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'Christmas Schooner' musical sailing into Manistique next week

by Paul Olson

It was inspired by an important piece of local history, but it has never been performed in this area. Now the popular musical "The Christmas Schooner" will finally be sailing onto the stage in Manistique.

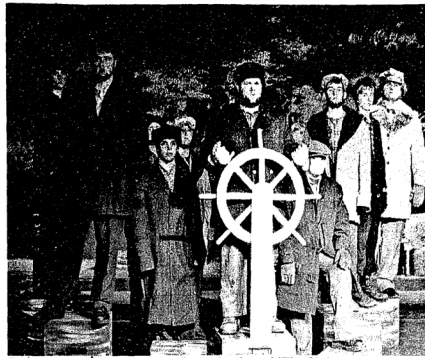
The show, featuring students from the Gwin High School, will be performed Saturday, Dec. 15, at 2 and 7 p.m., at the Frederickson Auditorium at Manistique High School.

"We're very excited about this," says Meg Whuk of the Thompson Historical Advisory Committee, which is sponsoring the performances. "Bringing this show to Manistique has been a long-standing goal for us. Actually, when we started, this was one of our original goals."

The group, established in 2005 to preserve the history of Thompson Township, never lost sight of that goal, even while working on other projects, including securing a state historic marker and adding interpretive displays at the Lake Michigan access site, close to the place the original "Christmas Schooner," the ill-fated Rouse Simmons, began its final, fatal journey in November 1912.

The musical draws its inspiration from that famous real-life event, in which the vessel departed Thompson with a load of Christmas trees to be sold at the docks in Chicago, only to be lost at the hands in a Lake Michigan gale.

But while the historical facts are grim, the show is anything but. With a book by John Reeger and music and lyrics by Julie Shannon, it uses a fictional ship and crew to spin a story that has been described as powerful, heartwarming and inspiring, full of both humor and sorrow, as well as strong messages about the importance of family and tradition.



The cast of Gwin High School's production of "The Christmas Schooner," which will be performed at the Frederickson Auditorium at Manistique High School Saturday, Dec. 15, at 2 and 7 p.m. (Submitted photos)



Those attributes have made "The Christmas Schooner" a seasonal favorite in other parts of the Midwest. The show has been performed in venues ranging from Minneapolis to the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay. For more than 10 years it was a Christmas tradition at the Balliwick Repertory Theatre in Chicago, which this year staged a special concert version of the show. It is also performed annually in Door County, Wis. The first Upper Peninsula production took place in December 2003, when director Dave Dagenais staged it at Gwin High School.

County taking another look at building permit fee hikes

by Paul Olson

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners has once again delayed action on a proposed increase to building permit fees. After setting the matter aside last spring, commissioners last week referred the issue to committee for more information.

The increase was suggested by county Building Inspector Tom Lang, as a way to increase revenues and keep pace with the cost of performing inspections.

Appearing at the Nov. 29 County Board and audit-finance committee meeting, Lang did not present a specific proposal, but suggested that raising the minimum permit fee for a home from \$125 to \$200 could keep the county from losing money on certain inspections.

According to Lang, 180 buildings were constructed in the county last year, including 37 stick-built homes and 10 mobile homes. The construction generated approximately \$17,800 in permit revenue and another \$5,000 in soil erosion permit fees.

The problem, Lang said, is that each homebuilding project requires a minimum of three inspection visits, one to review the foundation, one when the home is "roughed in" and a final inspection. Occasionally, more than three visits are required, for example, when a

problem is found and a re-inspection required.

"This past year we had five homes built up north of M-28," Lang said. "With three trips for each home, that sometimes costs us more than we get in fees."

But several County Board members questioned the idea of raising fees, including Commissioner John Zellar, who said higher fees could prevent people from building in the county.

"We're discouraging people from building here," said Zellar. "We should be helping people, not making it harder for them."

Lang questioned whether someone would cancel a building project because of a price increase.

"I don't think so," he said. They pay it elsewhere. We're lower than most other counties. I don't think someone building a half-million dollar house on the lake is going to walk away because of a \$250 permit."

But Zellar said a building permit is just one of many expenses faced by homeowners, which add up and make the cost of building prohibitive.

He compared the issue to tax abatements and other incentives granted to encourage new business in the county.

If permit fees were kept lower, Zellar said, more people would build homes here. That

would create more construction jobs, help other local businesses, put more students in the schools, and ultimately strengthen the county's tax base.

"You'd have to raise (permit fees) a lot to double what you brought in last year," he said. "You'll get that in taxes if more people build here."

Commissioner Peggi Arnold noted that Lang's plan didn't call for doubling fees, only raising them to cover costs.

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He also learned the lesson from his father, who frequently donated to athletics and sponsored sports activities.

I guess I'm following in dad's footsteps," he said.

While Schone's donation was earmarked for any necessary athletic purchases, Berger requested that his be used for basketball.

He says giving back his coach's salary was a way to repay some of the enjoyment he received from all those years leading the junior varsity

State Police post undergoing 'realignment' not a shutdown

by Paul Olson

For the second time this year, rumors that the Michigan State Police Post in Manistique is closing have proven to be untrue. While a process called "administrative realignment" is planned, troopers will continue to patrol the roads and respond to calls.

According to Lt. Frank Hentschell, commander of the Munising and Manistique posts, the biggest change will be the elimination of weekend office hours.

Closing the post on weekends has been done several times in the past, usually as a short-term cost-saving measure.

This time, Hentschell said, the change will be permanent.

Beginning Jan. 1, the post will only be open to the public Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Anyone needing assistance from a state trooper at other times will be able to dial 9-1-1 or use the call box located outside the post. If necessary, a meeting with an officer or sergeant can also be arranged.

"The troopers will still be here. They're not going anywhere," Hentschell said on the week. "They'll still be on the

road. They will be working here and coming and going from the post. The difference is, there won't be a sergeant sitting behind the desk on weekends."

Other details of the realignment are still being worked out. Hentschell was in Lansing this week for meetings to finalize the plans.

Essentially, he said, the temporary measures that were put into place last spring will now become permanent.

That means Manistique will continue to operate under the Munising post, with Hentschell dividing his time between the two offices.

That change was implemented in March, when local post commander Lt. John Halpin was reassigned to Negaunee. Since then, Hentschell said, he has been averaging two days a week in Manistique.

It was the March personnel shift, along with various State Police cutbacks statewide, that sparked a flurry of rumors about a post shutdown.

Similar stories began circulating in Manistique last week, but Hentschell stressed that a closure is not expected at this time.

"All we're doing is reducing administrative hours," he said, adding that additional information on the changes would be available next week.



Michigan State Police troopers will continue to work out of the Manistique Post, but under the realignment plan being finalized this week, the post will no longer be open on weekends after Jan. 1. Above: Trooper Rick Van Effen staffs the desk earlier this week. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

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Indian Lake ski trail among those that won't be groomed, DNR says

The Department of Natural Resources announced last week that it was making budget-related changes that will affect grooming of cross-country ski trails this winter. The changes include the end of grooming on many pathways around the state, including the Indian Lake trail located near Big Spring in Schoolcraft County.

According to the Nov. 29 announcement, the department will work on existing contracts for cross-country trail grooming but will not enter into any new volunteer agreements during the current fiscal year. At the same time, they will cease grooming at Indian Lake and 15 other pathways that had been maintained in the past.

Officials said the decisions are due to a general fund reduction of \$423,200 for the Forest Recreation Program this year.

"As the snow begins to fall, we have immediate concerns related to groomed cross-

country ski trails," said DNR Director Rebecca Humphries. "Many of these trails are important to recreation activities that help the local economy, and they are very popular destinations. However, given the general fund reduction, we cannot continue with business as usual."

Under Humphries' direction, the Forest, Minerals and Fire Management Division is working on ways to further cut spending in other areas to allow the administration of contracts and volunteer agreements that were in place historically for cross-country skiing activities.

In the past, general fund tax dollars have provided support to the program to allow DNR staff to administer grants, contracts and volunteer agreements for trail maintenance and grooming activities, and for DNR staff to plow parking lots and do trail brush cutting.

DNR staff has been directed to implement the steps neces-

sary to enter into cross-country ski grooming contracts for the Blueberry Ridge Pathway in Marquette County, the VASA Pathway in Grand Traverse County and the Ogemaw Hills Pathway in Ogemaw County.

Grant-funded contract services that have been provided in the past will continue to support the grooming of those trails.

DNR staff will work with organizations that have existing volunteer agreements for Peter's Creek in Mackinac County, Black Mountain in Presque Isle County, Norway Ridge in Alpena County, Chippewa Hills in Alpena County, and Cadillac Pathways in Wexford County.

The 15 cross-country pathways that will not be groomed, maintained or have DNR-plowed parking lots this winter include Indian Lake plus Lake Glidden/Lake Mary in Iron County, Merriman East in Dickinson County, Anderson Lake in Marquette County,

Days River in Delta County, Cedar River in Menominee County, Canada Lake in Luce County, Algonquin and Pine Bowl in Chippewa County, Pine Barons in Cheboygan County, Muncie Lakes in Grand Traverse County, Pine Valley in Lake County, Mason Tract in Crawford County and Tisdale Triangle in Roscommon County.

"It is a very difficult decision for the department to impact these public recreation trails, especially as we are entering the popular cross-country ski season," Humphries said. "Michigan's natural resources rank at the top of our state's assets, contribute millions to the state's economy and provide for an excellent quality of life for our citizens."

Jim Radaabaugh, statewide trails coordinator, said they should be available next week.

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Donations give a boost to MAS athletic programs

teams — called the "reserves" in those days.

"I got the most fun out of coaching," Berger said. "The

best part is, the kids really appreciate it."

These days, the former coach and ref can still be found

"riding the pine," as a regular fixture among the fans at the Bonifas Gymnasium.

"I still go to games," he said.

"I don't miss many."

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Above left: Manistique Area Schools Athletic Director Rob Ryan (left) and Superintendent John Chandler (right) acknowledge a \$2,200 contribution to the basketball program from longtime sports backer and former MHS coach Dick Berger. Above right: Ryan and Chandler thank local chiropractor Dr. James Schone for his donation of \$600 to the sports program. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)

DNR's Web site emphasizes natural resources education

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

As winter creeps into Michigan, teachers and youth, scouting and church group leaders often are looking for fun and informative ways to engage their students and children, even when the blustery weather keeps everyone indoors.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to assisting teachers and youth leaders when it comes to helping youngsters connect to the vast natural resources that surround them.

"Today's youth will be much more likely to be excited about the protection and enhancement of these resources if they understand and appreciate them," says Patricia Stewart, DNR chief communications officer. "Our goal is to expand and improve the quality and quantity of educational materials that are available for teachers and others who are engaging youth in science and natural resources."

A good place for educators to start is the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr. With just a few taps on a keyboard, teachers and students can access a wealth of information, including downloadable and printable materials that can be used as curriculum ideas, handouts and guides. Teachers also will find links to the DNR's primary outdoor education partners, including Project Learning Tree, Project Wet and Project Wild.

"Educators will be amazed by the wide and expanding variety of tools and materials available online from the DNR to assist them in conservation education," says Kevin Frailtey, DNR Education and Outreach manager.

Teachers also can find information on how their school can become part of the popular Archery in the Schools program, which is designed to introduce target archery in 4th through 12th grade physical education classes during the school day.

"Archery is a sport nearly anyone can be successful at regardless of age, size or physical ability," says NASP Coordinator Mary Emmons. "It's easy for a school or youth program to get involved, and many teachers and school administrators are amazed by how quickly the kids get hooked on the sport."

But exploring nature is a year-round opportunity, so many schools also will schedule field trips in the spring and fall to visit one of the DNR's seven Natural Resource Visitor Centers at Michigan State Parks and Recreation Areas and the two Michigan Fisheries Visitor Centers at the Oden and Wolf Lake state fish hatcheries. There also is a full-time interpretive program at Tahquamenon Falls State Park.

SORVA schedules meeting

The Sportsmen Off-Road Vehicle Association (SORVA) of Schoolcraft County will meet Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the Moose Lodge on M-149

(County Road 442) in Manistique. For more information about the group, go to their Web site: www.sorvaofschoolcraft.com.

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Among this year's successful hunters was 13-year-old C.J. Goudreau of Manistique who bagged this eight-pointer on Nov. 29. (Submitted photo)

Latest bird 'WatchList' includes 32 species connected to Michigan

Thirty-two of the 178 birds identified as needing "top priority conservation attention" to ensure their survival spend at least part of the year in Michigan. Those were the findings of a new report released last week by Audubon and the American Bird Conservancy.

The birds have the dubious distinction of being included on "WatchList 2007," the newest list of America's birds considered to be at greatest risk.

Unlike the species on Audubon's recent survey of common birds in decline, the species in the new report are often rare and limited in range. As a result, officials say, they face a more imminent threat of extinction.

For many of the birds, conservation efforts in Michigan and nationally will play a critical role in determining their future health and survival.

The continental WatchList is based on a comprehensive analysis of population size and trends, distribution, and environmental threats, with extensive scientific review.

The 59 species on the "red list" are those of greatest concern, while an additional 119 merit spots on the "yellow list" due to a combination of rarity and seriously declining numbers.

Species found on either part of the WatchList demand immediate help while there is still time to save them, the organizations say.

Manistique ranger office back to winter schedule

The Manistique Ranger District office of the Hiawatha National Forest is now operating on its winter schedule.

The schedule, which took effect Nov. 26, means the office is only open three days a week — Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The winter hours will remain in effect until May 12, at which time the summer schedule will resume.

For more information, call the office at 341-5666 or contact the Rapid River District office at (906) 474-6442.

"Michiganers have an opportunity and responsibility to help protect our birds at greatest risk — including many poorly-known species such as Henslow's sparrow, yellow rail and piping plover," says Caleb Putnam, coordinator of the Michigan Important Bird Areas (IBA) Program for Audubon. "We need conservation action now, while there is still time — and the WatchList helps focus that action where we need it most."

Priority WatchList species found in Michigan include:

- Yellow rail. A secretive inhabitant of wet sedge marshes in the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula, it winters primarily along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts. It is sensitive to drainage of marshes and loss of wetlands, and its numbers fluctuate greatly year to year. Michigan supports fewer than 50 pairs during most breeding seasons.
- Piping plover. The federally-endangered Great Lakes population of the piping plover currently consists of only 50 to 60 pairs. Continent wide, the species totals fewer than 7,000 pairs. The Great Lakes population has recently tripled from only 11 to 35 pairs in the 1980s to its current numbers in large part by the efforts of government agencies and the volunteer Piping Plover Patrol. The birds remain threatened by predation and continued development of the large pebbly beaches on which they nest.

Michigan is believed to have supported 500 to 800 pairs prior to settlement.

• Buff-breasted sandpiper. This robin-sized shorebird is primarily a rare fall migrant in Michigan, breeding in the high Arctic and wintering in South America. It is found at large sod farms and areas of mudflats or coastal shoreline, but never in large numbers.

• Golden-winged warbler. This insect-eating songbird is a summer inhabitant from central Michigan north into the U.P., nesting in young deciduous forests and shrubby wetlands created by disturbances such as fire and logging. Formerly increasing, the species has shown recent declines, in part due to northward expansion into its range by the closely-related blue-winged warbler. Loss of habitat to reforestation, a long-term reduction in fire frequency, and human sprawl have also contributed. Audubon is currently working to identify IBAs of critical importance for the species in Michigan.

• Kirtland's warbler. This is the country's rarest warbler, nesting almost entirely within several small colonies in northern Michigan and wintering in the Bahamas. Nearly lost to extinction in the 1970s and 1980s, highly successful efforts by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Forest Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in cooperation with conservation groups have increased the population from a low of 167 singing males to about 1,700. The bird requires intensive management of young jack pine forests on sandy soils and the elimination of parasitic brown-headed cowbirds for its continued survival. Recent reductions in federal funding

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Fish Report

By Ret. Sgt. John Walker

Well, I guess I will go way out on a limb and predict we will have a white Christmas this year. I know after the weekend we had there are still some of you out there with some doubt, but chances of things greening up again seem to be slim.

What a weekend and if you think it was bad news for us humans just think what a mess this makes for the wildlife. There is nothing worse for the birds and animals out there than snow with a hard crust on it, and that is what we have right now after the rain and snow we had.

This means all the birds, squirrels, and other feeders that depend on scratching around for seeds or locating what they had stashed are in trouble. The ones that can make it through a mess like this are the ones that eat the buds up off the tree branches.

I was even watching some deer making their way through some snow drifts with a hard crust and needless to say they were exerting a lot of energy doing this. Remember it is only the first of December and wildlife does not need to be burning up what they should still be building up for the cold-winter months later in the winter.

It is going to be rather interesting to see what really lays in store as we get into the real winter months. Hopefully we will get a real break in the weather.

Of course as life goes, someone's worst nightmare is someone else's dream come

true. If you depend on the skiing or snowmobiling business during the holiday period you have to have a smile on your face hoping the snow stays. The last few years have not been good for some of this crowd so they are just maybe hoping for a good start to their season.

Firearm deer season for 2007 is now in the history books and as I have stated already it was one for the history books. Day after day with no shots, nobody was moving around, and a lot of the old camps were never even set up during this hunting season.

In fact I was in one of the bigger stows this week and there were isles full of unsold hunting gear. There were stacks of tree stands, racks of clothes, along with pair after pair of footwear.

This store is known for not carrying an inventory from year to year so needless to say there should be some good sales coming the sportsmen's way if they try and dump their entire inventory.

There were some nice bucks taken and for a lot of people it was an enjoyable hunting season. Now a lot of hunters are getting ready for the muzzle loading season. This too could be interesting especially with all the snow we will have going into it. You also want to remember it is a little later this year than in the past.

As the firearm deer season was winding down I heard about a young lady that had an antlerless deer permit and was hoping to get her first deer. As

the final day of season rolled around I told her and her dad they were welcome to come and use a blind I had set up where I had observed a number of deer.

I only laid down one rule! I told her I am too old to have to chase a wounded deer half way across the county so she had to shoot it in the neck and drop it right there!

We met on the last evening a couple of hours before dark. I took them into the blind and saw that things were set up. I moved down a ridge away from the blind to find a place where I could spend the next couple of hours watching for a deer.

In just about 15 minutes I heard a shot and called on the radio to see if they had got one.

Would you believe it! Not only did she get a nice deer, but in getting her first deer she had made a perfect shot and dropped it right there.

I am trying this part real softy because I don't want dad to fidget because I saw her deer, her brother got his buck, and dad got skunked during the firearm season. In fact one of his hunting buddies was teasing him about the fact it is a good thing the kids can put some meat on the table or dad would starve.

But needless to say he was one proud dad for both his kids had got their first deer this season.

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PAD facts:

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Editorial

Writers' rules

We've said it before and will no doubt say it again. We love to get letters to the editor. The letters section is one of our favorites. We also believe it's one of the most important parts of the paper, a true community forum, a chance for our readers to be heard on the issues, an opportunity to make points that might not otherwise receive a public hearing. The feature is also one of the most lively, interesting and... well, fun. Even when things are slow, it's nice to know what's on readers' minds, and when the news is jumping, the letters are absolutely fascinating.

Ordinarily, we like to review our policy for letters at least once each year, but in looking back, it appears we've been remiss. We've let more than three years go by without a thorough, detailed review of the rules. Oh, we manage to publish the rules (the full list or an abridged version) almost every week, but it's been far too long since we've taken the time and space to really explain them. For that, we apologize. We take our letters to the editor column very seriously, and we believe we owe it to our readers to tell them clearly why we do things the way we do.

While some newspapers open their letters column to any type of correspondence, we've tried to establish rules to assure fairness to all sides, to encourage a spirited debate of the issues while also maintaining some semblance of civility and order. Do we occasionally bend or break our own rules? Of course. Do we always maintain order? Hardly. But we do try.

To review a few of the basics, here are our unimpeachable reminders that we will absolutely not, under any circumstances, run an unsigned letter. Not that we don't get plenty of them. We receive unsigned letters all the time, and they immediately get dated, marked with a note and filed away. The rule is simple, and so is the explanation: if you have an opinion, you should have the courage to take responsibility for it. Anonymous criticism, complaints and attacks have no place in any kind of public forum. When you address the city council, school board or county board at a meeting, you have to identify yourself. When you talk to the public via a letter, the same requirement should apply.

On the same note, we won't run letters that aren't accompanied by a phone number or other contact information. This rule also raises many questions. People want to know why we require that information, when all we actually publish in the paper is the writer's name and city. Some folks are suspicious about the phone number requirement, perhaps because they think we'll sell the information to telemarketers, or even start calling them ourselves, interrupting them during dinner to pitch a subscription. The truth is much simpler. We need a phone number because we occasionally need to verify authorship or ask a question about something we don't understand. Do we always call? No. If your letter is simple and uncontroversial, we probably won't dial you up. But if you're tackling a hot issue, making strong statements, leveling charges against a person or board, then we probably will try to reach you and make sure the person whose name is on the letter actually wrote it. And yes, we sometimes have problems with even the most basic, straightforward letters — handwriting we can't decipher being the most common. If we can't read it, and we can't call to check, we can't run it.

We've recently received several letters that we couldn't run. Some broke one or more of the rules and were rejected outright. Others

may well have been acceptable, but we had no contact information. Not only were there no phone numbers, there were no return addresses on the envelopes, making it absolutely impossible to get in touch with anyone. In another case, we received an e-mail, wrote back to the person, got no response, waited, wrote again, and still heard nothing. If you sent in a letter like that and still want it published, feel free to contact us by mail, phone or e-mail. We'll almost certainly turn your letter once we check things out.

The issue of length also raises questions, with people wanting to know why we mention a 300-word limit but often run letters much longer than that. Please note that we say 300 words is a "preferred" limit, not a mandatory one. We like to keep letters short so that we can fit more of them in. But if you have a point to make, by all means make it. While we appreciate your efforts to keep letters as brief as possible, we have never yet rejected a letter because it was too long.

The rules that state "one letter per person, per month" and "one letter per person, per topic" are also frequently bent — or thrown out completely. Like the word limit, we hope correspondents will observe the rules, but realize that's sometimes impossible. All we ask is that you remember the letters column is designed to serve all our readers, not just a handful of people with a lot on their minds. Finally, a few words on just what a letter to the editor is — and isn't.

It is a chance to comment on local topics and events, candidates and election issues, the actions (or inactions) of local government, matters of statewide and national interest. It is a chance to discuss things in the community that need improvement, or congratulate the community for the things it's doing right.

It is not the place to "get personal." Our rules specifically prohibit letters of a "personal nature," a phrase that covers a lot of ground, from thank-you notes to congratulatory "shoot outs" to bitter feuds. We understand that you'd like to thank each business and organization that contributed to your last fund-raiser. But alas, those kinds of sentiments must be expressed in an advertisement. Saying thanks to area residents in general, praising the community for its support, or naming a handful of volunteers is one thing. Thanking the 30 stores and 75 individuals who donated something for a raffle is another.

Likewise, it is not the place to fight personal battles or grind personal axes. If you're having a dispute with your neighbor, that's between you and your neighbor. If you think you were treated poorly by a local business, that's between you, the business owner, and if necessary, the legal authorities. Finally, it is not the place to slander somebody's name or reputation, to make accusations of civil or criminal wrongdoing, to question somebody's intelligence, heritage, parentage, integrity or moral character. You can think it. You can even say it to your friends, if you like. You just can't publish it in the paper.

Of course, all of the above sounds pretty simple, and letters to the editor never are. We know there are occasions when definitions will be tested, rules bent and policies broken. All we ask is that you try your best to follow the guidelines. In exchange, we promise to work very hard to assure that the letters to the editor column is always fair and balanced, and that everyone receives equal and consistent treatment.

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Letter to the Editor:

In last week's Letters to the Editor, Marianne Gregurash made several points about the shelter. She is to be commended for her impassioned plea to adopt shelter animals. Schoolcraft County's Eva Burrell Animal Shelter is an exception to the usual expectation of a shelter — the most notable exception being a 94 percent adoption rate for our animals since the shelter opened in 2000, and each has been sprayed or neutered to prevent unwanted litters. This phenomenal statistic is due to widespread community support and dedicated volunteers. The community support essentially funds the budget, while good Samaritans often bring lost and stray animals to the shelter. The volunteers work daily with the animals 365 days a year. While at the shelter, these homeless waifs receive care and training that enhance their chances for adoption. To socialize cats and kittens, our volunteer cat cuddlers routinely handle and play with our many felines. The cats live in colony rooms with cat towers, hidey holes and toys as opposed to steel cages. The dogs, who reside in large indoor kennels with outside runs, receive basic obedience training while at the shelter. In

a large fenced-in yard, our volunteers interact and play with the dogs several times a day. The pooches enjoy long walks to acquaint them with leash training. Because of the time, effort and heart expended by volunteers, management and board members, we want the best possible home for these second chance animals. We insist on face-to-face adoptions and references, regardless of distance. Due to the wonders of the Internet, we receive inquiries from all over the country. We have successfully placed our animals not only locally, but also in other parts of Michigan, in adjacent states as well as in Virginia, New Mexico, Washington and Canada. We frequently hear back from our clients. They send pictures and heartwarming stories about their pets. These "home again" animals are amazing cats and dogs who have survived neglect, abuse, hunger, fear, homelessness. They dared to trust again. And in return, they give abundance — joy, loyalty, affection and companionship. Shelter animals — not to be purchased champions, but they soon become pure champions of our hearts.

If you're thinking of adding a kitten or puppy, cat or dog to your family, visit your local shelter and give a homeless animal a second chance. Char Crosby, President Humane Society of Schoolcraft County and the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter

Dear Editor,
I quote your Nov. 29 issue: "In general, courts have upheld the constitutionality of Nativity scenes on public

property, whether funded by government or private citizens.

"Supporters often point to a 1984 U.S. Supreme Court decision, interpreting the ruling to mean that religious displays can be erected as part of a general holiday exhibit provided that secular symbols — Santa Claus, reindeer, Christmas trees, candy canes and so forth — are included in the same viewing area.

"Likewise, private Christian displays are usually permitted on public property, as long as displays with differing views are also allowed."

Eliminating the basic premise of Christmas is like trying to hide the truth of the Emperor's New Clothes. No matter what the Freedom From Religion Foundation does to eliminate this 1,600 year old tradition, the word Christmas must echo.

I understand the Council lauded over this decision and threats of "suicide" makes one shudder. But has it happened yet?

Could the Nativity be quickly removed if it was shown to be a nuisance to people?

I wonder what would happen in townships, counties, and states upheld the premise on which this country was founded. In God we trust.

Patricia Vanastha Manistique

Letter to the Editor:
Our local town churches in Here requested a Nativity Scene be put in Triangle Park along with the Santa display. Sadly, the city council turned it down. This was because of the radical influence in our country. The council was concerned with the on

going suing our small city could not afford that, we would go bankrupt.

It is a shame that our country is bowing down to religious radicals. Our heritage and constitution has given us the freedom to express ourselves. The illegal immigrants crossing our borders have the right to demonstrate in the streets and demand rights they are not entitled to. The Muslim religion is being forced on us and our doing nothing politicians are sitting on their thumbs.

The politicians in Washington and Lansing are selling our country out for the almighty vote, money, and power. Our fore fathers would roll over in their graves. We are on our way to becoming a third rate power and going down as the Romans did. It will state in the future history books, the United States was a great power but their crooked politicians gave it away.

A disgraced U.S. citizen,
Carl and Darlene Furmanek Manistique

Editor's note: Copies of this letter were sent to the Senate and the House in Washington, D.C., and Lansing.

Dear Editor,
I am truly dismayed at our town council, to vote 2-3 against a Nativity Scene on public property. This is the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, also a part of the United States of America. Are we politically correct here in God's country? After all we DID have a "Christmas Parade" for those of you who keep quoting "Separation of Church and State" here's what the Constitution of the United States of America says: Amendment 1, Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of

Michigan Loses Its Delegates, But Early Primary Jockeying Will Likely Continue

By Eric Baerren

Debbie Dingell looked glum as she walked out of a meeting of Democrats Saturday morning. And, why shouldn't she? The national party had just stripped Dingell's home state of Michigan of its entire delegation.

In a move meant to raise the state's prominence in the national nominating process, Michigan had jumped ahead of everyone else in establishing a mid-January primary, and the national Democratic Party on Saturday made good on a promise to bring punishment. The Republican Party has already cut the state's delegation in half as a result.

Interpreting Dingell's long face as a sign of abject defeat could be a bit much, however. State party insiders say that despite the national party's move to reverse course and seat Michigan's delegation at the party's August convention in Denver, they say that the national party wouldn't risk losing Michigan, an important swing state, come November through internal squabbles.

In fact, state party insiders expected that the national party would initially strip them of delegates. Everyone involved negotiates for a living, they argued, and Saturday's vote was simply part of the long dance that Michigan Democrats hopes forces changes in the way party candidates are selected.

In doing so, Michigan has drawn support from a growing national movement that wants to revamp the way parties choose presidential candidates. The old system, they say, is broken and gives too much prominence to states with small, homogenous populations.

But if Michigan's primary is meant anything nationally, the state's legislature put that at risk by using the bill creating the primary to also turn over voter information to the parties, and granting them wide latitude in how they used it. It also made it illegal for anyone else to possess the information, and created jail time for journalists who might

publish information gleaned from such lists. It was challenged in court by a couple of prominent journalists and a private voter list consultant, and two levels of courts threw out the primary. At the last minute, and in an act of pure judicial activism, the state Supreme Court saved it, albeit a day after the state's association of clerks said a fair election was something they could no longer guarantee.

One of the reasons lower courts threw out the state's primary election is also a problem at the national level. Political parties are private organizations, and the U.S. Supreme Court has, in the past, ruled that federal regulations violate their First Amendment right to free association. In short, there is no mechanism at the federal level to prevent this year's squabbling from becoming a regular feature of the American political landscape. In fact, such a mechanism would likely be unconstitutional.

This becomes more striking as the race for the Democratic nomination tightens up. Recent polls have Hillary Clinton slipping in polls in places like Iowa, South Carolina and New Hampshire.

Over the last 30 years, the early primaries and caucuses have maintained their luster of tradition and history, but whether they can still drive the selection process is questionable. Early states helped set the tone because the campaigns kicked off earlier, and the intimate nature of both Iowa and New Hampshire gave the nation a glimpse of how regular Americans might feel about a candidate. This is the year of the YouTube debate, with a great many more options to get to know a candidate than through the eyes of patrons at Mable's Diner outside Des Moines.

But that could be tested this year if Barack Obama can maintain his lead in Iowa and pull off an upset in either New Hampshire or South Carolina. That could inflame his campaign with all-important cash and

organizational energy to pull off a massive upset.

If that turns out to be the case, it's hard to see where the jockeying of states — absent significant reforms at the national party level — doesn't get even worse.

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WEEKLY WEATHER RECAP

The following weather information starts Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007

DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
Wednesday	36	17	
Thursday	23	11	
Friday	19	10	
Saturday	35	11	7" Snow
Sunday	36	22	1" Snow
Monday	40	50	2" Snow
Tuesday	25	14	

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

40 Years Ago December 7, 1967

His personal bravery in assaulting the enemy emplacements during a fierce battle with the Viet Cong earned the Bronze Star Medal for Army Specialist Four Charles M. Cousineau, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mennen T. Cousineau of Manistique. The award was presented in ceremonies near An Khe, Vietnam, Nov. 17. During a search and seizure mission Nov. 19, Spec. Cousineau's platoon of the 1st Air Cavalry Division came under heavy fire near the village of Thuan Dam. Immediately, the unit suffered several casualties. As the men deployed and established defense positions, they were placed in a precarious situation by the intense and accurate fire from the many insurgent fortifications. Moving forward and firing his grenade launcher, Spec. Cousineau rushed one concealed bunker and destroyed it. While assaulting several other emplacements, he was seriously wounded and had to be evacuated.

Teachers in the Manistique Area Schools have voted unanimously to halt their volunteer services for extra-curricular activities effective next school year. Because of the defeat of requested school operating millages and the resulting austerity budget, teachers this year have volunteered their services to help continue athletic programs and other activities. Their letter of notice, signed by Mrs. Elsie L. Nelson, secretary of the Manistique Area Teachers' Association, said there would be no further volunteer services for extra-curricular duties as of 1968-69. Denton Nelson, president of the board of education, said the letter was merely another indication that the board would once again have to present the quest of additional operating millage to the voters.

Manistique's parking meters are being moved this week, and area motorists were warned to be alert for the change. The meters are being shifted from the curb to new locations adjacent to the buildings at the inner side of the sidewalk. Shifting the meters will greatly ease the problem of snow removal downtown during the winter. City Manager Robert J. Heister argued drivers to be sure and check for their meter location when they park, in order to avoid being ticketed.

30 Years Ago December 8, 1977

A temporary injunction prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from interfering with the gill net operations of 27 commercial fishermen will remain in effect following a ruling in Circuit Court Tuesday. Judge Clair Hoehn ruled that a temporary injunction against the DNR would remain until a permanent injunction could be granted upon appeal. The ruling cleared the way for fishermen to continue using gill nets for whitefish. The DNR had contended that the gill net fishery interfered with their lake trout restocking program. In Tuesday's ruling, Judge Hoehn said the DNR has the right to prohibit gill net fishing but had failed to do so in accordance with the administrative procedures set.

The Gulliver Branch of State Savings Bank is holding grand opening activities through this Saturday. Verna Goudreau, Mary Jo Sablack and Penny Noel are tellers at the new facility that opened last Thursday. A wide range of banking services, including a drive-in teller window, is available at the new branch.

A defibrillator, said to be one of the lightest, most convenient and rugged models of its kind in the world, was purchased last week for Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital at a cost of \$5,200. Helping to pay its cost were the Manistique Lions Club, Manistique physician Dr. Medical Care Facility, Dr. Milton Kestick, and funds from the estate of Dr. Harold Sill.

Frank (Lin) Mathu, 62, a 30-year heavy equipment operator for the city of Manistique, received a memorial bust of himself from Ray Lund, Lund, a water meter man for the city, carved the bust from white pine to commemorate Lund's retirement.

20 Years Ago December 10, 1987

Four years ago, a group of freshmen girls started their high school basketball careers. Led by Bette John, Cheryl Casey, Julie Wilkerson and Angie LaVigne, the class of '88 set in their minds a goal. That goal was to become the best they could be and go as far as they could their senior year. As the season progressed, they began to realize their potential. They knew they were good — at least good enough to get to Marquette and play in regional area. They rested their sights on advancing past Westwood and play for the Class C championship. Their dreams were made of getting past Calumet and crossing the bridge to play covanstone. On Saturday afternoon at Hedgecock Fieldhouse on the campus of Northern Michigan University, that dream became reality. Led by the clutch play of senior guard John and the outstanding performance of junior James Larson, the Emeralds barely escaped with a thrilling 51-49 victory over the Calumet Copper Kings to take home the U.P. Championship. The 204-Emeralds will play at Gaylord Wednesday against 22-2 Tawas in quarterfinal action. Should they win, they would play on Friday at Grand Haven Westwood and in their quest to become state champions in Class C.

If the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says no to the protection of the polar bear, they will be sinking into the water further and further as the ice gets smaller. Then they drown, the mom and dad and baby polar bears.

We have to help them. It's a polar bear S.O.S. campaign.

If the Bush administration decides against federal protection for the polar bear — then we must be prepared to legal action and quick and swift legal action and win that protection through the legal courts.

So we are asking for the rich people to help it, if they will. They can write it off as a tax deduction. Like the movie stars, like kind and generous Oprah Winfrey, etc.

Here's the address to send it to: Natural Resources Defense Council, P.O. Box 1830, Merrifield, VA 22116-9729.

Sincerely yours,
Ida Marie Arnold
Cooks

10 Years Ago December 11, 1997

The new Manistique multi-purpose building will be opening soon. Rec. center, recreation Superintendent Phil Hinkson said the facility will be ready for use by the hockey association on Tuesday, Dec. 16, with the ice to be poured for the first time either Thursday or Friday, Dec. 11 or 12. The first night of open skating will be from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, Hinkson said, with the public invited to view and use the new facility. Ice charges: \$3. Members of the Schoolcraft County Humane Society are continuing to investigate potential sites for the new animal shelter they hope to build. Two new locations were discussed by the group at its Dec. 4 meeting. Diana Herik, chairwoman of the group's Shelter Plan Committee, said two sites that could house the shelter are on the end of North Mackinac Avenue and the Pawley Oil property, which is now owned by the city.

Three members of the Manistique girls varsity basketball team recently earned special or honorable mention from the Upper Peninsula Sports-Writers Association. Seniors Jennifer Larson and Stephanie Merilinen earned honorable mention when the association chose its Class A-B-C first and second teams. Emerald forward Steph Reque received special mention status.

If jockeying ice, new Manistique boys varsity basketball coach Gary [wink]ing ice can bring two things to the Manistiques this season: a good work ethic and a winning attitude. The coach believes these two attributes, plus the luxury of having several talented players at each position, can help the Emeralds improve upon last year's 2-28 record.

Obituaries

Tamera J. Hicks

Tamera J. Hicks, 47, of Manistique, Mich., died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007, as the result of a motor vehicle accident in Hiawatha Township.

She was born Aug. 26, 1960, in Manistique, the daughter of Richard and Darlene (Rochefort) Hicks and attended schools in Manistique.

Tammy was a waitress and bartender and was presently employed at the Big Springs Inn. She enjoyed any outdoor activity, including ice fishing, camping, horseback riding and taking her motorcycle out for rides. She loved to have a good time with her family and friends.

Survivors include: her daughter, Jennifer Osterhout of Manistique; son, Keith Santana of Kalamazoo, Mich.; two grandchildren, Christopher Osterhout and Kelsey Dehanke; mother and stepfather, Darlene and Ronald "Joe" Arnold of Manistique; and brother, Richard (Debbie) Hicks of Buffalo, Wyo.

She was preceded in death by her father, Richard Hicks.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at Messier-Broulliere Funeral Home in Manistique. Memorial services will follow at 4 p.m. with Reverend Jay Martin officiating.

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



Beatrice Harlton Vercoe

Beatrice L. Vercoe, 98, of Manistique, Mich., died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007, at Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manistique.

Bea was born in Ailsa Craig, Ontario, Canada to Albert and Betsy Ann (Sholdice) Harlton on July 10, 1909.

After business school education in London, Ontario, she was employed in the Buick Motor Company offices in Flint, Mich.

In 1928, she married Philip Vercoe, son of Rev. George and Clara (Wood) Vercoe of the North Baptist Church of Flint. Philip retired as principal of Flint Central High School in 1964 and the couple moved to Arizona.

After Philip's death in 1980, Beatrice married his widower brother, Joseph, in 1984. After Joseph's death in 1999, she moved to Manistique.

Besides her skills of homemaking, love of color and design, and flower gardening, she had the joy of Christian church participation. Along with many benevolences, Bea sewed hundreds of baby quilts for her grandchildren and great grandchildren, and for the Hispanic missions in Arizona. In her nineties, she contributed lovingly quilted and sewn items to the Artisans Shop in Garden and to the Manistique Senior Center. She was a member of the Church of the Redeemer-Presbyterian in Manistique.

Survivors include: her daughter, Nancy (Robert) Cross of Manistique; son, Paul (Barbara) Vercoe of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; 12 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding Bea in death were all the persons of her generation on both sides of the Vercoe/Harlton families; her daughter, Bethany (Mrs. Joseph) Zaborowski; and her granddaughter, Mary Cross Kieckhefer.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec. 15, with Bea's extended family in Onamia, Minn.

Inurnment will be held in the Columbarium of the Valley Presbyterian Church in Green Valley, Ariz., where she and Philip were founding members.

The family expresses gratitude to Northwoods Home Care and to the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility for the loving care extended to our mother.

Arrangements are being handled by Messier-Broulliere Funeral Home of Manistique.

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Women's Club to meet

The GFWC Manistique attend and asked to bring a Women's Club will hold its invited. All area women are next luncheon meeting Tuesday, Dec. 11, at noon, at the Comfort Inn.

The program will include the annual holiday auction of arts, crafts and baked goods, coordinated by Vonceil Le-Duc. All members are urged to

Michigan Unemployment October 2007

	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Total Unemployment	Oct. Rate	Sept. Rate	Oct. 2006
EASTERN U.P.	27,625	25,875	1,750	6.3	6.3	5.2
Chippewa	17,975	16,775	1,200	6.7	7.3	5.7
Luce	2,800	2,550	250	8.8	6.9	5.7
Mackinac	6,850	6,575	275	4.2	3.8	3.9
CENTRAL U.P.	92,650	87,400	5,250	5.7	6.0	4.9
Alger	4,400	4,100	300	7.0	7.3	5.7
Delta	20,375	19,075	1,300	6.4	6.6	4.9
Dickinson	14,550	13,750	800	5.5	5.6	4.4
Marquette	36,025	34,225	1,800	5.0	5.5	4.6
Menominee	13,225	12,500	725	5.4	5.6	5.2
Schoolcraft	4,950	3,775	325	7.9	8.2	6.9
WESTERN U.P.	40,550	37,775	2,775	6.8	7.1	5.5
Baraga	4,275	3,775	500	11.8	11.9	8.2
Gogebic	7,475	6,975	525	6.9	7.2	5.8
Houghton	18,200	17,150	1,050	5.8	6.3	4.9
Keweenaw	1,075	1,000	75	8.1	8.0	5.7
Iron	5,975	5,600	375	6.1	6.1	4.9
Ontonagon	3,525	3,275	250	7.1	7.2	5.6
Upper Peninsula	160,800	151,000	9,800	6.1	6.3	5.1
Michigan	5,012,200	4,661,700	350,500	7.0	7.0	6.2
United States	153,516,000	146,743,000	6,773,000	4.4	4.5	4.1

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

County's jobless rate down slightly

Schoolcraft County's unemployment dipped slightly in September, according to figures released last week by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth.

The county's jobless rate for the month was 7.9 percent, down from 8.2 percent in September. However, the new rate was a full point higher than the figures from one year earlier, when unemployment in the county stood at 6.9 percent.

The local rate was the fourth-highest in the Upper Peninsula, trailing Baraga County at 11.8 percent, Luce County at 8.8 percent, and Keweenaw County at 8.1 percent.

Regionally, unemployment in the Upper Peninsula was also down slightly for the month, dropping from 6.3 to 6.1 percent.

According to Kathy Salow, a DLEG analyst in Marquette, 11 of the U.P.'s 15 counties saw slight declines in their jobless rates for the month, with drops ranging from 0.1 to 0.6 percentage points.

The unemployment rate in Iron County was unchanged, while three counties saw their jobless rates increase. The biggest increase, 1.9 percentage points, occurred in Luce County and was attributed to a short-term layoff.

The lowest unemployment in the U.P. and the state was found in Mackinac County, which posted a monthly rate of 4.2 percent.

The U.P. jobless rate was significantly higher than the national unemployment figure, which dipped from 4.5 to 4.4 percent, but almost a full point lower than Michigan's statewide rate, which stayed at 7.0 percent for the third consecutive month.

MDOT tests road condition sensors

As a first step toward establishing a statewide system to monitor road conditions, the Michigan Department of Transportation has built a test environmental sensor station on US-2/US-41M-35 near the Escanaba River Bridge in Delta County.

MDOT is pilot testing a Road Weather Information System (RWIS), which will feature a network of stations that collect road and weather conditions, including information on pavement temperature, wind speed and precipitation.

The data can be used to better respond to conditions as they occur, including dispatching snowplows or salt trucks to snow-covered or icy sections.

"This type of technology is already being used successfully in several Midwestern states and Alaska," says Dawn Gustafson, traffic and safety engineer for MDOT's Superior Region and the coordinator of the test station. "Based on the results at this site, we will be better able to plan how to introduce additional road weather stations throughout the state."

RWIS systems can help

Pictured Rocks ornament hanging on the White House Christmas tree

The Upper Peninsula's Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore is prominently displayed on this year's official White House Christmas Tree. The tree is the centerpiece of elaborate decorations celebrating the theme "Holiday in the National Parks."

"It is an amazing honor for the National Park Service to be selected as the theme for the White House holiday decorations by the president and Mrs. Bush," says National Park Service Director Mary A. Bomar. "Mrs. Bush is the best champion for our national parks, and the beautiful decorations in each state room showcase the natural and historical treasures found in parks throughout the country."

The tree, located in the Blue Room, is adorned with handmade ornaments representing the country's 391 National Park Service sites.

Each ornament on the 18-foot Fraser fir was designed by an artist selected by the park. Bomar said the ornaments "tell the stories of our parks, just as our parks tell the stories of our nation."

Each NPS area received a six-inch gold tree ornament to decorate.

Gregg Bruff, chief of heritage education at Pictured Rocks, was chosen to create the lakeshore's ornament.

"As an active member of the area's growing arts community, Gregg was a natural choice," says Lakeshore Superintendent Jim Northup.

The ornament is decorated in professional-grade oil paint and signifies three main features of the lakeshore — the Pictured Rocks cliffs, two hikers at Twelvemile Beach, and the Au Sable Light Station.

"Each of the scenes blend into one another as the influence of humans on the landscape and the land on residents

and visitors is certainly a compelling story of this place," Bruff says.

A highlight of the decorations is a scaled-down but architecturally accurate gingerbread reproduction of the south view of the White House, a unit of the National Park Service. The ornament even includes Bush family pets Barrey, Miss Beazley and Willie playing on the lawn with moose, elk, raccoons and other animals found in national parks.

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Local students taking the Thanksgiving mission trip included (front row, kneeling, from left): Olivia Peterson, Brynn Carlson, Kayla Colegrove, Billie Jo Henry, Danae Henry, Willie Lanaville. Back row, standing: Michan Jones, Josiah Jones, Sarah Lanaville. Adults who participated but aren't pictured: Cindy Henry, Penny Carlson, Sandi Slining, Doris Jones and Pastor Steve Jones. (Submitted photo)

Local church group spends Thanksgiving helping others

A group of young people and adults from the Manistique Harbor Pentecostal Church of God spent their Thanksgiving break in a special way: taking a trip to help others. The journey downstate encompassed relief and mission work to assist the homeless and those in need elsewhere in the world.

According to Rev. Steve Jones, pastor of the church, they raised money for the trip with a rummage sale and bake sales at Parnida. Area residents not only backed the project by purchasing items and donating money, they also contributed winter goods for a homeless shelter.

The group of five adults and nine teens left Manistique early on Wednesday, Nov. 21, and arrived later that day at International Aid in Spring Lake, where there were four warehouses full of donated items. They filled 1,050 gallon-sized bags with personal care items for people in Bangladesh. Each bag contained a washcloth, soap, a comb, a toothbrush, toothpaste and shampoo.

Jones says International Aid also has a system that can filter the dirtiest water and make it clean enough to drink. In addition, they have designed a stove with a pipe going out of the house, rather than letting the smoke fill the home and make people sick. The organization also refurbishes donated hospital equipment and sends it to sites around the world.

The Manistique contingent ended the first day of their adventure celebrating Thanksgiving at a Wednesday night church service.

"We were warmly welcomed and heard and gave our thanks to the Lord for all His blessings in our lives from food, housing, family and a better life through Jesus and

our church," Jones says.

The next day, Thanksgiving, they joined many other volunteers at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, where more than 1,400 people, many of them homeless and without families, were gathered for the holiday. The group welcomed people at the doors, hosted tables, sat with the attendees, and helped clean up, afterwards.

The event - The Great Thanksgiving Banquet - was sponsored by Mel Trotter Ministries, an organization dedicated to helping the disadvantaged in the western Lower Peninsula.

After that busy day, they enjoyed a peaceful evening. "We went back to our host's home and relaxed and enjoyed the company," Jones says. "We shared the movie 'The Nativity Story' and again realized how blessed we are that we live in this country and have our needs met and are able to worship God freely."

On Friday, the Manistique residents took a tour of Guiding Light Ministries, a homeless shelter and rehabilitation center for men in Grand Rapids.

"We were able to donate jackets, blankets, hats and mittens to this shelter," says Jones. "Their rehabilitation is through Christ, and they have steps to go through. The people who choose to stay for the rehabilitation had nice rooms with three to five beds to stay in. We were able to hear three testimonies of lives being changed through Jesus from alcohol and all kinds of drugs. We sat with one man who told us the moving story of his life."

The group also served food and enjoyed their own fish lunch. Later, they made up 68 beds in a dormitory-style room that is opened up nightly to



Lois A. Corcoran

(Send your comments to corky@dmu.us.)

On night watch

It happens every night. I wake up in the dark, check my watch and, despite one-in-sixty odds, find both hands glued to the same number.

My groggy brain struggles to make sense of this till the minute hand slides out of hiding. Too bad I'm wide awake by then.

That's one of the drawbacks of analog watches. If I owned a digital, I'd know in seconds that I woke up too soon - and would have the good sense to go back to sleep.

Thanks to middle age, my watch reading ability doesn't fare much better in daylight. No matter how far I stretch out my short little arm, the time is still a blur.

I used to wear a watch with humongous numerals. It was the last word in formality but a cinch to read. Then I switched to the classy timepiece my Better Half gave me.

Dainty little dots replace most of the numbers, so when I want to know the time, I must do the math first. And hope I ace the test.

It's a quarter, meaning it runs on batteries that cost as much as the watch. So the only thing taking a tickle is my wallet.

For someone who lives by the clock, it takes me an absurd amount of time to realize the battery died. I'll be knee-deep in a project and, think, "Gosh, I'm making good time," when in fact I'm hopelessly behind.

Or I wonder why I'm so hungry when it's only 10 a.m. The dawn comes a few hours later when the hands

have still not budged. Panic sets in with the realization that I'm time-less. My little world turns topsy turvy when I can't consult my watch. Why, I don't know. Clocks stare me in the face wherever I go.

Like the one on my computer screen (that's an hour show). Or the digits on the VCR (when they're not flashing twelve o'clock). If I don't see the time, I hear

Thrill of the hunt ... Permits and maps available to cut Christmas trees in Hiawatha Forest

If you're one of those who likes the "thrill of the hunt" when looking for a Christmas tree, the Hiawatha National Forest has opportunities for you.

Officials with the USDA Forest Service are sending area residents that Christmas trees are available for cutting on national forest land. For the price of a \$5 tree tag and a little sweat, anyone can cut their own tree.

Association announces winners in year's first Christmas Cash drawing

Winners in last week's Manistique Merchants Association Christmas Cash drawing were:

\$50
Tim Roddy (Manistique Center), Betsy McHugh (Parnida).

\$25
Diane Hyland (Petique), Janice Repp (State Savings Bank), Shirley Gardapee (Save-A-Lo), Cindi Nelson (Putvin Health Mart).

\$10
Rhonda Anthony (Suzy's Births)

BARTHOLOMEW - Announcing the birth of her son is Christine Bartholomew of Manistique. Aden Josef Bartholomew was born on Monday, Nov. 12, 2007, at Marquette General Hospital. He arrived at 6:50 a.m., weighing 6 pounds, 13.6 ounces. He was 19 inches in length.

it, as in the tiny beep from other people's watches. A sure sign that another wretched hour passed.

There's a watch out now for those poor souls who are truly obsessed. It displays both digital AND analog time - including the famous "sweep" second hand. Yes, but does it do windows?

Frankly, I'll take an old-fashioned mechanical any day. Unless I'm on night watch.

To obtain a tag, stop at any ranger district office. You will also receive tree-cutting guidelines, a map showing cutting areas, and suggestions for flame-proofing your tree.

For more information, contact the Manistique office at 341-5666 or call the offices in Munising at (906) 387-2512, Rapid River at (906) 474-6442, St Ignace at (906) 643-7900, or Sault Ste Marie at (906) 635-5311.

Shadow Box), Jeani Dalgord (Paul's Plumbing and Appliance), Shannon Tillman (Ben Franklin), Charmaine Lehman (Superior State Agency), Donna Rogers (Top O'Lake Sports Shop).

Winners may pick up their MMA gift certificates at the Peoples Store during regular business hours.

St. Francis de Sales post first marking period honor roll

St. Francis de Sales School recently announced their honor roll for the first marking period of the 2007-08 school year.

Receiving all A's in the third grade were Megan Annelin, Nolan Arnock, Josh Burns, Georgia Johnson, Nick Lemaster, Kara Salo, Zachary Sani and Abby Schwartz.

Other third grade honor students include Jacob Arnold, Kamryn Hoezee, Macy McBurney, Logan MacPhail, Darien Nichols, Stephan Palmke and Halle Potvin.

Receiving Christian Witness Behavior Awards were Nick Lemaster and Kamryn Hoezee.

Achieving all A's in the fourth grade for the first marking period was Holly Blowers. Additional fourth grade honor students were Sydney Chartier, Allison Halpin, Macchaela Hinkson, Kelsey LaLonde, Caitlin Schuetter, Jacob Burns and Amanda Ziminski.

Fourth grade Christian Witness Behavior Awards went to Jacob Burns and Caitlin Schuetter.

All A honor students in the fifth grade include Grace Barr, Ryan Barton, Rebecca Desjarred, Hailey Hoholik, Samantha Jasmin, Emily Weber and

Taryn Wood. Also included on the fifth grade honor roll were Brittany McNamara, Jordan Ramey, Chyenese Schuetter and Molly Slavinski.

Fifth grade Christian Witness Behavior Awards were presented to Samantha Jasmin and Chyenese Schuetter.

Sixth grade All A honor roll students were P.J. Birr, Colby Brazda, Joey Brazda, Leah Cook, Vanessa McNamara, Matthew Michaels and Ryan Ramey.

Also receiving honor roll status in the sixth grade were Courtney LaLonde and Kyle Hzece.

Receiving the sixth grade Christian Witness Behavior Awards were Courtney LaLonde and Vanessa McNamara.

Achieving all A's in the seventh grade for the first marking period were Darby Demers, Maryse Hinkson and Kyra Lazon.

Additional seventh grade honor students included Joshua Hentschel, Jared Johnson and Haley MacGregor.

Receiving the Christian Witness Behavior Award were Darby Demers and Josh Hentschel.

Amity Group to hold holiday cookie swap

A Christmas cookie exchange is one of the activities in store at the next meeting of the Manistique Amity Group.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 9:30 a.m., at the Presbyterian Church on Main Street. To participate in the exchange, bring six dozen of one type of cookie.

The meeting will also feature a program by Dianna Herlik, who will discuss prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse.

All members are encouraged to attend. New members and guests are also welcome at meetings.

For more information about the Amity Group or the meeting, call 341-6865.

HOLIDAY BAND CONCERTS

Middle School Band
Tuesday, Dec. 11 ~ 7 p.m.

High School Band
Wednesday, Dec. 19 ~ 7:30 p.m.

Both band concerts will be held in the MHS Auditorium
Hope to see you there!

Jamerson to discuss CCC novel at library



Bill Jamerson

Upper Peninsula songwriter, filmmaker and author Bill Jamerson will visit the Manistique School and Public Library next Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 6 p.m. Jamerson will discuss and sign copies of his new book, "Big Shoulders."

The book is an adult historical novel that follows the life of a 17-year-old named Nick from Hantracreek who enlists in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in 1937. He joins 200 other young men at a work camp near Raco in the eastern Upper Peninsula. Based on a true story, the novel contains humor, history and suspense.

Jamerson is perhaps best known to local residents as the musician who performs original songs about the CCC, lumberjacks, iron miners, ski jumpers and other aspects of U.P. history. Over the years he has appeared in this area many times, including performances at schools, Folk Fest and the Music in Manistique concert series. This fall, he was featured at Indian Lake State Park's 75th anniversary celebration.

To learn more about Jamerson's work and the new novel, go to www.billjamerson.com.

For more information on next week's local visit, contact the library at 341-4316.

Enchanted
RATED PG Running time: 138 minutes

The tale follows the beautiful princess Giselle as she is banished by an evil queen from her magical, musical animated land - and finds herself in the gritty reality of the streets of modern-day Manhattan. Shocked by this strange new environment that doesn't operate on a "happily ever after" basis, Giselle is now stuck in a chaotic world badly in need of enchantment. But when Giselle begins to fall...

Fred Claus
RATED PG Running time: 115 minutes

Fred Claus has lived his entire life in his brother's very large shadow. Fred tried, but could hardly live up to the example set by the younger Nicholas, who was just a perfect, well-knit, true to form. Nicholas grew up to be the model of giving, while Fred became the polar opposite: a fast-talking repo man who's run out of luck and money. Over Mrs. Claus' objections, Nicholas agrees to help him...

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Senior Center

By Connie Frenette

Do you feel that you have the best prescription drug plan? Each year Medicare beneficiaries have an opportunity to enroll in a prescription drug plan for the new calendar year. While individuals may stay with their current plan, the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program recommends that you review your options each year. Now you know how we tend to sign up for something and don't bother to make change.

I was recently at a meeting where I was informed from a MAPP counselor that she had set down with an elder and reviewed their prescriptions. By doing so she was able to save them an additional \$60 a month.

Anyone who joined a Medicare prescription drug plan last year will soon receive an update. Notice of Change from the company with which they have drug coverage. Read this carefully, as this notice will identify whether the plan is changing their premiums, copays, deductibles, and/or the medications they will cover in 2008. You will need to make sure that the medications you are currently taking will still be covered by your plan in 2008.

Beneficiaries should take the time to answer these three questions:

- Cost: Will your premium and costs change significantly in 2008?
- Coverage: Do you need more coverage in 2008? Will the prescriptions that you are taking be covered by your current plan in 2008?
- Customer Service: Are you satisfied with your plan's service?

Open enrollment began on Nov. 15 and ends Dec. 31. Coverage under the new plan will begin on Jan. 1, 2008. Beneficiaries who did not join a Medicare drug plan during their initial open enrollment period may also apply for a drug plan, if they so choose.

If you need assistance, we encourage you to contact the MMAP counselor. MMAP counselors are well trained in the Medicare drug program and provide assistance and counseling to Medicare beneficiaries and their families at no charge. The local MMAP counselor in our area is Jeani Daljord of Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital. She has been an asset to the Center, offering her assistance whenever asked. To make an appointment, Jeani can be reached at 341-3238.

Open! To the gentleman that called the Center looking for a foot care appointment I have to apologize for giving you the wrong information. The paper work was shuffled and I gave you January as a date. We do have two foot care clinics offered in December.

School retirees to meet

The Schoolcraft County Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will meet Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 11:30 a.m., at the Comfort Inn.

The meeting will include a meal of Wisconsin chicken and a variety of salads, as well as

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ber with the dates being Dec. 12 and 26. Please give us a call back at 341-5923 to make your appointment. Once again, I apologize!

The Senior Center will be having a Books Are Fun book sale on Thursday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will be selling a variety of items along with books. All the items will be available on site, keeping you from having to order. The Center receives 15 percent of all sales. Why not drop by and check it out!

The Center will be hosting a free Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) Screening on Wednesday, Dec. 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If you are interested, schedule your appointment by calling (866) 644-8272.

What is Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD)? PAD affects the arteries outside the heart and brain, and is most common in the arteries in the pelvis and legs. It increases your risk for heart attack and stroke. Early diagnosis and proper treatment can improve your quality of life and reduce cardiovascular events.

PAD facts include: about one in five people over the age of 70 has PAD and one out of every three people with diabetes over age 50 is likely to have PAD. PAD is the leading cause of amputations in people with diabetes and smokers and former smokers face up to four times the risk for PAD.

Have you purchased your Christmas Party ticket yet? We have set the date for Friday, Dec. 21, with the doors opening at 4 p.m. Cost of the ticket is \$9 per person, which includes a fabulous meal being prepared by Bonnie Hokstom.

Our volunteers have offered their expertise in providing the goodies for social hour. If you have a special treat you would like to share, give us a call at 341-5923. Our entertainment is coming from Pembine, Wis. That is the reasoning for going with the later date, as one of the entertainers has tests in college that he has to take before coming.

You will have your choice of whether you want to be included in the gift exchange and having your picture taken with Santa. You do "believe in Santa," don't you?

The Center will close at 1 p.m. to make the necessary preparations, so afternoon activities will be cancelled.

For those of you who participate in the food pantry, I just want to remind you the place of distribution has been changed for the month of December only. We will be holding the Wednesday, Dec. 19, distribution at the Presbyterian Church at 314 Main Street, which is across from the county jail.

An update on our military packages. Once again everyone has pulled together giving

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1 tsp
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1 tsp
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1/2 cup
3/4 tsp

boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
salt, divided
ground black pepper, divided
olive oil
fresh white mushrooms, sliced (about 6 cups)
frozen pearl onions, thawed
minced garlic
undrained diced tomatoes
dry white wine
dried tarragon (crushed)

Season chicken with half the salt and pepper. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook until golden brown, turning once, about three minutes for each side. Remove chicken to a plate. Reduce heat to medium.
To the same skillet, add mushrooms, onions and garlic; cook and stir until mushrooms are golden, about 10 minutes. Return chicken to skillet. Add tomatoes with their juice, wine, tarragon and remaining salt and pepper; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium low; cover and simmer until chicken is cooked through, about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
Serve over steamed rice, if desired.

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Enrollment open for health care program

On Dec. 14, for the first time in 14 months, the Upper Peninsula's Medical Care Access Coalition began open enrollment for all eligible U.P. adults to receive health care through the Adult Medical Program (AMP). Local residents can apply through the Schoolcraft Health Access office on Deer Street in Marquette.

Eligibility for the AMP is determined by completing a Department of Human Services application for medical assistance.

Eligible patients are adults without dependent children with an approximate monthly income up to \$294 for an individual and up to \$404 for two-person households after deducting \$300 from the gross earnings and subtracting 20 percent from the adjusted gross.

Before applying the DHS income formula, an individual can earn approximately \$567 a month and a two-person household can earn \$705.

The assets limit must be less than \$3,000. Countable assets are defined as cash, investments, retirement plans and trusts. Child support payments paid by the applicant are subtracted from the income.

To apply, people will need to provide proof of residency, age and 30-day income.

If you currently receive other benefits through DHS, simply contact your caseworker to update your existing application.

Program coverage includes physician, outpatient hospitalization, pharmaceuticals, lab/radiology, medical supplies and ambulance services.

AMP is funded through the State Children's Health Insurance Program and is authorized by Michigan law.

Club's second annual wine tasting to raise money for fountain project

The GFWC Manistique Women's Club is busy preparing for its second annual wine-tasting event, and once again the proceeds will be earmarked for a major community improvement project.

The club's special projects committee has scheduled the tasting for Saturday, Jan. 19, from 3 to 6 p.m., on the upper level of Elks Lodge 632 on Walnut Street.

The inaugural event, held last February, helped raise money for the new community welcome sign, which was installed over the summer at the intersection of US-2, Maple Street and Arbutus Avenue.

This time the club is launching fund-raising for the purchase of a water fountain, which members would like to see installed in Triangle Park within the next several years.

While a design has not been finalized, they envision a decorative, multi-tiered fountain, where water would spill over naturally from one level to the next.

Ideally, says organizer Sherri Krause, they'd like to have the fountain installed in time for Manistique's sesquicentennial celebration, which will take place in 2010.

As an ongoing club project, the fountain would be installed, maintained and operated entirely by the club, with no costs incurred by the city. Krause notes that they would even take care of the water bills.

Tickets for the Jan. 19 tasting are \$12 each and are available now at Suzy's Shadow Box or by calling Krause at 341-6701.

Poverty issues to be discussed at Sault Ste. Marie forum

The Michigan Commission on Community Action and Economic Opportunity will hold forums in Sault Ste. Marie and Kalamazoo this month to hear directly from individuals and families living in poverty. The sessions are two of five that will be held across the state, leading up to Michigan's first poverty summit in early 2008.

The Upper Peninsula forum will take place this Friday, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Avery Square Auditorium, 510 Ashmun St., in Sault Ste. Marie.

The Kalamazoo session is slated for Dec. 13. Other forums are tentatively scheduled for Clare, Detroit and Flint in January and February.

The sponsoring state commission was established by Gov. Jennifer Granholm in 2003. It is charged with advising state policies and programs to reduce poverty and to address the needs and concerns of low-income people.

The forums will provide a way for people living in poverty to share their stories and life experiences. The commission hopes to gain firsthand knowledge of what people face when accessing public and private support systems.

"We want to find out what works at the grassroots level, what programs are innovative in helping people move out of poverty," says commission chair Sonia Harb. "We think that it is vitally important that we hear the stories and experiences of people who deal with poverty every day as part of this process."

In addition to hearing testimony from consumers of state welfare programs, the commission is encouraging local service organizations to provide details of innovative programming that has resulted in positive outcomes for the poor.

The commission is working in a statewide partnership with the Michigan League for Human Services, a Lansing-based nonprofit organization dedicated to education, research and advocacy for the benefit of low-income and other vulnerable citizens.

For more information, call Daniel Pilepskiowski at (313) 689-0171.



The GFWC Manistique Women's Club hopes to see a fountain similar to this installed some day in Triangle Park. The group is kicking off fund-raising for the project with its second annual wine tasting event on Jan. 19.

Krause says they wanted to have tickets on sale early, so they could be purchased for Christmas "stocking stuffers."

Wine for the event will once again be supplied by Ralph and Laurie Stable of Manistique's own Mackinaw Trainery. This year, the Women's Club is working with the Elks and the city on a temporary kitchen, which will allow bottles of wine to be sold on the premises.

Buying a ticket entitles you to five wine tastes, bread and cheese, and an entry into drawings for several prizes. Among the raffie items is a bench handcrafted by Ray Nelson, suitable for the yard or patio.

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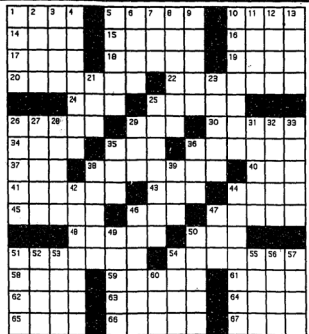
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The following information is from Manistique Public Safety dispatch logbooks recorded at the time the calls were received. The incidents reported may have proven to be unfounded once police investigated.

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007 6:12 a.m. Department of Public Works (DPW) request, slippery city streets 6:40 a.m. Property damage accident, County Road 442. 8 a.m. DPW request, Highway U.S. 2. 8:05 a.m. Slippery intersection, Oak Street and Cattaraugus. 10:04 a.m. Tree and wires down on roadway, Cherry Street near Range Street. 10:04 a.m. Wires down on roadway, Michigan Avenue. 10:21 a.m. Wires down on roadway, Michigan Avenue. 10:25 a.m. Wires down on roadway, Tammy Road. 10:38 a.m. Tree and wires down on roadway, Range Street near Garden Avenue. 10:40 a.m. Tree down on roadway, Main Street. 10:45 a.m. Wires down on roadway, Arbutus Avenue and Range Street. 10:50 a.m. Be on the lookout for unlicensed driver, within city. 11:07 a.m. Assist, County Road 442. 11:08 a.m. Tree and wires down on house, Second Street. 11:14 a.m. Blast, Deer Street. 11:45 a.m. Wire down on roadway, Garden Avenue. 12:30 p.m. Road hazard, intersection of Cattaraugus and Michigan avenues. 12:44 p.m. Emergency Medical Service (EMS), Manistique Township.

Manistique Public Safety Department Log

Township 8:30 a.m. Suspicious situation, within city of Manistique. 8:45 a.m. Permit to purchase, Maple Street. 3:55 p.m. Wires down on roadway, Second Street. 4:40 p.m. Lockout, Third Street. 6:25 p.m. Open door, U.S. Highway 2. 6:35 p.m. DPW callout, U.S. Highway 2. 7:35 p.m. Assault, within city of Manistique. 9 p.m. EMS - transfer to Marquette. 10:48 p.m. Assist, River Street. 11:10 p.m. Alarm, Oak Street. 11:52 p.m. Alarm, Oak Street. Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007 12:40 a.m. EMS, Doyle Township. 12:40 a.m. Alarm, Oak Street. 1:40 a.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette. 1:50 a.m. EMS, within city of Manistique. 8:25 a.m. Lockout, Cedar Street. 9:10 a.m. Weapons offense, Houghton Avenue. 11:40 a.m. Traffic Control, U.S. Highway 2 and Arbutus Avenue. 12:35 p.m. Illegal parking, Cattaraugus Avenue. 1:46 p.m. Lockout, Deer Street. 2:19 p.m. Well being check, Manistique. 5:35 p.m. EMS, Manistique Township. 5:45 p.m. Fire program, Chippewa Avenue. 5:45 p.m. DPW callout, within city of Manistique. 7 p.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette. 8:28 p.m. Larceny, Main Street. 10:45 p.m. EMS, Hiawatha Township. Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007 55-mph zone (11/07). Assessed \$100. Jason Donald Thomas, 32, of Manistique, charged with failure to report property damage accident (11/07). Assessed \$200. Tabatha Renee Holmberg, 21, of Manistique, charged with driving 55 miles per hour in a 45-mph zone (11/07). Assessed \$100. Katie Lynn Larson, 16, of Manistique, charged with violation of the basic speed law (11/07). Assessed \$100. Linda Jo Mason, 60, of Manistique, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone (11/07). Assessed \$100. Jon Joseph Maxwell, 25, of Hancock, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone (11/07). Assessed \$100. Sawyer James Rookowski, 19, of Cooks, charged with violation of the basic speed law (11/07). Assessed \$100.

Walnut Street near Cedar Street 12:25 a.m. Line down, Mackinac Avenue. 2:01 a.m. Snow ordinance violation, Potter at Oak streets, Main at Cedar streets and Deer Street at Mackinac Avenue, vehicles cited and towed. 7 a.m. Citizen assist, Range Street at Arbutus Avenue. 10:45 a.m. Failure to pay, Cedar Street. 11:30 p.m. Assist, U.S. Highway 2. 12 p.m. Damage to property, Deer Street. 1:10 p.m. Well being check, within city of Manistique. 2:20 p.m. Suspicious situation, U.S. Highway 2. 4:30 p.m. Lockout, Oak Street. 4:50 p.m. Department assist, 5:30 p.m. DPW callout, U.S. Highway 2. 11:30 p.m. Loud noise, In-lake Park Road. Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007 1:29 a.m. EMS, Hiawatha Township. 5:20 a.m. Suspicious persons, Quarry Lane. 5:25 a.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette. 6:05 a.m. Alarm, Oak Street. 9:24 a.m. Civil dispute, Michigan Avenue. 10:15 a.m. Citizen assist, Highway M-94. 10:40 a.m. Officer information, U.S. Highway 2. 2 p.m. Loose dog, Manistique Avenue. 3:10 p.m. DPW request, U.S. Highway 2. 5 p.m. Citizen assist, Steuben Street. 5:55 p.m. Semi in ditch, U.S. Highway 2 near Chippewa Avenue. 7:28 p.m. EMS, Doyle Township. 8:30 p.m. EMS, Thompson Township. 11:30 p.m. Low hanging wire, Arbutus Avenue. 11:47 p.m. Electrical smell, Chippewa Avenue. 11:57 p.m. Motorist assist, Chippewa Avenue near U.S. Highway 2. Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007 12:02 a.m. Motorist assist,

Monday, Dec. 3, 2007 3:45 a.m. Department of Public Works callout, within city of Manistique. 9:05 a.m. EMS, Inwood Township. 9:13 a.m. Safety inspections, Maple Street. 9:50 a.m. Two car property damage accident, intersection of Cedar and Elm streets. 10:19 a.m. Lockout, Deer Street. 12 p.m. Harassment, within city of Manistique. 2 p.m. Civil issue, citizen assist, within city of Manistique. 3:55 p.m. Civil issue, U.S. Highway 2. 4 p.m. Welfare check, Wolf Street. 4:05 p.m. Property damage accident, River Street. 5 p.m. Dog at large, Cedar Street. 8:38 p.m. Suspicious situation, Cattaraugus Avenue.

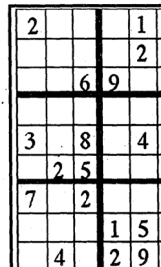
Manistique area woman killed in weekend crash

Michigan State Police troopers from the Manistique post are continuing their investigation into a single-vehicle rollover accident that claimed the life of a Manistique area woman last weekend.

According to the report, 47-year-old Tamara Hicks was killed around 1:20 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, on M-94 in Hiawatha Township, about six miles north of Manistique.

Troopers say Hicks was the only person in the vehicle that was traveling north, left the road and struck a tree.

State Police were assisted by personnel from the Hiawatha Township Volunteer Fire Department and Manistique Public Safety Department EMS.



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



HOROSCOPES

Dec. 10 - Dec. 16 Your Horoscope by Charles Cooper. ARIES (March 21 to end), you're sure of the favored this week. This Aquarius (Jan. 20 son), if so, remedy this April 19. You're full of vim and vigor this week. Make your life real, easier. Over the nostalgia is fine. Just romantic dinner for just However, try not to be SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to weekend), family mem- don't let it make you miss the two of you. Now, I can't get out those bars come up with great anchor as you're worth to. ... (See full horoscopes on page 33)

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, horizontal, vertical and diagonal. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

TAURUS (April 20 to Later in the week), cultural nature is possible work. Dec. 10: Rita Moreno, May 20. Realizations often require extra attention. midweek. On the work. Dec. 11: Rush Limbaugh, marks the beginning of the end. Dec. 12: Jamie Foxx, the week. You feel SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 14th), concerned with your work Dec. 15: Patty Duke, Dec. 16: the. Be patient as things constant matters are taking. Be negotiating this per- Barbara Bratt, Dec. 16: heat up pretty soon. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A fresh financial venture is on the horizon for you. Be sure to keep your eyes open for all the opportunity. Later in the week, trust in a friend's advice. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) While you'll want to park yourself in front of the tube this week, get and get moving! There's plenty to do concerning holiday preparations. Over the weekend, domestic chores need tending to. LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're right to consider a co-worker's idea as half-baked. However, you can put on the finishing touches and make it work. Later in the week, pay attention to matters of health. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) There's some minor trouble on the home front. You just stay out of the way. It resolves itself. This weekend, shopping is in order. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You're rather introspective as the week begins. This results in new insights. By week's

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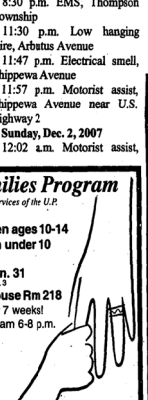
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District Court

Kenneth James, 63, of Newberry, charged with placing/hunting in blind prior to Nov. 5 (11/07). Assessed \$65. Sharon Jean Auger, 39, of Manistique, charged with registration violation and no proof of insurance (9/07). Assessed \$110 and \$180 respectively. Christopher Clark Durkin, 23, of Manistique, charged with expired license (11/07). Assessed \$90. Christopher Richard Fiegel, 33, of Cooks, charged with expired license and vehicle registration violation (11/07). Assessed \$90 and \$110 respectively. Tabatha Renee Holmberg, 21, of Manistique, charged with driving 55 miles per hour in a 45-mph zone (11/07). Assessed \$100. Katie Lynn Larson, 16, of Manistique, charged with violation of the basic speed law (11/07). Assessed \$100. Linda Jo Mason, 60, of Manistique, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone (11/07). Assessed \$100. Jon Joseph Maxwell, 25, of Hancock, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone (11/07). Assessed \$100. Sawyer James Rookowski, 19, of Cooks, charged with violation of the basic speed law (11/07). Assessed \$100.

Strengthening Families Program

For Parent(s) and their children ages 10-14 Free childcare for children under 10 Thursday, Dec. 6 - Jan. 31 Schoolcraft County Courthouse Rm 218 only ONE night per week for 7 weeks! Free meal at 5:30 p.m. - program 6-8 p.m. Positive listening - approach to parenting - family life choices - Parent/child communication - Having FUN together - Building relationships - and so much more!



Book Signing... Local Pastor and Author JD LIVERMORE JR. will be at Pamida on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 3-5 p.m. In his new book, he addresses the question: Is the Church really doing what God intended for them to do? Following the signing, JD will be speaking at Manistique Visitor Protestant Church of God at 6 p.m.

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Musical

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It was several more years before the director's wish and the Thompson committee's goal would finally start coming together.

That happened in August 2006, when Dagenais was directing a production of "The Christmas Schooner" for the Lake Superior Theatre Company in Marquette.

Committee member Laurie Jasmin attended one of the performances. Afterwards, she struck up a conversation with Dagenais and gave him a copy of the group's Christmas Ship DVD.

"He was hooked after that," Jasmin says. "We both knew we wanted this to happen, but there was still a lot of work to do."

One of the toughest tasks facing the committee was fund-raising, as the members quickly learned just how expensive it is to host a large-scale musical.

Jasmin says they've received financial support from a number of individuals, groups and businesses, and a significant boost in the form of a \$500 grant from the Schoolcraft County Community Foundation.

Now, with preparations almost finished, the committee is eagerly awaiting the show's arrival next week.

Trails

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There are more than 550 miles of pathways in state forests, of which 242 miles were groomed for cross-country skiing.

The state forest pathway system has been entirely supported by general fund tax dollars, competitive grants and local volunteer efforts.

Annual operations cost \$169,000 during the last fiscal year, and grants received by the DNR for pathway improvement projects and ski grooming totaled \$930,000 over the last five years.

Annual donations made by users at pathway trailheads averaged \$4,000 a year statewide for the past 10 years.

According to Wnuk, that will start to happen on Friday, Dec. 14, when the sets, costumes and props are loaded into the auditorium and the crew begins setting up.

The cast will arrive Saturday morning for an on-stage rehearsal prior to the first performance that afternoon.

The original script of "The Christmas Schooner" calls for 11 adult actors and two children, but suggests adding extra singers and actors. Dagenais has done just that, expanding the cast to include approximately 30 performers from Gwinn High School, Gwinn Middle School and the Gilbert and K.I. Sawyer elementary schools.

Tickets for both Dec. 15 performances are available in advance at the Mustard Seed or at the door on the day of the show. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens.

Committee members note that they will have their DVD on sale at the auditorium, while the Gwinn group will be selling "Christmas Schooner" T-shirts.

Several special guests are expected to attend the matinee performance, including author Rochelle Pennington, author of "The Historic Christmas Tree Ship," the definitive book on the Rouse Simmons. Also anticipated is a visit by Barbara Ehling, the great-granddaughter of Christmas Ship captain Herman Schuenemann.

County Board

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Zellar said costs could be lowered by combining inspection trips to distant sites, but Lang said that was often impossible, since projects were on different schedules and needed inspections at different times.

After additional discussion, the matter was referred to the building and grounds committee, made up of Zellar and Commissioner Louis Lauzon. They were instructed to meet with Lang, gather more information, and return with a recommendation for the Dec. 13 audit-finance meeting.

In other business... heard a request from Probate Judge William Carmody to reinstate the full-time enforcement officer's position in the Friend of the Court office. "Certain jobs demand a full-time person, and the law enforcement position is one," Carmody said. He presented figures showing Schoolcraft County with the highest number of FOC cases but smallest staff among counties in the 11th Circuit. Carmody said the county's proposal, to staff the office with one full-time and three part-time people, represented a cut of more than 24 percent from 2006 levels.

He proposed instead two full-time and two part-time staff, a reduction of 18 percent. The issue will be placed on the agenda for the County Board's Dec. 18 meeting.

• Voted 4-1 to award the county's computer maintenance contract to Jason Collins of Just Computers. The firm submitted the lowest of three bids received: \$400 per month, based on a rate of \$40 per hour, with a provision to "roll over" unused hours. The county's longtime vendor, Computer Services, bid \$60 per hour, as did Sine Tech.

Birds

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have created concerns for long-term management of the species.

• Henstew's sparrow. A rare resident of Michigan's large grasslands, it has experienced declines of nearly 80 percent since 1966. It is found mainly in the southern Lower Peninsula in small colonies of fewer than five to 10 pairs, but occasionally as many as 20 to 30 pairs, such as a recent colony at Sharrowville State Game Area. Improper mowing regimes, reforestation and fragmentation and loss of grassland to urban sprawl and agriculture have all contributed to the decline. The IBA Program

County Treasurer Terri Evtovich recommended staying with Computer Services, because of their familiarity with the county's systems and software. But after hearing assurances from Collins that his company had the experience and capability to step in, the board voted to give him the contract. Lauzon cast the only dissenting vote, saying he didn't know enough about the issue and wanted to follow Evtovich's recommendation.

• conducted an executive session to discuss "Public Transit personnel issues."

Donations

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balls back and forth from one place to the other."

MAS Superintendent John Chandler said community support for their athletic programs has always been strong, whether in the form of personal donations, contributions by area businesses, the hard work of the Green Fire Booster Club, or the annual "SOS" banquets, which raise money to keep sports and other extracurricular programs running.

While that kind of broad-based backing has always been important, Chandler said, it is even more critical with each passing year - a situation that is not likely to change. "Unfortunately, with the status of state funding what it is, we're relying more and more on private donations," he said. "We need that kind of help to make sure we can keep all our programs running strong. That's what makes donations like this so great. What these two gentlemen did is a huge help. I think it's awesome."

Holiday promotions started early

If you think holiday sales promotions began earlier this year, you're right. Nearly 30 percent of Michigan retailers surveyed by the Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago said they pushed up their timetable from last year.

As part of the October Michigan Retail Index survey, businesses were asked when they planned to start their promotions, ranging from decorations to holiday-focused discounts. Twenty-eight percent of respondents said they would begin earlier than last year. Sixty-eight percent said they would keep the same schedule as before. Only four percent said they would be

starting later. "The trend over the last several years has been for an earlier start to holiday promotions, and this year was no exception," said Larry Meyer, chairman and chief executive officer of the MRA. "This represents the importance of the season and the intense competition for those early shopping dollars."

The industry's overall sales performance improved in October after a dip in September. The index showed that 44 percent of retailers had better sales compared to the same month last year, while 39 percent recorded declines and 16 percent saw no change.

Those figures created an outlook index of 52, up from 46.5 the month before.

Looking ahead, 48 percent believed their sales will increase for the November to January period compared to the same time in 2006. Meanwhile, 27 percent expected sales to decline and 24 percent predicted no change.

Those figures created an outlook index of 65, up from 62.2 in September. Michigan retailers went into the holiday season predicting, on average, a 2.2 percent increase in sales over last year's holiday shopping season. The National Retail Federation forecasts a four percent increase across the country.



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The most compelling reason for contributing to the Community Foundation is to benefit our local community. Contributions made today go on to benefit our community now and into the future. The endowment funds are perpetual sources of income for projects benefiting the quality of life in our community.

Three local organizations received first-time grants from designated funds through the Schoolcraft County Community Foundation this year. Although it's not the first time these groups have received grants, it is the first time the grants have come from their own designated funds. The Manistique Area Schools and Public Library received \$200 in May, the Schoolcraft County Medical Care Facility received \$400 in June and the Humane Society of Schoolcraft County received \$1,000 in October. Funds must reach at least \$5,000 before grants can be awarded using interest and dividends. "It's important for donors to see their contributions being put to good use," commented SCCF Treasurer Paulette Demers. The foundation has awarded \$8,370 in mini grants to a variety of local organizations in 2007.



The Schoolcraft County Medical Care Facility purchased a pulse oximeter with their \$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, RNIMS coordinator at the facility, demonstrates the oximeter to resident Linda Steinfeldt.



Fifth grade students attending the environmental camp in the spring will have first aid personnel and supplies on hand due to a \$180 grant received from the Schoolcraft County Community Foundation.



Each May during the senior awards night, the Schoolcraft County Community Foundation presents one graduating senior with the Prime Memorial Scholarship. In 2007, the four year renewable scholarship was presented to Brooke Bouchard to further her education in the criminal justice field. Pictured with Bouchard are foundation board members Jack MacFarlane (left) and Rick Wodzinski.

First Disbursement

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The Humane Society Fund established by M. Vonciel LeDuc in memory of her father J.L. LeDuc recently disbursed a \$1,000 grant to the Humane Society. Funds must reach at least \$5,000 before grants can be awarded.

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Humane Society Fund	15,495
Kellogg Youth Fund	134,005
Library Fund	7,780
Manistique Lions Club Sight and Hearing	1,828
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Prime Scholarship Fund	141,794
Senior Center	1,270
Seney Natural History Association Fund	21,987
Unrestricted	54,468
A. L. Martin Memorial Fund	1,165
Matthew Paul Villeumure Memorial	14,538
Robert C. Hughes Memorial Fund	7,216
Arts & Culture Fund	1,771
TOTAL	\$462,570



The Thompson Township Historical Advisory Committee recently received \$500 to help fund the Gwin High School's production of "The Christmas Schooner," which will be performed at the Frederickson Auditorium at Manistique High School Saturday, Dec. 15, at 2 and 7 p.m. The committee seeks to preserve the history of Thompson Township. They recently installed a state historic marker and interpretive displays at the Lake Michigan access site, highlighting the story of the Rouse Simmons, the famous "Christmas tree Ship," and other aspects of Thompson history.

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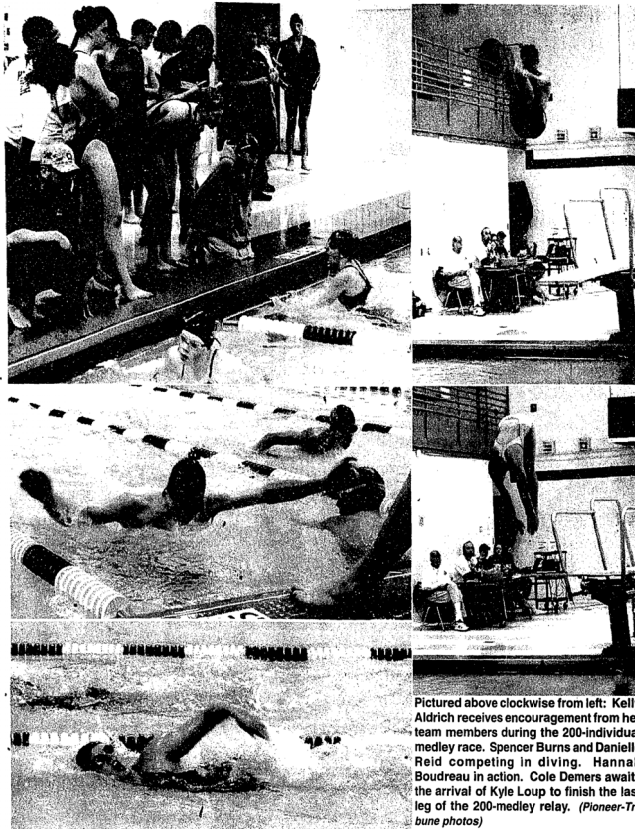
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Pictured above clockwise from left: Kelly Aldrich receives encouragement from her team members during the 200-individual medley race. Spencer Burns and Danielle Reid competing in diving. Hannah Boudreau in action. Cole Demers awaits the arrival of Kyle Loup to finish the last leg of the 200-medley relay. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)

Varsity Emeralds overpower the Mountaineers in big season debut

Coming off the bench, junior Jared Turan provided the spark coach Ed Marietti was looking for in his season opener.

With his team struggling to get the ball to fall, Turan nailed eight quick points, including a pair of buckets from three-point range, to give the Emeralds a nine-point lead (17-8) at the end of the first quarter against Iron Mountain Tuesday night.

Despite some small mistakes early, the Emeralds cruised to victory with a 67-47 Mid-Peninsula Conference road win over the Mountaineers.

"This was a very nice way to start the season, but we need to work on the little things that can hurt you down the stretch," Marietti said. "We had opportunities right from the start to get up on them, but we missed a ton of lay-ups, especially early in the game. Despite

that, the kids played hard, stuck to the game plan and got the win."

Following several miscues under the basket, the Emeralds went outside and opened things up in the second stanza.

A triple by Brandon Lawrence pushed the Emerald advantage to 15 points early in the period.

Just when it looked like Manistique was going to control a commanding lead, Iron Mountain's Billy Body exploded for 12 points, including a trio of three-pointers, to narrow the margin to eight (34-26) at the half.

Coming off the break, the Mountaineers cut the Emerald advantage to five when Pat Flood nailed one from behind the arc, but from there it was all Manistique.

The Emeralds put together a 13-0 run, and at one point held

a 20 point lead when Cody Kangas hit a triple late in the third quarter.

After scoring 17 points in each of the first three quarters, the consistent Emeralds netted 16 in the final period while holding Iron Mountain to 10.

"We had a good balance, with four players in double figures tonight," Marietti said. "I was a little surprised by how well we shot from outside, but we spread things out, had 80 open shots and took them."

Manistique was 24 of 61 from the floor, seven of 16 from three-point range, and 12 of 16 from the free throw line.

Kangas led the effort with 13 points, including three triples. Turan and Josh Mickelson added 12 points each, Corey Gonyea 11, Scott Giles seven, Lawrence five, Garde Kangas four, Joe LeDuc two, Scott Zellner one.

Marietti said there were no real surprises in the debut, but he sees room for improvement. "I thought we could do better with our press break, and I didn't realize just how many lay-ups we missed tonight," he said. "It was not just one person; it was everyone who went to the net. Our plans are to hold teams to under 50, and we did that tonight. If we could have made our lay-ups, we could have easily had 80 points. I think our base is solid. We just need to focus on the little things."

The Emerald junior varsity won their game against Iron Mountain, thrashing their hosts 65-29. The Manistique freshmen dropped a 47-16 decision.

Manistique travels to Norway Friday for another Mid-Pen Conference battle, then heads to Newberry for a non-conference tilt on Dec. 11.

Manistique girls fall to Negaunee, bounce back to handle Hematites

Shaking off the effects of a 59-41 loss to Negaunee last Friday, the Lady Emeralds varsity basketball team improved its record to 2-1 with a 70-34 crushing of the Ishpeming Hematites Tuesday night.

Ishpeming put up the first seven points in the contest, but were held to just seven more in the second and third quarters by a smothering Emerald defense that forced 16 steals in

the Mid-Peninsula Conference outing.

"We had a very rocky start and appeared extremely sluggish at the beginning," coach Laurel Ashbrook said. "They put up seven before we could get on the board. Then our intensity picked up and we finally got into our rhythm."

After the shaky start, the Emeralds settled in and held a 14-12 advantage by the end of the opening quarter.

Behind a balanced scoring attack, Manistique put up 22 points in the second and held a 36-19 lead at the break.

With four players in double figures, the Lady Emeralds pushed their lead to 52 going into the final eight minutes of play, then paced the Hematites 14-8 down the stretch.

Kim Vallier led the effort with a season-high 21 points. Alison Cook also set a season high with 12 and pulled in 10 rebounds.

Henry and Albright led the Emeralds with 11 points each in the loss to Negaunee. Hepker, Hoholik, Wood and Kangas added nine points apiece.

Shift of starters spurs JV to win

Coach Craig Hepker juggled his starting lineup following a 60-58 loss to Negaunee Friday, a move that seemed to pay dividends for his junior varsity squad Tuesday.

Holding on to a nine-point lead (27-18) at the half, Manistique exploded after the break, scoring 21 third-quarter points to just six on their way to a 58-33 Mid-Peninsula Conference victory.

With the win, the Lady Emeralds improved to 2-1.

"I shook up my starting lineup tonight because of the way we played in Negaunee, and the girls seemed to have gotten the message," Hepker said.

Ashlee Henry led Manistique with 14 points in the win. Abby Wood added 13 points, Marcy Hoholik nine, Carlie Kangas eight, Emily Hepker six, Chantal Albright, Millicent Weber, Kim Schuetter and Brandy Gould two points each.

Henry and Albright led the Emeralds with 11 points each in the loss to Negaunee. Hepker, Hoholik, Wood and Kangas added nine points apiece.

Wrestlers drop their opener, but do better at Super Dual event

The Manistique Emeralds varsity wrestling team headed back into action Nov. 28, kicking off the new season with a triangular match at Ishpeming.

Taking on the host Hematites, the Emeralds fell 45-21. They also lost to the Munising Mustangs 50-30.

Coach Everett Wood said it was a decent start for the young, unseasoned Emerald squad.

"We wrestled well, but our inexperience showed," he said. "On Saturday, Dec. 1, Manistique traveled to Munising for the Super Dual event, where they faced wrestlers from Newberry, Norway, St. Ignace

and Boyne City.

"Our kids were in great form," Wood said.

The Emeralds proved it by beating Newberry 28-24, Norway 30-2 and Boyne City 42-24.

Manistique lost to tournament champs St. Ignace 52-24, then faced the Mustangs in a battle for second place. Unfortunately, the Emeralds lost by one match, with the score ending up 42-36.

Manistique is back in action tonight (Thursday), competing in Norway against the Knights and West Iron County. On Saturday, they will travel to the St. Ignace Invitational.

Swimmers back in action

The Manistique High School swim team opened its 2007-2008 season in typically busy fashion, with three events in less than a week.

The squad, under the leadership of first-year coach Beth Aldrich, launched their campaign Nov. 28 with a decisive home victory against the combined Ishpeming-Negaunee squad.

After a weekend trip to the Kingsford Relays, the Emerald swimmers returned home to face Marquette Tuesday, falling to the powerhouse Class A team.

The Manistique boys beat Ishpeming-Negaunee 86-66 and lost to Marquette 129-43.

The Emerald girls outpaced Ishpeming-Negaunee 93-81 and dropped the Marquette match 146-36.

Aldrich admits to feeling the pressure that comes with taking over a successful program, but likes what she's seen from her team so far.

"We're looking forward to an exciting season," she said. "We have some depth, with seven boys returning from last year's squad along with some promising newcomers in both programs — but we're short on divers this season. We have some very tough meets coming up, but the kids have been working very hard. We will

see what happens." The Emeralds will be competing at Westwood Dec. 12.

Boys: Manistique 86, Ishpeming-Negaunee 66.
Girls: Manistique 93, Ishpeming-Negaunee 81

Emerald results
First place finishes: Abby Smith, Hannah Boudreau, Kelly Aldrich, Danielle Reid, 200-yard medley relay; Reid, 200-yard freestyle; Aldrich, 200-yard individual medley; Boudreau, 50-yard freestyle; Aldrich, 100-yard butterfly; Reid, 100-yard freestyle; Gabi Peters, 100-yard backstroke; Gabie Kieffer, 100-yard breaststroke; Aldrich, Reid, A. Smith, Christine Kemper, 400-yard freestyle relay; Scott Clark, Marcus Bosanic, Joel

Smith, Kyle Loup, 200-yard medley relay; Loup, 200-yard freestyle relay; J. Smith, 50-yard freestyle; Bosanic, 100-yard freestyle; Loup, 500-yard freestyle; Cole Demers, Trevor Birr, Luke Mooi, Cody Kayser, 200-yard freestyle relay; Clark, 100-yard backstroke; J. Smith, L. Mooi, Clark, Loup, 400-yard freestyle relay.

Second place finishes: A. Smith, 200-yard freestyle; Vanessa Himes, 50-yard freestyle; A. Smith, 300-yard freestyle; Boudreau, Natalia Pohlman, Kieffer, Peters, 200-yard freestyle relay; Boudreau, 100-yard breaststroke; J. Smith, 200-yard individual medley; L. Mooi, 100-yard freestyle; Birr, 100-yard backstroke; Bosanic, 100-yard breaststroke; Birr, Kayser, Demers,

Bosanic, 400-yard freestyle relay.
Third place finishes: Marlee Lakosky, Kieffer, Kemper, Franziska Sauer, 200-yard medley relay; Pohlman, 500-yard freestyle; Kemper, 100-yard breaststroke; Kayser, 200-yard freestyle; Demers, 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard breaststroke.

Fourth place finishes: Emily Nord, 200-yard freestyle; 100-yard freestyle; Rachelle Marks, Vanessa Jenerou, Billie Jo Henry, Cassie Haley, 200-yard freestyle relay; Nord, Himes, Haley, Anna Mooi, 400-yard freestyle relay; L. Mooi, 100-yard breaststroke.

Fifth place finishes: April Hickey, A. Mooi, Peters, Henry, Nord, Lakosky, Sauer, 200-yard freestyle relay; Sauer, 100-yard backstroke; Birr, 50-yard freestyle.

Sixth place finishes: Lakosky, 50-yard freestyle; Himes, 100-yard freestyle; Hickey, 100-yard backstroke.

Results vs. Marquette
Boys: Marquette 129, Manistique 43
Girls: Marquette 146, Manistique 36

Emerald Results
Second place finishes: A. Smith, 100-yard freestyle; Boudreau, Peters, Kieffer, Pohlman, 200-yard freestyle relay; Clark, Bosanic, Loup, Demers, 200-yard medley relay; Loup, 200-yard freestyle, 500-yard freestyle; Bosanic, 100-yard freestyle; Clark, 100-yard backstroke; Clark, Birr, Bosanic, Loup, 400-yard freestyle relay.

Third place finishes: A. Smith, Boudreau, Aldrich, Reid, 200-yard individual medley; Reid, diving; Boudreau, 100-yard breaststroke; A. Smith, Reid, Pohlman, Aldrich, 400-yard freestyle relay; Clark, 50-yard freestyle; Kayser, Demers, L. Mooi, Spencer Burns, 200-yard freestyle relay; Bosanic, 100-yard breaststroke.

Fourth place finishes: Lakosky, A. Mooi, Peters, Nord, 200-yard medley relay; Reid, 200-yard freestyle; Boudreau, 50-yard freestyle; Aldrich, 500-yard freestyle; Peters, 100-yard backstroke; Demers, 50-yard freestyle; Burns, diving; L. Mooi, 100-yard freestyle; Kayser, 200-yard freestyle relay; Bosanic, 100-yard backstroke.

Fifth place finishes: Shannon Woelert, Sauer, Kemper, Himes, 200-yard medley relay; Henry, 200-yard freestyle, 50-yard freestyle; Kemper, 200-yard individual medley; Nord, 100-yard freestyle; Woelert, 500-yard freestyle; Nord, Haley, Henry, A. Mooi, 200-yard freestyle relay; Lakosky, 100-yard backstroke; Kieffer, 100-yard backstroke; Sauer, Hickey, Marks, Haley, 400-yard freestyle relay; Birr, 200-yard freestyle, 100-yard backstroke; Demers, 100-yard breaststroke.

Sixth place finishes: Nord, 200-yard freestyle; Haley, 50-yard freestyle; A. Mooi, 100-yard freestyle; Lakosky, Marks, Himes, 200-yard freestyle relay; Himes, 100-yard backstroke; Kemper, 100-yard backstroke; Kayser, 50-yard freestyle; L. Mooi, 100-yard breaststroke.

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Note the following change to the MAS sports schedule

The junior high boys' basketball games set for tonight (Dec. 6) at Mid Peninsula have been changed. The 7th grade game is now slated to start at 8:30 p.m., with the 8th grade to follow at approximately 4:45 p.m.

The home junior high games against Munising scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 4:30 p.m., have been moved to Saturday, Dec. 15. The 7th grade game is now scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., with the 8th grade contest to follow. The games will be played at Manistique High School.

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Hot time on the ice ... Lineup of returning stars, experienced players and newcomers powers Manistique midget hockey team

If you're looking for something to do this weekend, p.m. Saturday. With the return of some old faces and the addition of players from Alger County, coach

Bill Hoholik and his staff have assembled a team that is sure to be a force in the double B ranks of the USA Hockey Association this season.

After skating to a 3-3 tie, the Manistique Papers-Hoholik's Ace Hardware Midget BB team improved its season record to 3-0-1 with an impressive win over the Newberry T-Wolves in game two at Little Bear West last Saturday.

The visiting T-Wolves jumped out early in the opener and held a 1-0 lead at the end of the first period of a goal by Turner Terry.

Manistique evened the mark midway through the second when defenseman Ryan Nagy slammed a rocket through the pipes from his post at the blue line.

One minute later, Newberry responded and regained the advantage when Brett Massy scored his first of two goals in the contest.

With time running out in the period, Tyler Glasscock scored off an assist from Jake Shampine and Rick Matson to even the score at two.

It came down to a defensive struggle in the final 13 minutes of play, with both teams scoring early in the third.

Shampine put Manistique up 3-2 when he found the back of the net at the 12:13 mark in the period, but Massy tied it back up with 9:49 to play in the contest. Shampine's goal came off an assist from Glasscock.

Guarding the net for Manistique, Brad Hoholik was challenged 18 times and recorded 15 saves in the tie.

Not happy with that result, Manistique came out strong in game two and took a 4-0 lead by the end of the first period off goals by Andrew Ronquist and Matson. Ronquist recorded a hat trick in the period with assists by James Rummil and Joe DeLisle. Matson's goal was assisted by Glasscock.

Manistique went up by five when Matson took a pass from Nagy and scored just moments into the second period.

The goals by Johnny Schummer and Tony Carmody of the T-

Wolves had cut the margin to 5-2 when time ran out in the second.

Five goals were scored in the final period, Terry and Massy tallied for the T-Wolves, while DeLisle scored once and Glasscock twice for Manistique in the 8-4 win.

Manistique held a 10-shot advantage in game two. Brandon Johnson manned the pipes for Manistique, recording 15 saves in 19 shots on goal.

Coach Hoholik credited his team's early success to the return of DeLisle and Tyler Glasscock, two well-known names in Manistique hockey.

"We are off to a very good start, thanks to the return of Joe and Tyler," Hoholik said. "They are two very dominating players in this league."

While the squad is still shorthanded, Hoholik said they were able to host a team because of their return, along with Matson, Johnson, Tyler Monroe and Nick Hayes, who travel from Munising.

"We are a little short in numbers, but thanks to them we have a team and a nice mix," he stated.

Offensively, DeLisle, Glasscock, Matson, Ronquist, Shampine and Rummil provide Manistique with an explosive attack.

Defensively, the team is blessed with the experience of Garret Prater, Brad Hoholik and Ryan Nagy. Prater has the speed to keep any line out of trouble, while Nagy has the size and power to score from the blue line.

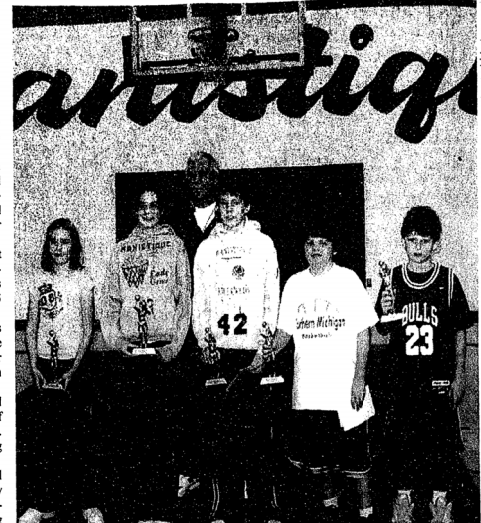
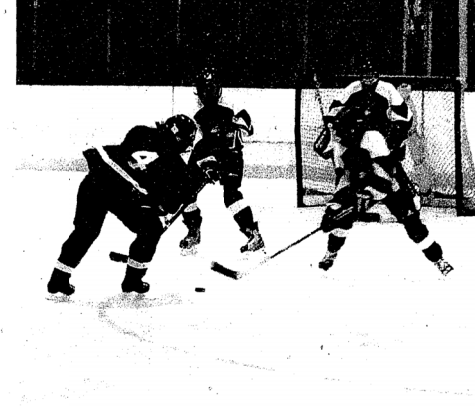
Hoholik, a formidable presence, will share time in the net with Johnson this season. Hoholik is assisted by Jerry Glasscock and Mike Johnson.

In other action Saturday, the Jack's SuperValu Wildcats dropped two games, to Iron River.

The Wildcats, a girls' 16-U team, were no match for the 19-U girls from Iron River, losing both games 7-0.



Above: Manistique's Andrew Ronquist slaps the puck past Newberry's goalie in game two of their CUP League match-up last Saturday at Little Bear West Arena. With that goal, Ronquist completed a first-period hat trick. Below: Hanna Bryant (right) and Darby Demers try to hold off a breakaway goal by a powerful Iron River 19-U skater in other Saturday action at Little Bear West. The older, much more experienced visitors from the western Upper Peninsula beat the 16-U Jack's SuperValu Wildcats 7-0 in both ends of a doubleheader. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)



Local qualifiers in the annual Elks Hoop Shoot (above, with organizer Bob Ryan) show off the trophies they earned by winning their age groups at last weekend's event in Manistique. The local champs were, from left: Breiann Richey, Ashley Vaughn, Connor Selling, Zach Powers and James Casey. They will compete next in the district finals Dec. 22 at Escanaba. (Submitted photo)

Five shooters move on to districts in the Elks free throw competition

Five local athletes are scheduled to compete in district competition later this month, after winning the local round of the Elks Hoop Shoot free throw contest, which was held at the Manistique High School Dec. 1.

At the qualifier, first place trophies were awarded to the following champions:

- Boys 8-9: James Casey
- Boys 10-11: Zach Powers
- Boys 12-13: Ashley Vaughn
- Girls 10-11: Breiann Richey
- Girls 12-13: Connor Selling

The five Manistique Elks champions now advance to the district finals, to be held at Escanaba High School Saturday, Dec. 22, at 1 p.m., where they will compete with other local winners from throughout the Upper Peninsula.

Winners of the districts will move on to the Michigan state finals, to be held Jan. 26 in downtown Midland. The local qualifying event is sponsored each year by the members of Elks Lodge 632 in Manistique.

Lady Gems hit the court

The Manistique Lady Gems basketball season got underway Sunday, Dec. 2, with try-outs at the Manistique High School gym. There are 46 girls participating in this year's 10-and-under through 13-and-under age divisions. Older girls had an earlier, shorter season, because of the switch in high school basketball

schedules this year. The local teams are looking forward to tournament action beginning in January, when they will travel to Mount Pleasant to play at the SAC.

February and March will bring elementary tournaments in the Upper Peninsula, along with AAU tournaments in Marquette and Sault Ste.

Maris. The Lady Gems AAU Club started in October 2002 and has seen a large number of girls participating each season.

One of the goals of the program is to increase participants' skills, to give them the fundamentals, to be competitive in high school basketball.

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