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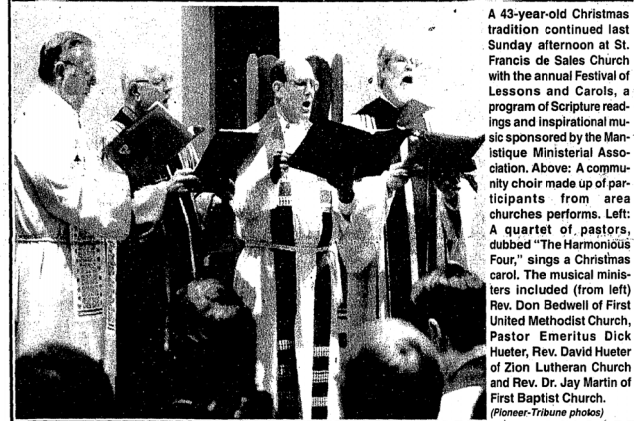
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A 43-year-old Christmas tradition continued last Sunday afternoon at St. Francis de Sales Church with the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, a program of Scripture readings and inspirational music sponsored by the Manistique Ministerial Association. Above: A community choir made up of participants from area churches perform. Left: A quartet of pastors, dubbed "The Harmonious Four," sings a Christmas carol. The musical ministers included (from left) Rev. Don Bedwell of First United Methodist Church, Pastor Emeritus Dick Hueter, Rev. David Hueter of Zion Lutheran Church and Rev. Dr. Jay Martin of First Baptist Church. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)

Board hears program on alt ed and request for a new location

by Paul Olson
 At their regular meeting Monday, members of the Manistique Area Schools Board of Education received a detailed lesson on the district's Jack Reque Alternative High School. The presentation by Dean of Students Rob Ryan encompassed the program's history, current operations and future goals.

For the past several months, the board has been considering a possible move for the alternative program, which has already been based at four different sites in its 11-year history.

For the first several years, alternative education was located in a rented storefront on Oak Street.

In January 2001 it moved to another rented space, this one in the Hiawatha Community Center, which had been sold to Hiawatha Township following the closure of the former elementary school there.

The program stayed at the Hiawatha site until the fall of 2005, when it moved temporarily to a small space in the high school wood shop. The change was required when it was learned the community center did not meet the necessary codes to be used as a school.

Later that year, the alternative program was relocated yet again, moving from the shop to a portion of the administration building at the high school, which had been remodeled for classroom use.

In October, the School Board discussed a recommendation from the Alternative Education Advisory Committee to find a larger home for the Jack Reque High School—specifically, moving it to a portion of the former Fairview Elementary building, vacant

since the recent opening of Emerald Elementary.

Also under consideration is a possible move back to the Hiawatha Community Center, considered by some to be the only truly successful location in the school's history.

In Monday's presentation, Ryan covered much of the program's background, including statistics showing that 173 students have enrolled in alternative education since 1996. Of those, 68 went on to obtain their high school diplomas. The number of those who did not graduate includes 28 current students, 44 who transferred to other schools or moved out-of-state, and 21 who dropped out of the program.

"We're not proud of that number," Ryan said of the 21 dropouts. "But given the makeup and the nature of our student population, it's not really too bad."

Looking at the other side of the equation, Ryan said they've tried to estimate how many of the 68 graduates might never have gotten a diploma without the alternative program.

While it's impossible to know for sure, he said, it's likely that more than half—perhaps 50 to 70 percent—would never have graduated without it.

Ryan covered the school's curriculum, attendance policies, graduation requirements, discipline procedures and other factors.

He also addressed certain myths and misconceptions, including the fact that students at the alternative school have it "easier" than other high school students.

"The consensus is that we're more lenient, but we're not," Ryan stated.

For example, he said, alternative students can miss no more than nine days per quarter, just like their counterparts at the "regular" high school. But unlike those other students, they are dismissed from the program, unable to return at the start of the next marking period.

Likewise, he said that students must pass all classes within the nine-week marking period. If they fail even one class, they are not allowed to return for the next quarter.

Ryan said Jack Reque students benefit from smaller class sizes and more individual attention from the two-person teaching staff of Kathy Seaman and Trina Nedeau.

They also have more opportunity for independent study, allowing them to catch up in core areas where they may be behind, and they learn in an atmosphere that is generally quieter and more relaxed than the standard high school environment.

Ryan said there is a growing recognition in American education that different students need different approaches to learn.

"Not all people are square pegs fitting into square holes," Ryan said. "There are some triangular pegs. There are some rectangular pegs."

According to Ryan, one of the most important program elements is that students feel more comfortable with those they perceive as peers.

"A lot of behavior problems you see at the high school go away when they get to alt. ed. because the kids are more comfortable with those around them," he said. "They're more comfortable among students they think are more like them."

One of the largest challenges facing the program is the location, Ryan said.

He presented statistics showing lower attendance rates since the move back into Manistique from Hiawatha Township.

Often, he said, students will leave class to use the restroom or go to hot lunch and not return—something that wasn't an issue at Hiawatha, where there was "nothing for four miles."

"This school is the hub of the town," said Ryan. "It's too easy for students to leave here or go meet their friends. There are too many distractions. It's kind of a fishbowl, and a fishbowl doesn't work for alternative students."

An even bigger problem is lack of space at the current site, which utilizes the former administration reception area and superintendent's office for two classrooms housing close to 30 students.

Ryan noted that Nedeau's room was once an office for one person. Now it's meant for

County approves master plan funding

Coastal Management grant and local match to make long-sought plan a reality

by Paul Olson
 The long-standing goal of developing a new master plan for Schoolcraft County appears well on its way to becoming reality at last. A Coastal Management grant has been received to pay for the project, and while the amount isn't quite as high as officials had hoped, the county's share of the costs has also gone down.

At their regular meeting Tuesday night, county commissioners received a report on the project from Zoning Administrator Paul Wood, who said the grant application authorized by the board last spring had been approved.

With a new master plan estimated to cost \$37,500, the county was seeking a grant of \$31,000, with the remaining balance to be paid by the county and townships. The county had agreed to pay \$3,000 of the local share.

Unfortunately, Wood said, the grant had come in at only \$26,000, leaving them \$5,000 short of their original goal.

The good news, he said, was that Coastal Management officials in Lansing had agreed to reduce the local match by \$1,500.

In addition, the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development (CUPPAD) Regional Commission had agreed to lower the fee it will charge for compiling the master plan.

Wood said CUPPAD was cutting its price because of the work done this year on a new countywide recreation plan by Dave Andersen of Michigan State University Extension. Much of the rec plan work can be incorporated into the master plan, so CUPPAD will accept a portion of Andersen's time as an in-kind payment.

The bottom line, Wood said, is that local governments now have to come up with only \$2,700. He is seeking \$1,600 from the townships and \$1,100 from the county.

Wood said he is asking inland townships to pay \$150 each and townships with Lake Michigan frontage to pay \$250, because of the Michigan Natural Features Inventory that will be done in shoreline areas as part of the master plan process.

While the federal government pays for all training expenses, they do not cover travel for the participants. Luoma estimated those costs at \$300 for each of the eight people who will be taking the trip.

The judge said establishing a local "drug and OWI court" has been a longtime goal.

The program utilizes a team approach to dealing with drug- and alcohol-related crimes, which Luoma said encompass 90 percent of all crimes committed.

Team members include the judge, a representative of the prosecutor's office, a defense attorney, representatives of substance-abuse treatment providers and law enforcement.

The goal of the program is to reduce the number of repeat drug and alcohol offenses.

Luoma said drug courts are "widely accepted across the country as being successful."

Studies available online appear to support that claim, showing recidivism rates for

Post Office open on Christmas Eve

The U.S. Post Office in Manistique will be open until 12 noon next Monday, Christmas Eve. Officials also note that regular carriers will make their regular deliveries on all routes that day.

All available Express Mail, Priority Mail and holiday

packages will be delivered on Tuesday, Christmas Day. Express Mail is delivered 365 days a year.

All postal retail facilities will be closed on Christmas. The Manistique office will reopen at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26.

Western Lime honored for its veterans support

The Western Lime plant in Schoolcraft County was recently honored by Michigan Works for its veterans support



The Western Lime plant in Schoolcraft County was recently honored by Michigan Works The Job Force Board as Business of the Year for the "Hire Vets First" program. Jon Johnson of Manistique, a member of the Job Force board, presented the award to Plant Manager P.J. Stoll. On hand for the ceremony were (from left) Johnson, Stoll, Western Lime employees and military veterans Brian Spens and Jeff LeBar, and Pat Trebilcock, director of manufacturing. Not pictured, company employee and veteran Todd Thill. (Submitted photos)

The area's newest manufacturing facility was recently honored by Michigan Works for its commitment to hiring military veterans. Western Lime's Port Inland plant received the 2007 Hire Vets First Business of the Year Award for Schoolcraft County.

The honorees were presented by officials from Michigan Works The Job Force Board. The ceremony took place in November, which was proclaimed by the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners as "Hire Vets First Month."

Hire Vets First is a national campaign created to build awareness about the value of hiring former members of the armed forces. Across the state, Michigan Works service centers are a key player in connecting veterans to veterans.

Wisconsin-based Western Lime began production at its \$40 million Mueller Township facility in May and celebrated with an official grand opening in August, attended by a number of dignitaries, including Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

The company manufactures lime and ships it to buyers around the U.S. and Canada, for use in steel manufacturing, papermaking and other applications.

Western Lime currently employs 27 people, with three—11 percent of the workforce—being former service members.

Those veterans—Brian Spens, Jeff LeBar and Todd Thill—were also honored during last month's ceremony.

"I would like to personally thank this and other fine businesses for realizing the benefits of hiring our nation's veterans—those who have served to protect our freedom and keep our country great," said Will Carne, president of Michigan Works The Job Force Board.

The agency notes that hiring veterans is a priority for Western Lime and many other businesses in its six-county central Upper Peninsula service area.

Businesses seeking more information on the Hire Vets First campaign or looking to find military veterans for their workforce, can contact the Michigan Works office in Manistique at 341-1111 or reach any Michigan Works Service Center in the state by dialing (800) 285-9675.

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Fish Report

Well, can you believe it? Christmas is almost here and a new year right around the corner. Where does the time go so fast, it seems about the time I get used to it being one year, a new one comes along. Are you all squared away for Christmas and ready to close the books for 2007? As the saying goes, "Ready or not here I come 2008!"

For Wife and me, 2007 was a special year because our baby girl had a daughter and would you believe it we are being overrun with teenage grandkids. It is hard to believe we are old enough to have teenagers for grandkids, but you have to remember you are only as old as you feel.

Someone asked me one time, why didn't Wife and I go down for the senior citizens programs. I said because that is where "old people" go and Wife and I don't feel like one of those folks even if the members of our birthday candles say we qualify. Would you believe it will be over 15 years of retirement for me in 2008? Time sure flies when you are having fun.

People are still talking about the past deer hunting season. It seems muzzle loading season followed the same lines as the regular firearm season. The only thing was a lot of deer had made their way towards or were already in some of the yarding areas. Those hunters I talked to said on one evening they would hear a few shots when on other evenings it was dead quiet. It will be interesting to see what the final numbers are for this

deer season. This past week I made a bridge run checking on my books and talking to the business owners where my books are sold. A total of 100 percent of them said their business was way-way down. I could also tell this from the pattern I had for book sales. After all these years you can pretty much tell hunters numbers on US-2 by how business is at Gustafson's Smoked Fish and King's Market in Nautinway, where it is almost a ritual for hunters to stop and stock up. What would hunting camp be without some jerky and smoked fish?

At both of these places they said hunter numbers were way down compared to other years. Almost all the people I talked to were also hoping for a good snowmobile season to make up for the lousy deer season. But here too they were worried because of all the snow in the Northern Lower and the gas prices 't' get up here. And you say you would like to be in business!

You know one thing I have come to learn about life is that there are times in life when it does not matter if you are 14 or 74. This past deer season seemed to reinforce this fact.

It seems there was a young hunter out hunting with his dad and they were both enjoying their time out in the woods together. One day as they were sitting in their blind a real nice buck worked his way in. Now I have always said the best thing to happen is for that nice buck to show up all of a sudden so you have to shoot before you have time to get a case of

By Ret. Sgt. John Walker

nerves or the shakes. In this case our young hunter managed to get his chance, but it was not meant to be and his buck was off and running.

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It seems our older hunter was sitting in his blind when a real monster buck came in. Now, this hunter has hunted for more than 50 years and shot who knows how many deer. But when this buck, which was one of the largest with a super rack he had ever seen, came in, he might as well have been the young lad hunting with his dad.

He said this deer was such a nice buck that his nerves got the best of him and as he pulled the trigger he knew he had "jerked" and clean missed him.

So you see hunting can be the same for those of us that hunt no matter what your age may be. But no matter your age the tale of these two bucks will live on in camp as long as these two hunters are still hitting the woods.

In closing, Wife and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and may you all take a moment and remember just why we enjoy this time of year like we do. We have all been blessed in one way or another in the last year and as families get together for Christmas dinner thank the one who made it possible.



The ice-fishing season has gotten off to a pretty good start for 17-year-old Karl Kemper. The Manistique High School senior, son of John and Jen Creighton, hauled in this 10 1/4 pound, 30-inch walleye while fishing last Sunday, Dec. 16. As for his fishing location, that remains a carefully guarded secret -- or as the family responded when asked where the fish was caught: "Right by the lips." (Submitted photo)

Agreement will keep Michigan ski trails groomed ... for now

An agreement between the Department of Natural Resources and the state Legislature will mean continued grooming of most state-owned cross-country ski trails through at least mid-January.

In November, the DNR had announced that 16 state-owned ski trails, including the Indian Lake trail in Schoolcraft County, would not be groomed due to cuts in general fund support for the State Forest Recreation Program.

The agreement to keep grooming the trails and plowing the parking lots was announced last week by the DNR and state Rep. Mike Lahti (D-Hancock), chair of the Natural Resources Subcommittee in the House.

Lahti said he worked closely with DNR Director Rebecca Humphries to secure enough funding to keep the trail sites open through the holiday season.

What happens after that will depend on the Legislature. "This budget agreement is contingent on the Legislature

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

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In addition to the Indian Lake trail, sites where the DNR will plow and groom include 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 in Chippewa County, Pine Bowl in Chippewa County, Wildwood Hills in Cheboygan County, Pine Baron in Oscego County, Muncie Lakes in Grand Traverse County, Pine Valley in Lake County, Mason Tract in Crawford County and Tisdale Triangle in Roscommon County.

The DNR is also continuing to work with organizations that have existing volunteer agreements to groom certain trails, including at least one in the U.P. — the Blueberry Ridge Pathway in Marquette County.

Program helps at-risk species

Over 99 percent of Michigan's native prairies and savannas have grown into a forest or have been converted to other uses such as agriculture and development. The Karner blue butterfly is an endangered species benefiting from dozens of landowners willing to manage their oak savanna. Chris Hoving, southwest DNR LIP biologist, has crunched the numbers and is seeing the gains firsthand. "In recent surveys, we were unable to find the federally endangered Karner blue butterfly on public lands in the Big-elow Creek area," Hoving says, "but the butterfly is thriving on the properties of landowners participating in LIP. I counted 377 on one particular property in a single day."

In the northern portion of the Lower Peninsula, the program focuses on restoring jack pine barrens. Jack pine barrens are native grassland openings found primarily in conjunction with jack pine forests, which historically were kept open by frequent fires. Over 99 percent of barrens have converted into forest in the absence of fire and consequently have the rarest species associated with them in this region of the state.

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Proceeds from Sleeper Lake Fire shirts going back to the community to help residents

Proceeds from the sale of T-shirts commemorating last summer's Sleeper Lake Fire have been donated to the Eastern Upper Peninsula Food Bank to assist Luce County residents in need. Officials with the Department of Natural Resources say shirt sales led to a donation of nearly \$1,900, with money still coming in.

The Sleeper Lake Fire, the third largest in Michigan history, was started by lightning on Aug. 2 and grew to 18,185 acres before it was controlled. The fire occurred about six miles north of Newberry.

"It is fairly common on big fires that shirts are designed to commemorate the firefighting efforts," says Scott Heather, DNR state wildfire supervisor. "Because the community rallied in such a supportive manner to assist the DNR and others during the Sleeper Lake

Fire, it was appropriate that proceeds from the shirt sales be given back to the community that gave so much to the firefighters."

The American Red Cross works closely with the Eastern U.P. Food Bank to help those in need, especially during the Christmas holidays. The donation from the shirt sales allowed the Red Cross and the Food Bank to purchase over 12,000 pounds of food.

During the four-and-a-half weeks the fire was active, residents in Luce County supported the firefighting effort in many ways, including taking in laundry and providing baked goods and lunch for hundreds of firefighters. Cash donations were made to a local food market, where supplies were purchased to help feed the fire crews. Organizations provided meals at no charge. Items of

items all kinds were donated, from socks and boots to energy drinks and more. A canteen with items for firefighters was opened, and those working on the blaze could pick up what they needed at no charge. In addition, many evenings saw citizens lining the streets, waving signs and cheering as the crews returned to town.

The DNR says the high level of support shown by residents and businesses saved the state thousands of dollars.

The commemorative shirt was designed by Bill Strrett, DNR forest unit manager in Cadillac, and was produced by a Baraga print shop.

Shirts are still available by contacting the Luce County Community Resource Recreation Center in Newberry, at Josie's Posies in Curtis, and at Papa Reggie's and the IGA store in Newberry.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS... SEASON'S GREETINGS... HAPPY HOLIDAYS... And Best Wishes To All!

Merry Christmas!

Rick Demers, Lisa Demers, Paul Olson, Heather Sprader, the press crew and all the weekly staffers

Letters to the Editor newsroom@pioneertribune.com

Dear Editor, I attended the matinee performance of "The Christmas Schooner" on Dec. 15 and was totally entertained by this delightful musical.

The Thompson Historical Advisory Committee and the many others who provided essential support, including technical assistance from Paul Olson, are to be commended for bringing this impressive production to Manistique during the holiday season.

Nancy DeWees Manistique

Dear Editor, Thank you to the Thompson Historical Advisory Committee for bringing "The Christmas Schooner," a musical, performed by the Gwin High School Drama Club, to Manistique.

These performers far exceeded my expectations. It was truly a Broadway quality production. A once in a lifetime experience.

Hats off to the director, David Dagenais, orchestra Kary Strazinski and Darren Smith, and the entire production crew.

My only disappointment was that the auditorium was not filled to overflowing capacity.

Kevin Thorrell Manistique

Dear Editor, This time of year, we are all so busy trying to figure out what to give this person and that person for Christmas.

My auntie, who is 93, is in Medicare in Manistique. She is very content there and is treated very well.

There are those among you that give all the time - and go unnoticed. I found that this Thursday morning by two ladies in your community named Alice and Kathy.

C.J. Smythette Marquette

I would like to reply to the recent article and editorial about the Nativity. It is interesting that in this age of greater communication we can hardly talk face to face with others.

I personally feel about this celebration can probably be most easily understood by those of you who have been blessed with children of your own.

From all of us at the Pioneer-Tribune to all of our readers:

Have a pleasant, peaceful, safe and happy holiday season!

Now, having said that, let Me go on. If it bothers you that the town in which you live doesn't allow a scene depicting My birth, then just get rid of a couple of Santas and snowmen and put in a small Nativity scene on your own front lawn.

8. Here's a good one. There are individuals and whole families in your town who not only will have no "Christmas" tree, but neither will they have any presents to give or receive.

9. Finally, if you want to make a statement about the belief in and loyalty to Me, then behave like a Christian.

10. Don't forget, I am God and can take care of Myself. Just love Me and do what I have told you to do.

11. I'll take care of all the rest. Check out the list above and get to work; time is short. I'll help you, but the ball is now in your court.

12. I have all the most blessed Christmas with all those whom you love, and remember: I LOVE YOU,

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The Presidential Candidates Who Stole Christmas

By Herman Cain

Last week on the presidential campaign trail, Hillary Clinton apologized to Barack Obama for a comment made by a senior staffer about Obama's teenage drug use.

Well! When do we get an apology for the intrusion of the 2008 presidential campaign on the spirit of our 2007 Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's celebrations?

This is supposed to be the time of year when we see and hear many stories of giving to others and exchanging gifts, instead of endless reports of political cat fights and exchanging political apologies.

All of this came about because of all candidates trying to get an early start on their 2008 campaigns over the other contenders, and early caucus and primary states trying to be the earliest in signaling the ultimate political party contenders and eventual president.

The candidates need a rest because some of them were beginning to look tired even under layers of makeup. And with less than 20 days left in 2007, it is unlikely any candidate will say or do anything that will significantly change the presidential political landscape.

"Democrats call for higher taxes on the rich" (Neelie Pickler, AP, December 13, 2007), and "GOP candidates call for cuts in spending" (Liz Sidoti, AP, December 13, 2007).

From the big stores downtown to the stores at the mall They would dash away, dash away, and visit them all!

And up on the roof, there arose such a clatter As grandpa hung icicle lights up on his brand new step ladder.

He hung lights that would flash. He hung lights that would twirl. Yet, he never once prayed to Jesus ... the Light of the World.

Christ's eyes ... how they twinkled! Christ's spirit ... how merry! Christ's love ... how enormous! All our burdens ... He'll carry!

Not instead of being busy, overworked, and uptight Let's put Christ back in Christmas and enjoy some good nights!

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WEEKLY WEATHER RECAP

Table with 5 columns: DAY, HIGH, LOW, PRECIP. Rows for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday.

A Look Back at the...

Pioneer-Tribune Archives

40 Years Ago December 21, 1967

The possibility of 100 percent state participation in the planned improvement of the Manistique Yacht Harbor was raised Monday night by City Manager Robert Noe at the regular meeting of the city council.

30 Years Ago December 22, 1977

Manistique's chances for placement of an Upper Peninsula veterans facility look just about as good as other cities vying for it. That was an opinion given by Schoolcraft County Board Commissioner Ed Way at the board's regular meeting Tuesday night.

20 Years Ago December 24, 1987

Circuit Judge William F. Hood was placed "on trial" at his retirement dinner Saturday night at the Manistique Manor, the delight of the 250 persons attending. Local attorney Bruce Plackow, serving as master of ceremonies, assumed the role of Judge U.R. Gillis and sentenced the veteran judge, stepping down after 18 years, to listen to the testimony of those who performed as "witnesses."

10 Years Ago December 24, 1997

A large crowd of skaters, city officials and volunteers who helped bring about completion of the Manistique multi-purpose building gathered Friday night, Dec. 19, at a dedication ceremony for the facility. Speeches from interim recreation superintendent Phil Hinkson, building committee chairman Dan Malloy and Mayor John Stewart preceded a ribbon-cutting that opened the facility's new ice surface for a free night of public skating.

Holiday weeks mean two early deadlines. The Christmas and New Year's holidays will change the deadlines for the next two issues of the Pioneer-Tribune. All advertisements, news, information and other materials for the issue dated Thursday, Dec. 27, must be delivered to our office no later than noon on Monday, Dec. 24.

Thanks for your cooperation ... and happy holidays! The deadline for the issue dated Thursday, Jan. 3, will be noon on Monday, Dec. 31.

Editor's note: The following poem, which has been circulating around the Internet for many years, was submitted by Bonnie Garvin of Manistique, who asked that it be reprinted here. T'was the night before Christmas and all through the town Not a sign of baby Jesus was anywhere to be found.

Letter to the Editor, I would like to reply to the recent article and editorial about the Nativity. It is interesting that in this age of greater communication we can hardly talk face to face with others.

Obituaries

Meta L. Bernier

Meta Lucy Bernier, 94, of Cornell, Mich., died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007, at the Bishop Noa Home in Escanaba, Mich., where she was a patient since 2001.

Meta was born in Garden, Mich., the daughter of Charles M. and Hatie M. (Farley) Winter on Aug. 28, 1913 and was raised in Garden.

After attending Garden Township Schools and graduating Garden High School as valedictorian in 1930, she attended Delta County Normal School, Western Michigan University, and Northern Michigan University. Meta subsequently taught school at Kate's Bay School and at the Garden Grade School.

On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, 1929, she married Eugene Joseph "Barney" Bernier in Garden and resided in Garden for a number of years until relocating to the Detroit area for 2.5 years during World War II. After Barney served in the U.S. Army, they moved back to Garden in 1945 and they owned and operated the "Garden House Restaurant" until 1963.

Meta returned to teaching in 1961 and taught at the Garden Township School in home economics and at the Fairbanks Township School with grades 1 through 4.

In 1963, she and her husband relocated to Pontiac, Mich. and Meta taught at St. Benedict's Catholic School for 11 years at the first and second-grade levels. She retired from there in 1975 and she and Barney have made their home in Cornell, Mich., since 1978. Eugene "Barney" Bernier preceded her death May 6, 2006.

Meta was a member of the Holy Family Church in Flat Rock, Mich., and its Altar Society. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sashabaw Plains Chapter, and its Gown Club. In addition, she was an honorary member of the Garden Historical Society and a life member of the Fr. Solanis Guild.

Survivors include: daughter, Becky (William) Gruber of Waterford, Mich.; son-in-law, Everett Kalishek, of Gladstone, Mich.; three brothers, Roy Winter of Manistique, Mich., Virgil "Bud" Winter of Garden and Vernon (Mary) Winter of Manisto, Minn.; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Genie Kalishek, in 2003; grandson, Scott C. Kalishek, in 1988; a sister, Marcella Thompson, and a nephew, Charles "Buzzy" Winter.

The family received friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holy Family Church on Wednesday, Dec. 19. A mass of Christian Burial followed at the church with Rev. Fr. Jose J. Maramattam officiating. Burial will be in the Garden Cemetery.

The Bernier family respectfully requests memorials be directed to the Garden Historical Society.

Please visit www.skradski-boycefuneralhomes.com to send a message of condolence to the Bernier family or to leave a favorite memory of Meta for the family to read.

Wanda B. Jessick

Wanda Bernice Jessick, 77, of Buckner, Mo., passed away Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007, at her home.

She was born March 19, 1930, in Oklahoma City, Okla., the daughter of Robert G. and Erma Snow.

Wanda worked as a waitress and later became a loving homemaker who enjoyed doing puzzles, crosswords and spending time with her family and taking care of her two dogs.

Survivors include: two sons, Buddy (Karen) Jessick and Gilbert Jessick both of Buckner; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three brothers-in-law, William Jessick and Myron Johnston of Manistique, Mich. and Donald Jessick of Huntsville, Ala.; four sisters-in-law, JoAnn (Donald) Kakesh of Manistique, Marsha (Charles) Lloyd of Marshall, Mich., Molly (Doug) Ryan of Arkansas and Myra (Dave) Vandehede, along with several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John (Jack) Jessick in 2005.

Services were held Monday, Nov. 26, at Speaks Buckner Chapel.

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hold a teacher and 14 students, and sometimes holds as many as 18.

Other issues include limited time for alternative students in the high school gym, which they are only allowed to use twice per week, and a feeling of "inferiority," which Ryan said came from years of "being pushed from location to location and never really having a place they can call their own."

He acknowledged that the board has a number of factors to consider in moving the program, including the cost, as well as the logistics of student transportation and daily food service.

Suitability of the Fairview and Hiawatha sites must also be determined.

Following the failure of the school-code inspections in 2005, Hiawatha Township performed a wide range of upgrades and repairs to the community center building.

Superintendent John Chandler said they still need to have new fire, mechanical and electrical inspections done before determining if it can now be used as a school.

After learning that the district, not the township, is to request those inspections, Chandler made contact with the appropriate officials.

"I hope we'll know if that building's a possibility before too long," he said.

Board member Mark Gianunzio asked Seaman and Neudeu if they would feel safe in a rural location like Hiawatha or Fairview.

The teachers both said safety was not a concern, that they had more discipline problems with students at the current site than at Hiawatha, and that the students themselves help keep order in the school.

Board member Daryl Lawrence asked if enrollment would increase at a larger site, and if that would require the hiring of another teacher.

Ryan agreed that enrollment could increase if they had the room. Among other things, he said, they could lower the ad-

mission age from 16 to 15.

"As early as next year, we could have 40 kids," he said.

As long as enrollment stays at 30 or less, Ryan said the current staff could handle things. Once the student population grew to 35 or more, it would probably be necessary to bring in a half-time teacher to work with special education students. That might mean hiring a new teacher or using the services of a current faculty member for part of the day.

Ryan stressed that a move to a bigger building was unanimously supported by the advisory committee, program staff and students.

A packet of information given to board members included several letters from pupils endorsing a move.

Ryan urged the board to do what was best for the students.

"We have the Emerald Elementary School now, and it's a nice, new building. But what about these students?" he said.

"I know we're only talking about two to three percent of our student population, but

they are two to three percent of our students."

He cited the phrase "separate but equal" and noted that the state and federal governments have been focusing on at-risk students with programs such as No Child Left Behind.

"If they're reaching out to these kids, and with 'separate but equal' as our backdrop, we have to do what we can at the local level," Ryan said. "We're not asking for anything differently than the other students get, but we are asking for 'separate but equal.' We have 20 to 30 kids in this program who de-

serve the best that we can give them."

Following the meeting, Board President Steve Latterman said they are continuing to weigh options for a new location, but that there is no timeline for a final decision.

In other business ...
• held a second reading and approved changes to athletic procedures and regulations. The changes, dealing with membership on the district athletic council, were introduced last month;
• rescinded last month's decision to lay off part-time

breakfast server Sandy Orr, a move that was to take place Dec. 21. Chandler said the workload at Emerald Elementary School does not make a layoff possible at this time;
• learned that Chandler had accepted the resignation of library aide Lisa Boudreau, who left to accept another position;
• approved a 50-cent per hour wage increase for pool employees;
• heard thanks from Chandler for the board's support following the Dec. 9 fire at his home.

Alt ed get favorable comments from board members, staff, former student

In addition to Monday's formal presentation on the Jack Reque Alternative High School, Board of Education members heard a number of other favorable comments about the 11-year-old program.

Those offering supportive remarks included Board President Steve Latterman, who viewed the program from the perspective of his job with the Michigan Department of Human Services.

Latterman said "fear of going back to school" is one of the biggest problems faced by teens who are returning from out-of-home placements, even those who have been in boot-camp situations.

"We lost a lot of kids because of it," Latterman said, noting that the existence of alt ed encourages some of those students to return.

"It's been kind of a lifesaver for many kids," he stated.

Bus driver Nadine Volz praised program students for their politeness.

Others addressed the need for the program to have a bigger location.

Board member Robyn Loviska said she had noticed the difference between classes at the old site in Hiawatha Township and the current crowded location in the high school administration building, which she described as "very tight."

Similar remarks were made in a letter from former board member Michelle Syers, who works with alt ed students in her job with the Michigan State University Extension. Her letter was included in an information packet presented to the board.

Noting that lack of space now requires her to teach nutrition classes in the adjacent recreation room, Syers wrote, "The administration building is just too small for this growing and successful program," Syers wrote.

High school teacher Shanna Anderson, a member of the Alternative Education Advisory Committee, addressed the location issue during the meeting's public comment period.

"A lot of people would be very surprised to see the kids in this setting," Anderson said. "This program is a very big asset to our district, and these

kids have been shuffled and shuffled and shuffled. They deserve a home."

A major endorsement for alt ed came in the form of a letter from program teachers Kathy Seaman and Trina Neudeu. The letter, which emphasizes the impact of the program, was included in the board's information packet and is reproduced here:

"On Nov. 9, 2007, we got an unexpected call from a former student. This particular boy was a graduate of the Class of 2005. While in school, he was always very polite to his peers and teaching staff, but he wasn't very motivated. He was your 'typical' lazy student. He was always tired and had excuses as to why he couldn't make it to school or even as to why he couldn't stay awake in class. His home life, like many of the students here, was rough. Mom and dad were divorced and he had a rough going living with just his mom at home. They had some very hard and trying times, all of which left him with 'baggage' which was apparent during the school hours too. We did our best to prepare him for the real world and were hopeful that some of the things we taught him would stick. Eventually, he did obtain his diploma but was too lazy to even attend graduation.

"So, you can imagine our surprise when the phone rang here at school on the afternoon of Nov. 9. This particular student was making a phone call from Iraq. He was now happily married and a member of the United States Army. He is currently serving a 15 month deployment in Iraq. He really had no family to call back here in the states, so he chose to call us and let us know what an impact we made on his life. He told us how thankful he was that we stuck with him and gave him a chance. He said that he now has learned so much discipline and realizes what he was missing as a young man. We both had a very nice conversation with him. It was absolutely amazing to hear such a success story. It's one of those things where you think, 'If I could only make the difference in at least ONE life.' AND WE DID! It is the stories like these that make this job and this school truly worth it."



Two teams of seventh and eighth graders from the Manistique Middle School recently competed in the U.P. Junior High Quiz Tournament, hosted by Consolidated Community School Services in Newberry. A total of 24 teams from schools around the U.P. faced off in the round-robin event. Pictured with their participation medals are the Manistique quiz-bowlers (Above, from left): Zach Lindemuth, Nicole Lawrence, Kenner Brulliere, Carolyn Mooi, Trevor Thill. Below (front row, from left): Ryan Gardapae, Sarah Casey. Back row: Adam Nagy, Shayna Morrison, Nosh Bauer. (Submitted photos)



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As part of its regular program to recognize individuals, businesses and organizations that make a difference in the county, the Thompson Township Board chose Pioneer-Tribune Editor Paul Olson as its December honoree. The certificate, presented above by Township Clerk Laurie Jasmin, acknowledges Olson for "countless hours of volunteer work" and his articles and editorials in the newspaper. It went on to state, "Your quote in 2002, 'Community service is the best feeling in the world,' says it all. Thompson Township recognizes that one person can make a difference and extends our gratitude for your work." Suggestions for future honorees can be submitted to any township board member or mailed to P.O. Box 174, Manistique, MI 49854. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

Group plans second chili cook-off

Local members of the Forgotten Eagles will host their second annual chili cook-off Saturday, Jan. 12, at 6 p.m., at the VFW Hall on Maple Street in Manistique.

The cost is \$10 a person, \$15 per couple, which includes all the chili and fixings you can eat. There will also be 50-cent draft beer, music, a 50-50 raffle and a silent auction.

Everyone is invited to enter the chili-making competition. Prizes for the best chili include \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place.

All profits from the event will benefit veterans-related projects throughout Michigan.

Perhaps best known for their annual motorcycle Ride Around Michigan, which takes place every summer to raise awareness and money for the state's Veterans Trust Fund, the Forgotten Eagles support veterans' projects all year long.

Upper Peninsula Chapter 1 also contributes directly to

Tribe posts board meeting dates

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has announced its schedule of meetings for the coming year, with two sessions planned for Manistique.

The schedule calls for the May 20 and September 18 meetings to be held in Schoolcraft County, at the Manistique Tribal Community Center on US-2.

General meetings of the tribal board are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month, with an open community hour for public comments beginning at 5 p.m. and the board session starting at 6 p.m.

Special meetings are typically held on the second and last Tuesdays of the month. They may be called at any time by the chairperson or a majority vote of the board.

General meetings, special meetings and workshops are open to the public unless posted as closed. The locations, dates and times of meetings are subject to change.

For agendas, resolutions and other information, go to www.saulttribe.com.

Cash winners announced

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

\$50
Karen Peterson (Peoples Store), Randall Knuth (Chuck Renze For).

\$25
Mary Hughson (Jack's SuperValu), Bill Jessick (Manistique Rentals Inc.), Heather Ross (Manistique Federal Credit Union), Sally Schurrer (Pamida).

\$10
Donna Barber (Shunk Furniture), Cindi Jasmin (Wells Fargo Bank), Ed Desjardens (Save-A-Lot), Marvin Brock (Linderoth Sales and Service), Ruth Annelin (Pamida).

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



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

Drop in our drawers

Like jury selection, Christmas often involves drawing names — and the outcome can be just as solemn.

You may know it by "gift exchange" or "Secret Santa," but a rose by any other name still wits. No matter who it involves — extended family, co-workers, or a flock of friends — Murphy sneaks into the group.

Ideally, the draw-er keeps his or her choice confidential, but as a youngster I had trouble with that concept. Instead I'd cast fleeting glances toward the future recipient and try to stifle my telltale giggles. So much for mystique.

Over time, I developed a poker face, but my fingers still mess up. They typically select someone hard to buy for — otherwise known as a "dud."

I have no earthly idea what to give these people and ponder the mission for days. They should be required by law to scrawl out wish lists with no less than five hints. And each tip should include preferred colors, styles and sizes. Don't just write "a shirt" and count on my ESP to kick in.

I offer present ideas freely so no one will think I'm a dud. Why, then, do I end up with a let's-get-this-shopping-over-with gift? Or worse, a pre-owned waltz.

I've gotten more than my share of "white elephants." You know why they're called that, right? Because you'd just as soon forget them.

To make it fair, the powers-that-be should set a dollar limit on gifts. But don't take it literally — like the goofus who spent a buck on me.

The smaller the group, the more likely we are to draw our

own name. Unwritten law dictates that we must try again, but why? Who knows better than I what I want for Christmas? Or is willing to spend big bucks on it?

Some groups set certain themes for gift giving, i.e. everyone wraps up a hat. So what if you don't want one. Use it to draw names from next year.

For families who live far apart or can't HAVE a hat, a web site exists to handle the swap. You input the data and www.drawnames.com does the rest. It also solves the problem of recalling whose name you drew. Unless you forgot your password too.

So maybe we should ban the whole tradition. And drop our draw-ers entirely.

Births

ROSSIER - SkyLee Jo Rossier was born to Bruce and Amy Rossier of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich, on Monday, Dec. 3, 2007. She arrived at War Memorial Hospital weighing 6 pounds, 11.9 ounces. She was 19.5 inches long at birth.

Awaiting her arrival at home was her brother Kyle.

Paternal grandparents are Stephen and Sandy DeRousha of Manistique.

Paternal grandparents are Bruce and Rita Rossier, also of Manistique.

VAN HORN - Josh and Kaila Van Horn of Manistique welcomed a baby boy, born Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007, at Marquette General Hospital. Kaden Michael Van Horn arrived at 11:20 p.m. weighing 8 pounds, 4.5 ounces. He was 20.5 inches long at birth.



Karen Riley of the Jolly Inn in Germtack holds up the "Grand Bone" trophy they received for winning the Humane Society of Schoolcraft County's Buck-A-Bone contest, which was held during the hunting season. Andy's Senny Bar and the 3-Mile Supper Club were runners-up in the competition, which sold "bones" to raise money for the HSSC's Eva Burrell Animal Shelter. (Submitted photo)

Festive Christmas theme highlights latest MCF party

Amid a busy season of celebrations and other festivities, the monthly birthday party at the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility took place on Dec. 12.

As always, the party was held in the facility dining room, which is usually decorated with a seasonal theme.

This time, the MCF staff outdid themselves, with Christmas décor from corner to corner. Rita Rossier's cakes were also sporting a festive holiday look.

Residents celebrating their December birthdays were Frances Kasun, Wanda Lamuth, Nila Kolinske, Henry Doyle, Bernard Smith, Fred Gundersen and Dawn Hansen. Each was presented with a handmade lap robe and a birthday card.

Music was provided by Slipped Disc Karaoke, which kept the party going for residents, staff and volunteers.

The sponsoring GRWC Madistiquette Women's Club was well represented, with a corps of helpers dressed for the holidays. This month's club volunteers included Dorothy Hoholik, Jeanne Gundersen, Ruth Jackson, Esther Czarnik, Fritz Nelson, Eleanor Broullire, Dora Tennessen, Irene Hinkson, Marg Seavoy, Betty Harding and Phyllis Toyra.

A pair of special surprise guests also dropped in on the party. The visitors were, of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus, whose appearance was made possible by Sagn and Amy Johnson.

The next MCF party is set for Wednesday, Jan. 16.

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Shown Fri-Thurs 7 p.m.
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Running time: 94
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Senior Center

By Connie Frenette

It's important to keep in mind what this season is about, the spirit of sharing and for caring for one another.

Let's make this season different, let's make the time to count our blessings, not our troubles and look beyond ourselves to the needs of others.

I shared a few more military addresses with you last week. Following my column, I was told that SSG Maxwell James, Jr. is now back home.

Thanks to the many contributors, we were able to send a package out to her son. Along with this, I would like to send the address: BML Jason A. Grimm, USCGC Aquindeck (WPB-1309) FPO AE 09564-3952.

I lost track of how many packages we were able to send, thanks to the many, many generous people in our area that contributed items and postage. I spoke with Sherri Nutt of "Support our Troops" and she also sends a big thank you.

Carol is off all of this week, spending time with family for the holidays. Don't be surprised if you get a call to volunteer. It is one of our busiest weeks.

Just a reminder that there are only two to three months left to our food pantry program following our December distribution yesterday. We will keep you informed as the time comes.

On Friday, the Center will come alive as we hold our annual Christmas party.

Tickets sell for \$9 per plate. Doors will open at 4 p.m. We will spend the first hour catching up on the news with old and new friends.

Following dinner we will be welcoming the group, "Un-speakable Joy." They are from Pembine, Wis. Let's cross our fingers the weather is fair, as they will be traveling a way.

Just a reminder that the offices at the Center will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24 and 25 so staff can enjoy the holidays with family and friends.

Monday, Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Service, Service of Carols, Readings, Special Music and Communion 7 p.m.

Manistique First United Methodist Church. Rev. Don Bedwell, Pastor. 203 S. Cedar St., corner of Elk. Call 341-6662 for further information.

delivered meals on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, also.

The offices will also be closed on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, to celebrate the holidays.

I have mixed emotions over the holidays. This will be my very first Christmas of not having both my girls' home.

I am excited about the holidays. This will be my very first Christmas of not having both my girls' home.

Hopefully, 2008 will ring in a better year. Unfortunately, I lost my 50-year-old brother-in-law on Memorial Day, followed by Uncle Lindsey.

Memorial donations have been received in memory of: Robert Thorell from Larry and Audrey Savoie and Doc and Peggy Beckman.

• Ernestine Barnas from the Thursday Craft Group. • DUPLICATE BRIDGE Nov. 28: 1st-Joyce LaTulip and Cleo Kochon, 2nd-Bibi Duquette and Eva Wendling.

• BRIDGE Dec. 3: 1st-George Lowman, 2nd-Audrey Savoie, 3rd-Harriet Kuhl, 4th-Ann Wilcock and Janice Redeker.

• BRIDGE Dec. 7: 1st-Bill Bellville, 2nd-Audrey Savoie, 3rd-Ray Krall, 4th-Larry Savoie, 5th-Grace, 6th-Cleo Kochon. Hostesses, Cleo Kochon and Doris DeMars.

• PINOCCHLE Dec. 5: 1st-Marie Sellman, 2nd-Don'a Nelson, 3rd-Carl Sundling, 4th-Nancy Casey.

• CRIBbage Dec. 6: 1st-Bill Robere, 2nd-Emma Hardy 500 Dec. 7: 1st-Don'a Nelson, 2nd-Marie Sellman, 3rd-Muriel Hamiel.

Birthdays this week: Dec. 19- Herb Bowens. Happy birthday wishes to you!

Quick and Easy ALMOND CRESCENT COOKIES. Makes 2 to 3 dozen cookies. 1 cup butter, softened. 1/4 cup powdered sugar. 2 tsp. vanilla extract. 1 tsp. water. 2 cups flour. 1 cup very finely chopped almonds. Additional powdered sugar, to coat the cookies.



The GFWC Manistique Women's Club has released a wrap-up report on their sixth annual High Tea, a fund-raiser and social event sponsored each year by the club, the Comfort Inn and Big Boy.

LMAS offers safe holiday celebration tips

Editor's note: The following article was supplied by the LMAS District Health Department. As you participate this holiday in celebrations with family, friends and co-workers, toasting to the coming year, remember this: Someone in America dies in an alcohol-related crash every 33 minutes.

Employee's involvement in a crash: soaring medical insurance premiums, worker's compensation, lost productivity and damaged employee morale. Impaired driving is a violent crime that accounts for more than one-third of all traffic fatalities every year.

- 1/2 a banana. Blend until smooth and pour into a tall glass. Christmas Punch: 2 cups water, 1 cup sugar, 4 cups cranberry juice, 4 cinnamon sticks, 12 cloves, 2 cups orange juice, 1/2 cups lemon juice, 2 cups pineapple juice, 1 qt ginger ale. Boil water and sugar. Add cranberry juice and spices. Cook five minutes and strain. Cool. Add other chilled juices and ginger ale before serving.

Art group sponsoring beadmaking workshop at the Bonifas Center

To reserve a place in the class, call Janice Paulin at (906) 786-3102.

Orientation is scheduled

Bay de Noc Community College has announced several upcoming orientation sessions for online students.

The first session will take place Tuesday, Jan. 8, from 4:30 p.m., in Room 908C at the main campus in Escanaba.

A second orientation will be held in Escanaba on Wednesday, Jan. 16, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in Room 908B.

An additional session will take place at Bay College's west campus in Iron Mountain, on Jan. 8, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

College officials highly recommend the orientation sessions, noting that they will provide important information to help students be successful in online courses.

To sign up for one of the sessions, contact Peg Bartel at (906) 786-5802, ext. 1209, or by e-mail at bartelp@baycollege.edu. You can also contact Ann Sebeck at ext. 1304 or sebecka@baycollege.edu.

Hope It Plays Your Way!

Here's hoping your holiday season hits all the high notes. It's been a privilege and a pleasure serving you this past year. Merry Christmas!

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A Note Of Thanks At The Holiday Season

We have 2 big THANK YOU messages... 1- The Board of the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter thanks mBank, its' employees, patrons and friends for their November fundraiser to aid the homeless, but very adoptable, pets of Schoolcraft County.

2- Thank you to our local Pemmle store, the employees, and all the patrons who bought baked goods, raffie tickets and gave monetary donations for the animals at the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter on Dec. 15. Also, thanks to the bakers who gave of their time and money to support the bake sale.

THANK YOU to the wonderful people of Schoolcraft County who contribute in so many ways and make a big difference for the pets that our facility shelters until suitable homes are found for them.



Manistique First United Methodist Church. Rev. Don Bedwell, Pastor. 203 S. Cedar St., corner of Elk. Call 341-6662 for further information.

Thursday, December 20, 2007

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ACROSS

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Answers for Dec. 13 puzzle on Page 3B

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

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're in a playful mood this week. How all at once gets the job done for you.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) For the most part you're in a good mood.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) To take a break from the holiday, holiday bills rolling in next Don't allow this to spoil Dec. 25.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You're in a very cheerful mood.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You're in a very cheerful mood.

DOUBLE TAKE
By Mark Szorady
Find at Least Seven Differences Between Cartoons
A cartoon showing a man fishing and a cartoon showing a man fishing in a different way.

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 - forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

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County Board Continued from A1

Commissioner John Zellar, a member of the LMAS board, said he would contact that agency and investigate the possibility of funding.
Also Tuesday, the board voted unanimously to take approximately \$20,000 from the county's delinquent tax revolving fund to pay off the loan and outstanding fees owed through an energy-savings program entered more than four years ago.

The county agreed to participate in the Northern Lights Revolving Loan Fund program in 2003. It called for them to borrow money for certain energy-efficiency improvements in the courthouse.
Loan payments were made from the utility "savings" achieved after the upgrades, as calculated by a company called Energy-3, which partnered with the Michigan Technical Education Center at Bay College for the program. Any additional savings was then divided between the company and the county.

For example, if a utility bill was \$100 before the improvements and \$10 less afterwards, \$5 would go to pay off the loan and the remaining \$5

would be split between the county and energy-3.

At several recent meetings, commissioners said the program was proving to be too costly and questioned the savings reported by the company, wondering if lower energy bills were merely the result of milder weather.
Looking to get out of the program, the county was told they could cancel the agreement by paying off the \$14,400 loan balance and approximately \$10,000 in energy management fees they still owed.

John Zellar then called the company and negotiated a fee that was approximately \$4,000 less, bringing the payoff from roughly \$24,000 to \$20,000.
In other business...
Voted 3-1 to reject the recent request from Probate Judge William Carmody to reinstate the full-time enforcement officer position in the Friend of the Court office.
The board agreed to stay with the original budget, which reduced personnel in the office to one full-time and three part-time employees, a cut of approximately 20 percent from last year. Aldrich cast the only dissenting vote.
Approved the annual snowmobile, ORV and marine enforcement grants for the

county Sheriff's Department.

Each of the grants requires a local match, which is provided by user groups and other private donations;
Approved a number of appointments, including: Lois Hohlolik to a four-year term on the Commission on Aging; Jim Barr and Toni Rozich to terms on the Environmental Education Laboratory Committee; Omer Doran, Ernest Hohlolik and Peggi Arnold to the Community Action Agency Board;

Program Continued from A2

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Mark McCune to the Planning and Zoning Commission; Ernest Hohlolik to the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Appeals Board; John Stapleton Jr., Lynn Norton and Bill Reid to the Zoning Board of Appeals; Nick Bosonic as the city representative to the County-wide Department of Public Works;

voted 3-1 to reappoint longtime Economic Development Corporation board member and current EDC chair

Meg Wnuk to a new six-year term. Wnuk was one of two people to submit a letter for the position. The other candidate was Linda Zellar. Aldrich, Peggi Arnold and Gerald Zellar cast his vote for Linda Zellar.

held a closed-door executive session - the second conducted by the board in recent weeks - to discuss "personnel issues" at Schoolcraft County Public Transit.

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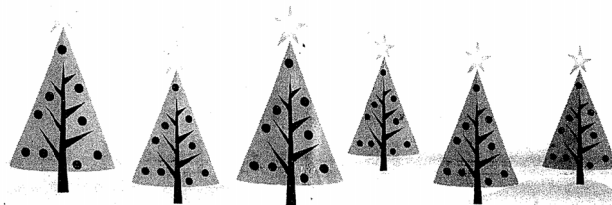
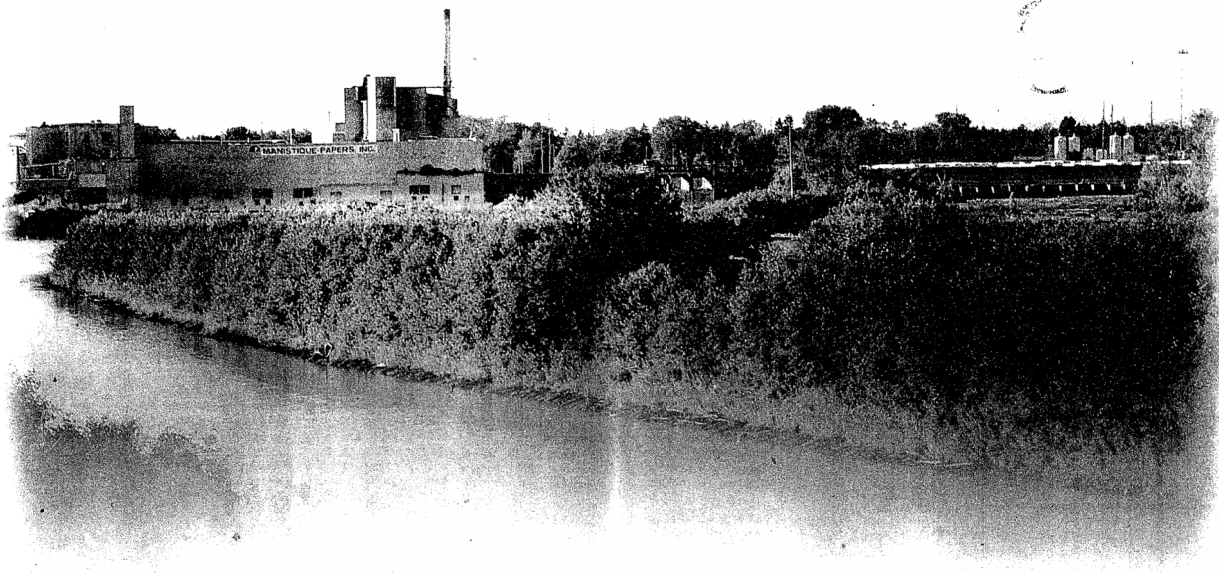
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

*May you and your family
enjoy all the beauty and wonder of the holiday season.*

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PAPERS

Grapplers host home meet, then take on downstate squads at 'Bridge Brawl'

The Manistique Emerald wrestlers hosted their first home match of the year Dec. 12, going up against varsity grapplers from two larger schools, Escaraba and Sault Ste. Marie.

Manistique lost their bout with the Soo 49-27, but had five athletes nab a victory.

Timmy Marks, Bill Krehbiel, Brian Martz and Dakota Lewis each earned six-point wins, while Mike Jenerou put three points on the Emerald scoreboard with a 7-3 decision.

Manistique's Alex Rubick fought hard but dropped a 5-3 match to Luke Flygare.

"This was a great match between two very good wrestlers," said Emerald coach Everett Wood.

Manistique didn't fare quite as well in their match with the Eskymos, who, according to Wood, "gave as an old-fashioned trip to the woods."

Rubick and Ryan Peterson each got pins, but when the dust had settled, the Emeralds found themselves on the short end of a 71-12 score.

Two days later, Manistique made its annual trek to the Bridge Brawl tournament in Rudyard, where schools from the Upper and Lower peninsulas face off on the mats.

What was supposed to be an eight-team field expanded with the arrival of wrestlers from Alpena.

The Emeralds took on the Alpena squad, as well as Frankfort, Charlevoix, Mancelona and Cheboygan.

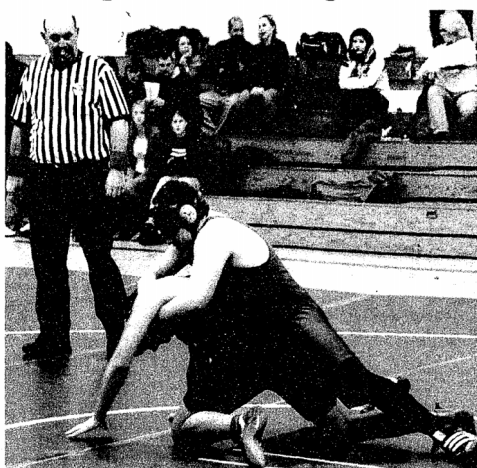
They beat Frankfort 48-18, with pins by Timmy Marks, Krehbiel, Martz, Jenerou, Brandon Brown, Rubick, Conrad Jewett and Peterson.

Charlevoix proved to be a tougher battle, with the Emeralds losing 50-30. Winning by pin were Jenerou, Brown, Tim Marks, Rubick and Peterson.

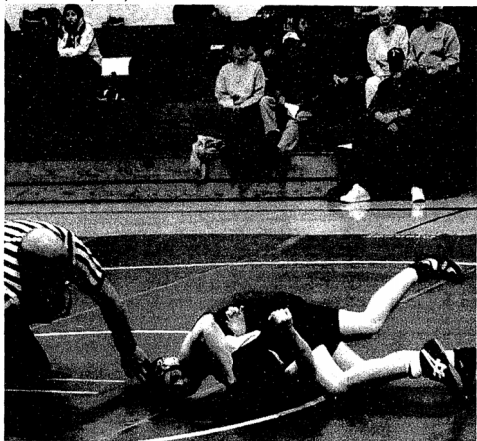
The Emeralds came out fast against Mancelona. Tim Marks, Rubick, Jewett, Timmy Marks, Krehbiel, Martz, Jenerou and Kyle Edwards all recorded pins as the team fought its way to a 48-36 victory.

Cheboygan was also a close battle, and went all the way down to the last match, but the Emeralds fell short with a 48-36 loss.

Alpena then handed Manistique a 66-18 defeat. Winning for the Emeralds were Timmy



Action from last week's home wrestling meet at the Bonifas Gymnasium, the first event for local wrestlers in front of a Manistique crowd this season. Above: Wrestling at 215 pounds, Dakota Lewis went up 5-1 after a near fall in the first period, then pinned Sault Ste. Marie's Joseph Cravelle with 1:32 left in the second. Below: Wrestling at 119 pounds, Bill Krehbiel pins Lisa Petrich of the Soo two minutes into the first period. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)



Mark, A.J. Rodrigues and Jenerou. Three Emeralds medaled in the tournament. Jenerou went undefeated. Rubick and Peterson ended the day 4-1. Timmy Marks, Tim Marks and Martz all finished at 3-2. The team will be idle over Christmas, returning to action, with the Escanaba Elks Invitational Saturday, Jan. 5.

Junior varsity 5-1 after wins against Gwinn and Westwood

The Manistique Emeralds junior varsity improved its record to 5-1 with a 68-55 win over Gwinn last Friday and 62-45 victory against Westwood Tuesday night.

It was a struggle to get ahead for both teams in the first half of Tuesday's Mid-Peninsula Conference match-up. Behind a 13-point effort by D.J. Lambert in the opener, the Emer-

alds managed to hold a 29-28 lead when the half came to an end.

Coming off the break, the Emeralds started strong, put together a 17-0 run, and led 47-30 when Lambert hit one from the free throw line.

Scoring early, the Emeralds' monster defense held Westwood without another point until the final seconds of the

third period. Gunnar Mickelson scored eight of his 13 points in the third.

The Emeralds managed to maintain a double-digit lead throughout the final period, thanks to a nine-point contribution from Anders Broullire down the stretch.

Lambert led the Emeralds with 21 points. Broullire added

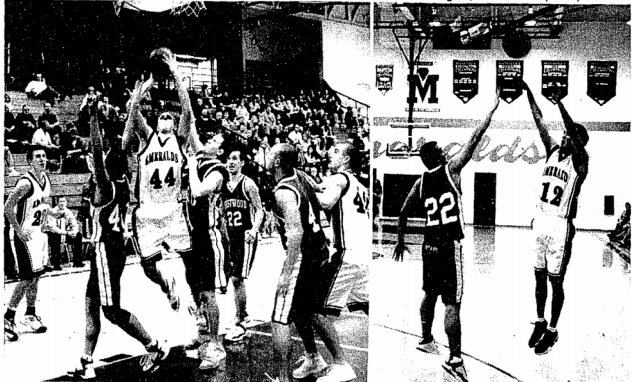
15, Mickelson 13, Zack Weber seven, Greg Vaughan four, Tom Mercier two.

Mickelson paced the Emeralds' offensive attack with 21 points in the win over Gwinn. Lambert added 10, Mat Baker 10, Weber nine, Mercier seven, Broullire six, Vaughan four, Mike Latterman one.

Manistique will play host to Gladstone tonight (Thursday).



Action from Tuesday night's home victories against Westwood. Above left: D.J. Lambert puts up two of his 21 points in the third quarter of the JV game. Above right: After coming up with the ball at the other end and driving the length of the court, Gunnar Mickelson lays it in for two of his 13 points in the JV win. Below left: Driving hard to the basket early in the varsity game, Scott Giles is fouled by Westwood's Austin Kennedy. He hit the front end of two from the line and went on to score six points in the game. Below right: Corey Gonyea nailed three buckets from long-range in the varsity win, including this one over the arms of Brandon Frisk. Gonyea netted 13 points on the night. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)



Full-team efforts are key as Emeralds grab two more wins

If you are a sports fan, you know there are stats for everything. Now this year's Emerald varsity squad has added one more to the list, one you don't hear of very often.

Early in the 2007-2008 season, all 11 players on the roster have scored in three of the four Emerald wins, while nine of 11 scored in the other.

That full-team effort led to two more solid victories for the Emeralds over the past week.

At home against Gwinn last Friday, a 27-point effort in the second period led to a 67-44 Mid-Peninsula Conference win for Manistique.

Tuesday, the Emeralds jumped out early and finished strong, recording a 63-43 win over the visiting Patriots from Westwood.

"It was a good win tonight," coach Ed Marietti said. "Westwood is a quality team. They are big and very disciplined on the offensive side of

the court. They started off hitting their shots and we started a little stagnant but not setting up and not playing as fluid as we can. But then we jumped on them, scored eight quick points, got up by 20, and were able to control it from there."

Ahead 6-3, the Emeralds went on a 12-4 run, started by a triple by Corey Gonyea, and held an 18-9 lead at the end of the opening period.

Back-to-back baskets from three-point range by Gonyea pushed the Emerald advantage to 17 (31-14) late in the second quarter.

Westwood took advantage of a poor Emerald start to the second half and cut the margin to eight before Manistique got back on track.

A bucket by Josh Mickelson at the halfway point in the third period broke the ice for the Emeralds.

Manistique pushed its lead back to 14 when Mickelson netted his ninth point of the

night late in the quarter.

The Emeralds took control early in the final stanza and held their largest lead of the night (53-32) when Mickelson went to the air, pulled in a pass from Cody Kangas, and sank his final bucket of the night.

"This was a nice effort. Once again we got everyone in the scoring column and held them to under 50," Marietti said. "At this point in the season, we are still a work in progress. We are not where we need to be, but we are getting there. Week in and week out, we are getting a great effort from everyone."

Gonyea and Cody Kangas

netted 13 points each to lead the Emeralds. Mickelson added 12, Scott Giles six, Terry Martin five, Jared Turan four, Garde Kangas three, Brandon Lawrence, Dustin Demers and Joe LeDuc two points each, Scott Zellner one.

Mickelson led the Emeralds with 10 points in last week's win over the Modeltowners. Martin and Demers added nine points each, Giles and Garde Kangas eight points each, Turan, Cody Kangas and Gonyea five points each, Zellner four, LeDuc one.

Manistique will host the Gladstone Braves tonight (Thursday).

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Emerald boys take two meets, girls split in final swim action before holiday break

The Emerald boys had a good week in the pool, winning swim meets on the road at Westwood (84-53) Dec. 12 and Rudyard (82-79) Dec. 17.

The Manistique girls split in their meets, falling to the Patriots 92-74 but bouncing back to top Rudyard 92-82.

Coach Beth Aldrich continues to like what she sees from her teams.

The boys took nine out of 12 first-place awards against Rudyard, with strong results from some of the younger athletes.

Trevor Birr captured a first place and two thirds. Cole Demers finished with two firsts and two thirds. Cody Kayser added a pair of thirds, a second and a third.

"These younger swimmers are a great addition to our team," Aldrich said.

The Emerald girls also saw good performances, with personal bests recorded by Gabi Peters, Christine Kemper and Shannon Woelherth.

At Westwood, the Manistique girls were able to stay close to a very strong team, recording a pair of first-place finishes and nine seconds.

"The girls are turning in improved times in every meet, and our depth is earning us points," Aldrich said.

The bout with Westwood was a tight one for the Emerald boys, but strong performances from Kyle Loup, Scott Clark and Marcus Bosanic helped lift them past their Mid-Peninsula Conference foes.

The Emeralds are now in their Christmas break, with swimming action not set to resume until Jan. 7 with a meet at Gwinn.

Results vs. Westwood
Boys: Manistique 82, Westwood 79
Girls: Westwood 92, Manistique 74

Emerald results
First place finishes: Reid, diving; Aldrich, 100-yard backstroke; Clark, Bosanic, Loup, Jeel Smith, 200-yard medley relay; Loup, 200-yard freestyle; 500-yard freestyle; Clark, 50-yard freestyle; 100-yard backstroke; Bosanic, 100-yard freestyle; 100-yard breaststroke; Spencer Burns, diving; Clark, Bosanic, J. Smith, Loup, 200-yard freestyle relay.

Second place finishes: A. Smith, Boudreau, Aldrich, Kieffer, 200-yard medley relay; Kemper, 200-yard individual medley; A. Smith, 50-yard freestyle; 500-yard freestyle; Peters, 100-yard butterfly, 100-yard backstroke; Aldrich, Reid, Kemper, Smith, 200-yard freestyle relay; Kieffer, 100-yard backstroke; Henry, Reid, Boudreau, Kieffer, 400-yard freestyle relay; J. Smith, 200-yard individual medley; Demers, 100-yard backstroke; L. Mooi, Demers, Kayser, Birr, 400-yard freestyle relay.

Third place finishes: Woelherth, A. Mooi, Peters, Henry, 200-yard medley relay; Aldrich, 200-yard freestyle; Boudreau, 200-yard individual medley; Nord, 100-yard freestyle; Woelherth, 500-yard freestyle; A. Mooi, Marks, Hickey, Himes, 400-yard freestyle relay.

Results vs. Rudyard
Boys: Manistique 84, Rudyard 53
Girls: Manistique 92, Rudyard 82

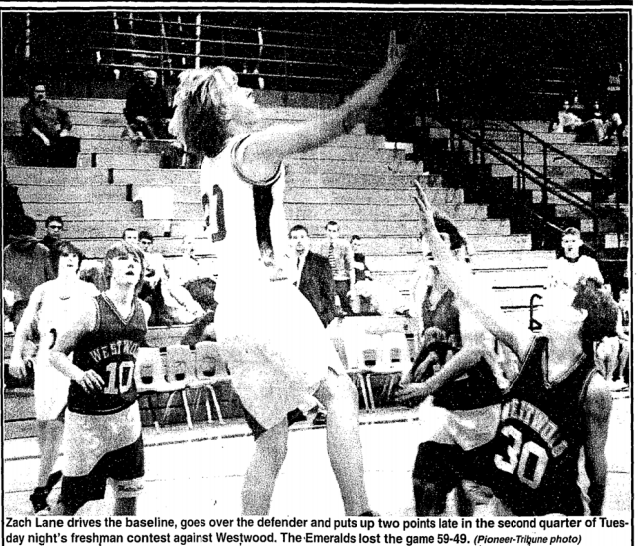
Emerald results
First place finishes: Kelly Aldrich, 100-yard butterfly; Abby Smith, 500-yard freestyle; Gabbie Kieffer, Christine Kemper, Hannah Boudreau, Danielle Reid, 200-yard freestyle; Gabi Peters, 100-yard backstroke; Reid, diving; Scott Clark, Marcus Bosanic, Kyle Loup, Cole Demers, 200-yard medley relay; Loup, 200-yard freestyle, 500-yard freestyle; Cody Kayser, Clark, Bosanic, Loup, 200-yard freestyle relay; Clark, 100-yard backstroke; Bosanic, 100-yard backstroke; Luke Mooi, Kayser, Demers, Trevor Birr, 400-yard freestyle relay.

Second place finishes: A. Smith, 500-yard freestyle; Pohlman, Kemper, Jenerou, 200-yard medley relay; Reid, 200-yard freestyle; Himes, 50-yard freestyle; Haley, Lakosky, Marks, Hickey, 200-yard freestyle relay; Kemper, 100-yard backstroke; Kayser, 200-yard freestyle; Demers, 100-yard freestyle.

Third place finishes: Shannon Woelherth, Franziska Sauer, Peters, Pohlman, 200-yard medley relay; Kemper, 200-yard individual medley; Emily Nord, 100-yard freestyle; Woelherth, 500-yard freestyle; Maiorie Lakosky, April Hickey, Nord, Woelherth, 200-yard freestyle relay; Sauer, 100-yard backstroke; Kieffer, 100-yard backstroke; Anna Mooi, Peters, Nord, Vanessa Himes, 400-yard freestyle relay; Birr, 200-yard freestyle, 100-yard freestyle; Demers, 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard backstroke; Kayser, 100-yard backstroke.

Fourth place finishes: Hickey, A. Mooi, Kemper, Henry, 200-yard medley relay; Pohlman, 200-yard freestyle; Boudreau, 50-yard freestyle; Henry, 100-yard freestyle; Cassie Haley, Rachelle Marks, Vanessa Jenerou, Himes, 200-yard freestyle relay; Sauer, Lakosky, Haley, Marks, 400-yard freestyle relay.

Fifth place finishes: A. Mooi, 200-yard freestyle, 100-yard freestyle; Jenerou, 50-yard freestyle; Marks, 100-yard backstroke; Kemper, 100-yard backstroke; L. Mooi, 100-yard freestyle.



Zach Lane drives the baseline, goes over the defender and puts up two points late in the second quarter of Tuesday night's freshman contest against Westwood. The Emeralds lost the game 59-49. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

Varsity girls topple two of three M-PC foes on the road

The Mountaineers couldn't outrun the avalanche created by the constant pressure of the Lady Emeralds varsity basketball team Friday night.

Coming off a 43-29 win over Gwinn Thursday, Manistique accomplished a pre-season goal by upending Iron Mountain 41-38.

Trailing by two (23-21) at the half, Manistique edged the Mountaineers by one in the third, then built a seven-point lead late in the final quarter.

Despite 27 turnovers, the Emeralds held on to hand the Iron Mountain girls their first loss of the season.

"One of our goals was to beat them this season," said Manistique coach Laurel Ashbrook. "After a nice win in Gwinn, the girls had a real hunger, and it was that hunger that drove them to win tonight."

Kayla LaMuth led the Emeralds with 12 points in the Mid-Peninsula Conference battle. Bailee Lawrence and Melanie Neddow added eight points each, Kim Vallier seven, Allison Cook six.

The trips to Iron Mountain and Gwinn caught up with the Lady Emeralds Tuesday as they headed to Westwood for

their third consecutive tilt on the road.

Trailing by six (28-22), things fell apart for Manistique in the third quarter. The Emeralds gave up 26 points in the eight-minute stretch, while getting just four of their own.

Finding themselves on the short end of a 28-point deficit, Manistique finally managed to stem the bleeding, but could only keep pace with the Patriots in the final period.

"The old adage, 'if anything can go wrong, it will go wrong,' proved to be the case for us in the third," Ashbrook said. "We succumbed to their pressure, had 13 miscues and gave up eight offensive boards in that quarter alone. The girls hustled and caused some problems for Westwood, but the third quarter was the nail in the coffin for us."

LaMuth led the Emeralds with 13 points. Vallier added 12, Cook and Lawrence six points each.

Manistique was 17 of 43 from the floor, three of six from the free throw line.

Fast starts spur JV hoopsters to victories

Fast starts have been a key for the Lady Emeralds junior varsity basketball team early this season, and coach Craig Hepker credits this team's last three wins to precisely that style of play.

Playing back-to-back-to-back games on the road against a trio of Mid-Peninsula Conference rivals, the Emeralds improved to 6-1 with a 46-21 win over Gwinn, a 74-48 defeat of Iron Mountain and Tuesday night's 56-45 victory over Westwood.

"We got out to three very fast starts, kept our level of intensity up for the most part, and came away with very good wins on the road," Hepker said.

Last Thursday against

Gwinn, the Emeralds opened up an 11-point lead by holding the Modetowners to just two points in the opening period of the contest.

Behind the red-hot shooting of Abby Wood, the Emeralds had increased their lead to 19 (29-10) by the time the first half came to an end.

Wood led the Emeralds in the win with a season-high 17 points.

Just like the first half, Manistique came out strong after the break and shut down any signs of offense by Gwinn, while increasing their advantage to 25 (37-12) at the end of the third.

The next night, the Lady Emeralds jumped out to a double-digit lead and outscored

Iron Mountain in three of the four quarters. With four players in double figures, Manistique bettered their offensive output at Gwinn by one point and cruised to a 26-point win over the Mountaineers.

After shooting 45 percent from the floor against the Modetowners, Wood nailed 62 percent of her shots from the floor Friday to share high-scoring honors with Marcy Holohik. Each finished the night with 20 points.

Ashlee Henry added 12 points, Emily Hepker 10, Carlie Kangas six, Chantal Albright four, Nichole Tenuta two.

"Abby had a breakout performance for us on the road," Hepker said. "It was nice to

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The Schoolcraft County Road Commission will not be plowing local roads on weekends unless there is an accumulation of snow greater than 4".

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The park will also offer several guided ski excursions through the backcountry this winter, with trips planned on Jan. 26 and Feb. 16.

According to Theresa Gratton, park interpreter with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, participants will explore the more remote areas of the park.

With a route that will cover a minimum of nine miles over moderately hilly terrain, the four-hour trip are recommended only for those with previous cross-country experience — particularly on non-groomed surfaces.

Pre-registration is required. Call (906) 492-3415.

In addition, Tahquamenon Falls will host guided snowshoe hikes and nighttime cross-country skiing every Saturday in February.

The hikes will begin at 4 p.m. A limited number of snowshoes will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Snowshoeing is easier than it looks," says Gratton. "It's great for all ages, and no experience is necessary."

The skiing sessions will run from 6 to 8 p.m. on the lantern-lit three-quarter mile cross-country loop. Participants will have a good view of the falls by moonlight.

Gratton says they will also have a bonfire going, so skiers can warm up between laps.



The students in Kathy Brown's fifth grade class at Emerald Elementary School had a special treat last Friday, when they enjoyed a pizza party — their reward for collecting the most in their building during a recent food drive. The project was part of the annual TV & Canathon, spearheaded locally by Good Neighbor Services and sponsored at MAS by the high school UVO and YETI groups. Altogether, students collected 2,217 pounds of food for those in need, including 1,177 pounds at the middle and high school, 1,040 pounds at Emerald Elementary. YETI sponsored the reward for the middle and high school winners, Kristin Marana's seventh grade class, which collected 340 pounds of food. Good Neighbor Services sponsored the pizza party for Brown's class, which collected approximately 300 pounds. Coming in a close second at the elementary school were Nancy Sherman's third graders. (Submitted photo)

District Court

Dean Martin Beaudre, 50, of Manistique, pleaded guilty in 93rd District Court to operating a motor vehicle while impaired by liquor (11/07). He was assessed \$45 state costs, \$300 probation oversight fees, \$450 statute costs, \$50 crime victim rights assessment, \$300 statute fine, \$100 state police expense reimbursement, \$1,245 total. He was sentenced to three days in jail with credit for one day served applied. Two days are to be served or completion of 24 hours community service. He was also placed on probation for 12 months.

Roy Donald Burns, 50, of Manistique, charged with vehicle registration violation (11/07). Assessed \$110.

Raymond Albert Derousha, 64, of Manistique, charged with being over bait limit (11/07). Assessed \$125.

Alyson Merica Korpi, 79, of Kingsford, charged with driving 69 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone (11/07). Assessed \$100.

Donald Lee Leonard, 37, of Manistique, charged with trailer registration violation (10/07). Assessed \$110.

Kevin Arnold Nicholson, 17, of Manistique, pleaded guilty in 93rd District Court to possession of marijuana (11/07). He was assessed \$45 state costs, \$300 probation oversight fees, \$400 statute costs, \$50 crime victim rights assessment, \$350 statute fine, \$1,145 total. He was sentenced to five days in jail with credit for two days served applied. He was also placed on probation for 12 months.

Rygar Alan Swagart, 22, of Cooks, pleaded guilty in 93rd District Court to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (10/07). He was assessed \$45 state costs, \$100 state police expense reimbursement, \$350 statute fine, \$300 probation oversight fees, \$50 crime victim rights assessment, \$602.86 restitution, \$400 statute costs, \$1,847.86 total. He was sentenced to 75 days in jail and received credit for one day served. Two days are to be served or completion of 24 hours community service. Balance will be held over 12 month's probation. Optional jail term 75 days.

Kenneth Arthur Veitengruber, 47, of Germfask, charged with being over bait limit (11/07). Assessed \$125.

Manistique Public Safety Department Log

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

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007
9:45 a.m. Dog complaint, Bear Street
10:45 a.m. Lockout, U.S. Highway 2
12:07 p.m. Assault, Main Street
3:50 p.m. Harassment, within city of Manistique
4:05 p.m. Open door, Walnut Street
8:45 p.m. Assist, Steuben Avenue

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007
8:30 a.m. Stalking arrest, Manistique resident arrested for felony aggravated stalking and lodged in the Schoolcraft County Jail
11 a.m. Two car property damage accident, U.S. Highway 2 at Cedar Street
12 p.m. Stalking, conducted search warrant regarding prior arrest
12:24 p.m. Lockout, Cedar Street

Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007
3:03 a.m. Suspicious situation, River Street
7:45 a.m. Electrical fire, Shunk Road
10 a.m. Dog complaint, Manistique Avenue
10:13 a.m. EMS, transfer to Green Bay
11:30 a.m. Department of Public Works request, U.S. Highway 2
11:36 a.m. Possession of cocaine, Cedar Street
12:36 p.m. Be on the lookout for unauthorized driving away of automobile, vehicle from Sault Sainte Marie location
3:40 p.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette

Friday, Dec. 14, 2007
8:55 a.m. Traffic hazard, Maple Street
1:35 p.m. Suspicious person/well being check, Cedar Street
1:50 p.m. Lockout, Garden Avenue
4:25 p.m. Two car property damage accident, Third Street
8:05 p.m. Larceny, Cedar Street

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007
1 a.m. Be on the lookout for individual operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, Cedar Street
11:45 a.m. Animal neglect, Manistique Avenue
1:05 p.m. Department of Public Works request, U.S. Highway 2 and M-97 Highway
2:55 p.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette
10 p.m. EMS, Hiawatha Township
11:25 p.m. Harassment, within city of Manistique

Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007
11:15 a.m. Property dispute, Fifth Street

Monday, Dec. 17, 2007
4:15 a.m. Department of Public Works request, U.S. Highway 2 and city streets
8:15 a.m. School bus passing violation, Oak Street
11:05 a.m. Threats, River Street
12:23 p.m. Dog complaint, Manistique Avenue
2:07 p.m. Improper parking, Cedar Street
4:05 p.m. EMS, within city of Manistique
4:50 p.m. Disorderly subject, within city of Manistique
8:50 p.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette

3:30 p.m. Emergency Medical Service (EMS) - transfer to Marquette
4 p.m. Larceny, Manistique resident arrested and lodge at Schoolcraft County Jail for same
5:15 p.m. Vicious dog, Deer Street
6:02 p.m. EMS, within city of Manistique
10:50 p.m. Hit and run property damage accident, Maple Street
11:36 a.m. EMS, transfer to Green Bay
11:30 a.m. Department of Public Works request, U.S. Highway 2
11:36 a.m. Possession of cocaine, Cedar Street
12:36 p.m. Be on the lookout for unauthorized driving away of automobile, vehicle from Sault Sainte Marie location
3:40 p.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette
5:03 p.m. Department of Public Works request, city of Manistique streets
8:55 a.m. Traffic hazard, Maple Street
1:35 p.m. Suspicious person/well being check, Cedar Street
1:50 p.m. Lockout, Garden Avenue
4:25 p.m. Two car property damage accident, Third Street
8:05 p.m. Larceny, Cedar Street
11:45 a.m. Animal neglect, Manistique Avenue
1:05 p.m. Department of Public Works request, U.S. Highway 2 and M-97 Highway
2:55 p.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette
10 p.m. EMS, Hiawatha Township
11:25 p.m. Harassment, within city of Manistique
11:15 a.m. Property dispute, Fifth Street
11:30 a.m. harassing phone call, Fifth Street
11:49 a.m. EMS, within city of Manistique
7:15 p.m. Department of Public Works request, U.S. Highway 2
Monday, Dec. 17, 2007
4:15 a.m. Department of Public Works request, U.S. Highway 2 and city streets
8:15 a.m. School bus passing violation, Oak Street
11:05 a.m. Threats, River Street
12:23 p.m. Dog complaint, Manistique Avenue
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Two of the most prestigious historically black institutions in the nation get together to present a concert featuring their trademark mixture of spirituals and carols. 12/25 at 10am

CHRISTMAS IN SUPERIORLAND 2007

A wide-ranging collection of sacred and secular music from one of this year's Marquette Choral Society concerts held the first weekend in December at the St. Peter's Cathedral. 12/25 at 1pm

CLASSIC CHRISTMAS

Music of the Baroque — Brass and Choral Holiday Concert Diverse nationalities, tempos and musical styles, are reconciled through the power of music, and glorious harmony is the result. 12/21 at 10am

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE COUNTRY 2007

Enjoy the best of holiday music-making from churches, concert halls, auditoriums and town halls coast to coast. 12/21 at 12pm, 12/25 at 9pm

ADVENTURES - Story of the Bells

Karl Haas with his annual program of bell sounds from around the world. 12/24 at 1pm

JAZZ & BLUES

A House of Blue Lights Christmas Irreverent Images of Santa with Bill Hart. 12/21 at 3pm

A House of Blue Lights R&B Christmas featuring The Bobs. 12/22 at 11pm

Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz Christmas Special: Guests from seasons past, present, and future share their favorite memories and musical performances of Christmas classics and original holiday tunes. 12/23 at 2pm

Jazz Piano Christmas XVII Encore performance features New Orleans keyboard legend Allen Toussaint, Eric Reed, Jovino Santos Neto, Nancy King and more. 12/23 at 3pm

Jazz Piano Christmas XVIII Live concert mixes established jazz stars with promising newcomers to offer unique jazz interpretations of holiday favorites. 12/23 at 4pm

A Night Studio Christmas Hans Ahlstrom presents a selection of jazz Christmas classics. 12/24 at 10pm

FOLK, CELTIC & ECLECTIC

A Paul Winter Solstice Concert "World" musician Winter explores the multi-cultural solstice tradition. 12/21 at 8pm

A Sound Spectrum Christmas Hans Ahlstrom presents jazz and new-age holiday music. 12/22 at 10pm, 12/25 at 3pm

HOLIDAY STORIES & TALK

Tinsel Tales: NPR Christmas Favorites Holiday stories from the NPR archives with David Sedaris, Bailey White, John Henry Faulk and others. 12/18 at 12pm, 12/25 at 8pm

KWANZAA

A Season's Griot 2007 Traditional tales and music from African and African American peoples. 12/27 at 3pm

NEW YEAR'S

Watch Night Stories, music, poetry and song celebrate the Emancipation Proclamation and Freedom's Eve. 12/26 at 3pm

The Capitol Steps New Year's Edition Our favorite Capitol Hill Comedians welcome in the New Year by reviewing the old. 12/28 at 10pm, 1/1 at 3pm

Toast of the Nation Count down, sing along, and dance the night away with live music from coast to coast and four celebrations of midnight. 12/28 at 8pm

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