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The weather was perfect, the flags were waving, and several thousand people lined the route as Schoolcraft County's annual Independence Day Parade wound its way through Manistique last Saturday, led by the All-Vets Color Guard. Among the bands appearing were the Manistique High School marching band and the Newman Navy League Cadet Corps Band, which also played at the marina before the fireworks that night. Parade dignitaries included Grand Marshal Don Martin, Schoolcraft County Senior of the Year Norma Johnson, Miss Schoolcraft County Randi Vaughan, Little Prince Christian Lawrence and Little Miss McKenna Ozanich. (Pioneer-Tribune photos)

## Lake Michigan rescue, other calls keep deputies on the go

It was a busy Independence Day weekend for personnel from the Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department, who responded to three possible drowning incidents in just over 24 hours.

The first call came at 11:22 a.m. Saturday, when deputies were called to the northwest corner of Indian Lake, where a 15-year-old girl was reported to be in the water, in distress or possibly unconscious.

Deputies and a Department of Natural Resources officer arrived at the home on Ash Road, where they discovered the girl out of the water, unharmed, having just had mechanical problems with her personal watercraft.

Just before 5 p.m. that day, Sheriff's officers were called out again, and with the assistance of the Sault Tribe Police Department responded to Lake Michigan, about a mile and a half south of Manistique, where a paddleboat had overturned, leaving two people in the water.

The officers launched the sheriff's department boat from the Manistique Harbor and hurried to the scene, quickly locating the subjects and pulling them aboard.

According to Deputy David Maddox, 39-year-old Wisconsin resident Robin Robbert and his 13-year-old daughter had left from Southtown Creek for a cruise to the Manistique lighthouse when a rope on the bow of their boat became entangled in the paddle, causing them to overturn.

Robbert told the officers that he attempted to swim and pull the craft to shore, but was unable to make any progress due to the current.

Robbert and his daughter were cold but unhurt. Officers brought them and their boat safely to the Manistique River launch site.

The final incident was reported at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, July 1, when deputies were called to the Manistique River in Germflak to help look for a 17-year-old female who had possibly drowned.

Fortunately, said Maddox, the officers were called off before arriving, when the girl was located unharmed.

Maddox said the weekend was busier than usual, but part of the territory for deputies, who include the area's rivers and lakes in their jurisdiction.

The Sheriff's Department assigns two deputies to patrol the county's inland lakes from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Maddox explained, but even when off active duty, all officers and department resources are on standby in case of emergency.

Maddox noted that the department also has an excellent working relationship with other departments, frequently participating in joint marine patrols with officers from the Sault Tribe and DNR.

The department also counts on the assistance of 911 personnel at the Michigan State Police Negaunee Regional Dispatch Center.

"They really came through for us," Maddox said. "Their speed and accuracy was really appreciated. They did a fantastic job on a very busy weekend."

Maddox said the incidents on Indian Lake and Lake Michigan both had the potential to be deadly, but all parties involved were wearing personal flotation devices.

"The Sheriff's Department always recommends that," he said. "In this case, you saw how important it was. It might well have saved some lives."

## Road Commission hiring a new engineer-manager

Employees question reasons, costs, promised benefits of Kelso hiring

by Paul Olson

It appears the Schoolcraft County Road Commission will be hiring a new engineer-manager. In front of a packed, sometimes angry house at their June 27 meeting, commissioners voted 3-0 to approve an employment contract negotiated with Craig Kelso, pending approval of the document by the county prosecutor.

Kelso, a former engineer at the Michigan Department of Transportation's Newberry office, has been the engineer-manager of the Mackinac County Road Commission for the past eight years.

At a previous meeting, commissioners had agreed to hire Kelso, if a satisfactory contract could be worked out.

The terms of the deal were negotiated in a 40-minute closed-door executive session at last week's meeting and approved when the board reconvened in open session.

The three-year contract calls for Kelso to be paid a starting salary of \$90,000 a year, escalating to \$95,000.

Asked by commissioners to sign the document, Kelso declined, saying he wanted to "think on it."

Kelso was also unable to answer when he was able to start work, saying he had six months remaining on his contract in Mackinac County.

"If they release him sooner, he can start sooner," Commissioner Bernard Lund said.

The prospect of hiring Kelso drew a full audience to a meeting, many of them Road Commission employees who raised numerous concerns about the decision.

Also on hand were two members of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners, John Zellar and Louis Lauzon.

Zellar opened the evening's public comment by reading a statement, in which he urged road commissioners to postpone the hiring.

Noting that Kelso was the only applicant for the engineer-manager's job, Zellar suggested that a larger pool of applicants could have been found if the wage scale had been advertised.

Zellar also advised the Road Commission to continue under its current structure, which has been in place since the contract with former engineer-manager Greg Gaffney was terminated last year.

Since then, there has been no engineer on staff and managerial duties have been carried out by Bert Vail, the Road Commission's long-time office manager.

Zellar said keeping that arrangement in place and using a part-time or contractual engineer when needed would save money, which could be used for road projects and hiring additional employees.

Zellar also said the road commissioners should do a thorough background search before hiring anyone, including checking with former employers and peers, as well as township and county board members in Mackinac County. He also advised checking references and determining why Kelso wanted to change jobs.

"We have time," Zellar said. "I can't see hiring an engineer for a while, when we are getting along without one and saving money."

Many of the employees raised similar issues, saying they'd repeatedly been told that the Road Commission had no money, that they couldn't afford new full-time staff, and could use only temporary workers.

If that was true, several asked, how could they now afford to hire an engineer-manager for \$90,000 a year?

Several described that amount as one of the highest engineer-manager's wages in the state, comparing it to the amount paid in downstate Oakland County.

"This wage thing is out of whack. You can't justify it," said one. "He's going to be overseeing 25 or 30 people and being paid the same as Oakland County? That doesn't make any sense."

Others suggested keeping the current system in place until Vail's anticipated retirement in the next 18 months to two years.

"We've been doing good the way it is now," an employee told the board. "If we keep it like that, we'd be a lot better off. Most of the guys are happy. This is what we want, and it would save a lot of money."

Asked why he was interested in coming to Schoolcraft County, Kelso said he was looking for a new challenge.

"Maybe I'm bored," he told the audience.

He also stated that his goal was to make the Schoolcraft County Road Commission "one of the best around."

When several employees pointed out that the Road Commission already earns high marks for its operations, Kelso said he was aware of that.

"You have a very good reputation, but we have to keep that," he said. "I'm not criticizing your current operations, but you have to stay solvent. Revenue has been flat since 2000, and costs are up 150 percent. I'm here to keep you people working and make improvements to the roads in the county."

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## Manistique's Presbyterian Church celebrates 120 years

by Paul Olson

At a special service last Sunday, nearly 100 people gathered to help Manistique's Church of the Redeemer Presbyterian mark its 120th anniversary.

Organized June 23, 1887, the church building was dedicated the following year and still stands in its original location at the corner of Lake and Main streets.

According to a history prepared by Dorothy Shipman and Mary Louise Holbein for the church's golden jubilee in 1937, the local Presbyterian story began in the winter of 1887, when Rev. J. Payson Mills arrived in town, carrying snowshoes and a turkey on his back, stopped at the offices of the Chicago Lumber Company, and reported that he'd been sent by the Lake Superior Presbytery to investigate the formation of a church.

"The little lumbering community by now had Baptist, Scandinavian and Catholic churches, and a Methodist church under construction," the book stated.

Mills' request was greeted favorably, and he soon had 23 signatures on a petition, asking the Presbytery to organize a church.

Later that year, Mills returned with Rev. John Ferris of St. Ignace to complete the process.

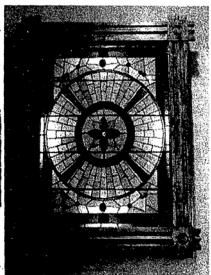
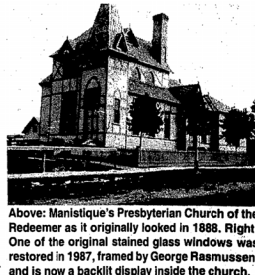
The first church meeting was held in the south wing of the Central School, with 15 members participating.

Charter members were listed as Corwin Adkins, Hattie Adkins, Murdock Buchanan, Janey Currie, Duncan G. Currie, John Creighton, Robert D. Johnson, Henry L. Johnson, John D. Messereau, Ada Phippeny, William H. Simmons, Alfred J. Simmons, Cora Simmons, William B. Thomas and Nellie Walker.

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McLean preached the first sermon in the new building.

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Above: Manistique's Presbyterian Church of the Redeemer as it originally looked in 1888. Right: One of the original stained glass windows was restored in 1987, framed by George Raasmussen, and is now a backlit display inside the church.

## County names 'Frenette Lane'

The road into Pines Park has been given a name.

At their June 28 meeting of Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to name the road Frenette Lane, in honor of long-time commissioner Lindsey Frenette.

Frenette, who served in local government for 53 years, many of those on the County Board of Supervisors and later the Board of Commissioners, was stepped down from office at the end of 2006.

During his tenure, he was known for a strong interest in recreational issues and as a vocal advocate for maintenance and improvements at the Pines Park facility, located east of Manistique, next to the county airport.

Commissioners said it was fitting to name the park entrance road in his honor, and to do it while Frenette could enjoy the tribute.

"A lot of times we do these things after someone is gone," said John Zellar, who replaced Frenette as District 1 commissioner and made the motion to name the road. "I think it's a good idea to start doing it before, while they're still around."

Frenette, who recently turned 80, celebrated the occasion with family, friends and former colleagues during a party last weekend at Pines Park.

Viewing early pictures of Anniversary Continued A7

### Fish Report

By Ret. Sgt. John Walker

Well, we are officially into the tourist season up here in the north woods, the only question now is how busy will it be. There seems to be a few more moving around this week with it being a holiday week.

There has been quite a few fishermen heading way out on Lake Michigan and doing pretty well. The weather itself has been interesting with it being so hot for a while, and then we went into a period where there was actually a little bite in the air.

Last week we had enough frost in some areas to put a real hurting on some gardens. Right here along the lake we did not get hit as bad. I guess only in Yooperland can you worry about a Fourth of July frost.

If you are a regular reader of the Fish Report you know I have written articles before about the fact the tax payers are now paying for two of everything. It seems like the federal government is more and more encroaching on states rights in the area of hunting and fishing. We the tax payers are now paying for both state and federal law enforcement and when this happens someone has to pay the bills.

This being the case it is no wonder you are more and more reading about these organizations coming up with new ways to pay the bills. This past week I was reading an article where the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service want to charge a \$30 fee for trappers to trap in some of the federal refuges.

Could this be the start of something new? Could you not see where a trapper, hunter, and other user's of federal forest and other federal areas had to purchase a stamp like a duck stamp along with their state permits? Don't laugh because you have about a zillion professional bureaucrats that have nothing to do but figure out how to collect more money from people to pay for their programs, some of which should never have come to be in the first place.

I was sent something the other day that maybe better explains how we get took by government.

A cowboy was watching his herd in a remote backwoods pasture when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced out of a dust cloud towards him. The driver, a young man in a Brioni suit, Gucci shoes, Ray Ban sunglasses and YSL tie, leans out the window and asks the cowboy, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and

calves you have in your herd, will you give me a call?"

The cowboy looked at the man, obviously an Expart, then looked at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answered, "Sure, Why not?"

The Expart parks his car, whips out his Dell notebook computer, connects it to his Cingular RAZR V3 cell phone, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite navigation system to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo.

The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany. Within seconds, he receives an email on his Palm Pilot that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses a MS-SQL database through an ODBC connected Excel spreadsheet with email on his Blackberry and, after a few minutes, receives a response.

Finally, he prints out a full-color, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet printer and finally turns to the cowboy and says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves."

"That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves," says the cowboy.

He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on amused as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car. Then the cowboy says to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my call?"

The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, "Okay, why not?"

"You're a bureaucrat-expart for the U. S. Government," says the cowboy. "Wow! That's correct," says the Expart. "But how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required," answered the cowboy. "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew to a question I never asked. You tried to show me how much smarter than me you are; and you don't know a thing about cows."

"This is a herd of sheep, now give me back my dog."

Do you ever get the feeling you had met some people that would fit this little tale and the sad thing is they are running the show?



The Humane Society of Schoolcraft County recently presented the prizes in its fourth annual pet photo contest, which took place last winter. Above left: Second-place winner Amber Olson, who received a custom-made pet photo license plate of her Yorkie, Moose Louise Olson. Right: First-place winner Cindy Jenerou, who received a framed professional photograph of her pet bunny. Not pictured: Patty Rogala, who won the third-place prize, a T-shirt of her cat from Design on a Tee. Winners in the contest are chosen by area residents, who cast monetary votes for their favorite pet photographs, which are displayed on boards at area businesses. Proceeds from the contest help support the ongoing operation of the HSSC's Eva Burrell Animal Shelter. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

## MUCC hires director

The Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) last week announced the hiring of Dennis Muchmore as their new executive director. Muchmore replaces Sam Washington, who stepped down from the organization's top post last spring, and Policy Director Donna Sline, who had been filling the position on an interim basis.

An avid sportsman with a love for fly fishing and pheasant hunting, Muchmore has served as a lobbyist for the MUCC on many conservation issues over the years, including Michigan's bottle deposit bill.

"The Michigan United Conservation Clubs has worked for 70 years to protect Michigan's important natural resources and great outdoors," said Muchmore. "It has led the conservation movement in Michigan, and is considered one of the great statewide conservation organizations in the country. I want to ensure that we carry that leadership forward. The need for a strong voice for Michigan's outdoors has never been greater."

Muchmore was selected following a search that began in February and was conducted by a committee comprised of



Dennis Muchmore, new executive director of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

MUCC board members, executive committee members and the public at large.

As director, Muchmore will manage the organization, direct media relations, spearhead fundraising and promote the MUCC's core conservation mission.

He was a founding partner of Muchmore, Harrington, Smalley and Associates, a Michigan public affairs firm, and currently is "of counsel" to the company.

Most recently he has served as an executive vice president of DHR International, the nation's fifth largest executive recruiting firm.

Along with serving on several corporate and educational boards, Muchmore is a member of the advisory committee of the Michigan State University Public Policy Program. He has served as vice president of

the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and consultant to the Michigan Senate Select Committee on Municipal Finance.

Bob Garner, past MUCC treasurer, life member, and former producer and host of their flagship television show, "Michigan Out-of-Doors," gave Muchmore and the search committee a ringing endorsement.

"Dennis is absolutely the best person they could have chosen out of a field of great candidates," Garner said. "It shows me that the committee knew their mission, understood what kind of leadership we needed for the organization, and selected exactly the right person at the right time. Dennis will be great, not only for the MUCC, but for all those who care about Michigan."

Newly re-elected board president Don Meixner, also a member of the search committee, concurred.

"Dennis has terrific insights, ideas, and a great vision for the future of the MUCC," he said. "He brings a fresh energy that will help us embark in new directions as Michigan's first voice for conservation."

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By Tom Earle-Bridges

It was a beautiful Sunday morning and I intended to take my morning cup of coffee out to the garden and contemplate my navel for a short while.

I hadn't been sitting there for more than a couple of minutes when, out of the blue, an antlered deer popped into my field of vision. Despite my yowls I wasn't going to do it, I had ended up buying a few tomato plants.

Since I don't have anywhere I can plant them in the ground, I dug the half barrel home

I couldn't for the life of me think of anything large enough, and just as importantly, decorative enough to put them in.

As I was sitting there that morning, sipping my coffee, I suddenly remembered the oak half barrel that was leaning up against the greenhouse wall. Originally, the barrel had seen life as a piece of furniture. Remember those chairs and tables that were so popular back in the 70s? That's what this had been. I originally found the half barrel years ago, tossed amongst a pile of garbage a thoughtless citizen had disposed of alongside a rural back-woods road. It was obvious to me that had once been a tub-chair had been there for some time. All the upholstery, padding and legs were long gone. All that remained to indicate it had at one time functioned as a piece of furniture were the rusting upholstery springs and numerous tacks and staples.

Being a firm believer in the fact I saying that one man's garbage is another man's treasure, I lugged the half barrel home

where, for a short period of time, it served as a fountain in the greenhouse. After a while, the pump that had powered the fountain died and I had emptied the water, and leaned the half barrel against the greenhouse wall. There it sat for at least a year or more, awaiting its next reincarnation.

Being both large and decorative, it was just the thing to plant the tomatoes into.

I'm finding that I'm getting to the age if I don't act on an idea immediately after it occurs to me, I'll totally forget it. So, despite the fact I was barefoot and wearing only my pajama bottoms, I leapt out of my chair, found the barrel, grabbed a shovel, scooped up some compost and planted the tomatoes.

From conception to final completion, the whole project took no more than 15 minutes. And to think the day before, I had spent hours ruminating over what to do.

I welcome your comments. You may reach me via email at [td@earthlink.net](mailto:td@earthlink.net).

## Forest Service crews and volunteers fight and contain fire near Jug Lake

On Friday, June 29, crews responded to a fire near Jug Lake, west of Manistique in the Hiawatha National Forest. On Monday afternoon, before rain moved into the area, the fire was reported to be "contained but not controlled."

According to Gary Olson, acting fire management officer for the national forest, the 15-acre fire, which appeared to be human-caused, is located on private land in young scattered acre pine.

Wildland firefighters from the USDA Forest Service and volunteers from area fire departments worked from Friday through Sunday to contain the blaze, which burned near homes located beside Jug Lake.

Campgrounds are located on nearby Chicago and Camp Seven lakes.

On Monday afternoon, Olson reported that crews were using a thermal imaging device to detect hot spots.

He praised "firefighters" for keeping the fire away from the homes while ensuring the safety of all firefighters and the public.

Olson also used the incident to highlight the importance of fire safety.

"The Jug Lake fire reminds us all that, even though we've had some rain over the past few weeks, fire still poses a danger," Olson said.

He reminded residents and visitors that the Department of Natural Resources requires permits for burning brush, and that the use of fireworks on national forest land is both dangerous and illegal [see box].

## Fire warning issued

In light of elevated fire danger in the region, officials with the Hiawatha National Forest are reminding people about several safety precautions in place over the Fourth of July holiday and beyond.

First, they note, fireworks are not allowed on national forest lands.

Also, all legal campfires should be attended at all times and should be extinguished "dead out" when you leave.

For more information, contact the local ranger district office at 341-5666 or call (906) 474-6442.

## Seney offers variety of ways and times to tour the refuge

Upcoming programs at the Seney National Wildlife Refuge include a variety of ways to tour different parts of the refuge property.

Seney is once again holding its annual "Wildlife Wednesdays." The free backcountry wildlife tours run from 7 to 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday in July and August. The guided auto tours include areas normally open only to biking and hiking. Visitors have a chance to see loons, eagles, swans, deer, beaver and other wildlife.

This year, morning guided tours are also being held

throughout the summer, giving everyone the chance to join staff members for a casual drive through the refuge.

The tours, which typically last about two hours, begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 16, Friday, July 20, Saturday, July 21, Sunday, July 22, Friday, July 27, Sunday, July 29, Monday, Aug. 27, and Tuesday, Sept. 4.

In addition, Seney is hosting "Pedaling Through the Refuge" bicycle tours, which take

place at 3 p.m. on six Fridays—July 6 and 27, and Aug. 3, 10, 24 and 31.

Everyone is invited to participate in the rides. If you don't have a bike, you can rent one from Northland Outfitters in Germfask.

For more information on any of the tours, or other programs at the wildlife refuge, stop by the visitor center, call (906) 586-9851, ext. 15, or send e-mail to [jennifer\\_mcdonough@fws.gov](mailto:jennifer_mcdonough@fws.gov).

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Editorial Perseverance

The recent vandalism of Project Petunia baskets [see letter to the editor below] is upsetting. Even more upsetting is the fact that this senseless destruction hardly even qualifies as news anymore.

But that doesn't mean it can be ignored. Vandalism is more than an attack on buildings, property or other physical objects. It is an attack on the entire community.

It certainly carries a practical cost, easy to calculate with paper and pencil, but the emotional cost is even greater. Vandalism strikes at our hearts. It sneers at us. It crushes the things we appreciate and enjoy. It spits on our values. It ridicules our ideas of what a community can and should be and cruelly mocks the people who work so hard to make those dreams a reality.

In a few brief seconds of boredom, anger or just plain idioicy, vandals send us all a very clear message. They let us know in no uncertain terms that they hate us and everything we stand for.

As luck would have it, we found ourselves addressing this very topic in an editorial that appeared five years ago this week. That piece saw us searching for the reasons behind vandalism, some ways to explain why it happens, but having no luck.

Some quotes: 'Apologists struggle to find excuses for vandals' behavior, turning the blame around and saying it's the community's fault because we don't offer enough youth activities, one diversion for young, active minds and bodies. While no one disputes the benefit of offering more for our young people, using that need to explain vandalism is the worst kind of "blame-the-victim" thinking. It highlights the syndrome that's besided this country in recent years, the failure to take responsibility for one's own actions.'

"Likewise, some people try to cast the blame at local law enforcement, saying these problems wouldn't happen if we would just patrol a little more often, a little more aggressively. As if Public Safety does nothing but sit on its hands. As if we have unlimited resources to hire more officers and buy more vehicles to chase vandals. As if the perpetrators can be excused for what they did because, well, after all, it's not their fault because no one was around to stop them."

Five years later we still find it impossible to come up with an adequate explanation for vandalism. Five years later we still have no patience with those who would justify or explain away the vandals' actions, who would shift the blame to some other entity or shrug it off by saying "kids will be kids."

The fact of the matter is that vandalism is never going to go away or be adequately explained. It is an act of thoughtless, heartless, mean-spirited stupidity, with no reasonable justification and, regrettably, no real solution.

As a community, we essentially have two choices. We can sigh and turn away, say "What else is new?" and go on with our lives. Or we can admit the problem, face up to it and deal with it; guard against it the best we can, report it whenever we see it, aggressively prosecute the perpetrators when caught, come together to pick up the pieces afterwards, and lend support - emotional, physical and financial - to the organizations, agencies and private citizens that it affects.

Thankfully, Manistique and Schoolcraft County are strong places, full of many more dreamers, builders, fixers and doers than destroyers. We are, at our core, a good community with good people. We're more than capable of standing up to those who would knock us down, replanting what others would trample and repairing what they would break. We get angry, and rightfully so, but we also dust ourselves off and get right back to work. We know that the best response to hatred is perseverance and action, and because of that, we can - and we will - prevail.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor, Softball for girls age 7 to 9 began this year in Manistique. There are 47 girls playing AAU softball. I wish to thank Tommy Selling and the AAU Board for all their help and support.

In addition, I would like to thank Dave McNeil, Devin Lawrence and the Little League Board. They magnanimously offered to pay to dualy register all of the girls playing AAU softball into Little League as well this year. This was so the girls could play on the Little League Field and to allow for the opportunity for the 9 and 10-year-old girls to play Little League All Stars (The 9 and 10-year-old girls will begin All Star play on Sunday, July 8, in Escanaba.)

There was some disagreement two years ago which resulted in the formation of two separate leagues for children's baseball in Schoolcraft County. Little League representatives said their offer to register the softball girls was a gesture of good faith and a step toward

reunification of baseball/softball in our area. I have seen so much improvement in the girls playing softball this year. This is a tribute to them, their parents and their coaches.

In any sport we have the opportunity to teach kids much more than athletic skills. We teach them how to win, how to lose, and we teach them how to be a team. When we, as adults, set our differences aside we teach our children to do the same.

Let's not lose sight of what is most important in life. It is not softball, or whether you win or lose. It's how you play the game. Let's play together, as a team.

Dan McKinney Manistique

Letter to the Editor: I am very close with a number of employees at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital and it seems that things there are beginning to spiral out of control. It appears the hospital board members feel they are invincible and have no respect

for their employees or their community. The board is so nearsighted in their goal of a new hospital they have forgotten they will need employees to work there.

Here are some examples that may show an indication of where these statements originate.

1. Schoolcraft Memorial now employs both a CEO and a COO (two people). Many larger hospitals don't have both a CEO and a COO. When asked why, their hospital administration implied that the CEO needed to wine and dine people to raise money for the new hospital and that for him to do this, they needed the COO to run daily hospital operations. Now doesn't it seem a little expensive to pay someone 60 plus dollars an hour, not including benefits, to seek donations from the community?

2. Contract Negotiations in both unions have been going on for years. The MNA union has not had a contract for nearly two years. The lady on the radio that represents the hospital states the hospital is negotiating in good faith. Well if the hospital were negotiating in good faith, it would seem they would not be having charges pressed against them for unfair labor practices. The Hospital's labor attorney is a known "Union Buster" and it's anyone's guess how much money the hospital has paid her to do this. The RNs at the hospital are among the lowest paid in the Upper Peninsula and are way below the state average. Despite this, the RNs I've spoken with state it changes in work environment, vacations, and staff and patient safety that are sticking points in contract negotiations. I've also heard the nurses at the hospital have not had a raise since 2004 and that management has been given raises totaling somewhere around \$200,000.

3. Recently, the physicians had a meeting with the hospital board to discuss certain problems they were having with the state of affairs at the hospital. Though I have no direct quotes, it was indicated by the physicians that their opinion was of no value and that they were angry and disappointed with the way it was handled by

the board. It is often mentioned how difficult it is to procure physicians. Maybe the board should consider holding on to the excellent physicians they have rather than alienating them and possibly pushing them into employment elsewhere.

4. Within the last 60 to 90 days, four out of five employees have resigned in the outpatient department. Is this good leadership? In summation, I feel we as a community need to seek action to make this board accountable for their actions because they destroy a hospital that hasn't even been built yet.

Marvin N. Adams Manistique

Letter to the Editor: I read the letters from the two nurses from SMH in last week's Tribune. I too feel the deep frustration they are faced with each day. I work at Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility as a nurse. We too have recently been faced with extreme mandatory overtime. Our nurses volunteer up to three extra shifts per week in overtime. Our CNAs are being mandated to stay for the next shift on a regular basis. Many of which also have up to three extra shifts per week. With our census being 12 residents short, the answer to our staffing shortage has been to cut positions and work with less staff. The big problem with this is that the less staff each have to pick up more responsibilities - making our already tough job even tougher. I too relate to the con-

Singular Socks and Other Brilliant Business Concepts

By Nathaniel Shockey

If I were smarter, the first thing I'd do is start my own business. I'm being completely honest when I say that this wish of mine has nothing to do with making more money, although admittedly, someday I would like to have cable television.

But more than anything, it would be nice to not have to answer to a superior. Bosses are no fun, and I think it's better everyone knows they are more important than you. Whatever aura of respect you may command completely pales in comparison to theirs. Not only do they make more money than you, but whatever you make is usually up to them. The nauseating truth of the matter is that your financial freedom is severely tangled up in your ability to make your boss happy. Want to make more money? Learn to make a good pot of coffee, look busy and keep a clean desk.

Finally, I thought it would be pretty cool to start my own Web site. I can picture myself as one of those corduroy pants-wearing hipsters who spends his whole life in coffee shops with his laptop. I could drink coffee and smoke cigarettes all day. Rumor has it that this random Web site business is working out pretty well for a handsome number of people.

The problem with these ideas is that I neither know anything, nor care at all, about socks, watches or how to build a Web site. For that matter, I don't know a thing about computers.

So I asked myself, what am I good at? As Martin Short asked the villagers of Santa Poco in "Three Amigos," "What is it that this town really does so well?" My reaction was eerily similar to the villagers - confused, flustered, hopeless that someone near me would chime in. Unfortunately, the only thing I excel at is Scrabble, and where does that get me?

So I backed up a little and asked myself, what do I really care about? Or as "Office Space" so effectively asked, "What would you do if you had a million dollars?" Again, my reaction was uncomfortably similar to the movie. It's not that I'm lazy. I'm not even convinced that I'm unintelligent. But I am becoming more and more convinced that I just don't care. After all, you don't have to be a rocket scientist to get that dress and "be the pavement." You just have to be passionate about something.

I'm passionate about "Lost" (the TV show). I'm also passionate about Quentin Tarantino movies. I'm exceptionally passionate about watching a sports team from Philadelphia win a championship in my lifetime.

Do you ever wonder, who are these people who obsess about their harebrained ideas? Who woke up one morning and decided, "I will not rest until every person in America owns an iPod?" Who was it that realized they were passionate about the Big Mac? I think we live in a crazy world.

And consequently, perhaps you can understand why my best chance at getting ahead is to learn how to make a delicious pot of coffee.

Nathaniel Shockey hails from Philadelphia, but cur-

rently resides in the San Francisco Bay area. He wrote an opinion column for the Seattle Pacific University newspaper, side. He considers himself a where he received a degree in ruthless Philadelphia sports English literature. His writing fan, and enjoys dabbling in the experience also includes creaky in his fiction. During his stay in well.

WEEKLY WEATHER RECAP. The following weather information starts Wednesday, June 27, 2007. Table with columns: DAY, HIGH, LOW, PRECIP. Rows: Wednesday (81, 51), Thursday (64, 40), Friday (67, 40), Saturday (72, 45), Sunday (65, 48), Monday (66, 49), Tuesday (Not Available).

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

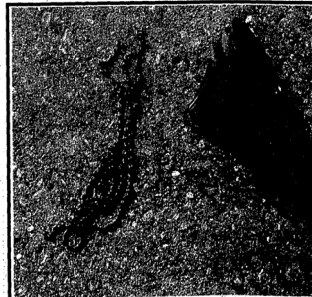
40 Years Ago - July 6, 1967. A bill that would impose an additional one-quarter cent to the state gas and raise revenues that would enable tolls on the Mackinac Bridge to be lowered faces action in the State Legislature in Lansing today. Rep. Charles Varman of Manistique, one of the backers of the proposal, said he was reasonably confident the measure would pass the House. It will probably face tougher sledding in the Senate. The bill calls for a 30-cent one-way bridge toll to help pay maintenance costs on the structure.

30 Years Ago - July 7, 1977. Feeding a washout of a dam that helps control the level of Indian Lake, directors of the lake's improvement association are backing a petition drive to maintain stable water levels. "The dam is in critical condition," Clyde Chertier told the directors at a special meeting. "It has been deteriorating. Any kind of good high water is going to take it out. If it goes, Indian Lake is going to be in pretty bad shape." Chertier said the dam is not controlling dry seasons because of the difficulty in closing its steel gates. The structure, built in the 1950s, was weakened in 1962 when the National Guard dynamited an adjacent area to form an auxiliary ditch during the period of extremely high water. Among the steps outlined by Dale W. Grogger, chief of the DNR water management division, are installing two lake levels, a winter low and a summer high. Currently, the lake level is legally set at 613.27 feet above sea level, established by the act in 1945.

20 Years Ago - July 9, 1987. Jim St. Louis, Manistique's Public Safety Director for the past four years, is leaving Aug. 3 to take a similar job with the City of Greenville downtown. St. Louis submitted his letter of resignation Monday. He emphasized that the decision to move was based on the professional challenge presented by a larger community and larger department. A native of St. Ignace, St. Louis came to Manistique June 21, 1983. "How do you repair a leaky bridge? It's not in any danger of sinking, but Manistique's former Siphon Bridge has sprung a leak that is going to require major repair. The easiest way to get at the leak is from the bottom, so you don't raise the bridge, you just lower the river. In this case, the "river" is the flume leading to the Manistique Paper's Inc. mill. It will be drained in August for annual maintenance work, and that's when the repair work can be done on the bridge. The leak first appeared about a year ago, when the bridge was resurfaced. "At least it proves to any skeptics that the water in the flume is actually higher than the bridge," said City Manager Charles Varman.

10 Years Ago - July 10, 1997. The Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for a new director as longtime director Carl Ford prepares for her new job. Ford has accepted a position as assistant director of the Senior Citizens Service Center. Chamber President David Stralser said Ford, who has served as director for 10 years, will continue as the chamber until a new person is chosen for her job.

The week before Folkfest is a busy one for Dell O'Brien. With two stages of entertainment planned for this year's downtown Manistique festival, O'Brien must coordinate the timing, scheduling and last-minute needs of musical acts ranging from gospel singers to a polka band. As the Manistique Elks Lodge prepares to sell its renowned barbecue chicken this weekend, it was O'Brien who was up bright and early cleaning the grill Wednesday morning. In honor of his hard work and dedication to many causes throughout the community, the Folkfest Committee has chosen O'Brien as its 1997 Folk Hero.



Dear Editor: Attached is a picture of what is left of one of our beautiful petunia baskets. The chain was left on the pole and the person or persons responsible pulled the chains right out of the basket edge. The water cup was found several blocks away. This is the fourth basket this year that has been torn down and tossed somewhere. Fortunately we were able to find the first three, repair the damage and re-hang them. We are raising money to fund

a reward for information that leads to the arrest and prosecution of the person or persons responsible. Anyone wishing to donate to the fund may do so by contacting one of the committee members. A reminder to all in the community, these baskets and flowers are funded wholly by your donations of money and labor for the beautification of our community. Sincerely, Sherri Krause, Co-chair Project Petunia

Rules for letters. Only one letter per person per month. Only one letter per person on a given topic. Letters should be as brief as possible. No statements of a personal or libelous nature. Letters dealing with election candidates or issues must be submitted at least two weeks before election day. Each letter must include the writer's full name, hometown and phone number. We do not publish unsigned letters.

More Information. A photo caption on page A1 of last week's Pioneer-Tribune contained incomplete information. In discussing the new cobbler shop display in Pioneer Park, we should have noted that the equipment and artifacts were donated to the Schoolcraft County Historical Society by the entire Fish family, including Berni Fish, the brother of George Fish.

**Obituaries**

**Edith Grant**

Edith "Gram" Grant, 95, passed away on Thursday, June 28, 2007, at a local hospital in Warner Robins, Ga. She was born May 30, 1912, in Muskegon, Mich. Mrs. Grant was a retired accountant for a private business firm. "Gram" was as many people called her, was of Lutheran faith, a Senior Citizen band member, advocate for senior citizens rights, Boy and Girl Scout leader and den mother, 4-H Club member and in her earlier years she ran a home for delinquent boys. Survivors include: her daughter, Joan M. Miller, granddaughter, Roxann (Brian) Eis; great-granddaughter, Savanna Eis, all of Warner Robins; three other grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Hermina Poole Hartmans and a son, William Grant III. Services will be private. The family requests that any cards of condolences be sent to the following address: 114 Rainbow Ave., Warner Robins, Ga 31093.

**Sally C. Steinhoff**

Sally C. Steinhoff, 75, of Munising, Mich., died Friday, June 29, 2007, at her home surrounded by family. She was born in Manistique, Mich., on Jan. 25, 1932, to the late Andrew and Alice (Tidd) Soukup. Sally and her family moved to Munising where she attended Sacred Heart School and graduated from William G. Mather in 1949, and then graduated from Clarey College of Business. After college she worked for the Willow Run School District in Ypsilanti, Mich. When Sally moved back to Munising she worked for Munising Woodenware. On July 31, 1954, she married Chum Steinhoff. Sally would tell the story about how she had to sell her Model A so that she could buy her wedding dress.

In 1964, Sally and Chum opened their Ski-Doo Shop. Sally was the manager of the shop and a proud sponsor of the Munising TNT Racing Team. She always looked forward to fall so that she and Chum could go on their Saturday bird hunting trips. Sally enjoyed traveling all over the United States and Canada, but one of her favorite places to visit was Cusino Lake Campground. She and Chum spent their time there with the Hill and Burke families at what they liked to call "Camp Burkhillstiea".

Sally had amazing artistic and carpentry talents, she was always refinishing furniture. She loved animals of all kinds, her cats and dogs she had inside, and the ducks and chipmunks she fed outside. Sally was a great cook who enjoyed cooking old fashioned meals for her family. Her holiday tables were impeccably decorated with unique and special touches on each place setting. Sally loved being around people especially her family, and was an inspiration to all of them.

Survivors include: her husband of over 52 years, Chum Steinhoff; daughter, Kim (Tom) Graves; son Scott (Patty) Steinhoff; five grandchildren, Donielle and Andrea Graves, Les Rochefort III, Taton Winfield Steinhoff and Michael Joseph Steinhoff; brothers and sisters-in-law, Donna and Bill Cox, Jr., Gerald "Bug" and Carol Steinhoff; Joe Haro; niece Donna Kolbus; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Patricia Soukup; in-laws, Pat Kochis-Haro and Pete Kochis; aunt and uncle, Don and Mildred Evans.

Visitation was from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, July 1, at Bowerman Funeral Home in Munising. A funeral service followed with Father Chris Gardiner officiating. Interment will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Munising. She was escorted by Richard Hill, Dave Hill, Dick Madigan, Billy Tidd, Peter Kochis, Louis Murray, Les Rochefort and Mike Henriksen.

Sally's obituary and guestbook may be viewed and signed at [www.bowermanfuneralhome.net](http://www.bowermanfuneralhome.net)

**Bay College posts dean's list for winter semester**

A number of local students were named to the Bay de Noc Community College dean's list for the winter semester.

To be selected for the list, Bay College students must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.5 and complete 12 or more credit hours.

Named to the list with 4.0 grade point averages were Courtney Klein of Garden, Ashley Schnurer of Gulliver; Timothy Brehm, Ellen Doepek, Christian Nelson and Robert Reno of Manistique.



**Upcoming Explorer Programs at Indian Lake State Park**

- July 10 Noon to 2 p.m.**  
**The Big Spring**  
Meet at Palms Book State Park to uncover the mystery in a box. What in the wild is inside? This program will inspire the naturalist in everyone.
- July 10 3 to 4 p.m.**  
**Wild About Reading**  
Discover more about animals and nature through stories and songs in this informal 40-minute program.
- July 11 9 a.m.**  
**Wednesday Woods Wander**  
Enjoy a moderate morning walk, where the group will decide the distance — perhaps a 10-minute walk or an hour-long ramble. Wear walking shoes and don't forget bug spray.
- July 11 1 to 2 p.m.**  
**Egg-xamining Nests**  
Birds make some incredible homes for their young and mates. Study different types of nests and discover what homes are found in the park on this short, moderate hike.
- July 12 3 to 4 p.m.**  
**Crafty Camping**  
Meet at the beach shelter to make a special keepsake.
- July 12 10 to 11 p.m.**  
**Celestial Celebration**  
What are all those bright night lights? Is the sky full of trash or treasure? Meet on the beach in front of the shelter to explore the northern heavens. Dress for the weather and don't forget bug spray.
- July 13 3 to 4 p.m.**  
**Home is Where the Habitat is**  
What is home? Where do animals make their homes and what to they need to survive? What Michigan animals stay throughout the year? Meet at the camp host site and learn the answers in this 40-minute program.
- July 13 8 to 9 p.m.**  
**Dusk Walk**  
Discover the sights, sounds, smells and textures of the woods. Don't forget your walking shoes and bug spray for this moderate 40-minute walk. No flashlights, please.
- July 14 Noon to 2 p.m.**  
**The Big Spring**  
Meet at Palms Book State Park to learn about regional history on a raft ride over the crystal clear water of Kitchik-kiipi.
- July 14 10 to 11 p.m.**  
**Bat Watch**  
Are bats scary, creepy creatures out to get people? Do they deserve the bad image given by popular culture. Meet at the picnic shelter to uncover the truth about Michigan's only flying mammal.

Unless otherwise stated, all programs meet at the first bathrooms near the Indian Lake State Park camp office. Programs are free and open to people of all ages, but children must be accompanied by an adult. A motor vehicle permit is required for park entry. For more information, call 341-2855.

**Area students earn their degrees and certificates from Bay College**

Bay de Noc Community College has announced the names of students who earned degrees and certificates upon completion of the winter semester.

Graduating with an associate's degree in accounting/computer specialist was Christian Nelson of Manistique. Earning associate's degrees in nursing were Rachael Freeman, Krystal Goudreau, Jaclyn Mattlin, Elizabeth Ross, Sherri Tiglas and Megan Viteldich of Manistique.

Receiving an associate's degree in office system/secretarial: legal was Sarah Maddox of Manistique. Graduating with an associate in arts degree was Ellen Doepek of Manistique.

Earning an associate's degree in criminal justice was Andrew Olsen of Cooks. Receiving a correctional officer certificate was Brandy Dault of Gulliver. Receiving certificates in practical nursing were Bethany Fountain of Garden and Sara Dereski of Manistique. Graduating with a certificate in water technology was Benjamin Varoni of Manistique.

**Monthly party sale slated**

The women of First United Methodist Church, 190 N. Cedar St., will hold their monthly party sale Wednesday and Thursday, July 11 and 12. More information is available by calling the church at 341-6662.

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Kiwansians have been promoting the upcoming Missoula Children's Theatre program in a variety of ways, including a "Cinderella" themed float in the Independence Day parade last Saturday. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

**Club prepares for Missoula Children's Theatre program**

With their funding in place, members of the Manistique Area Kiwanis Club are preparing for the arrival later this month of the acclaimed Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT), which will be coming to Schoolcraft County and putting on a musical production of "Cinderella."

This marks the second year in a row that the international troupe will visit Manistique. Last summer, they conducted a week-long residency that culminated in a production of "Snow White."

For this year's program, a two-person Missoula team will arrive in town on Sunday, July 22, bringing a trailer full of sets, lights, costumes, props, make-up, and everything else needed to put on their show — everything, that is, except the cast.

That crucial ingredient comes from local residents. On Monday, July 23, MCT will hold auditions for students in grades 1 through 12, and choose up to 60 of those children to be in the play. They will then spend a week rehearsing before putting on two performances July 28.

The event is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, which raised the money through its father-daughter Valentine's dance last February. The club faced a setback earlier this year when they lost another key funding source, following the governor's moratorium on state grants. That meant the cancellation of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs mini-grant that the club had just received.

To fill the gap, Kiwanis received much-needed support from several other sources, including grants from the Schoolcraft County Community Foundation, the Pamida Foundation and the Kiwanis District Foundation.

"We really appreciate the support of all the organiza-

tions," said Kiwanis member Bob Sands, coordinator of the Missoula project. "After we lost the arts grant, we faced an uphill climb, but we were determined to make sure Missoula went ahead. Thanks to the Community Foundation, Pamida and the Kiwanis Foundation, that's going to happen."

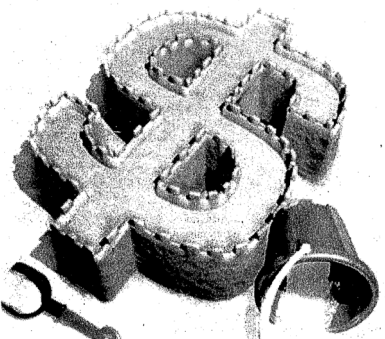
All local children will be invited to audition for "Cinderella." In addition to the cast, Sands notes, MCT will be looking for several older students (10 and above) to serve as assistant directors and carry out technical duties during the performances.

Audition notices, ticket sale information and details of theatre workshops to be held for the public during the residency week will be released later this month.

In the meantime, more information is available by calling Sands at 341-6507 or Christi Ryan at 341-6385.

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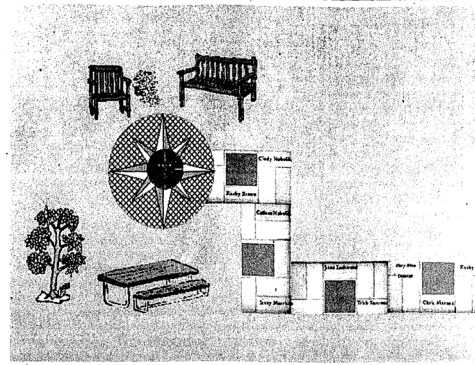
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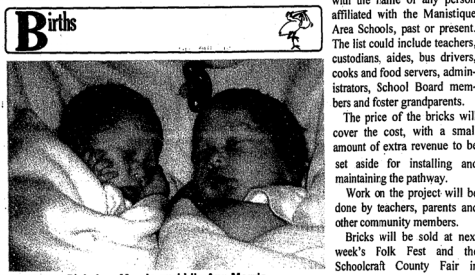
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Above: A computer-drawn image of what the Tribute Trail and courtyard at the Emerald Elementary School may look like upon completion. Left: A sample brick like the ones that will pave the Tribute Trail, honoring current and past school district employees. (Images courtesy Manistique Area Schools)

### Emerald Elementary to feature a 'Tribute Trail'

The Manistique Area Schools is officially kicking off its latest recognition program this month. Announced at a recent School Board meeting, "Paving the Way" will let people honor current and past school employees by purchasing paver bricks for a special area of the new Emerald Elementary School. According to elementary teacher Christi Ryan, the name is based on the premise that "the pathway to learning is paved by members of the community and staff who work with children."



**Births**  
Dixie Lee Morris and Lila Ann Morris  
**MORRIS** - Terry Morris and Leigh McKay of Fayette, Mich., were blessed on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, with twin girls. At 4:46 p.m. Dixie Lee Morris was born weighing 5 pounds, 5 ounces and 17 inches in length. Her baby sister Lila Ann Morris was born at 4:49 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces. She was 18 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Penny and Randy McKay of Fairport, Mich. Paternal grandparents are Lora Banks of Garden, Mich., and Terry and Robin Morris of Franklin, Ohio.



### A high-class class reunion

Cols A. Corcoran  
(Send your comments to corks@dnct.us.)

Remember the novel "Carrie" by Stephen King? The heroine—if you could call her that—was a supernatural high school reject. Take away her magic powers and you have Yours Truly. We both qualified as class nerds although that label varies, depending on the generation. Other terms include dweeb and dork, but a misfit by any other name is still a misfit. With high hopes, I attended some reunions in the past. They were big, gussied up events where a fair amount of classmates tried hard to impress the others. Unfortunately, my fellow nerds felt no urge to show up. Had I known, I would have called and pledged my first-born if they'd come. Of the few assembled, a handful of people offered friendly greetings, but most seemed to look the other way. So I debated for months over whether to attend my 30th, and second-guessed the verdict a dozen times. When at last I made the commitment, I turned my split-decision making abilities to attire. "Informal," the invitation read—but what does that mean exactly? My idea of informal is a bit more casual than oh. I pictured myself in frayed jeans at a black tie affair. It took me five minutes before departure to decide what to wear. And when I arrived, I felt the urge to run home and change—not to mention dye my hair and fake a tan. But the feeling didn't last long. I barely stepped in the room before a former cheerleader called out to me. "I hope you're not gonna write about this!" she joked. I walked a few more feet and met one of the high school jocks. "Hey, I read your column all the time!" he said. "Ya gotta dump that picture though. It really sucks." Remembering my manners, I introduced my Better Half to various parties and heard, "So this is that poor guy you write about..." Amid warm greetings and walk-to-wall hugs, my anxiety faded to black. No one snubbed anyone and few tried to impress. Instead of trading uneasy looks, we swapped e-mail addresses. It was one big party. I learned a lot that night—and not about wearing the "right" thing. It was a second chance to get to know people who passed through my life too soon. And a very high-class class reunion.

### Gift of Hope campaign to be represented at events

With their campaign well underway, but much work still to be done, members of the St. Vincent de Paul Gift of Hope capital campaign committee will be taking part in several upcoming events. The committee, which needs to raise \$220,000 to pay for the purchase and renovation of their new St. Vincent de Paul Service Center on Cedar Street in Manistique, will be on hand at this weekend's Manistique Art Club Art Fair, which takes place Saturday, July 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the municipal marina. A week later, on Saturday, July 14, they will be at the 18th annual Folk Fest in downtown Manistique. The committee is continuing to sell plastic tiles for \$50 each. The tiles can be decorated and inscribed with the names of loved ones or special events, and will then be mounted for permanent display in the new store. The group is also selling raffle tickets for \$1 each, with prizes ranging from "guy stuff" such as a gun, a Coleman raft and a knife to "girl stuff" that includes a massage, photos and art prints, a bracelet and earrings. Raffle drawings will take place during the Manistique Merchants Association Card and Snowmobile Show on Labor Day weekend. Contributions to the capital campaign can also be made in the donation envelopes that were sent out in the Advisor several weeks ago. The envelopes are also available at the store, or can be picked up from the Gift of Hope booths at the art fair or Folk Fest. In other fund-raising moves, the committee held a can and bottle drive on June 2 and had a booth at the recent Pioneer Days event in Pioneer Park. The capital campaign officially began May 14. While acknowledging that they have a long way to go, Chairman Jim Ostlund says progress has been good. "Some people have given very generous donations to the campaign," he says. "The tile sales have done better than we've ever hoped for. All of our fund-raisers so far have done very well." Ostlund says he's pleased with the good will and support shown by the community so far. "Everything seems to be falling into place, and we're meeting the timeframe we set," he says.

### Students named to NMU dean's list

Northern Michigan University has announced the names of students who made the dean's list for the winter semester. Twenty students from the local area were listed. Earning a spot on the list with grade point averages of 4.0 were: Jamie Lucas of Garden; Shannon Hopper of Gemfask; Laurie McKinney and Mandy Wood of Manistique. Making the list with grade point averages of 3.25 to 3.99 were: Randi Chandler of Cooks; Michael Head and Rebecca Nadeau of Garden; Jessica Hamill and Sara MacGregor of Gulliver; Laura Beckman, Lisa Brinkman, Craig Janikowski, Matthew Lather-

### MTU grads announced

Five students from the local area received their degrees from Michigan Technological University during commencement ceremonies held May 5. Kenneth Koepeke of Gulliver graduated with honors, receiving bachelor's degrees in civil engineering and surveying engineering. Dean Bjorne of Manistique received a bachelor's degree in construction management. Donald Downing Jr. of Manistique earned a bachelor's degree in business administration.

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### Caregivers' group to meet on July 10

The Manistique Caregivers Support Group will hold its next meeting Tuesday, July 10, at 1:30 p.m., in the Lighthouse Room at Hiawatha Behavioral Health, 125 N. Lake St. The group is for anyone who cares for a chronically ill or disabled patient, including patients suffering from Alzheimer's disease or related disorders. Caregivers are invited to attend the meetings and share their experiences, receive helpful information, or talk about whatever is on their minds. For more information about the group or the meeting, call Ann Londo at 341-2144.

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**MOVIE GUIDE**  
Shown Fri-Thurs 7 p.m.  
**Surf's Up**  
RATED PG  
Running time: 85 minutes  
Based on the groundbreaking revelation that surfing was actually invented by penguins. In the film, a documentary crew will take audiences behind the scenes and onto the waves during the most competitive, heartbreating and dangerous display of surfing known to man, the Farquhar World Surfing Championship.  
Shown Fri-Thurs 8:35 p.m.  
**Knocked Up**  
RATED R  
Running time: 129 minutes  
Allison Scott is an up-and-coming entertainment journalist whose 24-year-old life is on the fast track. But it gets seriously derailed when a drunken one-nighter with slacker Ben Stone results in an unwanted pregnancy. Faced with the prospect of going it alone or getting to know the baby's father, Allison decides to give the lovable dork a chance.  
Shown Fri-Thurs 7:15 p.m.  
**Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End**  
RATED PG-13  
Running time: 165 minutes  
Will Turner (Bloom), Elizabeth Swann (Knightley) are allied with Captain Barbosa (Rush) in a desperate quest to free Captain Jack Sparrow (Peggy) from his prison-bending trip in Davy Jones' locker, and to the fabled ghost ship, The Flying Dutchman.

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By Mark Skorsky
HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!
Find or Learn Seven Differences Between Cartoons

HOROSCOPES July 9-July 15
Your Horoscope by Charles Cooper
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Anniversary

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the church and comparing them to the present facility, it's hard to believe you're looking at the same building.
Changes over the years include a church parlor and kitchen, which were added by the Ladies Aid Society in 1891, a pipe organ in 1897, and the addition of electric lights to help welcome the new century in 1899.

More recently, in 1954, the Westminster Room, kitchen and nursery were built on the eastern end of the church. Four years later, the pastor's office was added on the west end and a parking lot put in on the east.

In 1960, the original pipe organ was finally retired and replaced with a Wicks organ costing \$9,000, which is still providing music for weekly services.
According to Helen Williams, clerk of the church's board or "session," only six organs have served on the roster of Redeemer since 1900. They are George Guemey (1900 to 1924), Mary Mitchell (1924 to 1945), Helen Hall Olsen (1945 to 1973), Helen McCloithin (1973 to 1980), Eilyn Plackowski (1980 to 2005) and current organist Cindy LaCroix.

Other building changes include new pews in 1962, the addition of classrooms and new bathrooms in 1978, and a sound system that was installed that same year.
In 1983, major renovations were made to the sanctuary and narthex, and in 1995, a ramp was added to make the church handicapped-accessible.

While Manistique has always been the primary base, the church's history includes a wide variety of outreach work, including the establishment in the early 1900s of three mission churches - Woods Chapel in Doyle Township, a church in Whiteclay, now known as Gulliver, and the Greenwood Church in Hiawatha Township. All three were disbanded many years ago.

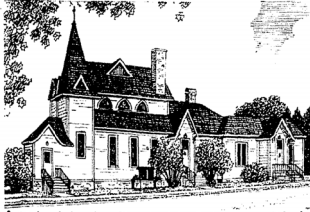
Today, the church is "yoked" or partnered with Community Presbyterian Church in Gould City.

Chamber seeking donations for annual Folk Fest auction

Members of the Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce are being asked for donations for the chamber's annual auction, which takes place on the opening night of Folk Fest.

This year's auction, which will once again be conducted by Doug LaFolle, is slated for Friday, July 13, at 6 p.m., near mBank on South Cedar Street.
The auction is the chamber's primary fund-raiser, helping support the organization's programs and operations throughout the year.
Chamber members, Ambassador Club members and others who have not been contacted, or have not yet donated an auction item, can stop by the chamber office on US-2 or call 341-5010 for more information.

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A postcard showing Church of the Redeemer as it looks today, after years of 120 years of changes, renovations and additions.

Beginning with Rev. MacLean, 31 pastors have served Church of the Redeemer since its inception.

Over the last 25 years, the roster of ministers has included Reverends David Hall, Michael Thompson, John Warner, Fredrick McNeil, Roy Pitts, Joseph Stanley, Arlys Wilbur, Russell Legston, David Smith, Kurt Stansen and the Rev. Albert Valentine, who is currently serving as a "temporary supply pastor," filling the pulpit on an interim basis.
The church is also served by a slate of nine deacons, which includes Jodie Johnson, Louisa Kolch, Sherry Koschmider, Kathy White and Cleo Williams.

The church, which currently

A Church of the Redeemer Presbyterian marks its 120th anniversary, they are also honoring their longest-serving parishioners - those who have been members of the congregation for 50 years or more. The list includes:

- Dr. Duane Waters - 1934, 73 years
George Rasmussen - 1944, 63 years
Vi Frederickson - 1960, 57 years
Wilbur LaBar - 1961, 56 years
Sherry McNally Varnum - 1952, 55 years
Cleo Johnson Williams - 1954, 53 years
Marjorie Rasmussen - 1955, 52 years
Charles and Thora Atwater - 1956, 51 years
Louisa Reese Kolch - 1957, 50 years

Club sets open house

The Upper Michigan Central Model Railroad Club will hold its next monthly open house this Saturday, July 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on the lower level of the 8th Street Coffee House, located at 720 Ludington Street in Escanaba.

Group members encourage everyone to stop by and learn about model railroading. The club model railroad, which has its main train layout operating during the open house. Also up and running will be a portable layout that organization members take to train shows.

For more information, call Darryl Bennett at (906) 428-1385 or Gary Stiles at (906) 428-3472.

Don't Forget
Class of 1977
Registration is due!
30th Reunion date is July 21 at Elk's Club
Come join the fun!

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Hiring

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Without mentioning specifics, Kelso referred many times to increasing the amount of work done by Road Commission staff, bringing in funding from grants and other outside sources.

"I don't do your job. I'm here to find work for you," he said. "The better you folks make me, the better we do. We work for everybody out there. If they don't like the work we do, they won't hire us and we won't be solvent. We want to get every inch of work we can. We never turn down work."
Zellar and some of the employees said the Road Commission already has more work than it can handle.

"You keep talking about all this work, but we don't see the people to run the stuff we've got," a worker said. "Everyone was working today and we had 11 trucks sitting in the garage because we didn't have anybody to run them."

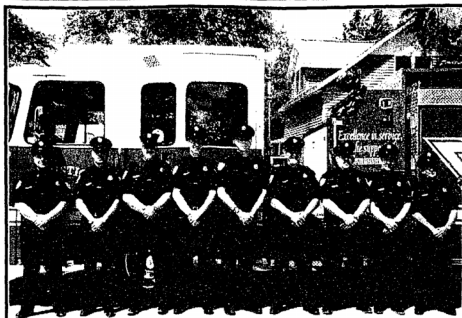
"Then you get more people," Kelso responded. "If we have the work, we have the money."
When asked, he conceded that the new positions would most likely be part-time, without benefits, rather than full-time jobs.

The employees' remained skeptical.
"How can we afford this and then be told we can't afford a 12-cent raise or we have to contribute to our own benefits?" said secretary Sue LaKosky. "Can we really afford to pay the fourth highest wage in the state in the third smallest county? Can we afford this dollar value when our employees are going to have to sacrifice to get it done?"

Following the meeting, Lund admitted that the decision was a difficult one, but said he shared his colleagues' optimism.

Manistique ART FAIR
Saturday, July 7
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Manistique City Marina
US-2 and M-94
Sponsored By: Manistique Art Club

Manistique High School Football
Golf Scramble
Sponsored by Manistique Football
WHO: All men or women, parents, alumni, parents of alumni, current players, former players, coaches, faculty, or any Emerald fan.
WHAT: 18 hole, 4 person scramble
WHERE: Indian Lake Golf and Country Club
WHEN: Sunday, July 15, 2007 (Folkfest Sunday) Registration 8 a.m. Shotgun start at 9 a.m.
GUEST SPEAKER: Bernie Anderson, Head Football Coach, Northern Michigan University.
COST: \$50 per person. Fee covers 18 holes of golf, lunch, and great prizes.
PREREQUISITION: Please preregister by July 8.
Registration after July 8 or on day of the event is \$60



Among those taking part in last weekend's Independence Day parade were members of the Manistique Volunteer Fire Department, who showed off the city's firefighting arsenal and proudly wore the new uniforms they recently purchased with their own funds. Volunteers reporting for parade duty included (from left): Rick Winkel, Rick Hollister, Andy Toennesen, Mike Olsen, Tom Money, Paul Scott, Ryan Stokes, Don Bowers and Jim Ackley. (Submitted photo)

District Court

Mark Allen Coon, 35, of Gladstone, charged with seat-belt violation and failure to change address (5/07). Assessed \$65 and \$70 respectively. Josephine Hughbanks, 49, of Wetmore, charged with driving left of center (5/07). Assessed \$50. Salina Marie McLeod, 18, of Sault Sainte Marie, charged with driving 60 mph in a 55 mph zone (5/07). Assessed \$100. Edward Mark Angeli, 51, of Marquette, charged with driving 40 mph in a 35 mph zone (6/07). Assessed \$100. James Everett Good, 47, of Iron Mountain, charged with failure to report property damage accident (6/07). Assessed \$150. Kathleen Marcella Hedlund, 42, of Gwina, charged with driving 65 mph in a 55 mph zone (5/07). Assessed \$100. Krystal Lyn Payment, 32, of Manistique, charged with trespassing (6/07). She was assessed \$40 state costs, \$30 statute costs, \$30 state fine, \$100 total. She was sentenced to four days in jail and credit for same. Optional jail term 10 days. Joshua Adam Lordson, 17, of Rudyard, charged with careless driving (6/07). Assessed \$175. Danielle Nicole Miller, 17, of Manistique, charged with failure to use turn signal (6/07). Assessed \$100. Elizabeth Anne Nelson, 19, of Hancock, charged with driving 65 mph in a 55 mph zone (5/07). Assessed \$100. Michelle Sue Schueter, 32, of Manistique, charged with violation of temporary motorcycle permit (no passengers), failure to transfer registration plate and no proof of insurance (5/07). She was assessed \$200, \$135 and \$175 respectively. Tammy Lynn St. John, 47, of Manistique, charged with driving while license suspended, first offense (6/07). Assessed \$250. Ryan Jonathan Weber, 25, of Manistique, charged with driving 60 mph in a 55 mph zone (6/07). Assessed \$100. William Weber, who saw the smoke from his house. He drove to the location on a back road, confirmed that a fire was burning, and called the fire department. Upon arrival, firefighters found approximately a half-acre of woodland burning. They quickly extinguished the fire, but remained on the scene for about two hours, putting out hot spots and wetting down the area. There were no injuries. Manistique crews were assisted by the Hiawatha and Doyle township volunteer fire departments, the Hiawatha Fire Explorers, the Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Golt said the cause of the blaze remains under investigation.

Woodland fire extinguished quickly by area firefighters

Area firefighters responded to the scene of a woodland fire at 7:15 p.m. last Wednesday, June 27. According to Manistique Public Safety Director Ken Golt, the fire was in rural Manistique Township, about three-quarters of a mile west of the West and North Kendall Road intersection. The fire was reported by West Kendall Road resident

Annual stamp and coin show to be held in Escanaba Saturday

The Bay de Noc Stamp and Coin Club will hold its seventh annual stamp and coin show in the cafeteria at Bay de Noc Community College this Saturday, July 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Collectors and the general public are invited to attend to buy and sell stamps and coins or have their collections appraised. Dealers from Michigan and Wisconsin will be on hand. Dealers are assessed a \$10 fee to defray costs associated with the show. There is also room for collectors to have their own tables. The Bay de Noc Stamp has approximately 20 members who meet the second Monday of each month, at 6:30 p.m., in the M-TEC building at Bay College. Club dues are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for high school students, and free for those not yet in high school. Members often participate in giving presentations to area schools or service groups, as well as setting up exhibits of stamps and coins using the club's two display cases. Currently, a display highlighting Delta County post offices, with covers showing their postmarks, is being shown at the Delta County Historical Society. Another display is at the Delta County Airport, showing air mail and first-flight covers. Highlights of that exhibit include covers that were flown on German Zeppelin flights. This Saturday's show will also feature a prize wheel and the club's penny boxes. Attendees can spin the wheel and receive a free stamp or coin prize.

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Manistique Public Safety Department Log

The following information is from Manistique Public Safety dispatch logbooks recorded at the time the calls were received. The incidents reported may have proven to be unfounded once police investigated. Tuesday, June 26, 2007 8:20 a.m. Animal rescue, Cedar Street 9 a.m. Suspicious person, Traders Point Drive 9 10 a.m. Larceny of bicycle, Cedar Street 9:37 a.m. Emergency Medical Service (EMS), within city of Manistique 9:48 a.m. Two car property damage accident, Cedar Street 11:45 a.m. Citizen assist, Second Street 2:35 p.m. Lost keys, city of Manistique 3:40 p.m. Trespassing, south end of Quarry Lake 4 p.m. Welfare check, New Delta Avenue 5:05 p.m. EMS, city of Manistique 6:52 p.m. Attempted retail fraud/trespassing, Deer Street 7:25 p.m. Fire alarm, Krummich Road 7:45 p.m. Trespassing, Manistique resident arrested for same 8:30 p.m. Suspicious situation, Michigan Avenue 10 p.m. Careless driving, Cedar Street 11:45 p.m. Suspicious odor, Pearl Street Wednesday, June 27, 2007 5 a.m. Lift assist, Second Street 7:55 a.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette 8:40 p.m. Suspicious situation, city of Manistique 9:58 a.m. EMS, Manistique Township 1:13 p.m. Electrical fire, Cedar at Walnut streets 2:03 p.m. EMS, within city of Manistique 3:01 p.m. Careless driving, within city of Manistique 7:15 p.m. Wildland fire, Manistique Township 7:30 p.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette 8:45 p.m. Recovered stolen bike, Elk Street 8:45 p.m. Parking problem, Fifth and Elk streets 8:53 p.m. Threats, Fourth Street 11:15 p.m. Child custody, Cedar Street Thursday, June 28, 2007 8:05 a.m. Trespassing, Cedar Street 8:33 a.m. Suspicious situation, Fourth Street 9 a.m. Missing sign, Maple and Main streets 9:35 a.m. Harassing phone calls, Gärten Avenue 9:57 a.m. Found bicycle, Cedar Street 11:15 a.m. Parking complaint, Fifth Street 12:20 p.m. Broken barricade, at Fifth and Deer streets 12:30 p.m. Felonious assault, Deer Street 1:05 p.m. Fire alarm, Cedar Street 1:25 p.m. Burn barrel fire/mutual aid, Bergman Road 2:20 p.m. Found bicycle, Quarry Lake 3:36 p.m. Hit and run property damage accident, Deer Street 10:05 p.m. Burn barrel complaint, Arturus Avenue Friday, Jun 29, 2007 7:40 a.m. Malignous destruction of property, River Street 9 a.m. Larceny of water, westside boat launch 11:05 a.m. Malignous destruction of property, River Street 5 p.m. Kiddie Parade detail, Cedar Street 7:30 p.m. Furnishing alcohol to minor, Manistique resident arrested for same, Fourth Street 9:15 p.m. Suspicious situation, U.S. Highway 2 11:27 p.m. EMS, within city of Manistique 11:46 p.m. Lockout, Pearl Street Saturday, June 30, 2007 3:45 a.m. Unwanted person, Maple Street 11:30 a.m. Fourth of July Parade, downtown detail 2 p.m. EMS, transfer from Marquette 2 p.m. Furnishing to minors, Cedar Street 2:20 p.m. Two car personal injury accident, within city of Manistique 2:50 p.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette 4 p.m. Suspicious smoke, Manistique Township 5:10 p.m. Citizen assist, U.S. Highway 2 5:20 p.m. EMS, Manistique Township 6:55 p.m. Domestic violence, Pearl Street 7 p.m. Fourth of July fireworks detail, Manistique Marina 7:40 p.m. Harassment, within city of Manistique 8:25 p.m. Domestic violence, Manistique resident arrested for same, Pearl Street 10:40 p.m. Grass/log fire, Traders Point Drive 11:25 p.m. Possible breaking and entering, Quarry Lane 11:25 p.m. Illegal fireworks, Elk Street Sunday, July 1, 2007 3:24 a.m. EMS, Gernfask Township 6 a.m. EMS, transfer to Marquette 9:44 a.m. EMS, within city of Manistique 11:35 a.m. Citizen assist, U.S. Highway 2 11:50 a.m. Two car property damage accident, Maple Street 12:15 p.m. Lost keys, within city of Manistique 6:15 p.m. Loose dog, Pearl Street 6:40 p.m. Child custody dispute, Pearl Street



Manistique Public Safety Officers Kevin Smith and Ragen Cole use the pumper truck to spray away the remaining debris from the two-car personal injury accident at the intersection of U.S. Highway 2 and Cedar Street Saturday afternoon. The accident occurred at 2:20 p.m. and held up holiday traffic for almost an hour. A Manistique resident and an individual from Wisconsin were transported to Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital for treatment of injuries received in the accident. The at-fault driver was cited for failure to yield at a signed intersection. (Pioneer-Tribune photo)

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Thursday, July 5, 2007

Memories



Looking across Walnut Street at the primary area of destruction from the "Big Fire" of September 1893. One of the few known photographs of the fire aftermath, this picture was reproduced in Manistique's 1960 Centennial Book.

by Vonceil LeDuc

Manistique prior to 1893 and beyond suffered from fires, but usually they consumed a single building.

Friday, Sept. 15, 1893, was the day of "The Big Fire." At approximately 11:15 p.m., flames were seen shooting from the saloon building occupied by Paul Rediker on Walnut Street.

With a strong wind blowing, the fire spread to the corner of Walnut and Cedar streets, encompassing the three-story McKinney Block.

Since all the buildings but one on Walnut and Cedar were wood, even if the city had an organized and modern fire department, it would not have been able to stop the devastation.

The fire reduced to ashes all the buildings on West Walnut, but usually they consumed a single building and leaped across to the east side of Cedar.

The one brick building, located in the middle of the west side of Cedar, was owned by Blumrosen. That building stopped the fire from progressing down Cedar Street, but as a result of the heat of the fire, the north wall of the building sustained major damage.

The buildings destroyed on Walnut Street were occupied by the following businesses:

- Paul Rediker, saloon
- John Hackenbrach, barber
- Antoine Yasau, saloon
- Bebeau Bros, livery
- Robt. Knudson, barber
- Fenton Garman, saloon
- John Kirstine, tailor

Several of these buildings also had families living upstairs.

Moving on to Cedar Street, the businesses destroyed were as follows:

- D.H. Currie Jewelry
- Thompson and Putnam, druggs
- M.P. Winkelman, dry goods
- Upstairs, on the second floor of the McKinney Block building, were located the offices of Dr. Bowen, physician; Dr. Hafford, physician; Dr. Johnson, dentist; and Dr. Ellis, dentist.

On the third floor were housed lodges of the Good Templars and Knights of Pythias.

On the east side of Cedar Street, the losses were as follows:

- Orr Brothers, meat market
- E.F. Plunkett, meat market
- Lewis & Mills, millinery and hardware
- John Costello, residence and grocery
- E.C. Brown, residence
- The Manistique News
- M.F. Lefoy, residence

Due to the wind and the power of the fire, the volunteer fire department fought for five hours to stop the fire before it would reach the rest of the residential area. Had it not been for an evening rain, the entire town would have been ashes.

Losses from this fire were around \$75,000 (over \$1.6 million in today's dollars), with only about \$29,000 covered by insurance.

buildings in the downtown area were to be built of brick.

There were also calls for a more modern water supply system and a fire department with modern equipment and a trained force of employees.

After the fire, people were carrying around receipts for their clothing, since pilfering of merchandise by many citizens during the fire was hard to control, due to the confusion.

Amazingly enough, most businesses were back within a few days and were spread throughout the community, wherever space was found.

Most of the brick buildings you currently see on West Walnut and the northern half of the 200 block of South Cedar Street were built between 1893 and 1895.

Manistique River and Southtown Creek targeted for lamprey work

The Manistique River and Southtown Creek west of Manistique will be the site of sea lamprey-control operations over the next several weeks.

Officials say the first step to controlling sea lampreys is to survey Great Lakes tributaries to determine the presence of larvae. The larvae hatch from eggs laid by adult lamprey in gravel nests. They then drift into silty bottom areas, where they burrow and live for several years.

Failure to detect and eliminate the larvae allows them to transform into parasitic adults, which then migrate into the Great Lakes and kill fish. During its parasitic phase, the average sea lamprey will destroy up to 40 pounds of fish by attaching itself with a suction-cup mouth, rasping a hole through the fish's scales and skin, and feeding on blood and body fluids.

Biologists and technicians conduct surveys for lamprey larvae in hundreds of Great Lakes streams each year. Most surveys are conducted with backpack electrofishing gear, but in deep water, the crews use a lampicide known as Bayluscide Granular 3.2 percent.

Approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Health Canada Pest Management, the lampicide has been determined to cause no unreasonable risk to the general population and environment, and all applications are conducted in accordance with state permits.

The lampicide is specially formulated onto sand granules and covered with a time-release coating. It is then sprayed over a measured area of water, where it sinks to the bottom, rapidly dissolves, and causes the larval lampreys to leave their burrows and swim to the surface, where they are collected.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Geological Survey.

The commission started chemical control of lampreys in 1958. Since that time, the program has become important to maintaining the \$4 billion sport and commercial fisheries in the Great Lakes.

The commission recently conducted a series of studies costing \$6 million to assess the effects of lampicides on humans and the environment. In addition, they have implemented a research program to develop alternative control techniques.

The Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada are currently evaluating the release of sterile male lampreys as a control measure in the St. Marys River.

The commission is also developing a strategy to increase the number of barriers on lamprey-producing streams, and conducting research into barrier design, traps, attractants and biological controls.

For more information, call (800) 472-9212 or go to www.gift.org.

National boating organization provides insurance-buying tips

Unlike home or auto insurance, boat insurance policies can vary widely from one company to the next.

Which type is best for you? The organization BoatUS provides the following tips:

- Ask around: How an insurer's company handles a claim and lives up to expectations is a great indicator of the policy's real value, so ask your State friends about their insurance claim experience. Was the company prompt? Did they keep the policyholder informed? How helpful were they in processing the claim?

You can also research potential insurance carriers at www.ambest.com/ratings. The ratings are the industry's benchmark for assessing an insurer's financial strength; look for an "A" rating (excellent) or better. State insurance regulatory agencies are also online.

Homeowner's or separate policy for the boat? Consider buying a separate insurance policy for the boat, rather than adding it to your homeowner's policy as the latter often limits certain marine-related risks such as salvage work, wreck removal, pollution or environmental damage. Whatever amount the boat is insured for, it should have a separate but equal amount of funds available for any salvage work. This means that you're compensated for the loss of your boat and not having to pay additional, out-of-pocket costs.

to have a wreck removed from a waterway.

Agreed Value vs. Actual Cash Value: These are the two main choices that boaters face and depreciation is what sets them apart. While it typically costs more up front, an "agreed value" policy covers the boat at whatever value you and your insurer agree upon - there is no depreciation if there is a total loss of the boat (some partial losses may be depreciated). "Actual cash value" policies cost less up front but factor in depreciation and only pay up to the actual cash value at the time the boat is declared a total or partial loss or property was lost.

Boaters are different: A good insurer will tailor your coverage to fit your needs so there will be no surprises. For example, bass boaters may need fishing gear and tournament coverage and policies that allow them to easily trailer their boat far from home. You may want "freeze coverage" if you live in a temperate state because, ironically, that's where most of this kind of damage occurs. "Hurricane haul-out" coverage helps foot the bill to move your boat to dry ground when a storm approaches. And if some boaters are only concerned about potential injuries or property damage, a liability (only) policy may be just the ticket.

Art program unveiled at Tahquamenon Falls

The Department of Natural Resources has announced a new program called "Art-in-the-Park" at Tahquamenon Falls State Park.

The park is partnering with artist Kim Diment of Grayling, who has painted a scene of a moose in a river. The work will be displayed at the park throughout the summer, and visitors will be able to buy a limited-edition reproduction of the painting.

There will be 125 digitally-reproduced canvas-backed prints, signed and numbered

by Diment, which will sell for \$150 each.

A portion of the proceeds will go toward protection and maintenance of the natural areas in the park.

For more information, or to purchase a print, contact Craig Krepps at (906) 492-3415.

To learn more, visit www.BoatUS.com/insurance.

Eagles removed from endangered list

It's official.

With pomp and circumstance, Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne announced June 28 that the bald eagle had been removed from the list of threatened and endangered species.

After nearly disappearing from most of the United States decades ago, the bald eagle is now flourishing across the nation and no longer needs the protection of the Endangered Species Act, Kempthorne said.

"Today I am proud to announce: the eagle has returned," Kempthorne said in the ceremony at the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C. "In 1963, the lower 48 states were home to barely 400 nesting pairs of bald eagles. Today, after decades of conservation effort, they are home to some 10,000 nesting pairs, a 25-fold increase in the last 40 years. Based on its dramatic recovery, it is my honor to announce the Department of the Interior's decision to remove the American bald eagle from the Endangered Species List."

In the Midwest, eagle numbers are among the highest in the continental United States, with Minnesota home to 1,312

breeding pairs, leading the lower 48 states.

Wisconsin's population is the third largest outside Alaska, with 1,065 pairs.

"Here in the Midwest, where eagles have rebounded so well, we comment the cooperative spirit that brought the nation's symbol back to the Great Lakes and rivers of our region," said Robyn Thorson, Midwest regional director for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "And we point with pride to one of the Fish and Wildlife Service's own, Rachel Carson, whose courage and determination in calling attention to the dangers of DDT made the eagle's recovery possible. What a fitting way to celebrate what would be her 100th birthday this year."

Kempthorne emphasized the ongoing commitment of the Interior Department and the entire federal government to the eagle's continued success, noting that bald eagles will still be protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Both federal laws prohibit killing, selling or otherwise harming eagles, their nests or eggs.

The measures are designed to give landowners and others clear guidance on how to ensure the actions they take on their property are consistent with the protection acts.

In addition, the Service is accepting public comments on a proposal to establish a permit program that would allow a limited take of bald and golden eagles. Any take authorized would be consistent with the purpose and goal of the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, ensuring eagle populations remain healthy and sustainable.

"After years of careful study, public comment and planning, the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are confident in the future security of the American bald eagle," Kempthorne said. "From this point forward, we will work to ensure that the eagle never again needs the protection of the Endangered Species Act."

Earlier in June, the Fish and Wildlife Service had clarified its regulations implementing the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and published a set of national management guidelines.

The bald eagle first gained federal protection in 1940 and was later given additional protections.

Soon after passage of the Eagle Act, populations stabilized or increased in most areas of the country. However, the population fell into steep decline in later decades, due primarily to widespread use of the pesticide DDT after World War II.

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The removal of the eagle from the endangered list will become effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register.

Upon delisting, the Service will continue to work with state wildlife agencies to monitor eagles for at least five years, as required by the Endangered Species Act. If at any time it appears that the bald eagle again needs the Act's protection, the Service can propose to relist the species. The Service has developed a draft monitoring plan that is available for public review and comment.

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about the bald eagle resulted in its protection in 1967 under the predecessor to the current Endangered Species Act. The eagle was one of the original species protected by the ESA when it was enacted in 1973.

From an all-time low of 417 breeding pairs in 1963, the population in the lower 48 states has grown to a high of 9,789 pairs today.

Officials say the bald eagle has never needed the protection of the ESA in Alaska, where the population is estimated at between 50,000 and 70,000 birds.

"It's fitting that our national symbol has also become a symbol of the great things that happen through cooperative conservation," said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director H. Dale Hall. "Eagles could not have recovered without a support network of strong partnerships among government at all levels, tribes, conservation organizations, the business community and individual citizens."

A draft of the post-delisting monitoring plan is now available for public comment. Comments may be sent by mail to: Bald Eagle Post-

Delisting Monitoring Plan Comments, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Rock Island Field Office, 1511 47th Ave., Moline, IL 61265.

Comments may also be sent to baldaglePDM@fws.gov or by going to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov.

More information about the bald eagle and the monitoring plan is available at www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/baldeagle.htm.

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**Kiddie Parade** June 29, 2007

**Kiddie Parade brings variety of entries, many prizes**

The Schoolcraft County Fourth of July Committee, Manistique Area Kiwanis Club and Youth Entertaining Team Interests (YETI) have announced the winners of the annual Kiddie Parade, which was held Friday, June 29, as the kickoff of local Independence Day activities.

The information presented here is taken directly from the judging sheets prepared by parade officials. The Pioneer-Tribune is not responsible for spelling errors or the omission of names.

**0 to 2 Years Old**  
**Funnist:** First place, Connor and Alex Noble.  
**Most Patriotic:** First place, Naomi Nyboer.  
**Most Original:** First place, Derek Denkins; Second place, Ella Schuetter.  
**Judges' Choice:** Aidan Larson.

**3 to 5 Years Old**  
**Pratties:** First place, Allison

Sample; Second place, Maddi Bosanc.  
**Most Original:** First place, Emma Herlik; Second place, Emma Swanson; Third place, Delana Schwartz.  
**Judges' Choice:** Ava Fleck.

**6 to 8 Years Old**  
**Funnist:** First place, Eric Williams.  
**Most Patriotic:** First place, Lacey Ruth; Second place, Melanie Jones; Third place, Robert Hronek.  
**Most Original:** First place, Megan Boyd; Second place, Sydney Gauthier; Third place, Emily Katherine.  
**Judges' Choice:** Chloe Saldona.

**9 to 12 Years Old**  
**Funnist:** First place, Dustin Williams; Second place, Todd Hronek.  
**Most Patriotic:** First place, Holly Blowers; Second place, Shelby Saffer; Third place, Theresa Weber.

**Most Original:** First place, Kelsey Morgan; Second place, Samantha Williams; Third place, Megan Weber.  
**Judges' Choice:** Kaela Clark.  
**Groups of 4 or Less**  
**Funnist:** First place, Jagher Warren, Keley Strickland and Daniel Howard; Second place, Emmalyn Braun, Logan Hayward, and Kali Wilson; Third place, Jack DeSautel and Logan Wilbanks.  
**Most Patriotic:** First place, Emily Baker, Ella Calouette and Dominick Weber; Second place, Bailey Keimonen and Mackenzie Lanning; Third place (tie), Emilee and Sarah McDaniel; Abigail Matheny and Charles Matheny.  
**Most Original:** First place, Jenna Jack, Jerry Jack and Brooke St. John; Second place, Dakota Goldi, Gail Thoma and Rebecca Deslarden; Third place, Trevor Bosanic and Lilly Stohl.  
**Judges' Choice:** Dylan Carl-

son, Hannah Benish and Taylor Herbst.  
**Groups of 5 or More**  
**Funnist:** First place, Kara Delrosari, Tyler Delrosari, Gracie Multaupt, Gavin Multaupt and Kaitlyn Moebius.  
**Most Patriotic:** First place, Emily Blount, Samantha Jasmin, Karah Renk, Kamryn Hoezee, Rylie Lawrence and Tegan Lawrence.  
**Most Original:** First place, Kaytie Gould, Kendra Weber,

Chloe Gould, Hannah Gould and Alex Goudreau; Second place, Amber Mills, Regan Dachelbor, Rathole Poland, Lilian Dachelbor, Kenny Barnhart, Kevin Barnhart, Taryn Ingalls and Luke Ingalls.  
**Judges' Choice:** Gabrielle Rochefort, David Rochefort, Shelby Carlson, Danny Michalik and Mikey Michalik.

**Pets**  
**Funnist:** First place, Ha-leigh Chagnon and Baby.

**Most Patriotic:** First place, Wyatt Demers and Kyle Floidin; Third place, Savanna Neadow.  
**Most Original:** First place, Jeff, Chris and Matt Franquonore; Second place, Austin and Carson Hinkson. Third place, Ryleigh Weigel and Mia Hyland.  
**Most Original:** First place, Bayleigh Buttermore; Second place, Reese Troxler; Third

place, Jilyn Hursh.  
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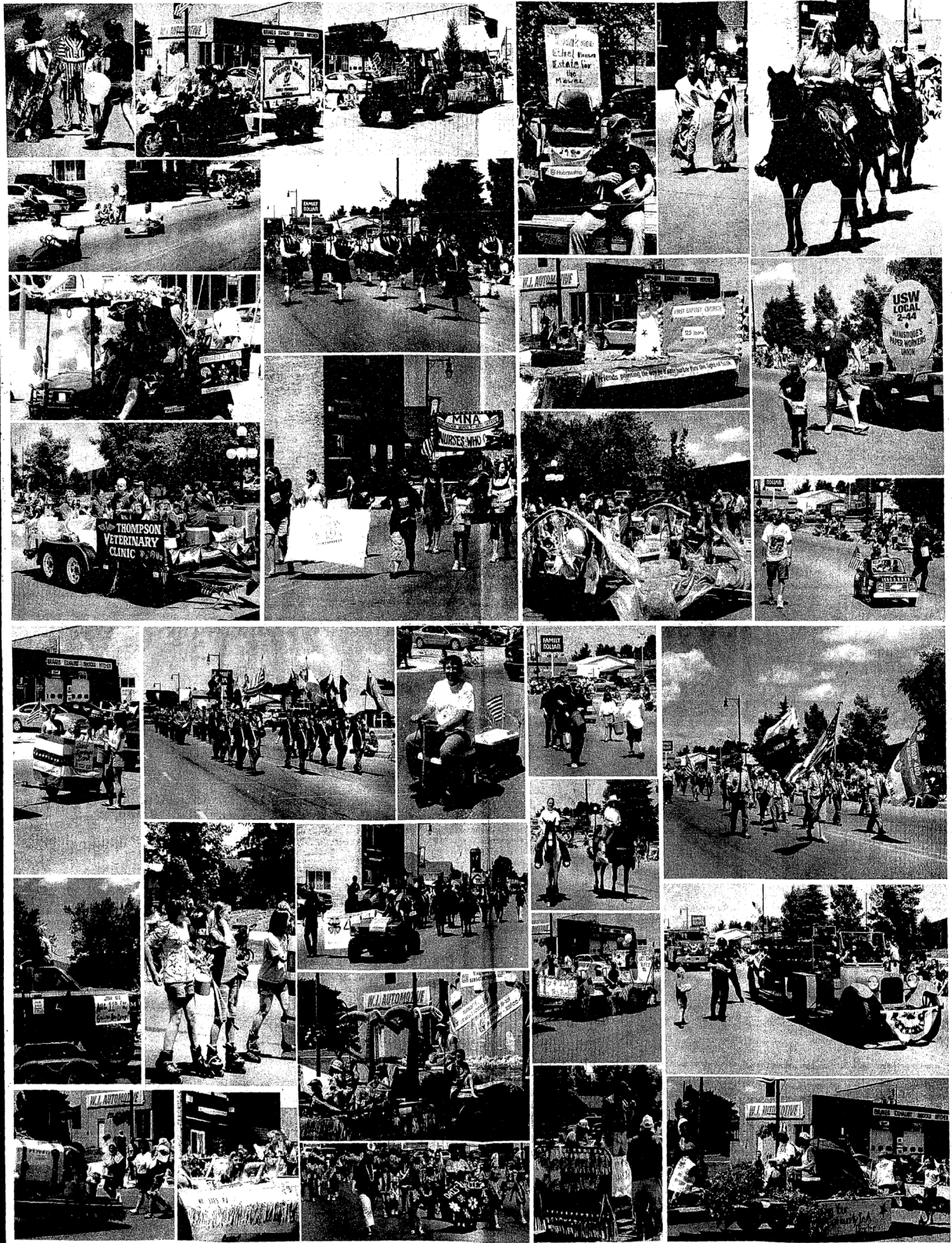
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