had grass.

But the good news is the board walk is just about clear of snow again. It is getting steady use from all of us that need to get out and walk each day.

The famous Garden Peninsula south of Thompson has always been a rather interesting place for some of the activities that have taken place there. Some of the things the natives were involved in were those activities where rugged men were willing to battle the elements to earn a living. In today's world some of the money making schemes people, waiting for better weather to appear.

plebian cousins of the lobster and shrimp available for tables which have been bare of seafood during the war.

Prepared in the same manner as lobster and shrimp, crayfish are alleged to be "delicious served in salads or on the shell. These crayfish, never before considered anything more than a bathing beach pest!

The traps are boxes made of ordinary lath 18 inches long, eight inches wide, and eight inches deep, with a small funnel in each end to enable the crayfish to enter. The lath is placed about a half-inch apart to enable the small ones to escape, and to permit light to enter the trap so the crayfish may see the bait that is placed inside. The top is removable to permit inspection of bait and removal of the catch. A piece of concrete in each end makes sure the box sinks to the bottom.

The bait usually consists of fresh fish-heads and must be changed daily, because the crayfish will not enter a trap that is baited with old meat or fish. The bait is suspended on a wire hook from the top of the trap. Lines of as many as 300 traps are set in from 5 to 30 feet of water. Each trap is marked by a float at the end of a length of quarter-inch rope.

Some fishermen use a row-boat to move along to lift their traps; some a motor boat, with the engine throttled to slow speed as the craft moves along the line of floats which are about 100 feet apart. While a man "gaffs" the floats with a hook and lifts the traps, the

other removes the catch and rebait the traps for resetting in another place. The catch may average about 15 crayfish per trap.

The smallest ones taken from the trap for shipment are packed in the flat wooden boxes for shipping. Approximately 400 are shipped in each box.

Green Bay and Milwaukee are the main distributing centers, and the market price is fairly consistent at \$1 per hundred. Boiled for about 10 minutes, the crayfish becomes red as a lobster, and many people declare tastes just as good - claws and all. And it is alleged that the several tail where most of the meat is found is sweeter than shrimp or Japanese crabmeat, providing the diner is willing to faze his bill with shell removal to find out.

Taking the crayfish commercially is not regulated by law, but the natural season for trapping them extends from about 15 to October. Unlike most types of commercial fishing, intensive fishing tends to improve this branch of the industry, because the numerous small ones, which are always thrown back, feed well on the bait in the traps, and they grow faster and spawn quicker.

Landscaping bulletin available

More than 8,000 wildfires occur in Michigan every year, and officials note that much of the damage those blazes cause to homes and other buildings could be prevented or reduced with wildfire-resistant landscaping.

Landscapers and homeowners can learn about plants that are both attractive and functional in a new Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) bulletin.

"Wildfire-resistant Landscaping Plants for Michigan" (bulletin E-2548) was developed by MSUE specialists Mark Hansen and Tom Fernandez to provide landscape business owners, garden center managers and homeowners with information about plants and shrubs that provide less fuel to an out-of-control fire.

"This publication is said to be the most comprehensive listing of wildfire-resistant plants in the Great Lakes basin," Hansen says. He points out that many

homes and outbuildings are destroyed when they're ignited by radiant heat from nearby burning vegetation or from embers emitted by burning vegetation.

Fire-resistant landscape plants are no guarantee that a home will be saved when a wildfire passes, but they do provide a level of protection.

Wildfire-resistant plants ignite and burn more slowly than other plants and so pose less risk of damage to buildings and property.

The publication is available on the Internet at www.firewise.msu.edu.

The printed version of the bulletin can be ordered for \$2.50 from county Extension offices or at www.emd.msu.edu. For more information locally, visit the Extension office in the Schoolcraft County Courthouse or call 341-3688. Additional information on wildfires is available at www.emd.msu.edu.msu.edu.

Prusi praises commission picks

State Sen. Mike Prusi, D-Ishpeming, said Monday that he was pleased to see Gov. Jennifer Granholm appoint two Upper Peninsula residents to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission.

Granholm reappointed John Madigan of Munising to a new term on the commission, which is charged with setting policies for the Department of Natural Resources and hiring the DNR Director, and has exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game in the state.

The governor also named J.R. Richardson of Ontonagon to the commission, for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2010.

Madigan owns the Mazzali Insurance Agency in Munising and Sault Ste. Marie, and is

part owner of the Munising Hardware Company. He was first appointed to the NRC in 2003.

Richardson is operations manager at Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation in Ontonagon.

"This marks the first time in recent history that two of the seven commission members hail from the Upper Peninsula. It is an extremely gratifying to Gov. Granholm for appointing two outstanding, hard-working and well-respected U.P. residents to the NRC," Prusi said.

Prusi said natural resources are the "economic backbone" of the U.P. and an important part of the region's heritage.

"This is great news for U.P. outdoor enthusiasts," he stated.

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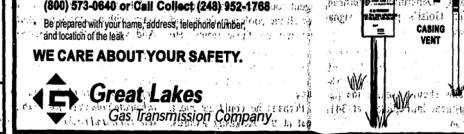
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Advertisement for GULLIVER MUD DRAGS. Text includes: 'GULLIVER MUD DRAGS', 'Saturday, April 28', 'REGISTRATION 7:30-10 am', 'RACE begins 11 am', 'FEE \$20 Truck Registration, \$5 Class Registration, \$5 Spectator Admission, \$10 Pit Pass', 'Don's Miss the ACTION on the Lex Nelson Road in Gulliver', 'All Proceeds donated to Fire Departments and non-profit organizations that work at the Mud Drags'.

EDITORIAL

Common sense is the best policy

At Monday night's City Council meeting, it was suggested that council should set their public comment rules...

Almost every government body in Schoolcraft County has come under fire at one time or another for the way they handle public comment.

Before we go any further, we should be absolutely clear about our own philosophy on this subject.

First, we wholeheartedly believe that public comment is a critical part of the democratic process.

We believe that everyone has a right to comment regardless of who they are, their income level, educational background or community status.

We believe public comments should be encouraged, actively sought and sincerely listened to.

We do not believe it's necessary for a board or council to respond to every speaker, aside from a polite acknowledgment that their comments were heard.

And here's the thing: none of that has to happen, not when the answer is so simple. Set a policy. Stick to it. Put it in writing and enforce it regularly, consistently and fairly.

We believe it's often necessary for boards to control the amount of time set aside for comments,

either by establishing a limit for each speaker or limiting the total time allotted for all comments. This will occasionally lead to some angry citizens, especially when it means cutting off a speaker who's barely gotten started or letting each person address the board only once, instead of standing up several times and making the same points again and again.

In a March 23 press release Senate Majority Harry Reid (D-NV) claimed, "The priorities of the middle class and working families were at the top of the list when Democrats drafted this budget."

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Middle Class, Where Art Thou?

A rhetorical tactic utilized by disingenuous politicians to frame their agendas as most beneficial to the middle class.

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"That's not a question this office can answer. You should contact a lawyer. Class isn't just income. It's about your job and where you live. There are plenty of books you can read on issues like class."

So Hoyer won't support new taxes on the middle class, but his office cannot define which income earners are in the middle class? Similar to Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart's 1964 definition of obscenity, Hoyer will presumably know the middle class when he sees it.

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son to the business and civic communities. He later took a leave from the district office to work on the congressman's successful reelection campaign. He also served as a member of his local volunteer fire department. He relocated to Atlanta to work as a political director and consultant on local and federal campaigns. He now works as a writer, political and media consultant and radio talk show producer.

By Matt Carrothers

WEEKLY WEATHER RECAP table with columns: DAY, HIGH, LOW, PRECIP. Rows for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday.

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

- 40 Years Ago April 13, 1967
Revision of the city charter was approved by almost a 10-1 majority in a special election held here Tuesday.
A new White of Manistique has been elected as the new chairman of the Schoolcraft County Board of Supervisors.

- 30 Years Ago April 14, 1977
Four major steps have been taken in the last week toward cleaning up the Manistique River.
A native Iowan, Matt Carrothers has worked as a district representative for a U.S. congressman, serving as liaison.

- 20 Years Ago April 16, 1987
Our community was diminished this week by the death of Marvin Frederickson, a long-time community leader and educator, who died last Friday at the age of 68.
A concern over elementary staffing levels delayed any action on planning for the 1987-88 school year at Tuesday night's meeting of the Manistique Area Schools Board of Education.

- 10 Years Ago April 17, 1997
As part of a delegation seeking tourism and business for the Great Lakes region, Schoolcraft County Board Chair Louis "Sparky" Lauson is traveling in Germany this week.
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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor: Just want to express my thanks for the fine job that Vonceil LeDuc does with her 'Memories' column.

Dear Editor, It was a brief winter, but it made the little bit of snow-balling that we did have all that more special.

Dear Editor: In an effort to create and deliver a more personalized, interesting and effective safety message to local citizens, they have dissolved their relationship with the National Fire Safety Council Inc.

'New beginning' for Public Safety Department's fire safety program

The Manistique Public Safety Department is once again taking the lead in organizing and delivering the messages of fire safety and burn prevention in Schoolcraft County, but the program is heading in a new direction this year.

In an effort to create and deliver a more personalized, interesting and effective safety message to local citizens, they have dissolved their relationship with the National Fire Safety Council Inc.

All donations are tax-deductible, and none of the money will be used for manpower costs, which will be absorbed by Public Safety and supporting township fire departments.

Anyone who receives questionable solicitations for fire safety or other types of programs should contact the department immediately at 341-2134.

Today My Celebrity Life Begins

I am going to follow in the footsteps of Britney Spears and shave my head.

I've been thinking long and hard about this, and I've decided that I is absolutely brilliant. Now I need to convince everyone else in my family, community, neighborhood and city to do the same.

It might even mean that someday, women - like men - would be judged solely by what is in their head. Not by what is on it.

By Cindy Drogg

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Obituaries

Orvis O. Holm



Orvis O. Holm, age 80, of St. Johns, Mich., was born to eternal life on Thursday, April 5, 2007, in Lansing, Mich., after a brief illness.

He was born in Chicago, Ill., the son of Walter Holm and Elsie Boyce Holm Cowman. He grew up in Manistique, Mich., enjoying summers on his grandparents' farm on Washington Island, Wis. He attended Manistique High School where he excelled in sports and vocal music, graduating in the class of 1945.

After high school he served his country in the U.S. Army, 2nd Cavalry Regiment in Europe. Orvis attended Michigan State College, now MSU, graduating from there in 1950 with a degree in Dairy Science. After managing several dairies in Michigan and Wisconsin, he began a career with the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Dairy Division, as a dairy plant specialist retiring in 1989 after 22 years of service.

He was an active member of St. Johns Lutheran Church and volunteered in several community activities.

On Aug. 21, 1948, he married Ethel Ericson, in Manistique and she survives him. Together they raised four children: Richard (Cindy) of Holt, Mich., Christine Grimes (Mark) of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., Susan Fees (Larry) of St. Johns, Julie Day (Joel) of Holt. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Also surviving is one brother, William Holm of Lady Lake, Fla., sister-in-law Carol Carlson of Manistique, stepfather, William Cowman formerly of Manistique and many dear nieces, nephews and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents and a brother, Jim. He was honest, hardworking and generous; a man of integrity. He had a great sense of humor and a wonderful singing voice.

Visitation was 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, at Kerk-Coleman Funeral Home in St. Johns. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 11, at St. Johns Lutheran Church in St. Johns with Rev. George F. Brinley officiating. Interment will take place at noon on Friday, April 13, at Fairview Cemetery in Manistique with Rev. Ingmar Levin officiating.

Memorials may be made to the St. Johns Lutheran Church Altar Guild 511 E. Sturgis St., Johns, MI 48879.

George W. Frankovich



George W. Frankovich, 83, of Manistique, Mich., died Saturday, April 7, 2007, at Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manistique.

He was born Nov. 5, 1923, in Manistique, the son of George J. and Alice M. (Demers) Frankovich. He was a graduate of St. Francis de Sales Catholic School and the Manistique High School. He continued his education at Albion College and later served in the Merchant Marines.

On Dec. 27, 1944, he married the former Grace L. Shampine at St. Francis de Sales Church in Manistique. George was employed by the Carpenters Local No. 687 of Detroit for 45 years, retiring as a superintendent. His work included the construction projects of the Mackinac Bridge, Pontiac Silverdome, Soo Locks and on many of the bridges on Highway I-75.

He was a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Manistique where he served as a Eucharistic minister for shut-ins. He was also a proud member of the Carpenters Local No. 687 of Detroit. He spent time on many different improvement projects for St. Francis de Sales Parish and also volunteered for the Hiawatha Land Habitat for Humanity.

George especially enjoyed the time he spent hunting and fishing with his grandchildren and friends. Survivors include: his wife, Grace L. Frankovich of Manistique; two daughters, Ruth (John) Schwartz of Rapid River, Mich. and Kaye (Kenneth) Gross of Gladstone, Mich.; son, George R. (Anita) Frankovich of West Bloomfield, Mich.; grandchildren, Andy (Robin) Schwartz of Rapid River, Kevin (JoLee) Schwartz of Rapid River, Rodney (Paula) Schwartz of Rapid River, John K. Schwartz of Rapid River and Jenessa (Ryan) Allen of Rochester Hills, Mich.; great grandchildren, Jordan and Paige Schwartz, Jared and Jaden Schwartz, Erika and Brittany Schwartz, and Maxwell Allen; two brothers, Robert (Mary Ann) Frankovich of Six Mile, S.C. and Gaylord (Carolyn) Frankovich of Lansing, Mich.; five sisters, Agatha (Gunnar) Helsten of San Antonio, Texas, Alice Gray of Milwaukee, Wis., Rosemary Courmay of Merrill, Wis., Patricia Kodak of Hoffman Estates, Ill. and Mary Jane (Theodore) Evanoff of Ontonagon, Mich.; several nieces and nephews; and his special friends, Ruthie Jackson and Paul Frankovich, both of Manistique.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Freddy Gross; and sister, Adele Repp.

Visitation will be held from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Manistique. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 5:30 p.m., at the church with Father Glenn Theriot officiating.

Burial will be held in the Fairview Cemetery at Manistique. Memorial donations may be directed to the St. Francis de Sales Education Foundation.

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

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

Girl's hockey camp fund-raiser FUND-RAISING BAKE SALE AND BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE SATURDAY, APRIL 14 10-3 pm Corner of Cedar and Walnut



Oswald Smits DNR looking for campground hosts

Oswald "Ossie" Smits, 94, of Manistique, Mich., died Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital in Manistique.

He was born June 3, 1912, in DePere, Wis., the son of Martin and Louise (Van Dyck) Smits and attended school there.

In 1934 he moved to Manistique with his cousin Ray Van Dyck to start a grocery business. In 1936, Ray left to go back to DePere, and Ossie went on his own.

In 1936, Ossie married the former Olive Peters in Rudolph, Wis. The marriage was performed by her uncle, the Reverend Francis Peters. Ossie owned and operated Smity's IGA in Manistique for 35 years until his retirement.

Ossie and Olive then spent their summer months in Manistique and their winter months at their home in Bonita Springs, Fla. Olive preceded Ossie in death on May 3, 1995 after 39 years of marriage. Ossie was a faithful member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Manistique, and was also a member of the Manistique Elks Lodge No. 632, Indian Lake Golf and Country Club and Knights of Columbus - Donald E. Messier Fourth Degree Assembly No. 502 of Manistique.

Following retirement, he found a hobby of making cabinets and grandfather clocks. He gave the clocks as gifts to the special people in his life. He also enjoyed playing cards, golfing, and was loved by all.

Ossie was preceded in death by his five children: a son, Gerald Joseph in 1938; a baby girl in 1946; his two daughters Jeanne DePetro and Joanne Holmberg, and son Robert Smits, and all in 2005.

Survivors include: his grandchildren, Palmer DePetro, Dean DePetro, Sandra Rose, William DePetro, Shad Holmberg, Tori Henry, Donna Bailey, Scott Holmberg, Robin Mackintosh, Lori Cooper, Cheryl Gerold and Kurt Smits; 14 great-grandchildren; brother, Raymond "Bud" Smits; two sisters, Stella DeGroot and Margaret Renice; along with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, wife, and children, he was preceded in death by five sisters, Joan Everts, Angie Schumert, Florence VanErman, Eloise Zerbel and Marion Smits.

Visitation will be held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 17, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Manistique. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:30 a.m. at the church with Father Glenn Theriot officiating.

Burial will be held in the Fairview Cemetery at Manistique. Memorial donations may be directed to the St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church of Manistique.

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

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Landon T. Dimmer



Landon T. Dimmer, 23 months, of Newberry, Mich., died April 9, 2007, at his home as a result of a house fire.

He was born April 30, 2005, in Marquette, Mich., the son of William and Amanda (Hedglen) Dimmer. Landon is survived by: his parents, William and Amanda Dimmer of Newberry; his grandparents, Forest and Susan Hedglen of Manistique, Charles David Dimmer of Newberry and Sally (John) Agnello of Abumadua, Fla.; his great-grandparents, Judith Thayer of Marinette, Wis. and Betty Collins of Franklin, N.C.; his aunts, April (Jason) Collins of Manistique, Ashley Blakeley of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Karen (Pete) Garrity of Worthington, Ohio and Linda (Brook) Stienegas of Tallahassee, Fla.; his uncles, David (Kelly) Dimmer of Aagonquin, Ill., Charlie Dimmer of Grand Rapids, Mich. and Jim Dimmer of Cape Charles, Va.; along with several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his aunts: Theresa Hedglen and Angela Hedglen.

Visitation will be held from 1-2:30 p.m. Friday, April 13, at Messier-Broulliere Funeral Home in Manistique. Funeral services will follow at 2:30 pm at the funeral home with Reverend James Troyer officiating.

Burial will follow in the Fairview Cemetery in Manistique. Donations may be directed to the Dimmer Fire Help Fund at any U.P. Wells Fargo Bank or to the Bill and Amanda Dimmer Fund at any First National Bank of St. Ignace, Mich.

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

State recreation officials are once again looking for volunteers to serve as campground hosts this summer. The annual program allows individuals to camp in state parks and state forest campgrounds at no charge, in return for providing assistance to other campers.

"Campground hosts play a vital role in helping other campers have a comfortable, fun camping experience," says Ron Olson, chief of the Department of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Division.

Hosts answer questions, help organize activities and conduct tours. Specific duties are tailored to hosts' skills and interests.

Retired couples, teachers, college students and families are all eligible for the program.

Waters reappointed

Dr. Duane Waters of Manistique has been named to a new appointment as the state of Michigan Director of Michigan DNR.

The other two board members, currently Robert Barr and Dennis Boyd, are appointed by the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners.

Waters' new term on the board will expire on Oct. 31, 2009.

Chamber concert set

The Hancock Chamber Music Society will present a concert at the William Bonifas Fine Arts Center in Escanaba on Sunday, April 15, at 3 p.m.

The all-Schumann program will feature Andrew McInnes on violin, Neil Paynter on piano, and mezzo-soprano Mary Richards-Kallman.

Aglow group to meet

The Manistique Lighthouse of Women's Aglow International will meet next Thursday, April 19, in the community room at the Harborview Towers apartments, next to Subway on US-2.

Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

The guest will be Deb

works: Sechs Gesänge, Op. 107; Six Duets for Soprano and Violin, in Piano; and 2nd Sonata for Violin and Piano, Op. 121.

The concert is the second in a series of Hancock Chamber presentations at the Bonifas.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. To learn more, call (906) 786-3833.

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Hosts must be at least 18 and provide service for five days/30 hours each week, including holidays and weekends. A minimum commitment of four consecutive weeks is required. The hosts furnish their own camping equipment and personal items.

Hosts are chosen by park and forest managers, who may require an interview or request additional information. Selection is based on the individual's familiarity with the state park or state forest system, camping experience, special skills, availability, knowledge of the area and the needs of the specific park or campground.

As of the most recent listing, openings remained for hosts in several area parks, including Indian Lake State Park during July and Fayette Historic State Park in June, July and August.

Volunteers wanting to serve in state parks and recreation areas must attend a mandatory training session May 2-3 at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in downstate Roscommon. More information on the state park program is available from Monica Terrell at (517) 333-3034.

State forest campground hosts do not need to attend the training program. They should contact Ada Takacs at (989) 275-5151, ext. 2049, for more information.

Annual music event returning next week

The latest installment of a popular springtime tradition takes place next week, when area students step into the spotlight to perform in the annual Manistique Middle School Rock and Roll Revival, High School Air Band Competition, and elementary music contest. The event will take place Thursday, April 19, at 7 p.m., in the Frederickson Auditorium at the high school.

As always, the night will be a fund-raiser for Schoolcraft Habitat for Humanity and Project Petunia. Some money will also be earmarked to support school activities.

A large number of students have already signed up to display their talents. There will be groups for students in grades 4 and 5, 6-8, and 9-12, competing in different categories for cash prizes.

New organizers Jan Wright and Brenda Fleck took over leadership of the event following the retirement of veteran teacher Mike Flynn. They say this year's performances will continue the tradition set in years past, with good music, lot of laughs, and fun for the whole family.

Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens. The program always plays to standing-room-only crowds, so people are urged to arrive early in order to get good seats.

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Mac Miller and Danielle Dalgord

Dalgord and Miller plan July wedding

Dan and Jeani Dalgord of Fayette, Mich., along with Hugh and Mary Ann Miller of Negaunee, Mich., announce the engagement of their children, Danielle Dalgord and Mac Miller.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Big Bay de Noc High School and a 2000 graduate of Northern Michigan

Lockwood earns badge for his combat service

U.S. Army Pfc. Kyle Lockwood has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for satisfactorily performing infantry/special forces duties in active ground combat.

Lockwood is assigned to HHC 5/20th Inf. 3/2 SBCT in Baquba, located in the Diyala Province of Iraq.

On July 31, 2006, Lockwood's squad was on a patrol in Mosul, Iraq, when they came under heavy fire from small arms, rocket-propelled grenades and machine guns.

According to the citation, Lockwood's patrol performed all their duties to their utmost abilities and destroyed two

SMH Auxiliary to meet

The Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will hold a dinner meeting next Monday, April 16, at 6 p.m., at the Elks Lodge on Walnut Street in Manistique.

The guest speaker will be Terry Thoma from the Upper Peninsula Commission on Area Progress (UPCAP).

Elementary honor roll

Inadvertently missed from the Manistique Area Schools elementary honor roll for the third marking period of the 2006-07 school year was the following:

Achieving honor roll status in the third grade, Madison Russell:



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

Your ad goes where?

Now that the weather is warming up, we should see a great deal more... advertising? The less people wear these days, the more likely they are to resemble Madison Avenue.

You no doubt heard about Andrew Fischer, the twenty-year-old web page designer who auctioned his forehead as advertising space—and pocketed nearly \$40,000 on the deal. Not bad for a month of humiliation.

Naturally, this inspired seats of copycats. A gander at eBay finds some rather entertaining proposals.

One woman hopes to rent out space on her 44-DDD bosom. "I'm an eye catcher," she brags. "My chest almost caused some accidents." Now how exactly does one "almost" cause a collision? Either it happens or it doesn't, right?

Also on that page was an ad placed by a California girl. Unlike Miss Triple D, this gal was plugging her rear end. Okay, maybe "plugging" is a poor term, but you get the idea. Her picture provides a close up of her behind. Like maybe we don't know what one looks like.

It's one thing to offer yourself as a living billboard but quite another to volunteer someone else for the task. Chances are the blurb posted by an Oklahoma lady gets its

share of curious clicks. It urges businesses to "Advertise on my baby boy!" And still another woman promotes her dog.

But the guys are every bit as outrageous. One beer guzzling male advertises, in his own words, "my big fat belly." The photo included with this promotion shows his sizable mid-section imprinted in bold letters with "Your Ad Goes Here."

Another sees his shaved head as an untapped gold mine. But probably the most bizarre is the guy pitching his deformed hand. "Look, no fingers!" he writes. "It's already an attention grabber!"

For a lifetime of promoting someone's business, he asks a mere \$1,630,000.

Some of that compensates him for the pain and suffering of having it tattooed. Most people, of course, prefer a less permanent art job. But if it's just painted on, how will they manage to wash their face? Or their... Never mind.

And what happens if some of it rubs off? Or worse, people take it literally. "Reach out and touch someone."

Those concerns aside, this could become a viable alternative to that nine-to-five job. Just imagine the income a streaker would make.



Cassie Livermore and Daniel Newell

Livermore and Newell announce wedding plans

Joseph and Karen Livermore of Gerritsk, Mich. and Patrick and Debra Newell of Fife Lake, Mich., are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Cassie Livermore and Daniel Newell, both of Kalkaska, Mich.

Her fiancé is a 1999 graduate of Kalkaska High School and works for Maintenance Plus Construction, Inc. of Fife Lake.

A July 14, 2007, wedding has been planned.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Manistique High School and is employed at Village Chiropractic of Kalkaska and Williams Chevy/Honda of Traverse City, Mich.

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News from MSU Extension

What is After the Bell Teen Peer Mentoring Program? It is a three-year pilot program funded by the 4-H Foundation for after school programming. It has been designed to use both service learning and peer mentoring to develop leadership skills, citizenship, and an ethic of service in our area teens.

We would like every teen mentor to view themselves as an asset to their community, and take the lead in helping other community youth develop positively. Youth should believe in their power to improve the world.

Mentors are asked to spend an hour a week with their mentees in a supervised setting. There will be individual matches as well as group matches, depending on needs. Mentoring coaches will be available to assist the matches with any problems that may occur.

The program will take place not only during the school year but also during the summer. Traditional and contemporary mentoring tools will be used to develop the mentoring relationships.

During the school year, these groups will do homework, play games, and participate in community service projects.

During the summer and school breaks, we will add field trips to places like the Children's Museum, Big Springs, and the Ceramic Hot Plate into our schedule.

There will also be community members giving presentations on topics such as crafts and wildlife.

We are currently in the process of recruiting mentees (ages 5-11), junior mentors (ages 12-14), mentor coaches (ages 15-18), and other volunteers.

Donations of craft and snack items are always welcome as well.

Local Head Start center taking fall applications

The Menominee-Delta-Schoolcraft Early Childhood Program, also known as Head Start, is now accepting applications for fall 2007 enrollment at the Manistique Early Childhood Center, 426 Chipewa Ave.

Applications will be taken at the center Monday, April 23, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To enroll, children must be 3 or 4 years old on or before Dec. 1, 2007. Proof of income

By Heidi Johnson, Peer Mentoring and School Success Coordinator

Heidi Johnson Program Coordinator, Schoolcraft County MSU Extension Office 300 Walnut Street, Room 218 Manistique, MI 49854

Phone: (906) 341-3688

E-mail: john2724@msu.edu

Births

HAWN - Dan and Wendy Hawn of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Abigail Jean Hawn.

Abigail was born on Sunday, April 1, 2007. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Gilbert and Rosemary Sablack of Manistique.

Paternal grandparents are the late Dr. Robert and Jean Hawn of Manistique.

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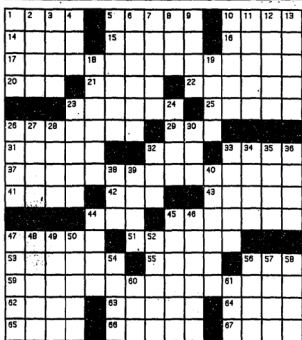
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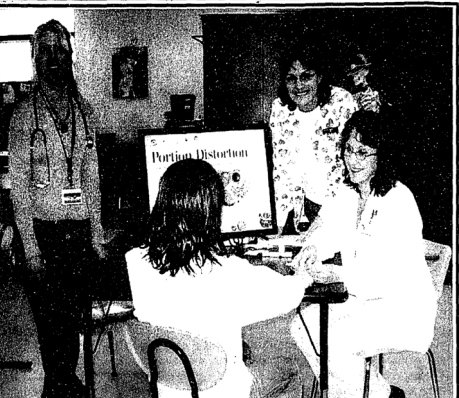
Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills. The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers. Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

Grants

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confident they'll receive the money that's been promised. He noted that trust fund dollars come from a different source than other state funds, as they are derived from oil and gas lease revenues. Also, the trust fund is entirely separate from Michigan's general fund, and has been ever since voters approved constitutional protection for the trust fund in 1984 - a ballot initiative launched precisely to stop diversion of natural resources money to other state projects.

Virus

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That option is not feasible because insufficient numbers of fish are available to meet the state's egg-take needs, and the potential sources of eggs are at high risk of VHSV infection. The DNR is taking a number of steps to ensure that walleye, northern pike and musky production can resume in the future. Experiments will be conducted this spring on eggs collected from walleye and musky populations in lakes Erie and St. Clair that are likely infected with VHSV to determine if standard iodine disinfection techniques will work for coolwater fish. If the experiments demonstrate that the standard techniques are effective, normal coolwater fish production will resume in 2008.



Staff from Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital recently performed health screenings at Manistique Junior and Senior High School. Students in grades six through nine had the opportunity to have their blood pressure taken, body mass index measured and blood sugar performed. Pictured from left to right are hospital nurses Laurie Johnson, Kris Demers and Ann Richey. (Photo submitted)

BOARING TWENTIES

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

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Senior Companions to meet

The Schoolcraft and Luce County Senior Companion Program will hold an in-service meeting Tuesday, April 17, at Ann Marie's Family Dining, 238 South Cedar St., in Manistique. The guest speaker will be Cathy Clinton from the Upper Peninsula Commission on Area Progress (UPCAP).

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

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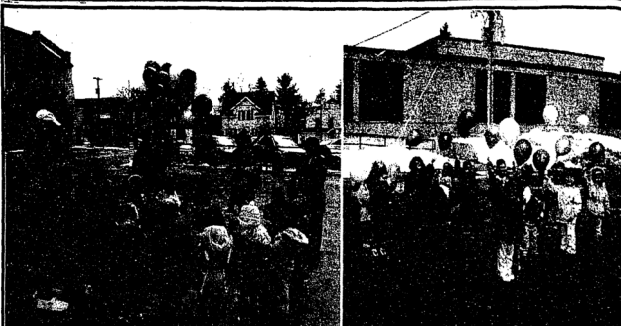
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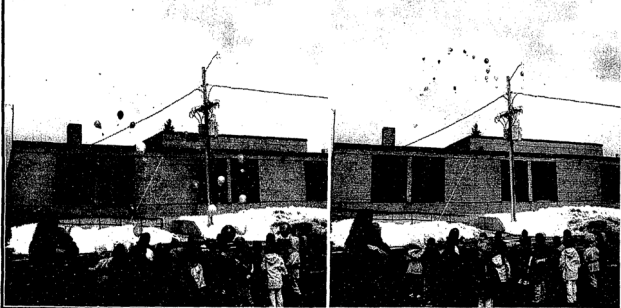
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Preschool students at St. Francis de Sales School helped kick off the Week of the Young Child Monday by releasing helium-filled balloons. Each balloon had a card attached, encouraging the people who eventually find it to write to the class, letting them know how far the balloon traveled and who discovered it. Above left: Father Glenn Theoret (standing, left) leads the students in prayer before the release. Above right: The children cling tightly to their balloons to prevent them from escaping prematurely in the windy weather. Below: The students finally released their balloons, which quickly sailed skyward and headed north, vanishing from sight within just a few minutes. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)



Clean Sweep

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Pharmaceuticals in some rivers have also been linked to behavioral and sexual mutations in species of fish, amphibians and birds, according to EPA studies, and pharmaceutical compounds known as endocrine disruptors have even been linked to neurological

problems in children and increased incidence of some cancers.

Linquist says the Earth Keeper Initiative, and therefore the Upper Peninsula itself, "are ahead of the national curve" in addressing the pharmaceutical issue.

The third annual Clean Sweep is once again sponsored by nine U.P. religious communities (Catholic, Episcopal,

Lutheran, Presbyterian, United Methodist, Unitarian Universalist, Bahai, Jewish and Zen Buddhist) with 130,000 members representing some 40 percent of the region's residents.

Leaders of those groups previously signed, "a document known as the 'Earth Keeper Covenant,' acknowledging the role of the church as stewards of the earth and the importance of protecting the environment of the Great Lakes Basin."

Rev. Jon Magnuson, Earth Keeper Initiative founder and co-organizer of the annual Clean Sweeps, says combining religion and environmental protection is a perfect fit.

"This will be another step of a deepening connection between the traditions of faith and the critical challenges of the environment," says Magnuson. "The Clean Sweep is one of many signs of a new awakening, an historic shift of consciousness into the mystery of God and a gentle love for the planet."

Other organizations involved in the initiative include the Superior Watershed Partnership, the Cedar Tree Institute and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

About two dozen drop off sites will be open across the U.P. from 9 a.m. to noon on April 21, the eve of Earth Day. The collection site in Manistique will be the First United Methodist Church, located at 190 N. Cedar St.

Altogether, Magnuson says, this Earth Keeper collection will be the largest event of its kind in the country, covering 15 counties and involving hundreds of volunteers.

"The Earth Keeper team will continue to set records for pollution prevention and Great Lakes protection on the community level," says Magnuson, who is the head of Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northern Michigan University.

The pharmaceuticals will be disposed, or destroyed properly in accordance with EPA guidelines.

City Council

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The company would also be able to get all the required permits, work with local firms during the installation, and make sure the kitchen "would be complete and ready for use when they left," Aldrich said.

Council member Dan Evinch wondered if they were giving Hiawatha Chef an unfair advantage in bidding by including the stipulation that they would waive their \$700 fee — a cost edge that other companies could not provide.

But Mayor David Peterson said he didn't see a problem.

He noted that they had to pay somebody, either Hiawatha, the chef or another firm, to write the specifications.

"You can't get someone to do it for free," he said. "I know, because we tried."

Aldrich also reminded council that they had the authority to accept or reject any bids for any reason.

In other business Monday ...

• approved an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for removing the flashing traffic signal near Lincoln Elementary School on Deer Street after the new Em-

erald Elementary building opens and Lincoln closes later this year. The project will cost \$735, which will be paid with federal highway funds at no expense to the city. In the future, a new signal will be installed near the middle and high school. That project will be covered by a separate agreement;

• accepted Peterson's appointment to the Schoolcraft County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee. He replaces former council member and mayor Jack Hoag, whose committee term expired in December;

• heard public comment from local resident Peter Markham, objecting to the three-minute time limit imposed on speakers, which he said was "arbitrary" and should instead be specified by written policy. He asked council to "Set a time period, buy a timer and use it." Peterson said the three-minute limit continues a policy followed by Mayor Hoag, which previous councils found "reasonable";

City Clerk Deborah Dougovina said she had checked with Hoag and confirmed that he had limited each public comment speaker to three minutes;

• heard praise from Aldrich for Manistique Public Safety officers involved in the March 22 car chase and capture on the city's west side. Aldrich said she was proud of the way officers had handled the dangerous situation.

Registrations due today for sustainable forestry conference

The registration deadline is today (Thursday, April 12) for the third annual Sustainable Forestry Conference, which will be held Thursday, April 19, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Encore on Central, located in Florence, Wis.

This year's conference will focus on "How to Maintain and Grow Local Forest Economies."

Organizers say the northern Wisconsin and Upper Peninsula economies have been dependent on the forest products

industry in the past, and officials must identify and pursue new ways to take advantage of forest resources in the future.

They encourage people from the regional forest products and logging businesses, local governments, forestry and land

management organizations, school boards, school administrations, utilities, economic development corporations, state government and other related associations and resource agencies to attend.

The goal is to make sure a wide and varied audience is on hand, not only to listen but to provide input and ideas for action.

Speakers will address a range of topics including new opportunities in the forestry sector, bio-energy, a forest products industry business retention and expansion study, Biorefining - the Park Falls Story, and a Wisconsin-Michigan legislative update, with questions and answers. Jerry Murphy, executive

director of NewNorth, will discuss how the industry can play to community strengths. A brief small-group session in the afternoon will help participants and organizers determine if their communities are ready and what goals they get them ready.

The conference will close with a call to action followed networking and discussion.

To register by today's deadline, contact Kathy Bednarski at the Florence office of the University of Wisconsin Extension, (715) 528-4480.

The registration fee is \$25, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

Sustainable Forestry Education credits will be available for participants.

Comments on Forest Service recreation fees to be taken during panel's meeting in Milwaukee

The Forest Service Eastern Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (Recreation RAC) will meet in Milwaukee Tuesday and Wednesday, April 24 and 25. The region includes Michigan's national forests, the Hiawatha, Ottawa and Huron-Manistee.

Officials say people interested in recreation fees in the region are invited to attend the meeting, which will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Central time, at the Comfort Inn and Suites, 916 E. State St., in Milwaukee.

The public comment period is tentatively scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. April 25. Individual presentations will be limited to three minutes.

Written comments are encouraged, particularly if the material cannot be presented within the time limits. They should be sent to: Cheryl Chatham, Designated Federal Official, US Forest Service, PO Box 1270, Hot Springs,

AR 71902. committee orientation and organizational matters, including elections and by-laws.

Foster Grandparents' in-service is April 18

The Schoolcraft County Foster Grandparent Program will hold an in-service meeting Wednesday, April 18, at 10:30 a.m., at Ann Marie's Family Dining in Manistique. The

guest speaker will be Amy Wilson from Marquette General Hospital.

For more information about the program or the meeting, call (906) 786-7080.

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Members of the 2006-07 seventh grade team included (front row, from left) Jake Syers, Adam Nagy, Kyle Tigras, Eric Hepker, Dustin Goglin, (back row) Coach Craig Hepker, Mike Nagy, Chris Osterhout, Shane Henry, Tanner Yurk and Assistant Coach Dave Tigras. (Submitted photo)

Seventh grade squad has stellar season

A solid team effort led to a conference championship and an undefeated season for the Manistique Middle School 7th grade boys' basketball team. With three players averaging double figures, the squad hammered opposing defenses on their way to racking up 12

straight wins on the season. Unstoppable from anywhere on the court, Kyle Tigras led the effort, averaging an impressive 21 points per game, while Eric Hepker and Mike Nagy averaged 10 points each. Nagy and Tanner Yurk helped anchor a solid defense,

each averaging seven rebounds a game. While Nagy and Yurk controlled the floor under the net, aggressive play by Jake Syers on the perimeter helped shut down the Emeralds' opponents.

Also helping under the net was Dustin Goglin, who averaged four rebounds per game, Shane Henry, Chris Osterhout and Adam Nagy contributed to the winning season by controlling the boards and hitting the quick outlet pass that led to the team's signature fast break.

MHSAA seeks students to serve on advisory council

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is looking for a group of student-athletes to be named to its Student Advisory Council beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.

Four boys and four girls from the Class of 2009 will be selected to a two-year term, and will meet on matters related to maintaining and promoting a proper perspective, and sensible scope for high school sports in Michigan.

Eight members of the Class of 2008 are already serving on the council.

To be eligible for the committee, candidates must com-

plete the official application, including answering three short-answer questions; submit a letter of recommendation from a school administrator; be a member of the Class of 2009; intend to participate in varsity athletics as an upperclassman; have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; and be available for all scheduled meetings.

In addition, candidates should show a history of leadership on athletic teams as well as with other extra-curricular activities, community service projects, or in the workplace; show an understanding of the role of school sports; and have

ideas for promoting a proper perspective for educational athletics. Applications are due in the MHSAA office by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25.

Application forms can be downloaded from the Student Leadership page of the MHSAA Web site at www.mhsaa.com. They can be filled out on the computer or handwritten, then returned to the MHSAA office by mail, e-mail or fax.

The Student Advisory Council is funded through AT&T, the MHSAA's corporate sponsor promoting the proper perspective on high school sports.

In addition to supporting the council, the company sponsors the new SCOPE Award, given to schools displaying a continuous emphasis on promoting a "sensible scope" for school sports.

Each school athletic department represented on the Student Advisory Council will receive a check for \$1,000 recognizing its student's involvement.

Among other things, the council will act as the voice of Michigan's student-athletes; serve as a student sounding board for the MHSAA's Representative Council; assist in planning sportsmanship seminars, captain's clinics and other student leadership events; participate in a yearly focus group about the state of high schools sports for Michigan State University's Institute for the Study of Youth Sports; and assist with medal ceremonies at MHSAA championship events.

The eight new members of

Four Manistique wrestlers take to the mats, two earn second place at USGWA Nationals

While most of the Manistique student body was off enjoying spring break, four amazing young women traveled to the Motor City in search of crowns at the United States Girls' Wrestling Association Nationals.

Sammy Jenerou, Amber Smith, Erin Holmberg and Becca Anger represented Manistique in the event that drew female wrestlers from across the country, and earned two championship appearances.

Holmberg and Anger battled their way to the title round and walked away with second-place finishes.

After a sixth-place finish at last year's Nationals, Holmberg's contended well for the 2007 title. Her loss came at the hands of a wrestler from New York.



Becca Anger

Erin Holmberg

day, but not before putting out a great effort. "She may not have accomplished her goal, but no one can question the heart of this

awesome wrestler," Wood said.

Smith had to settle for a fifth-place finish.

An illegal move in one of

her matches cost points that would have led to a higher finish for the shy, quiet fourth grade competitor.

"Amber did a wonderful job this weekend!" Wood said. "There was an illegal move, but sometimes in the heat of the battle, mistakes can happen."

Wood praised all four of the girls for the way they represented the Manistique wrestling program and the community as a whole.

"As a coach you can't imagine how proud we are of these girls. They are a pleasure to coach," he said. "As a member of this community, it gives me a profound respect for these young ambassadors of our town."

Wrestlers busy over break

The Manistique Moose youth team kept to a busy schedule despite a smaller spring break roster of wrestlers.

Armed with a select few, Manistique traveled to Dickinson County over the past two weekends, putting up some solid numbers in the process.

At Kingsford March 31, 12 wrestlers hit the mats, capturing five first-place medals, two second, four thirds and one fourth-place finish.

Garrett Sheppard, Tanner Gonzalez, Jacob Milavec, Zach Lindermuth and Matt DeRousha brought home gold for the day.

Silver medal honors went to Cole Gonzalez and Dustin Bryant.

Third-place finishes were earned by Z.J. Gonzalez, Tyler Schnurer, Bobby Burton and C.J. Goudreau.

Claiming fourth was Dylan Fuson.

Last weekend, eight wrestlers made the trip to Iron Mountain, returning with more hardware for their effort.

Taking first were Lindermuth, Bobby Holmberg and Tyler Vertz. For Vertz, it was his first tournament of the year.

Erin Holmberg and Goudreau wrestled hard for their second-place trophies. Holmberg's win came in overtime in a 4-3 decision, while Goudreau decided a pin.

Third-place honors went to Dylan Fuson, Jake Milavec

and Jeremy Gould. Finishing in a three way tie for first, Fuson was bumped back to third on a tiebreaker count-back.

"All in all, we are very pleased with the way our kids are wrestling this year," said head coach Everett Wood. "More importantly, we are very proud of the sportsmanship they show, win or lose. They always shake hands and help their opponents up after the match. This display of sportsmanship is rubbing off. Other teams are requiring this from their kids."

Snow? Who cares? Spring sports are here

Despite the snowy weather of the past week or so, it's still spring on the calendar, and that means the Manistique High School track and field team is ready to begin another season of competition. The Emeralds will open their 2007 campaign with an invitational meet indoors at the Northern Michigan University Superior Dome next Wednesday, April 18. Starting time is 2 p.m.

Next up for the thinclads is their first outdoor competition of the year, a meet at Iron Mountain on Tuesday, April 24. Home meets scheduled for the A.F. Hall Stadium include the brand new Kiwanis Invitational,

slated for Saturday, April 28; a meet with St. Ignace on Wednesday, May 9; a triangular matchup against Newberry and Munising on Tuesday, May 15; and the Mid-Peninsula Conference Championships on Thursday, May 24.

Meanwhile, the Emeralds junior high track team is gearing up for their opener, a home meet against Holy Name, Gladstone and Rudyard on Thursday, April 26.

The Manistique golf teams begin the year with the Gladstone Boys' Invitational Monday, April 23, and a home match against Ishpeming April 24.

Refs sign up online

People interested in becoming a high school sports official for the 2007-2008 school year can now register online through the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Web site at www.mhsaa.com.

From April 2 until about June 1, the Association is conducting an exclusive online registration period for new registrants and renewals. After June 1, applications will be accepted online, by mail, and on a walk-up basis in the MHSAA office.

Registrations for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year will be accepted in all manners through April 30. Online registrants will receive a \$5 discount off their processing fees, regardless of when they submit their application.

The MHSAA says their registration fees are among the lowest in the nation.

A \$10 fee is charged for

each sport in which an official wishes to register, and the online processing fee is \$20. Officials submitting registration forms by mail or on a walk-up basis will incur a \$25 processing fee.

Officials registered in 2006-2007 will be assessed a late fee of \$20 for registration after July 13. The processing fee includes liability insurance of up to \$1 million for officials while working games involving MHSAA schools.

There is an officials' registration test for first-time officials and those not registered in the past year. The test consists of 75 questions from the MHSAA Officials Guidebook, which is available on the "Officials" page of the MHSAA Web site, and may be used during the open-book test.

Online registration can be accessed by clicking "Officials" on the home page of the MHSAA site.



The Manistique Lady Gems 11U team ended their season by participating in the Ishpeming Elementary Tournament this past weekend. Coached by Jon Ziminski and Richard Parker, the team took second place in Pool B for the weekend. They also participated in several other games including Mt. Pleasant CBC Tourney, Marquette Magic Shooters Classic, UP Connection Friendship Tourney, Newberry Elementary and the local Manistique CBC Youth Basketball Tournament. Pictured kneeling in the front row are Cayla Strasser, Harley Troxler, Shanel Bosanic, Alberta Chase, Kaitlyn Ziminski, (back row) Coach Ziminski, Carlie Chase, Leah Cook, Hailey MacGregor, Lilly Boudreau and Coach Parker. (Submitted photo)

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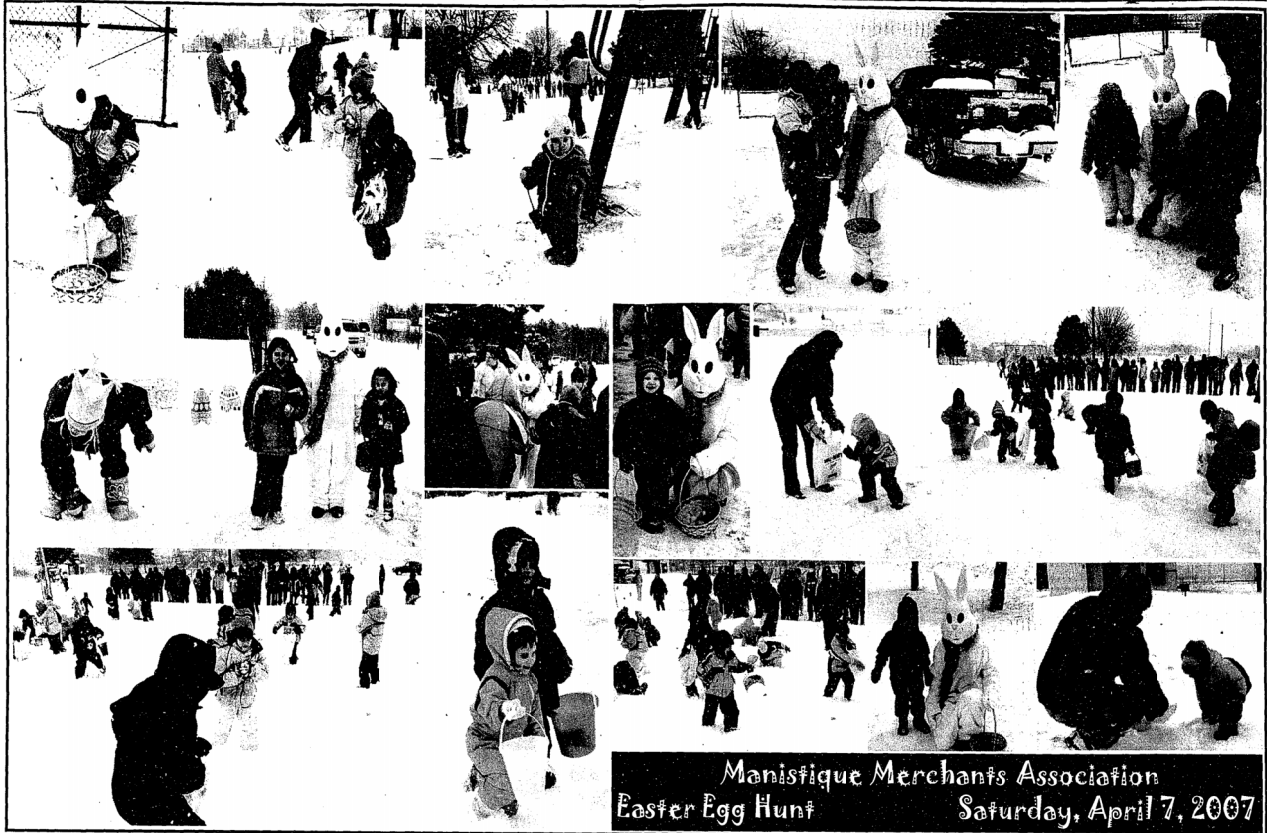
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Manistique Public Safety Department Log

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

Tuesday, April 3, 2007
12:35 a.m. Assist, Mukwa Drive
7:15 a.m. Emergency Medical Service (EMS), within city of Manistique
8:25 a.m. Found purse, River Street
9 a.m. Larceny, Manistique resident arrested for larceny and probation violation
9:50 a.m. Dog complaint, U.S. Highway 2
12:05 p.m. Paper mill assist, mill opening dams and request assistance in advising fishermen
1:47 p.m. Larceny property returned, Main Street

2:04 p.m. Domestic in progress, Schoolcraft Avenue
4:20 p.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette
Wednesday, April 4, 2007
8:22 a.m. Department of Public Works call out, icy bridge
9:16 p.m. Suspended driver, within city of Manistique
2:01 p.m. Department of Public Works call out, U.S. Highway 2
4 p.m. Department of Public Works call out, U.S. Highway 2
4:10 p.m. Property damage accident, E Lakeshore Drive
5:10 p.m. Department of Public Works call out, U.S. Highway 2
5:45 p.m. Two car property damage accident, River Street
6:40 p.m. Suspicious person, U.S. Highway 2
6:40 p.m. Property damage

accident, Deer and North Fifth streets
8:30 p.m. Hanging wires, Artibus Avenue
Thursday, April 5, 2007
12:30 p.m. Citizen assist, Pearl Street
12:50 p.m. Vehicle in ditch, Chippewa Avenue
3:20 a.m. Department assist, State Road
9:42 a.m. Runaway, Third Street
10 a.m. Electrical fire, Maple Street
12:02 p.m. Domestic, Main Street
12:26 p.m. Three car property damage accident, M-94 and Dawson Road
1:35 p.m. Rollover property damage accident, Tannery Road
2 p.m. Department assist/lockout, U.S. Highway 2
4:10 p.m. Larceny, Park Avenue

4:30 p.m. EMS/personal injury accident, Doyle Township
6:30 p.m. Be on the lookout for reckless driver, Chippewa Avenue near Deer Street
7:30 p.m. Fugitive arrest, Park Avenue. Individual arrested on felony warrant from Alger County for failure to appear.
9:30 p.m. Be on the lookout for suicidal subject, U.S. Highway 2
Friday, April 6, 2007
12:45 p.m. Be on the lookout for subject driving while license suspended, Manistique Avenue near Potter Street
1:30 a.m. Department of Public Works call out
5:15 a.m. EMS, within city of Manistique
10:57 a.m. EMS, within city of Manistique
11:07 a.m. Property damage

accident, Maple Street
12:30 p.m. Citizen assist, U.S. Highway 2
3:25 p.m. Department of Public Works call out, U.S. Highway 2
7:20 p.m. Lockout, Chippewa Avenue
8 p.m. Possible fraud, U.S. Highway 2
10:18 p.m. EMS, Manistique Township
11 p.m. Department of Public Works call out, Manistique streets
23:05 p.m. EMS, Hiawatha Township
23:20 EMS, transfer to Marquette
Saturday, April 7, 2007
7:50 a.m. Suspicious vehicle, Park Avenue
8:30 a.m. Loud music, Park Avenue
11:50 a.m. Lockout, U.S. Highway 2

11:56 a.m. Lockout, Deer Street
3:15 p.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette
3:53, EMS, within city of Manistique
9:45 p.m. Lift assist, Second Street
11:20 p.m. Department of Public Works call out, U.S. Highway 2
11:49 p.m. Lockout, Steuben Avenue
Sunday, April 8, 2007
Monday, April 9, 2007
10:28 a.m. Citizen assist, Fourth Street
11:03 a.m. Larceny, Manistique resident arrested for same on misdemeanor warrant
1:37 p.m. EMS, Hiawatha Township
1:58 p.m. Non-sufficient funds check, Maple Street
4:55 p.m. Malignous destruction of property, Cedar Street
10 p.m. Road hazard, Tannery Road

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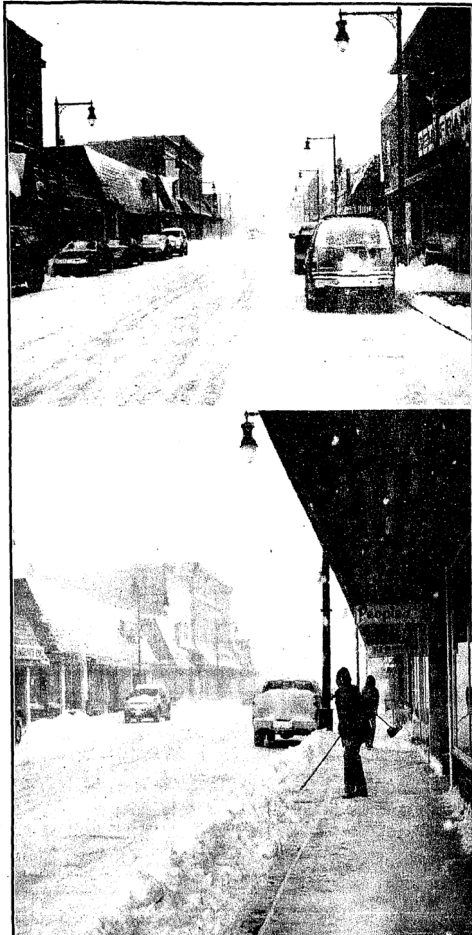
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In sports they penalize you for a late hit, but winter seems to get away with it at least once or twice every year. Snow and bitter cold returned to the eastern half of the county last week and seemed to hit the Upper Peninsula especially hard. While Schoolcraft County escaped the record-setting snowfalls seen in other parts of the U.P. (64.5 inches reported in Houghton County and nearly 49 inches in Marquette County), the area still got more white stuff than usual, as these pictures taken on Thursday, April 5, demonstrate. Snowfall estimates for locations between Garden and Gulliver ranged from around six inches to nearly 14 inches, proving that the southern half of the peninsula isn't always the "Banana Belt." At press time this week, residents were bracing for yet another blast, predicted to arrive Wednesday night. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)

**Michigan
Unemployment Statistics
February 2007**

	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Total Unemployment	Feb. Rate	Jan. Rate	Feb. 2006
EASTERN U.P.	26,175	22,775	3,400	13.0	12.5	12.7
Chippewa	17,800	15,850	1,950	10.9	10.6	10.8
Luce	2,925	2,650	250	8.9	8.8	9.2
Mackinac	5,450	4,250	1,200	21.9	21.0	20.5
CENTRAL U.P.	92,600	85,275	7,325	7.9	7.5	7.7
Alger	4,475	4,050	450	9.8	9.0	9.4
Delta	20,250	18,450	1,800	8.9	8.6	8.8
Dickinson	14,525	13,575	950	6.5	6.3	6.4
Marquette	36,225	33,525	2,700	7.5	7.2	6.9
Menominee	13,050	12,200	850	6.5	5.7	7.4
Schoolcraft	4,075	3,500	575	14.1	13.2	13.1
WESTERN U.P.	41,200	37,600	3,600	8.7	8.5	8.7
Baraga	4,300	3,725	575	13.4	12.5	13.1
Gogebic	7,900	7,275	625	7.9	7.0	7.7
Houghton	18,275	16,850	1,425	7.8	7.8	7.8
Keweenaw	1,125	975	150	13.2	13.3	12.2
Iron	6,050	5,525	525	8.6	8.4	9.3
Ontonagon	3,550	3,250	300	8.6	9.1	8.7
Upper Peninsula	160,000	145,700	14,300	9.0	8.6	8.8
Michigan	5,027,500	4,667,100	360,400	7.2	7.7	7.4
United States	151,879,000	144,479,000	7,400,000	4.9	5.0	5.1

Source: Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth, Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives

Area jobless rate still higher than most

The unemployment rate in Schoolcraft County rose nearly a point in February, according to figures released last week by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG).

The local jobless rate climbed to 14.3 percent from 13.4 percent in January. The new rate was also higher than the 13.7 percent unemployment posted in the county one year earlier, in February 2006.

Schoolcraft County had the second highest unemployment in the Upper Peninsula, trailing only Mackinac County, which posted a typical February rate of 21.9 percent.

The local rate was fifth highest out of the state's 83 counties, behind only Mackinac, Presque Isle, Cheboygan and Montmorency counties.

Looking at the U.P. as a whole, unemployment rose from 8.6 to 9 percent in February and stood two-tenths of a point higher than last year's February jobless figure.

According to Kathy Salow, an analyst with the DLEG in Marquette, twelve of the 15 U.P. counties saw their unemployment rates increase for the month, with jumps ranging from 0.1 to 0.9 percentage points.

Keweenaw and Ontonagon counties saw slight unemployment decreases for the month, while the rate in Houghton County was unchanged.

Compared to a year ago, unemployment was higher in 10 U.P. counties. The numbers

were slightly lower in Iron, Luce, Menominee and Ontonagon counties, while again, Houghton County's rate remained the same.

The lowest unemployment rates for the month were in Dickinson and Menominee counties, which both posted jobless rates of 6.5 percent.

The U.P.-wide jobless rate was higher than both the statewide rate, which dropped from 7.7 to 7.2 percent, and the national unemployment figure, which dipped from 5 to 4.9 percent.

NOTICE

The Schoolcraft County Zoning Board of Appeals will reconvene a public hearing, originally held on April 3, 2007, to consider: A Request from William Giltes to utilize an existing structure and also to build additional structures in which to do light manufacturing in an area zoned "Town District".

On the following described parcel: Manistique Township, Section 8, Township 41 North, Range 15 West. Part of Govt. Lots 2 & 3 and part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4. Property was formerly known as the Ramada Inn and Camp Ground and Surf Restaurant and also more recently as the Kewadin Inn. Property is owned by the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Site address is 6596W, Highway U.S. 2, Manistique.

The Public Hearing will reconvene on **Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 6:15 p.m.** in the Schoolcraft County Courthouse.

Further information can be obtained and all comments will be received at the office of the County Zoning Administrator, 300 Walnut Street, Room 207, Courthouse, Manistique, MI 49854 or by calling 906-341-3677. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

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Zoning Administrator

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NOTICE

The Schoolcraft County Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing to consider: A Request from Barbara Paczkowski to split off a parcel of at least .7 acres in size in a Timber Production Zoning District.

On the following described parcel: Inwood Township, Part of Government Lot 4 in Section 19, T 43North-R 17 West. Property is located at the end of Ramsdam Road with an address of 11624W & 11628W Ramsdam Road. There is both a cabin and a pole building on this property.

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All proposals shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners at the following address:

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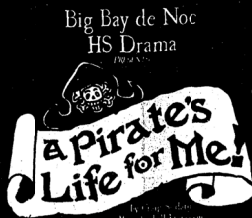
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