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City addresses drainage in Central Park project

by Paul Olson

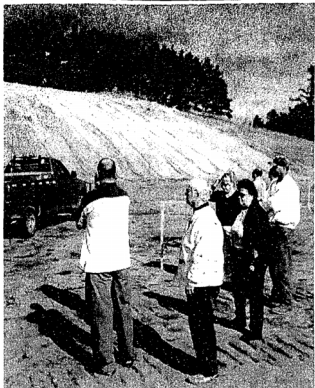
Extra work to be done during the Central Park project should help prevent problems in the future. At a special meeting Sept. 28, City Council voted to authorize several design changes to address drainage concerns in the park.

City Manager Sheila Aldrich said they began to worry about water problems as they monitored Bacco Construction crews building the new Central Park access road, which enters from Elm Street, runs between the quarry and ball field, and curves around to the site of the new archery range east of the field.

While the road was being built to the specifications designed by STS Consultants, based on topographic mapping by Peterson Surveying, the height of the road presented a problem.

As of last week, Aldrich said, the roadbed was already a foot higher than the surrounding area, and the plans called for it to be another 11 inches higher still, with the addition of eight inches of gravel and three inches of blacktop.

That left the ball field com-



City officials, including members of the council and re-board, recessed a special meeting last week to go take a closer look at changes proposed in the Central Park project. Upon returning to City Hall, council voted to approve plans for raising the Little League field and installing culverts. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

pletely surrounded by higher ground. With the old ski hill and sand dunes on one side and the road on the other, the field was "sitting in a hole" and destined to "be a pond," Aldrich said.

When it was learned that no culverts had been designed into the project to carry water from the field to the quarry, Aldrich sought a proposal from Bacco for correcting the problems.

The plan proposed by Bacco supervisor Matt Carpenter calls for several changes, including installing two parallel

September count good news for MAS

Student numbers up from last year, higher than budget estimates

by Paul Olson

Officials at the Manistique Area Schools are pleased with the tentative results of their September enrollment count, part of the formula that determines state funding. According to the preliminary numbers, MAS was one of a small handful of Upper Peninsula school districts to post an enrollment increase compared to last year.

The figures showed the district's total enrollment standing at 1,080 pupils on the official "fourth Wednesday" count day, up from 1,062 at the same time last year.

The gain of 18 students marks a turnaround for a district that, like most U.P. schools, was losing pupils at a regular and alarming rate.

For many years, MAS enrollment numbers dropped by double digits. In 2005, for example, the September count showed 71 fewer students enrolled compared to the previous fall.

In 2006, district officials took comfort from figures showing that the year-to-year census had essentially remained stable.

This year's count was even better news — the first time in recent memory that student numbers had actually gone up. "We're very, very happy," MAS Superintendent John Chandler said this week. "It's great news for us."

Breaking down the numbers, MAS saw another decline at

the middle and high school level, where enrollment in grades 6-12 fell to a new low of 598 compared to 622 last fall.

That drop was offset by a sharp increase in elementary enrollment, with K-5 student numbers jumping from 416 last September to 433 this year.

Also increasing was enrollment in the Jack Reque Alternative High School program, which saw its student count go from 24 to 34.

The district was also able to count 15 "shared-time" students taking part in the new cooperative academic program with St. Francis de Sales School.

Administrative Assistant Donna Winkler said this week that it's too early to know how the figures will translate into state aid payments.

To begin with, she said, the legislature has not even agreed on a per-pupil funding level for the new year, which began action included split votes on a pair of appointments to local medical boards.

By a 3-2 margin, the board appointed Dixie Anderson to replace Bob Barr on the Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility board. Barr had served on the three-member board for approximately nine years, having first been appointed in September 1998, and was seeking a new three-year term

The outcome is certain to be favorable for MAS, which used an estimated enrollment of only 1,051 students to make its budget projections for this year, meaning they will be receiving more money than expected.

Winkler noted that some of the increased funding is already earmarked, with revenue from the shared-time students being used to provide new programs in art, music and Spanish at the elementary level. But even when that is deducted from the total, the district will still see an im-

provement in the bottom line.

"Even if we don't have an increase in state aid, even if it just stays at last year's level, we're going to get about \$100,000 more," Winkler said. Chandler agreed that they will be in a more secure financial position. He said the district should come "very close to breaking even" by the time the year ends next June.

"We don't know exactly what it's going to be, but we do know this will prevent us from dipping into our fund balance, or from dipping into it so far," he said.

Chandler said it's difficult to know exactly why this year's elementary enrollment went up as much as it did.

Part of the increase could be due to the addition of the three new elementary programs, part to the opening later this fall of the state-of-the-art Emerald Elementary building, and part to factors — including programs and issues in other districts — that are still to be determined. Chandler said he will be talking with the families of the new students to determine what prompted them to choose MAS.

Commissioners decide two board appointments

by Paul Olson

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners addressed a number of issues at their combined audit-finance and board meeting Sept. 27. Action included split votes on a pair of appointments to local medical boards.

By a 3-2 margin, the board appointed Dixie Anderson to replace Bob Barr on the Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility board. Barr had served on the three-member board for approximately nine years, having first been appointed in September 1998, and was seeking a new three-year term

At the start of the meeting, commissioners once again heard public comment from DHS/MCF board member Dr. Duane Waters, praising Barr's service and urging his reappointment.

When the issue came up on the agenda, Commissioner Peggi Arnold nominated Barr, while Louis Lauzon nominated Anderson.

Arnold and Chairman Keith Aldrich voted for Barr, with Lauzon, Gerald Zellar and John Zellar casting their votes for Anderson.

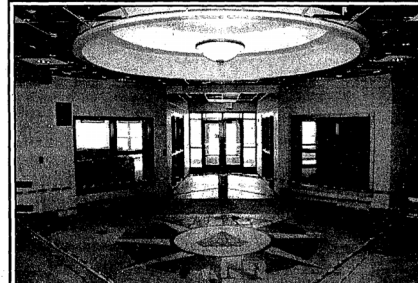
The second appointment was to fill a seat on the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Board of

Trustees left vacant by the resignation of John O'Connor. The term expires Dec. 31, 2010.

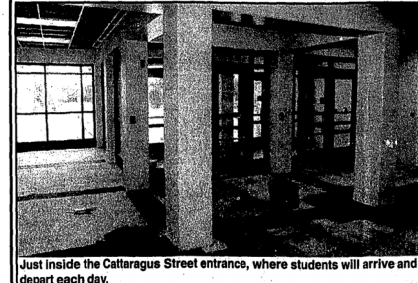
In keeping with state law and the hospital's articles of incorporation, SMH submitted three names for consideration: local businessman Robert Root, mBank President Kelly George, and Kathy Tennyson, the hospital's former director of nursing.

Arnold placed Root's name into nomination and Lauzon nominated Tennyson.

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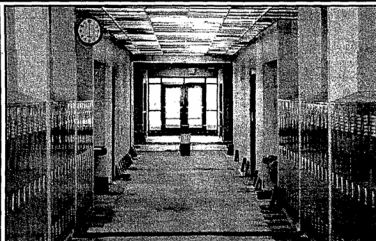
Looking across the entryway, where some decorative tile work is still in progress, toward the Oak Street entrance of the school.



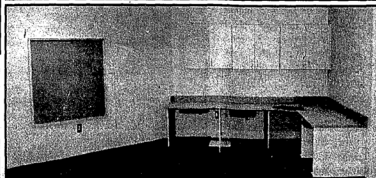
Just inside the Cattaraugus Street entrance, where students will arrive and depart each day.



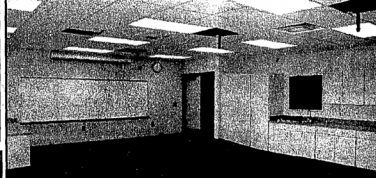
The cafeteria, located in the northeast corner of the building, adjacent to the gym.



Looking down one of the corridors, where lockers and classrooms await the arrival of students.



Above and below: A look inside several of the new classrooms.



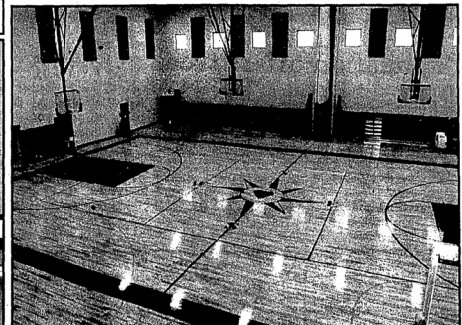
The new kindergarten playground, equipment installed and ready to go. The playground is one of three at the school.

Finishing touches

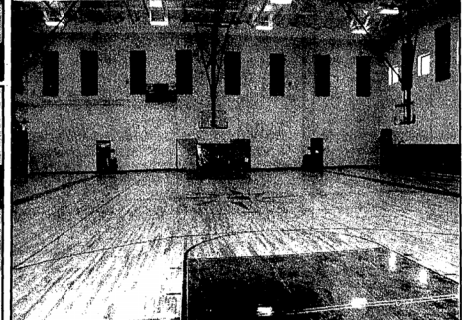
Work continues on schedule at the Manistique Area Schools' brand new Emerald Elementary facility, which is set to open just one month from now. Tile work, sprinkler connections, ceiling installation, a bit of painting and a few other odds and ends are about the only tasks remaining inside the building, while outside crews will be tackling final playground installation, paving of driveways and parking lots, and landscaping.

MAS teachers are already busy packing up books and materials in preparation to start the big move to Emerald Elementary, which will begin in less than two weeks and take place mostly during the after-school and evening hours.

A public open house to show off the new building is being planned for Saturday, Nov. 3. The following Monday, Nov. 5, students should be settling into their desks to begin a new era in local education. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)



Above: A bird's-eye view of the new full-size gym, with seating for 500 spectators, taken from the broadcast booth above. And below: the view from floor level.



Fish Report

Well, the weather sure has been amazing this last week. Needless to say we got a hard rain for a little while there, but the hot-muggy weather was rather different for this time of year. Then it closed out with a morning so foggy in some places you had to cut your way through it with a knife. But you have to admit the weather can always be interesting up here between the lakes.

Wife and I, along with our daughter Cathy and her family, made a trip up to Oswald's Bear Ranch last weekend. It was also the last weekend they were open for the year. The bear were in the, "I am about ready to sack out for six months mood" They had all put on their fall weight to last through the winter and there sure were some big ones up there.

Of course for the most part they fell like most of us do after a piggin' out on Thanksgiving dinner. For the most part they were just lying around while waiting to crawl into a den somewhere. In fact there were a couple of them that I would guess were in the four to five hundred pound area was just lying in a pile of oats. Every once in a while their tongue would flip out and drag in a mouthful of oats and this was about all the ambition they had. They are neat to see when they are this big and their coats are so filled out and shiny.

It is also amazing, when up in the area where the big forest fire was in August, how much it has greened up. In fact, in some areas you could not even tell there had been a fire there just over a month ago. Mother Nature sure can work some wonders when she wants to.

This past weekend we were also blessed with some tax increases here in Michigan. This and the way the business climate is in Michigan I thought you would enjoy reading about the new airline that has started up in the west end of the U.P. You have to be a member for business to survive in Michigan they have to be creative.

New Yooper Airlines We are pleased to announce Yooper Air is now operating in Minnystown. Also serving Visconsin, Nort and Sud Dakota. If you are travellin soon, consider Yooper Air, da no-frills airline. You're all in da same boat on Yooper Air, where flyin is a upflin experience. There is no first class on any Yooper Air flight.

Meals are potluck. Rows 1-6, bring rolls; 7-15, bring a

Foundation offers trees

This month's selection of trees from the National Arbor Day Foundation includes a variety of "autumn classics." The nonprofit foundation is providing the 10 trees to anyone who joins the organization during October. The trees are: two sugar maples, two red maples, scarlet oak, sweetgum, northern red oak, silver maple, white flowering dogwood and Washington hawthorn.

The trees will be shipped, postpaid, at the right time for planting between Nov. 1 and

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Bow season underway

By Ret. Sgt. John Walker

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

October is a fantastic month to be in the woods. Most mornings are cool and the days warm. In a tree stand, archery hunting for deer as the sun peaks over the horizon is worth getting out of a bed a couple of hours early.

Watching the sun highlight the fall leaves is just one of the enjoyments of archery deer hunting. "Deer hunting has been a popular pastime in Michigan for a very long time," says Rodney Clute, big-game specialist for the Department of Natural Resources.

The first regulations restricting deer hunting were established in 1859, when a portion of the year was closed to the taking of deer. However, there was no bag limit or restriction of the method of take.

"The first deer license was required in 1895, which really marked the beginning of deer management in Michigan," Clute says. "It cost 50 cents and 14,500 were sold."

By 1937, the number of people purchasing a deer license had increased over 10 times to 157,000. At that time, department biologists reported there were about 1.1 million deer in the state (about one-third in the Upper Peninsula

and two-thirds in the northern Lower Peninsula - only a very few deer were present in southern Michigan). In response to hunters who wanted the opportunity to hunt with a bow and arrow, Michigan established a special archery season in 1937 in Iosco and Newaygo counties.

During that first archery season, Nov. 1 to 14, 186 archery hunters took only four deer, but hunters regarded the season as a success. In their opinion, "seeking game with a bow and arrow requires much more skill on the part of the hunter."

The sport grew rapidly. By 1948, almost 10,000 people purchased an archery deer license and 67 of Michigan's 83 counties were open to archery hunting. The bow and arrow deer season also was extended to Oct. 1 through Nov. 5.

"Archery deer hunting continues to grow," says Michael Bailey, supervisor of the Wildlife Division's Species/Habitat Section. "In 2006, over 300,000 hunters participated in the archery deer season and harvested 125,000 deer."

But on average, Bailey says, only 40 percent of archery hunters will bring home venison. According to the hunter surveys, the average archery deer hunter spends 14 to 15 days afield, and, in 2006, all archery deer hunters spent 4.5

DNR talks small game and birds

Editor's note: This week, the DNR is offering the second of a two-part feature looking at the small game and bird hunting seasons.

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, prospects for the 2007-2008 hunting seasons, the first of which was a five-day elk season that began Aug. 25, are expected to be as good as they were a year ago.

Whether it's big game, small game or waterfowl that you seek, Michigan's two scenic peninsulas provide nearly eight million acres of public hunting land, including more than 4.5 million acres managed by the DNR.

Part II of the exclusive small-game preview by the DNR Wildlife Division covers rabbits and squirrels, and ducks and geese.

For the 2007-08 hunting seasons, cottontail rabbits once again will be the bread and butter species of small-game hunters, especially in southern Michigan which accounts for more than 81 percent of the annual statewide harvest.

Field reports indicate that squirrels are at moderate to high levels throughout their range, so dyed-in-the-wool squirrel hunters should be pretty successful this year. Last year's squirrel harvest was up 38 percent over the year before.

Duck populations also have increased significantly over the past several years, except

million days deer hunting. "It takes a tremendous amount of skill and perseverance," says Clute, who is an archery hunter himself. "Archery deer hunters must understand white-tailed deer behavior and daily movement patterns. They must spend time selecting their hunting locations and have great patience. And, even with all that work done, there is never a guarantee that a deer will come within shooting range."

This year's archery season began statewide on Oct. 1 and continues through Nov. 14. Then, following the firearm deer season, archery season again begins Dec. 1 and concludes Jan. 1.

DNR biologists estimate Michigan's statewide fall white-tail population to be slightly above the estimated 2006 deer population. According to the DNR's annual statewide deer hunting forecast, the deer herd is dynamic and not evenly distributed across the state. The white-tails' reproductive capability and their ability to adapt to the variety of habitats across the state have resulted in a Michigan deer herd estimated to be over 1.6 million animals.

This is exciting to citizens who enjoy hunting or observing deer, but is problematic to the habitat and the overall ecosystem. Deer distribution also varies

year, and are 24 percent above the long-term average. However, mallard populations in the Great Lakes states (Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota) increased only slightly from last year. Water level conditions at some waterfowl management areas are a concern this year due to the late-summer drought. Hunters should make a pre-season check of hunting areas for water conditions and waterfowl concentrations. River bayous and isolated ponds will harbor wood ducks early in the season. Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie are great areas to hunt diving ducks. Look for these areas to be hot spots again in 2007, as well as Saginaw Bay and the St. Marys River System in the

Upper Peninsula or an elk in northern Lower Michigan. Depending upon your hunting location, not so common animals also may be seen as well, such as a moose in the Upper Peninsula or a caribou in northern Lower Michigan.

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Michigan mallards which have increased only slightly. And reports from northern Ontario indicate goose production of migrants was better than average and regular goose seasons this fall should be improved. Local resident giant Canada geese, which supply most of the annual harvest, also have seen a population increase. This fall take the time to enjoy the "Great Times and Great Outdoors" that Michigan has to offer. You will be glad you did.

Rabbits Season: Cottontail rabbits and varying or snowshoe hare can be hunted from Sept. 15-March 31, statewide. Hunters may take a limit of five per day and 10 in combined possession. Outlook: Cottontail populations are good throughout their range. Rabbits are the most popular small game animal; the annual harvest is about 500,000 rabbits each year. The abundance of cottontails and their skill at evading hunting beagles and shotgun pellets make hunting them very sporting. Hunters typically harvest about 17,000 to 19,000 snowshoe hare per year. Snowshoe hare populations are presently down somewhat due to cyclic population fluctuations. However, population levels appear to be slowly improving. Declining habitat continues to be a concern in some portions of their range.

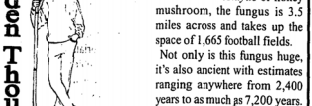
Squirrels Season: Sept. 15-March 1. Hunters can bag up to five per day and have 10 in combined possession. Outlook: Squirrels are at moderate to high levels throughout their range. Hunters generally can expect an excellent good year for squirrel hunting throughout most of their range, but may find squirrel numbers down locally in marginal habitat.

Ducks Starting Dates: North (Upper Peninsula) and Middle (northern Lower Peninsula) zones - Sept. 29; South Zone (southern Lower Peninsula) - Oct. 6. Consult the 2007 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for exact dates and daily limits. Outlook: Duck populations in the mid-continent prairie and parkland regions increased about 14 percent from last

year, and are 24 percent above the long-term average. However, mallard populations in the Great Lakes states (Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota) increased only slightly from last year. Water level conditions at some waterfowl management areas are a concern this year due to the late-summer drought. Hunters should make a pre-season check of hunting areas for water conditions and waterfowl concentrations. River bayous and isolated ponds will harbor wood ducks early in the season. Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie are great areas to hunt diving ducks. Look for these areas to be hot spots again in 2007, as well as Saginaw Bay and the St. Marys River System in the

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Get your Habitat Hike



By Tom Earle-Bridges

My prediction for frequent rain showers in the month of September appears to have been accurate. I don't think the grass has been this green since back in May and the toadstools are popping up everywhere!

Speaking of toadstools, I noticed a particularly disgusting looking form of fungi growing from the mulch at a friend's house. The fungus was about the size and shape of a large carrot, red in color and oozing brown gooey gunk. And of course, it possessed a fragrance which I could only describe as repulsive. I was fascinated by the incredibly gross spectacle the fungus presented and had a difficult time taking my eye from it. Where was a camera when you needed one?

The appearance of the fungus also more than likely accounted for the death of the small cottontail shrub that had been growing adjacent to the spot, taking up water and nutrients from the roots and eventually killing the shrub. Did you know the largest liv-

ing organism on the earth is a fungus? This fungus was found growing in eastern Oregon several years back. Properly known as Armillaria ostroyae or honey mushroom, the fungus is 3.5 miles across and takes up the space of 1.665 football fields. Not only is this fungus huge, it's also ancient with estimates ranging anywhere from 2,400 years to as much as 7,200 years. What first attracted scientist attention to the area where it grows is the fact all of the forest in the surrounding area began to die and they wanted to know why.

I have heard of honey mushroom fungus before while listening to Gardeners Question Time on the BBC. It is a frequent bane on the minds of many British gardeners. Once it gets into the garden the fungus is hard to eradicate. It can't be done by simply removing the small fruiting bodies that appear above ground. The bulk of these organisms are found growing under the soil. The only solution to ridding yourself of honey fungus is to remove the infected soil and replace it with fungi free material. No small chore you can imagine and you can never be sure you have gotten all of it.

Another strange fact which I discovered while looking up honey fungus was that fungi are more closely related to human beings and animals than they are to other plants. They have another quirk as well. While human and most species are disjunct adjacent to the spot, taking up water and nutrients from the roots and eventually killing the shrub. Did you know the largest liv-

Workshops seek public comments on state plan

A series of workshops getting underway next week will give the public a chance to review the draft State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). One of the five statewide meetings, slated for Marquette, was recently rescheduled from today (Thursday) to a date later this month.

Michigan participated in the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund; making state funds available to local units of government and other public agencies to acquire land and develop facilities for outdoor recreation. As part of that participation, the Department of Natural Resources must update its current statewide recreation plan.

The public workshops will give the DNR a chance to present the draft SCORP for 2008-2012 and give anyone interested in outdoor recreation issues a chance to offer feedback and suggestions. The Upper Peninsula session, originally slated for Oct. 4, has been changed to Tuesday, Oct. 16. It will take place from 2 to 4 p.m., at Marquette Commons, located at 112 S. Third St. in Marquette. Other workshops will be held Oct. 9 in Grand Rapids, Oct. 11 in Detroit, Oct. 12 in Bay City and Oct. 18 in Roscommon. The workshops are open to the public and no advance registration is necessary. Workshops Continued A8

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EDITORIAL

Looking for the lessons

It's hard to know what lessons, if any, Michigan residents are supposed to take away from the budget fiasco that played out in Lansing over the past few weeks.

The Pioneer-Tribune has never really been a "throw the bums out" kind of newspaper. Looking over editorials of recent years, and back through the decades, you see many objections to government red tape and bureaucratic bumbling, but general gratitude for the work of local, state and federal politicians, overall empathy for the difficult task those officials face.

That said, it's hard to see anything terrible that would come from a clean sweep at the Capitol right about now. And no, we're not referring to all the irresponsible recall talk that's been circulating around the Internet and radio dials this week, those partisan demands to immediately remove the governor and anyone who voted for a tax increase.

The problem isn't that we're now taxing such things as shoe shines, baby-shoe bronzing and fortune-telling. The problem isn't that the legislature still has to find over \$400 million in spending cuts. The problem isn't even the fact that our elected representatives fiddled away the summer months, talking about a possible government shutdown but refusing to get serious about it until the very last minute.

Since the late 1990s, it has been abundantly clear that Michigan was heading for a day of fiscal reckoning. A perfect storm was brewing, comprised of many factors, some affecting states across the country, some unique to us with our all-eggs-in-one-basket reliance on the auto industry.

What lessons are we supposed to take away from this? What good can we possibly salvage from this dismal and embarrassing spectacle?

If you know the answer to that, please let us know. We can't say it - and 2008 is coming fast.

They didn't see the looming crisis or failed to understand it. They simply ignored it. Like the federal politicians who have yet to address the onrushing mess with Social Security and Medicare, they let a potential problem fester until it became a catastrophe.

This year, obviously grasping the fact that time had run out, lawmakers quickly staked out positions that would please their parties and satisfy constituents, who were starting to wonder why nothing was being done. They aligned themselves into partisan philosophical camps. Republicans versus Democrats. Progressives versus conservatives. "Reformers" versus "tax increasers."

Through all of this, helpless and bewildered state residents found themselves wondering if everyone in Lansing had finally lost their minds. They wondered why everyone talked about bipartisanship but nobody practiced it. Why political compromise seemed to be a lost art, perhaps even a dead one. Why it had to be either "reform" or "taxes" and not some of both.

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Will Liberals and Conservatives Remove Their Brains From the Freezer?

By Nathaniel Shockley

One of the reasons there is so much resentment between conservatives and liberals is that members of both species tend to be unbelievably smug. The problem isn't so much about finding the answers, but about expressing ideas without alienating half the country with an intolerable attitude.

For example, I played the violin in my high school orchestra, and I happened to be very proficient, at least compared to my fellow fiddlers. This is all well and good, except that I was so proud of this fact that I thought I knew more than our teacher. I'd tell him we were playing stuff wrong right in the middle of rehearsal.

That's the thing about so many liberals. They look down on people who drive SUVs, eat non-organic food, work for large corporations, buy from large corporations, don't subscribe to global warming, buy non-recyclable products and give their children normal names like John or Sarah.

There's nothing wrong with being aware of these things. But there's a lot wrong with treating people who don't share your convictions like selfish, money-grubbing ignoramuses.

A little more than a year ago, I married a beautiful woman with alarming tendencies toward liberalism. But the wonderful thing about her is that she doesn't say I'm a heartless bastard when I come home with a half-gallon of ice cream that was probably made from factory-farmed milk where cows are torn away from their families at a young age, shoved into tiny little cubicles, fed spam-enhanced hormones, and forced to watch endless reruns of M*A*S*H.

She simply told me a while ago that she chooses to avoid factory-farmed products because she has a moral dilemma with it. I guess I don't, but who knows, my feelings could change. But this isn't likely, because A) I love to eat large quantities of cheap ice cream and B) I don't happen to own a cow.

Some people tend to have fuller, more informed, and quite simply, better opinions about things. They can be hard to identify, and for some reason, they don't ever seem to find their way behind a podium on the night of a presidential debate. But even if someone ever does, they won't have any luck if they act like I did in my high school orchestra, like John Kerry did in 2004, like so many of us do on a daily basis.

As I've said in the past, Letter to the Editor newsroom@pioneertribune.com

opinions always change. And if they don't, some of us need to consider taking our brains out of the freezer and using them again.

Nathaniel Shockley hails from Philadelphia, but currently resides in the San Francisco Bay area.

WEEKLY WEATHER RECAP. The following weather information starts Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007. Table with columns: DAY, HIGH, LOW, PRECIP. Rows: Wednesday (59, 47, .02" Rain), Thursday (64, 48, .02" Rain), Friday (63, 44), Saturday (64, 58), Sunday (66, 60, .65" Rain), Monday (68, 60), Tuesday (66, 58, .19" Rain).

A Look Back at the Pioneer-Tribune Archives

40 Years Ago October 5, 1967

Published statements that Schoolcraft County is among those areas in the Upper Peninsula planning to "defy" the Federal Uniform Time Act were dropped this week. A Saturday newspaper story listed Schoolcraft, Marquette, Chippewa, Iron and Houghton counties as among those having passed resolutions contrary to the federal act.

There's nothing wrong with being aware of these things. But there's a lot wrong with treating people who don't share your convictions like selfish, money-grubbing ignoramuses.

A little more than a year ago, I married a beautiful woman with alarming tendencies toward liberalism. But the wonderful thing about her is that she doesn't say I'm a heartless bastard when I come home with a half-gallon of ice cream that was probably made from factory-farmed milk where cows are torn away from their families at a young age, shoved into tiny little cubicles, fed spam-enhanced hormones, and forced to watch endless reruns of M*A*S*H.

30 Years Ago October 6, 1977

Manistique High School's official enrollment has decreased by 32 students, changing the school's athletic competition rating from Class B to Class C. This was one of many facts revealed by the annual Fourth Friday enrollment counts of the Manistique Area Schools. Compared to last year's count, total enrollment decreased again this year by 13 students. Last year's total was 1,830 students, a drop of 100 from the previous year.

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners has taken the first steps toward solving the problem of a weakened Manistique Heights Dam. At a special meeting, the board took three actions on the dam that controls the level of Indian Lake. The board agreed to obtain the names of engineering firms and request proposals and cost estimates for repairing or replacing the dam, freed the Indian Lake Property Owners Association from any need to collect petition signatures to force the county board to act, and directed a committee to meet with Prosecutor John Thompson to draw up a resolution leading to county ownership of the dam and new legal levels for the lake.

20 Years Ago October 8, 1987

A waterfront development plan for Schoolcraft County is the goal of a new group which met for the first time last week. The Waterfront Development Committee hopes to come up with a plan for the area as a whole and apply for grant money. Other items on the group's agenda include creating additional boat ramps near the dam, and on the Manistique River and getting new docks for the city marina.

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Voter registration deadline Oct. 9

In Manistique and all across Michigan, time is running out to register as a voter for the upcoming elections. The deadline to register is next Tuesday, Oct. 9. Anyone who doesn't register by that time will be unable to cast a ballot Nov. 6.

Many local races will be decided in Michigan that day, including seats on the Manistique City Council, where seven candidates are running for four positions.

On the local ballot that day will be the two-year council seat now held by Jan Jeffcott, who is running against Steven Jones.

Also to be decided are the four-year council seats held by Chris Rantanen, Dan Evonich and Jack Hoag. Running for the seats are Rantanen, Evonich, Doug Erickson, Rick Hollister and Dan Steva.

To register, people must be U.S. residents and at least 18 by election day. They must

also be residents of Michigan and the city or township where they wish to register.

Locally, voters can register in person at the Manistique City Hall, the Schoolcraft County Courthouse or the Michigan Secretary of State branch office on River Street.

A mail-in form is available on the Department of State Web site at www.michigan.gov/sos.

In general, first-time voters who register by mail cannot cast absentee ballots. They must cast a ballot in person for their first election, unless they personally hand-deliver the application to their local clerk, are 60 or older, are disabled, or are overseas.

Voters are reminded that they will be asked to present a Michigan driver's license or state personal identification card at the polls. However, voters who do not have photo ID with them may still vote

Pls. Don't Tell Me Pls. Thx.

When you've been in business for awhile, there are certain things you just know. And if you're the kind of client who is going to annoy me to the point where I will ultimately determine you are not worth the trouble, you may very well alert me to this fact with six little letters.

The first three are "pls." The second three are "thx." You write these sorry excuses for words in an e-mail to me, it will be over between us before it even began.

As you may have already gathered, "pls" is supposed to mean "please," while "thx" is supposed to mean "thank you." So why would I object to being told please and thank you? What's the matter with me? Aren't these two terms the epitome of politeness?

Ah! That's what they want you to think! When someone e-mails me and says "pls advise" or "thx" or "pls update me on the work you are doing," I am supposed to mean "please," while "thx" is supposed to mean "thank you."

By D.F. Krause

another e-mail: Pls call me to discuss. Thx. What was stopping him from calling you? Why should he call? He's too important!

So you call as soon as you get the e-mail. You get his voice mail. You tell him you were calling as he requested and that he can call you any time to discuss it, then you leave your cell phone and your home phone - if you still have one.

Twenty-four hours pass. You don't hear from him. You call again. You get voice mail again. He replies with an e-mail: What did you need from me again? Thx.

You know perfectly well that you'll be staying up late tonight to get this done for him, because he needs it tomorrow. And you also know perfectly well that he will never acknowledge his own role in holding it up.

Well, you should have seen this coming. It all started with the "pls" and the "thx." Someone who can't be bothered to write out entire, one-syllable words isn't going to

lift a finger to facilitate your serving him, or make any serious acknowledgement of your contribution.

It is also likely that you can expect another e-mail from him sometime after you send out your invoices: Pls explain charges. Seems high. Thx.

I warned you. Don't blame me if Mr. Pls & Thx stifles you. But shx for reading. And I really mean that.

D.F. Krause is a former business journalist who has owned his own small business for more than six years, handling clients in a wide variety of industries, including banking, real estate, logistics, manufacturing and others. Lacking patience for much of the jargon used in the business community, he established the "Phrases That Must Be Deleted" list in his last newspaper column, with "Synergistic Alignment" ranking as the all-time most objectionable phrase. He loves capitalisms. But thinks capitalists have a tendency to act weird.

Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor: The person who cheated St. Vincent's was also so do you. You drive a very nice red truck, and we are happy you can afford it. We have many friends in need who cannot heat their homes, pay their water and electric bills, or buy food for their families. Please think about this.

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Obituaries

Eunice McPhee-Pallas

Eunice McPhee-Pallas, 90, of Garden, Mich., died Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2007, at Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manistique. She was born June 21, 1917, in Garden, the daughter of Jerry and Victoria (LaRose) Reno and attended school in Garden.

On Dec. 31, 1938, the former Eunice M. Reno married Gordon L. McPhee, Sr. in Garden. He preceded her in death on Jan. 14, 1974.

She later married Daniel Pallas on Sept. 9, 1980, in Newberry, Mich. He preceded her in death on April 9, 1991.

Eunice was employed in the kitchen at the Garden Public Schools and at the Big Bay de Noc School for several years. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Garden and was a former member of the Kate's Bay Home Extension Club. She enjoyed cooking, gardening and socializing with her friends.

Survivors include: daughter, Jerrilyn (Lee) Potvin of Garden; two sons, Neil (Belle) McPhee of Fenton, Mich. and Lonnie (Barb) McPhee of Garden; grandchildren, Cory Potvin, Scott McPhee, Craig Potvin, Gregory McPhee, Brad McPhee, Teresa McPhee, Amy Int-Hout, Clay Potvin and Melissa Tromp; ten great-grandchildren; sister, Jacquelyn Tallman of Martinez, Calif.; two brothers, Merton (Mildred) Reno of Manistique and Percy Reno of Gladstone, Mich.; along with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by two sons, Gordon McPhee, Jr. and Randall McPhee; three brothers, Isadore Reno, Traceford "Bud" Reno and Vernon Reno; and sister, Airthea Cousineau.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Friday, Oct. 5, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Garden with Father Timothy Ekaitis officiating. Burial will follow in the New Garden Cemetery in Garden Township. A luncheon will be served at St. John's Hall following the committal service at the cemetery.

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

Messier-Broullier Funeral Home of Manistique and Garden is assisting the family with arrangements.

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

Second annual Fall Fest will take place Saturday at Fayette

Officials at Fayette Historic State Park will host their second annual Fall Fest this Saturday, Oct. 6.

This marks the second year in a row that the park has hosted a late-season event as part of the state's ongoing celebration of the "GO - Get Outdoors lifestyle."

The festival is sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Division in partnership with the Department of History, Arts and Libraries' Michigan Historical Center and the Friends of Fayette volunteer group.

"Despite the 40 mile per hour winds and temperatures hovering around the mid-30s, last season's Fall Fest was such a success we thought we should try it again," says Randy Brown, park supervisor. "With both a campground and a historic town site to work with, Fayette is ripe for this Fall inspired event. If you've ever wondered what a park staff consisting of characters from the 'Wizard of Oz' looks like, you may want to show up just for that."

The festival includes a campsite-creating contest and the chance for both campers and day visitors to dress in

Halloween costumes. Prizes will be awarded for the best campsite and presented to the children and adults with the best costumes.

Activities begin at 12:30 p.m., with hayrides from the campground and visitor center parking lot to the town site. Rides will be available until 3:30 p.m.

A wide variety of events are scheduled in the town site from 1 to 5:30 p.m., including demonstrations of an apple press and cider making, a refreshment table with cider and doughnuts, pumpkin bowling and pumpkin painting, a haunted house, a scavenger hunt, paper mask-making and children's games with prizes. There will also be hayride trick-or-treating around the town site and campground. Campers and day visitors are encouraged to bring candy to hand out to children.

A special highlight will be a performance from the musical "Dreamgirls" presented by the Detroit Theatre for the Dramatic Arts Youth Initiative.

Admission is free, however all motor vehicles will need to have a daily pass or annual permit to enter the park.

For a detailed schedule of events or more information, call the park at 644-2603.

To make a campsite reservation, call (800) 447-2757 or go to www.midwestreservations.com.

MANISTIQUE EMERALDS Homecoming



Homecoming activities have been going on all week at Manistique High School as students prepare for the big event this Friday. The 2007 court consists of seven candidates. Crowning of the king and queen will take place during halftime of the varsity football game Friday evening, when the Emeralds take on the Munising Mustangs at A.F. Hall Stadium. Above, left to right, are court members Ariel Reque, Joe DeLisle, Robin Vaughan, Cory VanAmberg, Meghan McKenzie, Rory McDonough and Katie Wright. The homecoming parade is set to begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday. The parade will start at the Post Office on South Cedar Street, traveling north to the high school parking lot. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

Michigan Unemployment August 2007

	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Total Unemployment	August Rate	July Rate	August 2006
EASTERN U.P.	29,350	27,500	1,850	6.3	6.7	5.9
Chippewa	18,150	16,875	1,275	7.0	7.6	7.0
Luce	2,950	2,650	275	9.7	9.6	6.5
MacKinnac	8,250	7,950	275	3.4	3.6	3.1
CENTRAL U.P.	93,700	88,225	5,500	5.9	6.6	5.9
Alger	4,650	4,350	300	6.7	7.3	6.5
Delta	20,850	19,525	1,325	6.4	7.3	6.2
Dickinson	14,875	14,075	775	5.3	6.2	5.2
Marquette	35,650	33,700	1,950	5.5	6.2	5.5
Menominee	13,450	12,675	775	5.7	5.8	6.2
Schoolcraft	4,250	3,900	350	8.2	8.0	8.2
WESTERN U.P.	40,725	37,800	2,900	7.1	7.8	6.6
Baraga	4,450	3,925	525	11.6	12.7	9.3
Gogebic	7,250	7,175	550	7.2	8.0	7.0
Houghton	17,725	16,600	1,125	6.4	7.0	6.0
Keweenaw	1,050	950	100	8.6	9.1	6.7
Iron	6,125	5,750	375	6.0	6.5	6.0
Ontonagon	3,625	3,375	250	6.9	7.6	6.9
Upper Peninsula	163,800	153,500	10,200	6.3	6.9	6.1
Michigan	5,046,000	4,692,000	354,000	7.0	7.9	6.8
United States	153,493,000	146,406,000	7,088,000	4.6	4.7	4.6

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

County unemployment rate drops

Schoolcraft County's unemployment rate fell in August, according to figures released last week by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth. The county's jobless rate for the month was 8.2 percent, compared to 8.9 percent in July. The new rate was slightly below the figures from one year earlier, when unemployment in the county stood at 8.4 percent.

The local rate was the fourth highest in the Upper Peninsula, trailing Baraga County at 11.6 percent, Luce County at 9.7 percent and Keweenaw County at 8.6 percent.

Schoolcraft County's August unemployment was the 15th highest in the state, ranking 55th out of 83 counties.

Looking at the U.P. as a whole, unemployment dropped more than a half-point for the month, dipping from 6.9 to 6.3 percent.

Fourteen of the 15 U.P. counties saw their jobless rates fall, with only Luce County experiencing a monthly increase.

The lowest unemployment in the U.P. and the state was in Mackinac County at 3.4 percent. The U.P.'s 6.3 percent jobless rate was significantly higher

than the national unemployment figure, which inched down from 4.7 to 4.6 percent for the month, but lower than Michigan's statewide rate, which also fell, dropping from 7.9 to 7.0 percent.

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Motor vehicle maps available for national forest

The Hiawatha National Forest has released its first motor vehicle use map, which is now available to the public online.

Printed copies of the map will be available at district ranger offices in mid-October.

The motor vehicle use map displays roads, trails and areas open to wheeled motor vehicle use, including street-legal and off-highway vehicles.

Over 2,000 miles of roads and trails in the Hiawatha National Forest are designated open for off-highway vehicles (OHVs). Use of motorized vehicles off those designated routes, including cross-country

travel through the woods, has been prohibited since 1986.

Under the 2005 Travel Management Rule, each national forest is required to establish a designated system of roads and non-motorized recreation experiences and enhanced protection of habitat and aquatic, soil and air resources.

According to Forest Supervisor Tom Schmid, their for-

est plan already defines the maximum miles of roads, trails and areas they can have, so the map will help them work with motorized sports groups "to ensure that the system of trails and loops continues to serve the general public efficiently and effectively."

As officials move forward with implementing the Travel

Management Rule, they will continue working with the public and interested groups. The map will be updated annually.

To view a copy of the map, go to www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/hiawatha/recreation/atv_trails/.

For more information, call Janel Crooks at (906) 789-3329.

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Cathy Battermann and Derek LeBresh

Battermann and LeBresh plan Hawaiian wedding

Cathy Marie Battermann of Gladstone, Mich., will become the bride of Derek Joseph LeBresh also of Gladstone, during a wedding ceremony planned for Oct. 12, 2007, at Liliuokalani Waterfalls, Oahu, Hawaii.

A 1999 graduate of Gwin High School, Cathy is a swing manager for McDonald's in

Escanaba. Her parents are Cindy and Ning Pleaugh of Owain, Mich. and Tom Battermann of Big Bay, Mich.

The son of Wilfred (Butch) and MaryAnn LeBresh of Garden, Mich., Derek graduated from Big Bay de Noc High School also in 1999. He is a truck driver for L. Blondeau & Sons.



For most people, fall is a time to enjoy the great leaf colors. For students in Tony Williams' college-prep biology class at Manistique High School, it's also a time to learn more about the pigments that are always there inside the leaves. Above: After removing some pigments using ethyl alcohol and a mortar and pestle, students Samantha Bryant (left) and Kelsey VanAmberg apply them to chromatography paper. The paper was then placed in a solvent, and after about 15 minutes the pigments separated and could be identified. (Submitted photo)

Rotary sets art drawing

The Manistique Rotary Club has scheduled its next raffle drawing, as they prepare to give away a second signed and numbered print by acclaimed local wildlife artist Larry Signalsky.

The print of a cedar waxwing is matted, framed and ready to hang in the winner's home or office. It is currently

on display in the window of the Mustard Seed on South Cedar Street.

Tickets for the drawing are \$5 each, and only 100 will be sold. They are available at the local wildlife artist Larry Signalsky.

The drawing will take place Monday, Oct. 15.



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

Leaving mulch to be desired

Like everything else, there's a right way and a wrong way to rid your yard of leaves. So I researched the matter before heading out this year, lest I face criticism.

It must be more dangerous than I thought. The American Chiropractic Association recommends wearing safety goggles to shield against foreign bodies ear protection for loud equipment, and a mask in case of allergies. I tracked these down -- and a bullet proof vest for good measure -- before resuming my probe.

To reduce the risk of injury, the ACA also advises fifteen minutes of warm-up exercises and a brisk walk to stimulate circulation. And after all that exertion, it expects us to rake. Each year brings a bumper crop of leaves to our yard.

When the fresh, crisp air beckons us outside, those first few moments invigorate us. The feeling fades fast if we

waited till the last minute though. By then, that bed of leaves swelled into a bunkbed. And the "fresh, crisp" air could freeze Hades.

As a result, my numb fingers clutch the rake in a death grip. This makes it hard to "change hands," as recommended by a know-it-all article I read. Just as well. I'd hate to look like the Barbie doll whose arms I switched.

Injuries occur when rakers stand in one spot and twist their torso. To avoid pulling a muscle, the article sets forth a safer technique.

It says, and I quote, "rake leaves straight back and move with the rake as you walk backwards." Good advice, I suppose, unless you live on a cliff.

To tell the truth, that sounds more like a waltz step to me. I can see myself following that tip and the others before it. Dressed in bizarre gear I'd be out there dirty-dancing with my rake.

Which reminds me. Experts recommend we invest in an ergonomically correct implement. Have you seen one? It looks like it threw its back out. What kind of partner would that make?

So I may dispense with raking and opt for a nice raucous leaf blower instead. But there again, the masters caution us. Homeowners should not use it for an entire lawn, just the "areas that truly require them, such as the roof." Like I care about leaves up THERE.

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Fallen firefighter will be honored

The 26th National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service will honor one Michigan firefighter who died in the line of duty in 2006.

Amy L. Schearle-Pennywit will be among the 32 men and five women from 33 states remembered at the official national service held this weekend at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Md. Four firefighters who died in previous years will also be honored.

Schearle-Pennywit, 34, was a member of the City of Ann Arbor Fire Department. She died Jan. 13, 2006, of injuries sustained at the scene of a motor vehicle accident six days earlier.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) and the Department of Homeland Security will sponsor the official national tribute Sunday, Oct. 7, at 10 a.m. The ceremony marks the beginning of National Fire Prevention Week, designated by President

Bush to focus national attention on the destruction of property and loss of life caused by fire.

More than 5,000 people, including members of Congress, administration officials and other dignitaries, members of the fire service, and families and friends of the fallen firefighters will attend the event. Families receive flags flown over the U.S. Capitol and the national memorial. Honor guard units from six Michigan fire departments will participate in the service, and Michigan fire personnel will serve as family escorts.

Many fire departments across the country will conduct simultaneous services, lower flags to half-staff, sound sirens at noon, and observe a moment of silent tribute.

For more information, go to www.firehero.org. The site includes a list of this year's honored firefighters and images of past memorial services.

Births

WOOD - Derek and Elizabeth Wood of Manistique are pleased to announce the birth of their son **Bryson Zander Wood** on Friday, Sept. 21, 2007.

Bryson was delivered at Marquette General Hospital at 11:52 p.m. weighing 8 pounds, 15.4 ounces. He was 21 inches in length.

HAAS - Announcing the birth of their son **Ayden Wil-**

iam Haas are Ryan Lee Haas and Jennifer Kay Stevens of Manistique. Ayden was delivered at St. Francis Hospital in Escanaba on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007. He weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 inches in length.

Grandparents are Eric and Carol Stevens of Manistique, Sharon Kendall of Manistique and Byron Hazel of Garden, Mich.

Foster Grandparents launch annual foundation fund drive

The Upper Peninsula Foster Grandparent Program Foundation has kicked off its 23rd annual fund-raiser. The campaign, which has the theme "Catch a Winning Smile For Foster Grandparents," began Tuesday and runs through Saturday, Dec. 1.

The fund drive benefits local Foster Grandparent programs, in which senior citizens work in schools, health care facilities and other sites throughout Menominee, Delta and Schoolcraft counties, assisting children who need an "extra boost" with their studies and life skills. Foster Grandparents receive an hourly stipend and other benefits.

The foundation assists with program promotion and provides funding for more Foster Grandparent positions. To date, the foundation has presented a total of \$119,955 to the program.

According to Cindy Brock, president of the foundation, the annual fund-raiser shows government officials that the program has local support and generates matching funds, both of which are needed to continue receiving federal and state money.

During the campaign, Foster Grandparents and program supporters will solicit donations from businesses, organizations and individuals.

Last year, \$12,603 was raised. A goal of \$13,000 has been set for this year's drive.

Once again, the schools and volunteer work sites are being invited to show their support for the program by conducting mini fund-raisers during Octo-



Front, from left: Irene Hinkson and Betty Slining of Manistique, both trustees of the U.P. Foster Grandparent Program Foundation, join Amy Smith of Gladstone in kicking off the 23rd annual foundation fund-raiser, which began this week and runs through Dec. 1. (Submitted photo)

ber. Pumpkin-decorating contests, penny drives, bake sales, hat days and the dedication of milk machine profits are just a few of the events held at schools in the three-county program area.

In addition, a canister-decorating contest is planned, with the finished canisters being placed at schools and businesses as another way to gather donations.

The first "accounting day" for the campaign will take place Saturday, Nov. 3, at 11 a.m., at the Stardust Lounge in

Escanaba. At the event, a festive party will be held and the first financial tally will be announced.

Fund drive participants will be honored at the Foster Grandparent Christmas party, to be held Dec. 6 at the Terrace Bay Inn.

For more information about the campaign, contact Brock at (906) 474-6554.

To learn more about the Foster Grandparent Program, call the Menominee-Delta-Schoolcraft Community Action Agency at (906) 786-7080.

Two area residents are summer graduates at Northern Michigan

Two area residents were among those who satisfied degree requirements and graduated from Northern Michigan University in August.

Rebecca Nadeau of Garden graduated cum laude, with honor, receiving a bachelor's degree in psychology/behavior analysis.

Sara MacGregor of Gulliver graduated summa cum laude, with highest honor, earning a bachelor's degree in political science/pre law.

MOVIE GUIDE

Shown Fri-Thurs 7 p.m.

Halloween
RATED R Running time: 100 minutes

A new take on the legend and a new chapter in the Michael Myers "Halloween" saga.

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Balls of Fury
RATED PG-13 Running time: 90 minutes

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What an honor! Many of you shared your condolences at the loss of my dad. I was honored and I am sure his family wouldn't be minded, already having seven children. But unfortunately, my husband and I lost a very dear uncle, Lindsey Frenette will always be in our memories.

As I sat at the funeral and watched one by one, family and friends share their tribute, I too wanted to stand up and share the many wonderful moments we had with him and aunt Guerd.

They shared stories of his political moments and family gatherings. If my legs hadn't been trembling so badly, I would have shared the following: Many, many times we dropped by his house, and more often than not, at his camp that he was so proud of. Our trips always found something that aunt Guerd had just whipped up. We then sat around sharing stories of past days gone by or asking how this or that family member was doing. And yes, we would get an update on uncle Lindsey's current project.

He seemed to have so much of what a lot of families don't have. The bond between this large family can't go unnoticed. If you were at the funeral you got a chance to see what I am talking about, as his children and grandchildren shared their special moments. The same went on at his home. They would laugh at something, and then a few tears would come. The stories they shared were golden.

And to think what they had doesn't cost much. As a matter of fact, very little. All that is needed is "time." They always took the time to listen to this one, help that one, etc. Those memories will last forever.

I sometimes wonder why it takes a funeral to make us appreciate what we had. Isn't it amazing how we can't seem to get together as often as we

should as a family until the loss of a loved one?

What have we done that makes each day so busy that we don't have the time to do all those special things that we would like to with family. When we do squeeze a day in here or there, you would have to agree it gives one such a special feeling. To forget about work and share the laughs.

Losing two special people in my family within four months has made me more aware. I have tried harder to take the time to connect more with the ones I love. How did I do this? By really asking myself what is more important. Should I take my granddaughter for a walk, or work on another project. Should I call my daughter in Colorado and share a laugh or should I try to get the chores done. What about you? Do you catch yourself in the same trap that I am speaking of?

It's time to get back to the basics. Play that game, have that picnic, share that moment, before it's too late. My thoughts and prayers go out to Lindsey's family as he is gone, but his memories will be cherished forever.

While I'm on the topic of family I once again will be saying a prayer for my brother Larry and his wife Sarah. Sarah recently went on dialysis. Larry is also scheduled to go to the hospital for surgery on Nov. 15. After he recovers, he will then go to Mayo Clinic for his previous problem of the prostate that never healed. And to think we have it so tough. Sarah's address is Gunderson Lutheran Medical Center, 1910 South Avenue, LaCrosse, WI 54601. (Room 54324)

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By Connie Frenette

sponsoring this special event and giving us the "free" tickets to share. If you have plans of driving, drop by my office, as we have extra tickets.

Have you reserved your space for the craft bazaar and bake sale that will be held at the Center on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.? The contact person is Cathy Wise and she can be reached at 341-3801. Booth space is \$15 for a six foot table with two chairs. If you are like me, and would like to attend and be one of the buyers, don't forget to mark the date on your calendar. It's always nice to check out the creativity of others.

Monetary donations were received in memory of:
• Lindsey Frenette from Wes and Arlen Turan, and from Leonard and Mary LaFleur
• Leroy Fox from Miles and Christine Behrend

BRIDGE Sept. 24: 1st-Jane Leonard, 2nd-Cleo Kolchun, 3rd-Audrey Savoie, 4th-Ann Wilcock, 5th-Larry Savoie, 6th-Lois Bellville, 7th-George Lowman, CFC-Kay Schanz. Hostess Bev Jahn served peanut butter sheet cake and rolls-ups.

BRIDGE Sept. 28: 1st-Bill Leonard, 2nd-Audrey Savoie, 3rd-Ernie Webb, 4th-Larry Savoie, 5th-Pat Flint, 6th-Ray Krall and Joyce LaTulip, CFC-Janice Redeker. Hostess Rosie Krall served banana cake, rhubarb cake, zucchini cake, and candy stuffed dates.

PINOCHE Sept. 26: 1st-Alice Lewis, 2nd-Nancy Casey, 3rd-Peg Beckman, 4th-Lois Bellville

CRIBBAGE Sept. 27: 1st-Emma Hardy, 2nd-John Moulds

500 Sept. 28: 1st-Don Nelson, 2nd-Audrey Newborn, 3rd-Peg Beckman

Birthdays this week: Oct. 4-Audrey Newborn and Edith Green; Oct. 5-Pete Gorsche and Martha Sheppard; Oct. 9-Allison Chambers; Oct. 10-Thelma Aho; and on Oct. 12-Sara Bradley.



Quick and Easy CHOCOLATE-HONEY "SMASH" SNACKS

- Makes about 4 dozen
2 1/2 cups thin pretzel sticks broken into 1 inch pieces
2 1/4 cups oats (quick or old fashioned) uncooked
1 cup raisins
1 pkg peanut butter flavored chips
1 pkg semisweet chocolate chips
3/4 cup honey
1 cup dry roasted peanuts (optional)

1. In large bowl, combine pretzels, oats, raisins and, if desired, peanuts; mix well. In large saucepan, combine chips and honey; heat over low heat, stirring constantly, until chips are melted. 2. Immediately pour coating over mixture, stirring until all dry ingredients are evenly coated. Spread and "smash" onto foil-lined cookie sheet, working the mixture to the edges of the sheet (mixture will be 3/8- to 1/2-inch thick, depending upon size of cookie sheet). Place in refrigerator until firm. Break into pieces. Store tightly covered at room temperature. Cook's tip: Substitute 1 package butterscotch-flavored chips for peanut butter-flavored chips.

Our Lady Parish offers program in Germfask

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Engadine will be offering a Catholic Returning Home program in Germfask later this month. The program, the first of three to be provided in the parish, will begin Saturday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m., at St. Theresa Mission in Germfask. The sessions run for six consecutive weeks and are designed for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers about returning to the church. The program will include informal sharing and an update on the Catholic faith.

Club meeting slated

The GFWC Manistique Women's Club will hold its next luncheon meeting Tuesday, Oct. 5, at noon, at the Comfort Inn.

The guest speaker will be Jessica Beard, who will present a program about the Alliance Against Violence and Abuse. In addition, there will be reports on the club's involvement with Make a Difference

Christmas Committee starting to work on their annual campaign

The Schoolcraft County Christmas Committee is gearing up for the 2007 holiday season, with a variety of projects to assist local families in need. The Michigan Department of Human Services is now accepting applications for the "Sponsor a Family" program. Information and applications are available by contacting John Sherman-Jones at the Schoolcraft County DHS office, 341-4511.

Through the program, sponsors provide gifts for the children in eligible families. The deadline to return applications is Oct. 27. Other Christmas Committee activities include the gift tag program, the traditional Mitten



The Schoolcraft County Medical Care Facility recently purchased a pulse oximeter with a \$400 grant received from the Schoolcraft County Community Foundation. The oximeter measures the oxygen level in the blood detecting possible respiratory distress. Above: Jane Fuson, RN/MSD coordinator at the facility, demonstrates the oximeter to resident Linda Steinfield. (Submitted photo)

Drive-through flu clinic will take place on Oct. 24

A community mass flu clinic for adults 18 and older will take place Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Schoolcraft County Road Commission garage, located on East Road, north of Tannery Road in Manistique. Like the clinic held last year, this year's event will be a "drive-through" clinic. There will be no walk-in service. To receive their flu-vaccine shots, people will remain in their cars or aboard buses from Schoolcraft County Public Transit, which is providing free rides to the clinic. Those wishing to take advantage of the Public Transit service must pre-register by calling 341-2111 to schedule a pickup time. Organizers have provided a list of other things to note before arrival: For faster service, bring a completed registration form with you. Forms can be picked up at a number of locations, including doctors' offices, local pharmacies, the Manistique Senior Citizen Center and the LMAS District Health Department office in the county courthouse. You can also receive a form by mail by calling 341-4110. The clinic fee is \$20. Bring correct change. Medicare patients should be sure to bring their cards. Wear short-sleeved shirts or easily removable layered clothing. The clinic is once again being coordinated by Schoolcraft County Emergency Management, which is using the event to provide flu shots for residents while also testing alternative methods for rapidly and safely delivering medications that may have to be utilized during an actual emergency, such as a flu pandemic. The clinic is a joint effort between Emergency Management, LMAS, Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, the Schoolcraft County Department of Human Services, Public Transit, the Road Commission (CERT), the area's Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Another round of AARP safe driving classes planned at MCF

After holding an initial class earlier this week, teacher Hank Ford is getting ready to offer a second AARP Safe Driving course for area senior citizens later this month. The two-day, eight-hour class will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 16 and 17, from 5 to 9 p.m., at the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility. The cost is \$10, which includes materials. Ford notes that some insurance companies are now offering discounts to older drivers who complete the training. You do not have to be an AARP member to take the course. Students should be

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Local Elks lodge takes applications for national scholarship program

The Elks National Foundation will be awarding \$2.296 million in college scholarships through its Most Valuable Student contest, which began on Sept. 1. Members of Elks Lodge 632 in Manistique report that the foundation has added more top awards to the program this year. The goal of the contest is to make the dream of a college education a reality for 500 high school seniors in 2008. Applicants will compete for awards ranging from \$8,000 to \$60,000 over four years. Any high school senior who is a U.S. citizen can apply. Applicants do not need to be related to an Elks member. Males and females compete separately, judged on scholarship, leadership and financial need. Applications are available at Elks Lodge 632 on Walnut Street and at other local lodges around the country, as well as

Amity Group to meet Oct. 10

The Manistique Amity group will hold its next meeting Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 9:30 a.m., at the Presbyterian Church on Main Street. The program will be presented by Lisa Clark, who will discuss Project Backpack. New members and guests are always welcome at Amity

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Memories

by Vonciel LeDuc
When Jack Orr was writing the "Memories" column, he received a letter from Ed Ekdahl, who discussed where businesses were located in the very late 1890s and very early 1900s.

As a result of the fire of 1893, the primary business district moved from Main, Pearl and Walnut to South Cedar Street. Also as a result of the fire, any new businesses had to be of brick construction.

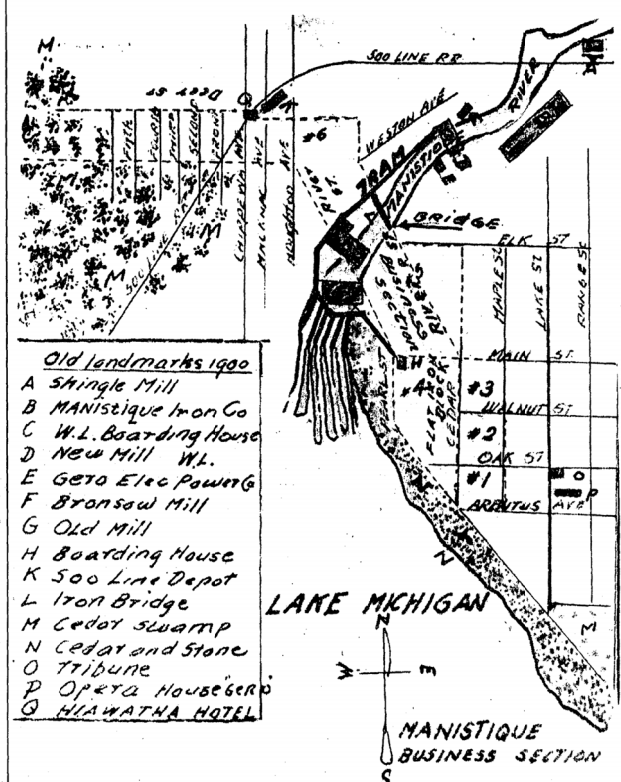
We begin our journey through Marquette at the corner of Maple and Oak streets, going west to South Cedar (Group 1) on the accompanying map.

On the right hand side, on the corner, was the American Hotel and Saloon (now Jack's parking lot), then Larson's Meat Market, Fydel's Family Store, Chapman Cigar Store, Keystone Hotel and Saloon, Barnes Hotel and Saloon, Dewey's Sweet Shop, Rope Bros. Clothing, and on the corner, the George and Charles Orr residence (currently the Peoples Store).

Starting back at Oak and Maple and going west on the left hand side of the street, we had Lundstrom Livery (formerly an ice rink in 1889, and later Bebea's Livery). Next was Olsen's Grocery, the C.L. Company Warehouse, then Martin Henderson Quick's home and lot, which went from Oak to Arbutus.

Starting at the corner of Oak and South Cedar (Group 2 on the map) and proceeding north on the right hand side of the street, we have the George and Charles Orr residence, Abner Orr's residence and the Mason Quick residence. These three homes took up a third of that block. Continuing, we have Hackenback's Barber Shop, Clark's Grocery, Gunnerson and Keufer furniture and undertaking, MacLaurin and Fuller Apparel Shop, the post office (Cranes was the postmaster with two assistants, Vic Remell and Con Drevahd), Ashford's Abstract office (later the City Bank), E.N. Orr Pharmacy and Orr Bros. Market.

Going back to the corner of Oak and South Cedar and going north on the left hand side of the street, we begin with Rose Bros., a two-story building (which burned down), but the first story became McNamara's Saloon and is currently Renze Ford). Then came the Nelson Johnson Saloon, the A. Olson Saloon, a vacant lot (now the Savings Agency), Boomer Saloon, Vic Deemer's Cigar Store, Rosenthal's Clothing Store, Peter Zimmerman's Cigar Factory, Winkelman's Clothing Store, Blumenson Clothing Store,



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Q HIAWATHA HOTEL

Ed Ekdahl drew this map to illustrate his "walking tour" of Marquette businesses from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It serves as a companion guide to the two-part "Memories" column which begins here this week.

Costello's Grocery, Robt. Robert Men's Clothing, Hayden Saloon and the A.S. Putnam Pharmacy (now a vacant lot).
Now starting at the corner of South Cedar and Walnut (Group 3 on the map) and going north to Main Street on the right side, there was a vacant lot (later the Manistique Bank, Stewart Grocery, Nelson Shoe Store, Sven Johnson furniture and undertaking, Gero Electric, then in order, the Charles Anderson, Frank Lundstrand, H.B. Goodwin and Adolph Sandberg residences. Then there was a vacant lot which later became the State Savings Bank and is now a parking lot.
In the same block, going north on the left side, there was a vacant lot (later the original First National Bank), then Dr. Rainier's residence,

the Peterson Tailor Shop, the A. Anderson home, a large vacant lot (now Cinema One), the Nault Photo Shop, a vacant lot, and the A.S. Putnam residence (now Dr. Jacobs' office).
Now, starting at the corner of Main and River, going up the left hand side to the bridge, you had two vacant lots (later the original location of the A&P Store), the Braut Photo Shop, Frank Peterson Meat Market, Bannon Dry Cleaning, the Charles Ekberg residence, the Mrs. Matt Schneider residence, Edgar Carrington's home, a vacant lot, the G. Thompson residence, Mrs. Louise Brooks Millinery, the L. McCullen residence, a vacant corner swamp lot, the Pattison Laundry, and then the bridge.
Beginning at Main and Co-

dar and going up the right side of River Street (Group 5 on the map) - remember, this area had five streets meeting until the street configuration was changed - you had the Chicago Lumber Co. store, Charles Peterson Hames Repair, Anderson and Norvall Grocery and a vacant lot with the Chicago Lumber Co. "Dinky" railroad crossing from the old sawmill on the river to the White Marble Luce Co.

slab yard. Next there was the Pattison residence, two vacant lots (now Family Dollar and the car wash), Dr. Nelson's hospital, then four vacant lots used as a circus grounds, public square, ice skating rink and so forth.
Next time: Ed Ekdahl's narrative tour of old Manistique continues with businesses on Walnut Street, the Flatiron Block and on the west side of town.

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DOUBLE TAKE By Mark Storz
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Horoscopes Oct. 8 - Oct. 14
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Your Horoscope by Charles Cooper
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ROARING TWENTIES
In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions: forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

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Fall dinner
The Garden Peninsula Historical Society will hold its annual fall meeting and dinner Thursday, Oct. 18, at the Garden House Bar and Grill. A short meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m., followed by a social hour. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.
The buffet will include glazed ham, roasted chicken breast and all the trimmings, plus salad bar and dessert.
The bar will be closed for a private party.
The cost of the dinner is \$10 per person. For reservations, call 644-2398 or 644-7609.

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Central Park

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would be put back, leaving the field at the proper height and ready for seeding by city crews or volunteers.

The result, Carpenter said, would be the elimination of any drainage concerns, with water channeled properly into the area between the field and road, through the culverts, and out to the quarry.

The maximum price of the project would be \$26,525, but Aldrich and Carpenter predicted that it would actually be less than that, because lowering the height of the road would require less sand fill for the ball field.

"If we cut the road down six inches, that's less we have to bring the field up," Aldrich said. "Less road means a lower field."

The motion to approve the project, made by council member Jan Jeffcott, relied on that prediction, agreeing to pay up to the maximum price but noting that the city expects to see "considerable savings."

About \$18,000 of the final price will be covered through savings already achieved in the Central Park project, including the elimination of blasting and rock excavation that had been budgeted and the need for less sand fill under the Maple Street tennis court.

Any remaining balance, Aldrich said, would have to come from the city's general fund.

Still to be determined is if volunteer labor on the ball field can be used to draw down additional money from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant that is paying for the recreation project.

So far, work by city crews and community donations of cash, materials and labor have qualified as local matches, but Aldrich said he wasn't sure work at the ball field would qualify, since the field was not included in this initial phase of the long-term recreation project.

While council did vote to approve the extra work, members had a number of questions about the project, including how the issue arose in the first place.

Aldrich and Carpenter suggested that problems with the site survey led to the road being designed too high.

"This project has been almost totally redesigned by myself because the grades were all wrong," Carpenter said. "If we built what they proposed, the road would have been an additional two feet higher."

Carpenter said the problems were not unusual with what he described as "private jobs" — that is, projects other than roadwork engineered by the

Transportation Department. "With highway jobs, everything is top-ed exactly," he said. "With private jobs, you build it to fit. It's not just these companies. It's all of them."

Council member Dan Evonich expressed concern about Bacco's proposed price for moving sand to the ball field.

Evonich and Mayor David Peterson also worried that removing more sand from the south side of the hill could create additional erosion problems, similar to what happened when sand was taken from the area several years ago.

"Without an engineer telling us how much we can take and where we can make it from, we have nobody to go back on," Evonich said. "What are we going to do a few years from now when the top of that hill starts coming back down?"

Aldrich said that shouldn't be a problem, because Bacco wouldn't be cutting into the base of the hill to take the sand. They would only be moving sand from the lower areas, eliminating the mounds that are there now.

Mike Powers, chairman of the city recreation commission, said the result would be a more functional and attractive area.

"We're just talking about the area near the field," he said. "It will level that area out. We can plant grass there, it will look nice, and we won't have water running down the hill into the field anymore. I think it will really turn out quite nice."

Before voting on the proposal, council recessed and took a trip to the site, looking over the areas where Bacco planned to take sand for the field.

After returning to City Hall, council continued to discuss their concerns.

Peterson suggested again that they retain the services of an engineer to give them precise figures on how much sand to move, how high to raise the ball field, and other issues.

Aldrich said retaining those services would carry an additional cost and restated her confidence in Carpenter's proposal.

"We'll end up with a flat area that can be mowed," she said. "It will drain, but it won't jeopardize the hill and trees at all. I really believe this is the best thing for the field. And they do this all the time. At this point, I have more faith in (Bacco) than bringing in an engineer to do plans for us that are going to change anyway."

Aldrich also pointed out that city officials would continue to monitor the project and correct any problems as they arose.

"We're going to be down there several times a day, just the way we are now," she said.

County Board

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The vote was again 3-2, with Root the majority pick.

Arnold, Aldrich and Gerald Zellar voted for Root, Lauzon and John Zellar for Tenyson.

The board also discussed the runway paving project at the Schoolcraft County Airport, which was finished last week, and a question of what to do with compactable gravel that was generated from removal of the old runway surface.

Airport Manager Jim Hursey said employees of the Schoolcraft County Road Commission had come to the airport and removed an estimated 250 yards of material earlier in the week.

"The construction guys say its worth about \$10 a yard. That's \$2,500," Hursey said. "What will the airport or the county get out of it?"

John Zellar, a member of the county's airport committee, said he had arranged for the Road Commission to take the gravel.

Zellar questioned Hursey's figure of \$10 a yard, saying the gravel was only worth that much when delivered to a customer.

"Even if it's only \$5 a yard, what is the airport going to get?" Hursey said. "Unless we get it in writing, we'll never see anything."

Lauzon, who also serves on the airport committee, said he had already made arrangements with the Road Commission to return the material. Some of it would be used to make a service road for the airport weather station and some to do work next door at Pines Park.

Zellar suggested that anything left over after those projects should be put up for sale by bid.

But he also stressed that the county and the Road Commission need to find ways to work together.

Citing the gravel issue, as well as times when the Road

Commission billed the county for airport plowing and other work, Zellar said, "It's pretty bad when the county can't give the county something."

Zellar also suggested that some matters should be left up to committees to decide.

"If two people on the board want to do something, and it's a quick, common sense thing, they should be allowed to do it," he said.

In other business ...

- approved applications by the Schoolcraft County Economic Development Corporation and the Medical Care Facility for "two-percent" funding from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. The EDC is seeking \$10,000 to assist with operational expenses. The MCF is seeking funds for the purchase of lift beds. Because two-percent monies must go through local governmental units, the county will serve as fiscal agent;

- approved a request from Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department Deputy Terry Jones to apply for a donation from Enbridge, which often contributes to police and fire departments. Jones said the company is willing to provide up to \$1,000, at no cost to the county, which would be used to purchase hands-free communication equipment for the department's 800 megahertz radios. He said the units can be used by deputies on marine and snowmobile patrols, court-room duty and other assignments;

- approved various budget adjustments for the 2007 fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30. Lauzon, who chairs the finance committee, said it would be several more weeks before all the figures were in and they knew how the county ended the year;

- observed a moment of silence for former County Commissioner Lindsley Frenette, who died Sept. 24. Until his retirement from the board last December, Frenette had served more than 53 years in local government.

U.P. Nonprofit Conference is Oct. 19

The third annual U.P. Nonprofit Conference will be held Friday, Oct. 19, at Northern Michigan University.

Organizers say the conference offers regional nonprofit leaders, staff, board members and volunteers the chance to network, attend workshops, share ideas and "fire up the passions that drive their nonprofit missions and visions."

Workshop focuses on meetings

The M-TEC at Bay de Noc Community College is offering a workshop on effective meetings Wednesday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The session will also be offered Oct. 30 at Bay College West in Iron Mountain.

The workshop will show participants how to get the most out of meetings and avoid the common pitfalls of group interaction. Topics will include how to use meetings for maximum effectiveness; how to facilitate and get full participation, manage conflict and build group identity; and how to get the best follow-up.

The registration deadline for the Escanaba session is Friday, Oct. 5. The cost is \$115. To sign up or learn more, go to mtec.baycollege.edu/train/eff_mtgts.pdf or call (906) 789-6902, ext. 1227.

Hunting

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eastern Upper Peninsula. The best time to hunt sculpin, red-heads and canvasbacks is between Oct. 15 and Nov. 20.

See the Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for details and special restrictions.

Geese
Season: The regular goose season in the Upper Peninsula MYP (Mississippi Valley Population) is Sept. 18-Nov. 1. In the Lower Peninsula MYP Zone, the regular season is Oct. 6-Nov. 12 and Nov. 22-Nov. 28. In the Lower Peninsula SIBP (Southern James Bay Population) Zone, the regular season is Oct. 6-14 and Nov. 22-Dec. 12. Consult the map of the 2007 Goose Management Units in the Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide.

In the South Zone, the late Canada goose season will be Jan. 5-Feb. 3, excluding local goose management units (GMUs).

Outlook: Michigan's Canada goose harvest is derived from primarily three flocks, including the Mississippi Valley Population, the Southern James Bay population and local giant Canada geese. All three populations are up from last year's estimates. Spring population estimates and brood production of the migratory Canada geese were above average. Michigan's local population of giant Canada geese now supplies more than 70 percent of the state's total Canada goose harvest. In the early September hunt and the 30-day late season help control these local flocks through recreational hunting.

The theme for the event is "Keys to Collaboration." "The spirit of collaboration is essential when dealing with issues of geography, economy and population in this part of the country," says Judy Watson Olson, president and chief executive officer of the Great Lakes Center for Youth Development (GLCYD), which is again hosting the conference with the Michigan Nonprofit Association. "In fact, U.P. organizations are probably a step ahead of those in other areas because collaboration is a big part of our culture. Our intent in adopting this collaboration theme was to explore new ways nonprofits can use collaboration to further their missions and benefit our communities."

A study of nonprofit collaborations by the Boston-based Barr Foundation found that "nonprofit collaborations are effective and often essential for achieving social outcomes." In the collaborations the foundation studied, it identified policy achievements, cost savings, new solutions to old problems and innovations in thinking.

The keynote speaker for the conference is Jon Terry of Triangle2 Partners in Washington, D.C. Terry leads the organization's government relations practice, helping nonprofits get their message to elected leaders in the capitol.

In his address, Terry will talk about issues such as the

climate for nonprofits in Michigan and Washington, current efforts of nonprofit leaders and how to communicate effectively with elected officials.

"We're very excited to have Jon join us for the conference this year and share his experiences and insights," says Ann Gonyea, director of marketing and communications at GLCYD. "Too often we hear that nonprofits don't think they have the legal right or the skills to lobby our elected officials. Not only do nonprofits have that right to lobby and engage in other advocacy work, they have the responsibility to do so. I think Jon will help people think about new ways to collaborate and make sure our elected officials are getting the information and messages they need from the nonprofit community."

Conference registration is \$80 for GLCYD members, \$110 for non-members. Exhibitor opportunities are also available. To register or learn more, visit www.glcyd.org or call (877) 339-6884, ext. 25.

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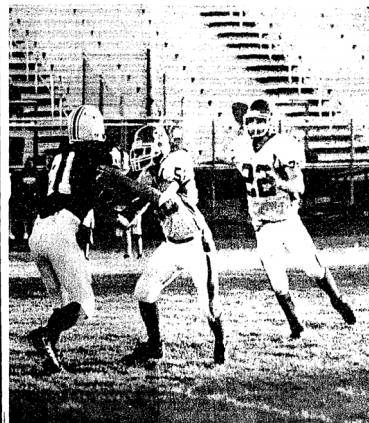
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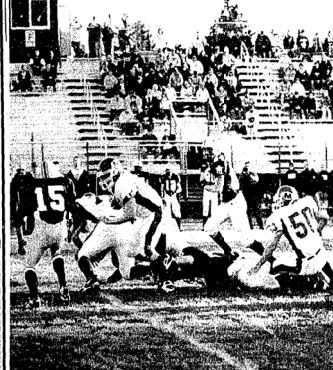
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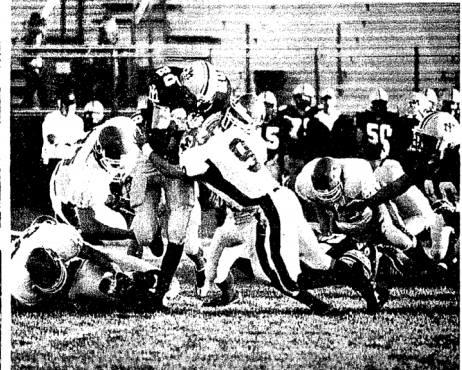
Alex Rubick holds off the Mountaineers' Adam Kent long enough for Cody Kangas to get off a pass in last Friday's varsity football game at Iron Mountain.



Terry Martin and Cory VanAmberg weren't fooled by this dive up the middle, and with heads-up play were able to bring down Iron Mountain's Tyler Otis for a loss.



Joe DeLisle manages to shake loose and pick up some tough rushing yardage against the Mountaineers.



Corey Gonyea finds out that stopping Iron Mountain's Dan Darwinski is no easy task as he puts on a hit at the line of scrimmage. (Photos courtesy Jay Martin)

Emeralds varsity falls to 4-2 with loss to top-ranked Mountaineers

Fourteen unanswered points in the fourth quarter sealed an MHSAA playoff berth for the number-one ranked Iron Mountain Mountaineers last Friday night.

Special team play by Iron Mountain and costly turnovers by Manistique played a key role in keeping the Mountaineers' undefeated season intact, as they posted a 42-13 Mid-Peninsula Conference win over the visiting Emeralds.

With the loss, a playoff bid for Manistique (4-2 overall, 3-2 M-PC) is still up in the air. The Emeralds will look to take a step closer to postseason play Friday, when they host the Munising Mustangs (1-4, 2-4) in front of a homecoming crowd at the A.F. Hall Stadium.

Following a scoreless first quarter, the Mountaineers put up two second-period touchdowns on short-yardage runs by Mitch Pender and Dan Der-

winski.

The Emeralds cut the margin to seven when Cody Kangas hooked up with Garde Kangas for a 51-yard TD pass at the 4:54 mark in the half. The scoring drive covered 73 yards in seven plays. Garde finished the night with five receptions for 107 yards.

The Emeralds' defense kept the game close, when they stopped the charging Mountaineers on the 5-yard line as time ran out in the half.

"That was a great effort by our defense," coach Todd Kangas said. "We felt pretty good about the game at the end of the half and knew if we kept it close, anything could happen."

Coming off the break, the teams traded scores early in the third quarter.

Iron Mountain jumped up 21-7 when Tyler Yake grabbed a blocked punt and took it in from 22 yards out on the Em-

eralds' first possession of the half.

Following a 28-yard kick return by Joe DeLisle, the Emeralds mounted a 10-play, 62-yard scoring drive, capped with a five-yard touchdown run by Cody Kangas.

Iron Mountain increased its advantage to 15 (28-13) late in the period, when Pat Flood got behind the Emerald defense, pulled in a pass from Ryan Pepin and covered 51 yards for the score.

Mistakes are costly in any contest, but they proved to be fatal in the final quarter of play.

Trailing by two scores with plenty of time on the clock, the Emeralds moved the ball well against the stingy Mountaineers defense but turned it over just 15 yards from pay dirt.

From there, Iron Mountain put two more scores on the board.

"Things just didn't go our

way in the second half, but that

turnover really hurt," Kangas said. "They are a very good football team. We will regroup and prepare for Munising."

Manistique had 247 yards of offense (103 rushing, 144

passing) in the loss.

DeLisle led the effort with 61 yards, C. Kangas 38, Corey Gonyea five.

Kangas was six of 16 for 110 yards in the air, Josh Mickelson one of two for 34 yards.

Note the following changes to the MAS sports schedule

The junior girls' basketball games scheduled for Oct. 10 against Rapid River have been moved to Friday, Oct. 12. The games will be at the Bonifas Gymnasium, with the seventh grade tipping off at 6 p.m., the eighth grade game to follow.

The junior varsity and varsity volleyball matches at Big Bay de Noc, already re-scheduled from Oct. 25 to Oct. 15, have been changed again. The games will now be played at Big Bay on Monday, Oct. 22, with the JV match beginning at 6 p.m.

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1. Menominee (6-0)	1. Forest Park (6-0)
2. Iron Mountain (6-0)	2. Cedarville (6-0)
3. Norway (5-1)	3. Lake Linden-Hubbell (6-0)
4. L'Anse (6-0)	4. North Dickinson (5-1)
5. Kingsford (3-3)	5. Pickford (5-1)

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Bret Widdis with his very first USST first-place trophy, which he won at Madison International Speedway in Wisconsin Sept. 22. (Submitted photo)

Widdis near the top in first USST season

Local racer second heading into weekend finale

Proving once again that he can race anything with four wheels, Bret Widdis of Manistique is being tearing up tracks around the Upper Midwest this season, racking up points toward a top-tier finish in his rookie year of super truck racing.

On Sept. 22, with just a handful of races under his belt, Widdis hit the track at the Madison International Speedway in Wisconsin, moved into the lead on lap six of a 50-lap battle, and held off the field for his first-ever win at a United States Super Truck (USST) event.

He followed that victory up last weekend with a number-two finish at Rockford, Ill., leaving him in second place overall for the season, with just one more race to go.

The success isn't surprising for a man who was born into the Widdis family — father Boyd, mother Alison and uncle Pete are all accomplished racers themselves — and started working on pit crews at the age of four.

Growing up, he moved easily from one style of racing to the next, becoming a champion go-kart driver before moving on to stock cars at the age of 13. Just a few years later, he already had junior class and adult pure stock titles under his belt.

But while Bret and the other members of the Widdis Racing team have excelled at everything from karts to cars, mud drags to ice races, super trucks are something brand new for



Bret Widdis

them. Bret, now 22, says he's enjoying the challenges of USST racing and dividing his competitive focus between stock cars and trucks.

"I like them both," he says of the two disciplines. "I struggled a bit with the car this year, but it went very well with the truck."

The transition proved even easier than he expected. "We really only planned on doing a couple of races this year, but I started doing well so we kept it up," he says. "I finished fifth in my first race, and it just went on from there."

Committing to a full season of USST events meant even more travel than usual.

For many years, the Widdis team could be found every summer weekend at a track somewhere in the Upper Peninsula or Wisconsin. Now, their schedule has expanded to

encompass races as far away as Rockford, Sauk Centre and Shakopee, Minn., and Cedar Rapids and Newton, Iowa.

After his fifth-place debut at LaCrosse, Wis., last April, Bret came back a few weeks later and took second at an Iowa race.

Altogether this season, he has competed in 11 USST events, finishing in the top six in all but one.

The season finale is set for this Sunday, Oct. 7, with a 40-lap race at Oktoberfest in LaCrosse.

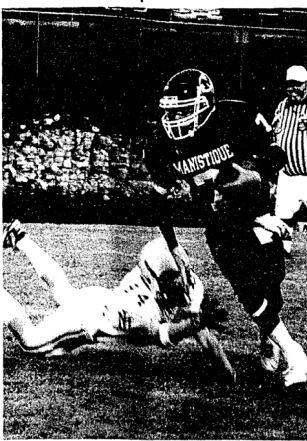
With a total of 951 season points to his credit, Bret finds himself just 30 points behind Wisconsin driver and series leader Fred Oswald in the chase for the crown, 32 points ahead of the third-place racer, Thomas Ronney of Illinois.

The tight standings are typical. Whenever the USST trucks hit the track, the field is strong and the results unpredictable.

"It's very competitive," Bret says. "I think there have been seven different winners this year. Only two or three of them have been repeats, and nobody's repeated more than once. Anyone can take it at any time."

His eyes are on the crown, of course, but given his rookie status and the strength of the competition, Bret would be happy to hang on to his current position.

"If I can finish second my first year driving trucks, that would be pretty good," he says.



Manistique quarterback Tyler Hinkson beats Iron Mountain's Seth VanLanenan to the corner and picks up a first down in last Thursday's JV game. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

Mountaineers JV tops the Emeralds

The Manistique Emeralds junior varsity football team fell to 3-2 last Thursday with a 30-14 loss to Iron Mountain. The Emeralds kept pace with the Mountaineers in the second half but couldn't overcome a 16-point halftime deficit in the Mid-Peninsula Conference match-up.

Down by two touchdowns, the Emeralds came out strong, scoring on their first possession of the third quarter.

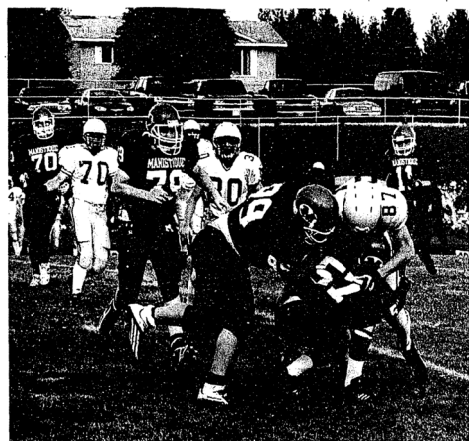
Faced with second and 11 on the Manistique 27, Tyler Hinkson found Gunnar Mickelson open on a quick out. Mickelson pulled in the pass, then found his way to day dirt. The play covered 73 yards.

Iron Mountain didn't waste any time pushing its lead back to 16, scoring just three plays later.

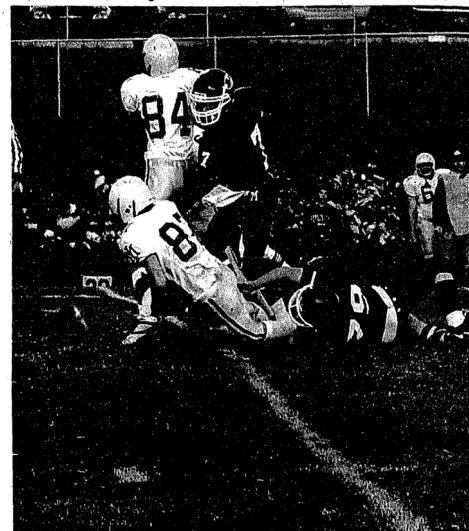
Following the touchdown, the young Emerald squad moved the ball well and mounted a 13-play drive, but their scoring opportunity ended when the Mountaineers held Manistique at the 16-yard line.

From there, Iron Mountain covered 84 yards in five plays, scoring from 64 yards out to take a 30-6 lead late in the third.

The Emeralds' final score of the night came in the waning minutes of the fourth period, when Hinkson turned the cor-



Above: In defensive action from last week's home football match-up between the Manistique Emeralds junior varsity and visiting Iron Mountain, Mike Jenerou and Dakota Lewis take down the Mountaineers' Cole Smith for a five-yard loss. Below: Greg Vaughan stops Smith from breaking free into the Emeralds' backfield. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)



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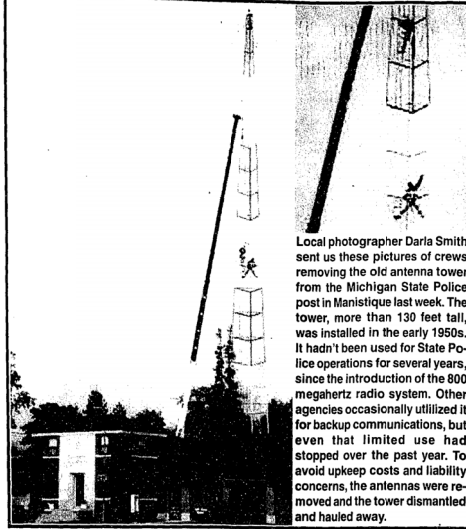
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Local photographer Daria Smith sent us these pictures of crews removing the old antenna tower from the Michigan State Police post in Manistique last week. The tower, more than 130 feet tall, was installed in the early 1950s. It hadn't been used for State Police operations for several years, since the introduction of the 800 megahertz radio system. Other agencies occasionally utilized it for backup communications, but even that limited use had stopped over the past year. To avoid upkeep costs and liability concerns, the antennas were removed and the tower dismantled and hauled away.

Manistique Public Safety Department Log

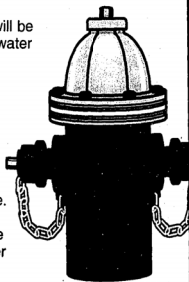
The following information is from Manistique Public Safety dispatch logbooks recorded at the time the calls were received. The incidents reported may have proven to be unfounded once police investigated.
Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007
3:10 a.m. Open door, Maple Street
10:35 a.m. Emergency Medical Service (EMS) - Manistique Township
2:30 p.m. Smoking fire, Michigan Avenue
3:30 p.m. Unwanted smoke, Michigan Avenue
7:40 p.m. Illegal dumping, Cedar Street
Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007
2:45 a.m. EMS, city of Manistique
8:20 a.m. School bus passing violation, Oak Street
9:13 a.m. Traffic hazard, Chippewa Avenue
9:44 a.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette
11:16 a.m. Department Assist. County Road 442
12:42 p.m. Department assist, Main Street
1:05 p.m. Unwanted students, Oak Street
3:10 p.m. Parking violations, Cedar Street
9:07 p.m. Larceny, State Road
9:40 p.m. Suspicious vehicle, Cedar Street
Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007
8 a.m. Liquor inspection, Schoolcraft County
10:05 a.m. Dog at large, Lake and Oak streets
11:30 a.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette and back
12:18 p.m. Animal complaint, Main Street
12:48 p.m. Assault, Cedar Street
1:55 p.m. Child safety, Deer Street
2:30 p.m. ATV complaint, New Elm Street
5 p.m. Malicious destruction of property, Fifth Street
5:25 p.m. Assist, Main Street
5:30 p.m. Harassing phone calls, within city of Manistique
6 p.m. Traffic detail, A.F. Hall Stadium
6:30 p.m. EMS, A.F. Hall

NOTICE TO ALL CITY OF MANISTIQUE WATER CUSTOMERS

The City of Manistique Water Department will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the City's water system

starting Monday, Oct. 8 during the hours of 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Some residents will probably experience rusty water and possibly low water pressure. Water users are cautioned to check their water before doing any laundry. If you have any questions, please call Manistique Water Department at 341-2281.



Carol Jean Baxter, 48, of Gladstone, charged with driving 60 mph in a 55-mph zone (9/07). Assessed \$100.
Keclic Lynn Beaudre, 17, of Garden, charged with careless driving (9/07). Assessed \$155.
Timothy Scott Beck, 38, of Gladstone, charged with seat-belt violation (9/07). Assessed \$65.
Lucas James Bishop, 26, of Newberry, plead guilty in 93rd District Court to open intoxicants in motor vehicle (passenger). He was assessed \$125. Optional jail term 10 days.
Ernest Wesley Bowler, 68, of Germfask, charged with baiting deer prior to Oct. 1 (9/07). Assessed \$125.
John Preston Brown, 32, of Dafer, charged with driving while license suspended (8/07). Assessed \$140.
George Francis Burns, 48, of Manistique, charged with disposing of tires in manner not authorized (burning tires) (7/07). Assessed \$150.
Jimmy Paul Carello, 29, of Marquette, charged with driving 60 mph in a 55-mph zone

(8/07). Assessed \$105.
Brandon Phillip Dehaan, 20, of Manistique, charged with failure to pay state correction fee (1/07). Assessed \$80.
Patrick Lee Hamlin, 40, of Manistique, charged with allowing dog to run at large (9/07). Assessed \$135.
Becca Lee Herik, 17, of Manistique, charged with driving 30 mph in a 25-mph zone (8/07). Assessed \$100.
Karen Elizabeth Lemire, 32, of Escanaba, charged with driving 60 mph in a 55-mph zone (9/07). Assessed \$100.
Daniel Al Makin, 34, of Manistique, was bound over from 93rd District Court to 11th Judicial Circuit Court on one count of weapons/firearms possession by felon and fireworks possession (9/07).
David Kyle Massengill, 21, of Manistique, charged with careless driving (7/07). Assessed \$100.
Tiffany Mae Meffer, 21, of Thompson, charged with driving 60 mph in a 55-mph zone (7/07). Assessed \$100.
John Thomas Pesola, 31, of

District Court

Manistique, charged with driving 60 mph in a 55-mph zone (9/07). Assessed \$100.
James D. Renner, 42, of Crystal Falls, charged with driving 40 mph in a 35-mph zone (8/07). Assessed \$105.
Ronald Alan Robinson, 42, of Manistique, was bound over from 93rd District Court to 11th Judicial Circuit Court on two counts of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor causing serious injury (4/07).
Matthew Allen Salter, 18, was bound over from 93rd District Court to 11th Judicial Circuit Court on one count of assault and battery and one count of aggravated stalking (8/07).
Robin Lee Schauer, 46, plead guilty in 93rd District Court to operating a motor vehicle while impaired by liquor (8/07). She was assessed \$45 state costs, \$250 statute fine, \$100 state police expense reimbursement, \$50 crime victim rights assessment, \$500 statute costs, \$150 probation oversight fees, \$1,095. She was sentenced to 75 days in jail with credit for one day served. Two days are to be served or completion of 24 hours of community service. Balance will be held over six month's probation. Optional jail term 75 days.
Bryce Alyn Tracy, 32, of St. Ignace, charged with driving 60-mph in a 55-mph zone
David Allen Rangutte, 46, of Garden, charged with driving 75-mph in a 55-mph zone (9/07). Assessed \$135.

Danette-Lynn Shander, 38, of Manistique, plead guilty in 93rd District Court to assault and battery (9/07). She was assessed \$45 state costs, \$150 statute fine, \$150 probation oversight fees, \$50 crime victim rights assessment, \$200 statute costs, \$595 total. She was sentenced to 35 days in jail with five to be served immediately. The balance will be held over six month's probation. She shall have no contact with victim.
Richard Bruce Somes, 55, of Sault Sainte Marie, charged with driving 60 mph in a 55-mph zone (9/07). Assessed \$100.
John Keith Stevenson, 18, of Manistique, charged with seat-belt violation (8/07). Assessed \$65.
Craig Michael Thomas, 29, of Marquette, charged with driving 60 mph in a 55-mph zone (9/07). Assessed \$100.
Shelley Lynn Todd, 36, of Garden, plead guilty in 93rd District Court to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (2/07). She was sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for time served. She was assessed \$45 state costs, \$350 statute fine, \$100 state police expense reimbursement, \$50 crime victim rights assessment, \$500 statute costs, \$1,045. Optional jail term 85 days.
Mark Thomas Weinert, 32, of Manistique, was bound over from 93rd District Court to 11th Judicial Circuit Court for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor third offense notice - felony and driving while license suspended (9/07).

MDOT using input from map survey

How many people care about Michigan's state transportation map? As it turns out, quite a few.
The Michigan Department of Transportation announced last week that they had logged 5,762 responses to an online questionnaire about the maps that was available to the public Aug. 6 through Sept. 7.
"WE appreciate everyone's participation in this first-ever online questionnaire," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steadle.
He said the department will review all of the responses, and that the feedback will help them as they develop future state maps, starting with the 2008 edition.
"It makes good business sense to listen to your customers and make changes that

travelers want and need," Steadle said.
In addition to the online version, the questionnaires were also available at MDOT offices and the state's 13 welcome center.
The results will be posted later this year on the MDOT Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdot.
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Advertisement for 'REGISTRATION NOTICE' for the election to be held in the City of Manistique, Schoolcraft County, Michigan on November 6, 2007. Text includes: 'for the ELECTION to be held in the City of Manistique, Schoolcraft County, Michigan on November 6, 2007'.

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Advertisement for 'MANISTIQUE OIL CO. INC.' featuring a cartoon character and text: 'DISCOVER THE VALUE OF Full Service'.

Advertisement for 'Savings Agency' featuring a photo of a man and text: 'Savings Agency is a proud representative of Frankemuth Insurance'.

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