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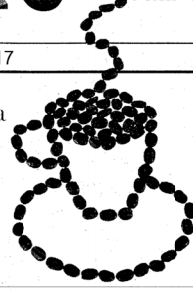
Local club celebrates storied past

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Coffee with a Cop set for Saturday

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Quick facts

- A member of the local Boy Scouts Troop 400 and 4-H program coordinator both recently presented during a city council meeting.
- The projects and programs of each organization aim to help the community

Groups boost area via projects

Boy Scout, 4-H programs encourage participation

MANISTIQUE – The influence of two organizations – one only recently reestablished in the area – is lending some positivity locally. Representatives from both groups provided presentations during a recent meeting of the Manistique City Council.

A member of the local Boy Scout Troop 400, Brendan Slater was first to present to

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News Brief

Additional charges added to case against Brunke

MANISTIQUE – An area man currently serving time in prison for his role in a 2015 triple homicide has had additional charges added to a drug case pending against him.

Kenneth Brunke, 46, appeared for an arraignment hearing in 93rd District Court Tuesday. He was charged with one count of controlled substance, deliver/manufacture, 650 or more grams, a felony punishable by up to life in prison and/or a fine of up to \$1 million; and one count of conspiracy to commit controlled substance, deliver/manufacture, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or an up to \$10,000 fine.

Brunke has previously been arraigned on: two counts of controlled substance, deliver/manufacture, less than 50 grams, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$25,000; one count of controlled substance – deliver/manufacture, 450 to 1,000 grams, a felony punishable by up to 30 years in prison and/or an up to \$500,000 fine; and one count of conspiracy to commit controlled substance – deliver/manufacture, 50 to 449 grams, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or an up to \$10,000 fine.

He was sentenced in February 2016 to up to five years in prison for one charge of obstruction of justice and one charge of lying to a peace officer in connection with a triple homicide in April 2015. He is currently being held in the Michigan Department of Corrections – Chippewa Correctional Facility in Kincheloe.

Brunke will appear for a preliminary examination on the added charges on April 3 at 10 a.m. He is scheduled to head to trial on the other charges on April 17.

Chamber sale leads to filing of lawsuit

MANISTIQUE – A lawsuit has been filed against the city of Manistique and four members of the Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce after city officials chose to not respond to a request from mBank. The lawsuit was filed Wednesday in 11th Judicial Circuit Court.

On March 17, mBank sent a request to the city of Manistique and the Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce Board asking officials to accept a “refund” of the entire purchase price of \$44,960.00 as noted on a Bill of Sale dated March 9. That sale included the former Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce building to the city.

In addition, mBank said it would become owner of all the chamber assets and building, release all parties from any claims, and cover a certain amount of legal costs to facilitate its requests. mBank asked the city to respond to its proposal by 5 p.m. March 21.

Due to the city’s failure to respond, a lawsuit was filed by mBank and local business, The Mustard Seed, against the city Wednesday. At issue is the legality of the sale between the Chamber and the City.

The Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce group released the following statement Wednesday upon learning of the lawsuit: “Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce

would like to recognize and support the efforts of mBank, The Mustard Seed and business leaders of Schoolcraft County. As members of the Chamber of Commerce, they have worked tirelessly to obtain information to determine the validity of the sale of assets of the Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce. mBank communicated with both the Chamber President and The City of Manistique, prior to the closing of the sale, of the bank’s intention to provide monetary support to resolve the debts incurred by the Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce. All Chamber liabilities would have been resolved with the bank’s support.

We greatly appreciate the efforts of these organizations and stand with them in their endeavor to represent the entire business community. Join with us and support mBank, The Mustard Seed and business leaders of Schoolcraft County as we all work to make our community better for everyone.

Please feel free to contact any of the Board members: Allan Ott, Amy Braun, Bob Crumb, Bonnie Garvin, Craig Reiter, David Muxlow, Don Erickson, Eric Berninow, Father Ben Paris, Jennifer Watson, Joel Schultz, Kevin Knaffla, Magan MacArthur, Maryann Boddy, PJ Stoll, Renae Kennedy, Scott Charter.”

The lawsuit lists the Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce, Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, John Brazda, Paul Walker, city of Manistique and Sheila Aldrich as the defendants.

The lawsuit, filed as Case No. 17-5120-CZ with Honorable William W. Carnody presiding, in its entirety, is as follows:

mBANK, a Michigan banking corporation, and THE MUSTARD SEED OF MANISTIQUE INC., a Michigan corporation Plaintiffs.

v. SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, a Michigan domestic nonprofit corporation, GERALD REESE, DENNIS JANKOWSKI, JOHN BRAZDA, PAUL WALKER, CITY OF MANISTIQUE, a municipal corporation, and SHEILA ALDRICH, individually, jointly and severally Defendants.

Matthew D. Vermetten (P43425), Thomas A. Pezzetti, Jr. (P45200), Gary D. Popovits (P63861), Caroline Gersch Leff (P77086), of Brandt, Pezzetti, Vermetten & Popovits, P.C. Attorneys for the Plaintiffs. 600 E. Front Street, Suite 100, Traverse City, MI 49686, (231) 929-3450.

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Quick facts

- A drug bust by UPSET yielded six arrests Tuesday.
- Two suspects also associated with the bust had been arrested previously.
- The suspects are all facing felony drug charges.

UPSET bust leads to 8 arrests

Manistique residents will face felony drug charges

MANISTIQUE – A drug bust by the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team led to eight arrests in Manistique – two in February and six Tuesday. The majority of the suspects were arraigned in 93rd District Court Wednesday morning.

Scott Jeffrey Phelps, 45, of 908.5 Arbutus Ave., was charged with one count of controlled substance – maintaining a drug house, a high court misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine; and two counts of controlled substance – deliver/manufacture, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine.

Phelps is scheduled for a preliminary examination April 10 at 1:30 p.m. A surety bond of \$100,000 was set by Judge Mark E. Luoma.

Christopher Michael Lavigne, 36, of 140 S. Second St., was charged with one count of controlled substance – deliver/manufacture, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine.

Lavigne is scheduled for a preliminary examination April 10 at 2:30 p.m. A surety bond of \$20,000 was set by Judge Luoma.

UPSET bust
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Upcoming Events

March 24 – Moose Lodge Brown Bag Auction to benefit CBC, Manistique Moose Lodge, 7 p.m.

March 25 – Eagles Chili Cook-off, Manistique Eagles Club, 2 p.m.

March 25 – Coffee with a Cop, Michigan State Police – Manistique Detachment, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., public welcome

March 25 – Moose Lodge Memorial Euchre Tournament, Manistique Moose Lodge, 6 p.m.

April 1 – Mackinaw Trail Winery and Brewery Wine and Beer Tasting to benefit CBC, Mackinaw Trail Winery, 4-6 p.m.

April 8 – Community Kids Easter Party, Manistique Moose Lodge, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

CLOWNING around

Pioneer Tribune photos
St. Francis de Sales School held its annual Carnival Sunday, welcoming residents to partake in the fun. Each year, the event boasts games, food, balloons, face-painting, raffles, and more. Above, one lucky little boy marvels at the nose of the friendly clown who stopped to shake his hand. At right, children get their faces painted while two young girls admire their goldfish prizes in the background.

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Big Bay de Noc School children recently had "s'more" fun with reading. Students reaching their mid-month reading goals enjoyed a trip to Fravelle State Park which included roasting marshmallows, making s'mores, and hiking the cyberloop trail. Ranger Thill and Ranger Paulson assisted with the trip.

Read s'more, get a treat

Mackinac Center releases new study on 'arbitrary' occupational licensing

MIDLAND — Occupational licensing, increases costs for consumers and worsens income inequality without improving public safety, according to a new study published this week by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

This isn't Working: How Michigan's Licensing Laws Hurt Workers and Consumers by Mackinac Center Policy Analyst Jarrett Skorpik, takes a look at what Michigan mandates in order for many people to be able to work, how this affects their lives, and what needs to change. Over 20 percent of Michigan residents need a license from the state to perform their jobs. This requirement covers high-wage occupations like lawyers and doctors, middle-class professions like cosmetologists and barbers and less common jobs like martial arts timekeepers and hearing aid dealers.

Licenses are widely believed to be a way of protecting the public, but there is no evidence for this. The study shows how licenses are created at the insistence of people and interest groups already practicing an occupation as a way of limiting competition in their respective fields. Once the license exists, it is seldom repealed, which is why the percent of licensed workers has increased about fivefold over the last several decades.

"In Michigan, you need a license to be a carpenter, but not to hang drywall. You need a license to pour concrete, but not lay asphalt. You need a license to install a tile floor, but not lay carpet," Skorpik said. "It takes more hours of training to be a barber in Michigan than it does to be a commercial airline pilot. These laws are inconsistent and arbitrary and the whole system needs to be reviewed and revamped."

All told, Michigan's licensing apparatus costs approximately 125,000 jobs and \$2,700 per

household each year. This is an enormous cost, with no measurable benefit for public health and safety.

While many licenses required in Michigan are mandated in other states as well, many cover professions that are rarely, if ever, licensed elsewhere. And many of Michigan's common licenses are more restrictive than corresponding licenses in other states, and set an arbitrarily high barrier to entry for lower-income professions.

"Michigan is one of only 10 states to license painters," Skorpik notes. "They must take 60 hours of classes, pass an exam and pay a \$200 fee. Meanwhile, it only costs about \$30 to become an auto mechanic, which covers a test and a license fee. Is one of these occupations significantly more dangerous to public health and safety than the other?"

Licensing laws also have a negative impact on prisoner rehabilitation and drive up recidivism rates. Many licensing laws prevent anyone with a criminal record from obtaining a license, while others have a "good character" provision restricting access to work. The study recommends making it easier for ex-offenders to earn licenses, especially if their criminal behavior was in no way associated with the type of license they are seeking.

"There is research that shows the higher a state's licensing mandates, the harder it is for ex-offenders to find work and the more likely they are to go back to criminal activity," Skorpik said. "There is good reason to keep some people out of some occupations, but missing a child support payment should not prevent someone from becoming a janitor."

The problem with occupational licenses is compounded in the city of Detroit, which licenses about 60 occupations. The state of Michigan chooses to not license roughly

half those occupations, including washers and snowplowers. For the other half, the city adds fees and requirements beyond what the state requires. Skorpik suggests that the city consider licensing reform as a way of improving its struggling economy.

Michigan has made strides toward occupational licensing reforms in recent years, repealing some licenses and lessening requirements and restrictions on others. But there is more work to do. The study has suggested legislation to ensure the public is

protected while allowing more jobs and competition in the market.

"If a license doesn't contribute to public safety, is more restrictive than it needs to be, or is subsidized by the state, it should be repealed or rolled back," Skorpik says. "Licenses that do not meet this criteria are a drag on the state economy and its resources. There are many better, alternative ways to reduce fraud and protect the public."

To read the study and learn more, go to www.mackinac.org/licensing.

CUPPAD seeking grant applications

ESCANABA — The Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission, based in Escanaba, recently announced that the 2017 "Prosperous Places Mini Grant Program" is accepting applications from now until June 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

Awards will be considered based on project's consistency to the published guidelines, demonstrated community support and financial need, and to the most strategic, high impact and creative projects proposed.

Eligible applicants include the nonprofit organizations, tribes, city, village, township and county governments within the boundaries of Alger, Delta, Dickinson, Marquette, Menominee, and Schoolcraft counties.

Applications and guidelines are available on CUPPAD's website: www.cuppad.org/place-making-mini-grant-program/ or may be requested by contacting CUPPAD at (906) 786-9234. For more information, contact Emilie Schada at CUPPAD at (906) 786-9234, ext. 1380 or eschada@cuppad.org

News Brief

MSP St. Ignace post seeks 'Angel' volunteers

ST. IGNACE — To assist people struggling with addiction and reduce drug demand, the Michigan State Police has joined almost 200 police departments nationwide in the Angel Program, a pre-arrest diversion program. The Angel Program allows someone with a drug addiction to walk into a state police post to seek help for their addiction, without the fear of arrest or investigation.

As of this month, the MSP is expanding this program to the St. Ignace Post and is recruiting volunteers who wish to provide support to participants, including transportation to treatment.

Interested volunteers must complete an application available from the post. Volunteers must have reliable transportation, a valid driver's license and live within one hour of the post, among other requirements. Volunteers receive training prior to any assignments, and will be reimbursed for mileage and meals.

Those interested in learning more about the program or becoming an Angel Volunteer, may contact the MSP St. Ignace Post at (906) 643-7582.

The Angel Program is supported by the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative. It originally began in Gloucester, Mass. in 2015. The MSP plans to continue expansion of the program across the state throughout 2017.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
The Schoolcraft County District would like to invite you to join us for our Annual Meeting and Dinner.

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Monday, April 10 ~ 5:30 p.m.
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GFWC honors past for Women's History Month

Lifestyles Briefs

MANISTIQUE – March is Women's History Month and the Manistique chapter of the General Federation of Women's Clubs is celebrating its history.

The club was founded in 1897 by a small group of women who converted their Whist Club into the Women's Reading Club. The 25 ladies met to promote study, the cultivation of literary taste, and to encourage freedom of discussion. Dues at the time were 25 cents.

In 1904, the club joined the State Federation and, in 1916, it joined the General Federation of Women's Clubs. At that point, the club began to take a more active interest in civic improvement.

Over its 120 years, the programs and projects of the club have changed with the times and needs of the community, as well as the talents and interests of the club members. In 1919, and the early 1920s, the club sponsored the United States School Garden Army – children from the elementary school who planted Victory Gardens.

The club has also presented plays, musicals, puppet shows, and fashion shows throughout the



Above, the original Whist/Reading Club from 1897 included: Mrs. Crowe, Mrs. Mercersen, Mrs. Putnam, Mrs. McKinney, Mrs. Burnell, Mrs. Hancock, Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Babcock, and Mrs. McKilligan.

years. Beautification and conservation remain top priorities of the club. Members proposed, promoted

and contributed substantially both ideas and funds to the development of the former Central Park and the building of the Youth Center. The

club purchased, beautified, and donated 16 acres of property at Intake Park to the city. The club also purchased land

in the county and promoted the planting of 1,200 Oak and pine trees and helped physically and financially to reforest 40 acres in the Upper Peninsula. Members support Project Petunia, and assist in eradicating invasive species.

Other projects include monthly Schoolcraft County Medical Care Facility resident birthday parties; the restoration of the historic water tower; Project Backpack; planning and raising funds for the construction of the Living Waters Memorial Fountain; providing scholarships for graduating seniors; an annual senior girls' tea; a short story contest for sixth graders; the High Tea; wine tasting fundraisers; mystery dinner theatres.

The group has also provided car seats, clothes, and other items for Bay Cliff Health Camp for over a half-century.

Funding for the many community projects is raised by the group's sale of Kozec nuts, in past years, and now Terri Lynn nuts.

GFWC Women's Clubs have

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Resident earns degree from Simmons College

BOSTON, Mass. – Jessica Rochefort of Manistique recently earned a Master of Science degree in nursing from Simmons College.

Simmons College is a nationally recognized private university located in the heart of Boston, and is the preeminent authority on women's leadership. Founded in 1899, Simmons is the only undergraduate women's college in Boston, and maintains a history of visionary thinking and a focus on social responsibility.

The college offers world-class educational graduate programs in nursing and health sciences, liberal arts, library and information science, business management, and social work.

Basic training graduate hails from Seney area

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – U.S. Air Force Airman Leroy H. Ward-Harbaum graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Ward-Harbaum is the son of Lea M. Ward-Harbaum and Rob P. Harbaum, of Seney.

He is a 2016 graduate of Burt Township High School, Grand Marais.

DINNER DIVA

By LEANNE ELY

Frugal is as frugal does – at least, that's what my mama used to say. Actually, I think that was "stupid", not frugal, and I think that was Forrest Gump's mama, not mine. But I digress... we're talking about frugality here, not stupidity. Although a case for stupidity could be made for the way we buy groceries these days – throwing just about anything in our carts.

The first mistake is thinking we have no time and are therefore slaves to convenience foods. What's so helpful about Hamburger Helper, anyway? It's full of scary ingredients, costs too much money and isn't doing a thing for you health-wise.

The second mistake we make is thinking we are the exception to the 24-hours-a-day rule – we all have the same amount of time each day. So why not make real food for yourself and your family a priority? Cooking from scratch doesn't require leg irons attached to you and the stove and dramatic farewells to family and friends. You will see other rooms in your house, and yes, you can have a life. It is really easy to pull this off – I've done it for years.

You absolutely need a plan. Write down everything your family likes. Is spaghetti a winner? Does the family like the way you make Great Aunt Suzy's Chicken Supreme (all done with healthy ingredients, of course) or is Great Aunt Suzy's Chicken Supreme too time-consuming to make? Then ditch it and start over.

Bottom line: Your dinners have to be simple. Some should be double-able and freeze-able. Every time you make meatloaf, make two. Double casseroles. Then you can have a frozen stash on those days when life isn't coming together.

Sounds basic, right? It is. But it is amazing how many people live off adrenaline, driving home from work each day, sweating it out because they don't have one earthly idea what's for dinner. If you have a plan, the world is your oyster.

Here's a great recipe guaranteed to get you in and out of the kitchen fast and have the family begging for more!



Leanne Ely

Muy Nacho Stuffed Shells
12 ounces jumbo shells (32-36 shells) – uncooked
3/4 pound extra-lean ground beef
1/4 cup quick oatmeal, uncooked
1 package (1.25-ounce) low-sodium taco seasoning mix (no msg)

1 cup water
1 can (16-ounce) refried beans with chilies
1 cup low-fat cheddar cheese – shredded
3/4 cup mild, medium or hot salsa (your favorite jarred variety)
1 can (8-ounce) tomato sauce

1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions
Optional garnishes: grated low-fat cheddar cheese, chopped cilantro, salsa, avocado, carefully chopped. Prepare pasta. While pasta is cooking, cook up the beef in a large skillet until browned; drain well and add the oatmeal. Add taco seasoning mix and water; simmer 5 minutes or until thickened. Stir in beans and cheese. Cook until smooth and well-mixed. When pasta is done, drain well. Fill shells with beef mixture (1-2 tablespoons per shell). Combine salsa and tomato sauce in a saucepan. Cook until heated, stirring occasionally. Preheat oven to 350. Spread 1/2

cup sauce over the bottom of a lightly greased 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Place filled shells side by side on top of sauce; pour remaining sauce evenly over shells. Cover with tent of aluminum foil; bake 35-40 minutes. Sprinkle with green onions. Cover and let stand 5 minutes before serving. Garnish as desired.

Now go get your frugal on!

Leanne Ely is a NYT bestselling author and the creator of <http://SavingDinner.com>, the original menu planning website, bringing families back to the dinner table for over 15 years.



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SENIOR CENTER NEWS

BY CONNIE FRENETTE

How to: Grow a bigger garden in a smaller space

Whether in the ground or on a balcony or deck, there's always room to grow your own garden-fresh produce and beautiful flowers.

Consider elevated gardens and planter carts that not only save space, but make gardens more accessible. Movable carts like the Demeter Mobile Planter Cart allow you to grow flowers and produce in narrow spaces.

Save more space by going vertical. Look for containers and raised garden beds with built-in trellises and plant supports. Just plant your pole beans, peas, cucumbers or tomatoes and attach them to the supports as they grow.

Double your planting space by growing shade tolerant greens under cucumbers, growing on a cucumber or A-frame trellis. Set the trellis in place and plant the greens in early spring as soon as the soil is workable.

Extend the growing season with a Year Round Kitchen Garden. Grow greens and herbs under lights attached to a raised bed on wheels.

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to start your indoor garden.

Or top your raised bed and containers with frost protective coverings. Many have built-in frames to support greenhouse covers, allowing you to plant earlier and harvest later in the season.

Select planters that complement your landscape design and gardening style. Wood, metal and colorful raised beds and containers add beauty, durability and growing space.

Look for multi-purpose furnishings and accessories to maximize your space and enjoyment.

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Where do I begin! I not only have the best friends and family in the whole world, but the community as a whole. I was contacted by Good Neighbors that an unexpected Feeding America Food Truck was in town with 20,000 pounds of food to be distributed.

Thinking fast, I tasked my friends on Facebook for help in getting the word out, and wow did they ever. They were amazing. It was suggested to contact Jack's Fresh Market to request use of their old grocery store parking lot.

The next thing that popped in my head was to contact Mike Powers, a teacher that never fails the community. Before we knew it two strong students arrived. Probation officer, Greg Schulz was contacted and sent a crew.

Volunteers that gave of their time included: Dustin Crosby, Jordan Ramco, Douglas Hall, Nancy Lennox, Doris Lee, Brian Losey, Jody Terrian, Guy Vortz, Theresa Castiel, Joe, Jasmine, George Carroll, Don Erickson, Margo and Loney Wheathy, Dan Evonich, Dianne and Mike Bowler, Margaret Brubaker, and Joe Frenette (who helped me deliver four boxes to homebound in Gulliver).

Good Neighbors contacted Diane Bowler, from Germfask and they got the ball rolling in their area (they have volunteered at every distribution).

I received the call at 10 a.m. and our plans were to start at 1 p.m. And lo and behold, we did! Before we knew it, cars were coming from all directions. After trying to direct traffic, I made a call to the sheriff's office requesting help. Someone was sent over immediately.

The volunteers went above and beyond! I feel not only blessed for all the help given, but I feel honored to have been able to assist with putting food on so many tables in Schoolcraft County.

Word is there is a possibility of that truck returning. Who knows, maybe friends will be there to help again. I really, really mean it when I say "thank you."

Are you low-income and think you may need some help with your prescriptions? Many of you who are lower income may not realize you could be getting help with prescription drug coverage through Social Security called "Extra Help."

While looking through another senior center newsletter, I noticed they have a group of volunteers that made valentines for the residents of that local nursing home. At one time, we had a group of volunteers that did the same. Would anyone be interested in spear heading this group? We would be willing to furnish the supplies. It would be great if we could make and send something from the senior center five to six times per year. I am sure it would put a smile on their faces!



Seeing Feeding America Food Trucks isn't a surprise for Manistique residents, although the one that recently arrived full of grocery items certainly was. Scrambling to find distribution volunteers and getting the word out to recipients on short notice was a task for organizers, but residents within the community stepped up to do their part.

your prescriptions? Many of you who are lower income may not realize you could be getting help with prescription drug coverage through Social Security called "Extra Help."

If you think you could qualify, make an appointment to see your local MMAP counselor, which in our office is Brenda. Brenda can apply for you. You will be notified in the mail if you qualify and we can help explain your determination letter and help you navigate the next step to saving money.

While looking through another senior center newsletter, I noticed they have a group of volunteers that made valentines for the residents of that local nursing home. At one time, we had a group of volunteers that did the same. Would anyone be interested in spear heading this group? We would be willing to furnish the supplies.

It would put a smile on their faces! Please, please, take the time to fill out the survey that was inserted in your "Tintipiece" newsletter. If you don't receive the newsletter, we have forms available at the center. We are not only looking for activities for the future, but we are looking for new volunteers.

We sincerely wish to thank the William Hubble family for being so generous towards the center. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your entire family. Monetary donations have been received in memory of: Bill Hubble from Herb and Patsy Calhoun, Brian and Lori Wood, Kenneth and Janette LaPorte, Robert and Carol Leny Trust, Lois, Hohoiki, Bill Deloria, Terry and Sissy DeMers, Bob and Marge Hale and Sally Latzow.

BRIDGE Mar. 17: 1st-Audrey Savoie, 2nd-Larry Savoie, 3rd-Judy Provo, 4th-Jackie Bruce, CF-Pat Flint. Hostess, Hanna Mammen. 500 Mar. 17: 1st-Chris Keener, 2nd-Peggy Beckman, 3rd-Larry Peterson, Should'a Stayed Home-Kim Jones. Birthdays this week: March 27-Gerald Stout, March 29-Chiff-Barber and George Baker.

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been instrumental in founding over 75 percent of the libraries in the United States. The club encourages reading through the Epsilon Sigma Omicron, an honorary educational society. The club supports the local library by donating books in memory of deceased members.

The Schoolcraft County Historical Society houses a complete set of club year books and many years of the club's memory scrapbooks, as well as a set of CDs with digitized history for the first 100 years of the club.

The first 100 years CDs are also on file in the club's archives at the International Headquarters in Washington, D.C. at 1734 N Street. The April 11 Manistique Women's Club meeting will feature speaker Deb LeBlanc from the U. S. Forestry. It is also Bay Cliff

"shower" month, and attendees are asked to bring items for camp use.

Those interested in joining the club may call membership chair Susan Hattas-Krumrey at (906) 235-9843.

Advertisement for 'Need Blueprint Copies?' offering to send files to a service for \$24x36 - \$2 Pioneer Tribune. Contact: 212 Walnut St., Manistique, MI 49854. Phone: (906) 341-5200.

Worship Directory listing various churches and their services. Churches include: First Baptist Church, Bethel Baptist Church, Church of the Redeemer Presbyterian, First United Methodist Church, Zion Lutheran Church, Manistique Bible Church, Manistique Christian Fellowship, St. Jude's Episcopal Chapel, St. Therese's Catholic Church, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Victory Lutheran Church, Fayette Congregational Church, Hawaitha Pentecostal Church, Cedar Grove Menonite Church, and Light House Church.

Advertisement for 'Worship Directory' listing local houses of worship. Churches include: St. Andrew's Church, St. John's Baptist Church, St. Peter's Catholic Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, St. Ann's Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, St. Francis Catholic Church, St. Vincent's Catholic Church, St. Rose's Catholic Church, St. Agatha's Catholic Church, St. Cecilia's Catholic Church, St. Barbara's Catholic Church, St. Margaret's Catholic Church, St. Gertrude's Catholic Church, St. Ursula's Catholic Church, St. Clare's Catholic Church, St. Theresita's Catholic Church, St. Ann's Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, St. Francis Catholic Church, St. Vincent's Catholic Church, St. Rose's Catholic Church, St. Agatha's Catholic Church, St. Cecilia's Catholic Church, St. Barbara's Catholic Church, St. Margaret's Catholic Church, St. Gertrude's Catholic Church, St. Ursula's Catholic Church, St. Clare's Catholic Church, St. Theresita's Catholic Church.

Dining Directory advertisement for Jack Pine Lodge and Campground. Features dining specials, campsite/cabin rentals, and contact information. Phone: 906.573.2414.

Advertisement for Cedar Street Cafe and coffee house. Offers breakfast entrees, sandwiches, soups, and daily specials. Phone: (906) 341-2469.

Advertisement for Main Street Pizzeria. Offers pizza, salads, subs, and nachos. Phone: 341-6966.

Advertisement for Big Spring Inn. Offers weekly specials and reservations. Phone: 906.64.2506.

Advertisement for Peoples Store Dry Cleaners. Offers drop-off service for laundry and dry cleaning. Phone: (906) 341-2779.

Advertisement for State Savings Bank. Offers financial services. Phone: 341-2779.

Advertisement for 26 Different Items on Tap. Offers craft beers, sodas, and ciders. Phone: 906.64.2506.

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THIS IS NO OTHER CIVIL ACTION BETWEEN THESE PARTIES ARISING OUT OF THE SAME TRANSACTION OR OCCURRENCE AS ALLEGED IN THIS COMPLAINT PENDING IN THIS COURT.

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

NOW COME Plaintiffs mBank, a Michigan banking corporation (hereafter "Bank") and The Mustard Seed of Manistique, Inc., a Michigan corporation (hereinafter "Mustard Seed") (Bank and Mustard Seed collectively referred to as "Plaintiffs"), by and through their attorney Thomas A. Pezzetti, Jr., of Brandt, Pezzetti, Vermetten & Popovits, P.C., and in support of their Complaint against Defendants, Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce, Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, John Brazda, Paul Walker (Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce, Reese, Jankowski, Brazda, and Walker collectively referred to as the "Chamber Defendants"), City of Manistique, and Sheila Aldrich (The City of Manistique, Walker, and Aldrich shall be collectively referred to as the "City Defendants"), state as follows:

VENUE AND JURISDICTION

1. Plaintiff mBank is a Michigan banking corporation having its principal place of business in Manistique, Schoolcraft County, Michigan.
2. Plaintiff The Mustard Seed of Manistique, Inc. is a Michigan corporation having its principal place of business in Manistique, Schoolcraft County, Michigan.
3. Defendant Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce (hereinafter

"Chamber of Commerce") is a Michigan nonprofit corporation having its principal place of business in Manistique, Schoolcraft County, Michigan.
4. Defendant City of Manistique, located in Schoolcraft County, Michigan is a municipal corporation and special Charter City under Local Acts 1899, No. 437.
5. Upon information and belief, Gerald Reese is an individual residing in Schoolcraft County, Michigan.
6. Upon information and belief, Dennis Jankowski is an individual residing in Schoolcraft County, Michigan.
7. Upon information and belief, John Brazda is an individual residing in Schoolcraft County, Michigan.
8. Upon information and belief, Paul Walker is an individual residing in Schoolcraft County, Michigan.
9. Upon information and belief, Sheila Aldrich is an individual residing in Schoolcraft County, Michigan.
10. The events giving rise to this action took place in Schoolcraft County, Michigan.
11. Jurisdiction and venue are properly vested in this Court because the events giving rise to this action took place in Schoolcraft County, Michigan, and equitable relief is sought.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

12. Defendants Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, John Brazda, and Paul Walker are, or were during the time periods relevant to the events listed in this Complaint, purported to be and represented that they were, Members of the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce.
13. Defendant Paul Walker is both a Member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and a Councilmember for the City of Manistique.

14. Defendant Sheila Aldrich is the City Manager for the City of Manistique. Additionally, Sheila Aldrich was a Member of the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce at the time the Chamber of Commerce experienced financial difficulties, including unpaid taxes owed to the Internal Revenue Service and State of Michigan.
15. Plaintiffs Bank and Mustard Seed are Members of the Chamber of Commerce.
16. The Chamber of Commerce was the owner of a building and certain assets located at 1000 W. Lakeshore Drive, Manistique, Michigan 49854 (collectively, the "Building") which was its headquarters.
17. Upon information and belief, in the past several years, the Chamber of Commerce experienced financial hardships and alleged financial misappropriations, which resulted in non-payment of its bank loan at maturity (which was secured by the Building as collateral) and unpaid taxes owed to the Internal Revenue Service and State of Michigan.
18. Upon information and belief, the regularly scheduled Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting scheduled for February 28, 2017 at which was scheduled to be discussed as an agenda item the Dissolution Committee's proposals regarding an orderly disposition of the Chamber of Commerce assets, including the Building, Chamber of Commerce, and City of Manistique. Chamber of Commerce Defendants were not available to meet.
19. Upon information and belief, on March 7, 2017 the City of Manistique's City Council held a special meeting to vote on making a purchase offer for the Building. See Purchase Offer attached hereto as

Exhibit A.

20. Upon information and belief, the City of Manistique felt it necessary to have a rushed special meeting to make an Offer to Purchase on the Building due to what they asserted was an "imminent foreclosure" of the Building. Contrary to the City of Manistique's assertion, no litigation or foreclosure proceedings had been commenced against the Chamber of Commerce or the Building. Instead, prior to the City of Manistique's special meeting, the Lender to the Chamber of Commerce offered to forgive the debt in full in a letter dated March 7, 2017 to the Chamber of Commerce President Gerald Reese.
21. Upon information and belief, Defendant Paul Walker was a Council Member for the City of Manistique and a Member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce at the time of the March 7, 2017 City of Manistique Council Meeting and the March 8, 2017 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting.
22. The City of Manistique is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce.
23. A Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Special meeting was called on March 7, 2017 and held on March 8, 2017. Despite objections, the Chamber of Commerce President Gerald Reese refused to address the agenda for the meeting, and instead said the only item to be addressed would be the sale of the Building to Defendant City of Manistique. Chamber of Commerce President Gerald Reese asked all Members of the Chamber of Commerce and the public to leave the building so the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors could go into closed session. Three of the Chamber Board Members, Kevin Knaffla, Amy Braun, and Bonnie Garvin, objected to the

closed session and left the building. Subsequently, Chamber of Commerce President Gerald Reese and the remaining Chamber of Commerce Board Members called Defendant Sheila Aldrich, City Council Member Rick Hollister, and City Attorney Bruce E. Plackowski back into the meeting to discuss the City of Manistique Purchase Offer for the Building. Eventually, Chamber of Commerce President Gerald Reese allowed the Members of the Chamber of Commerce and general public back into the building for the meeting, the Chamber Defendants voted to accept the City of Manistique's offer to purchase the Building, and after the vote allowed limited public comment. The four Chamber Defendants (Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, John Brazda, and Paul Walker, all of which have now resigned from the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors) all voted to accept the City of Manistique Offer to Purchase the Building. The remaining three Board of Directors (Kevin Knaffla, Amy Braun, and Bonnie Garvin) left the Chamber of Commerce meeting in protest and did not participate in the vote to accept the City of Manistique's Offer to Purchase the Building. Notably, the closed session was not on the agenda, nor was the customary member comment period.
24. President Gerald Reese's instruction for everyone to leave the building, except for the Board of Directors, violated Section 6.02 of the Chamber of Commerce Constitution and Bylaws which states that meetings are open to general membership. See Constitution and Bylaws attached hereto as Exhibit B.
25. Upon information and belief, the March 8, 2017 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors' vote to sell the building to its Member the

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City of Manistique was improper as two of the individuals that voted to approve the sale had terms that had expired (Defendants John Brazda and Dennis Jankowski). At the March 8, 2017 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors' meeting, the issue regarding the expired terms of the two board members was raised and summarily dismissed by Chamber of Commerce President Gerald Reese.
26. Upon information and belief, the March 8, 2017 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors' vote to sell the Building was improper as a Member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Defendant Paul Walker, was also a Council Member of the City of Manistique and should have recused himself from the vote due to obvious conflict of interest. Without Defendant Paul Walker's affirmative vote, the Chamber Board of Directors did not have sufficient votes to approve the sale of the Building to the City of Manistique at the March 8, 2017 meeting. See March 8, 2017 Minutes attached hereto as Exhibit C.
27. Upon information and belief, the City Defendants knew that they would need Paul Walker's vote and allowed Paul Walker to vote to accept the City of Manistique's offer to purchase the Building despite the obvious conflict of interest.
28. The chamber of Commerce Board of Directors President Gerald Reese operated an improper meeting and used the City of Manistique Police Force to intimidate other Chamber of Commerce Board Members and Members of the Chamber of Commerce to ensure that the vote to accept the City of Manistique's offer to purchase the Building was approved.

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Local groups

council, outlining his plans for an upcoming Eagle Scout project. According to the National Eagle Scout Association, an Eagle Scout ranking is a performance-based achievement that only approximately five percent of Boy Scouts earn. One of the final steps in obtaining an Eagle Scout rank is to plan, develop, and serve as a leader to others in a service project helpful to the scout's community, school or religious institution.

According to Slater, he is currently a Life Scout within the troop. To achieve an Eagle ranking, Slater said he would like to replace the hand-painted mile marker signs along the Manistique boardwalk.

"The current signs on the boardwalk are damaged and many are missing," Slater explained. "I think that replacing the signs would benefit the community by informing visitors on the remaining distance (of the boardwalk) and advertising out local attractions."

Slater said his project would require the assistance of eight to 12 people—likely troop members, friends or family. "For materials, we are going to donate all of them," he said. "We treated stuff so it will stay outside longer."

All the supplies and needed for the project are already in possession, Slater explained, and appropriate measures will be taken for safety while creating the signs.

"The cost, \$123.45, we can cover that," he said. "We don't need anything except permission."

Once approval is obtained, Slater said he will move on with finalizing the project details, such as preparing, painting, and installation.

Council members unanimously approved Slater's request to replace the boardwalk signs.

Jill Connin, the 4-H program coordinator and nutrition program instructor in the local Michigan State University Extension office, was next to shine some light on positive community action—outlining the accomplishments and goals of her programs. "I've almost been employed with Extension now for a year—we reopened the Schoolcraft County office in April of last year," she explained, adding that the office had closed approximately seven years prior to that.

"The task was getting an office open from bare walls, and we are now located in the former...superintendent's office (adjacent to the Manistique Middle and High School)."

Beginning with the nutritional education aspect of her work, Connin said she had just wrapped up a six-week series with the Emerald Elementary third grade classrooms.

"I was in there for an hour each week," she explained. "We talked about everything from how to plant seeds to 'food miles'... that your strawberries are hand-picked in Mexico and then trucked 2,200 miles... for us to consume."

She added that the children also created public service announcement posters for the hallways of the school, offered a tasting table to students, and received prizes.

In addition, Connin said she has also been offering a program for preschoolers each Friday in the library.

"It's called 'Grow It, Try It, Like It,'" she explained. "There's a book

that goes with each lesson, so we're doing the story time, we're having some taste testing... we're doing a lot of fun."

In the sixth grade classes, Connin said students recently planted seeds in the school's hoop house, which is visible behind the school.

"Once the ground warms up again, it should start growing," she said.

Additionally, third and sixth graders received 4-H cups with seeds planted within.

"We're to the point where all the tomatoes are up, and all the watermelons are up, and we're still waiting for the peppers to poke up," Connin said, adding with a laugh that, "The kids are checking it, truly, at the beginning of four hour, and at the end, just in case their peppers popped up during class."

Connin explained the program received grant funding to help improve nutrition, and the environment in which the nutrition is received, in the school. Updates at the high school cafeteria include the addition of a menu board.

"The students have been pretty excited about that," she added.

A short-term special interest club

that lasts only six hours, taking place every other week, was also formed by Connin.

"I had three ladies in that club this summer," Connin said. "They planted in the hoop house, they cared for it, and whatever produce was ready the day that we met, they could take home."

The hoop house also provides some supplemental foods for the school lunches.

"In September, the carrots were ready, and so the kitchen staff picked them and put them on the salad bar," Connin explained. "The remaining kale and lettuce just got mixed in with whatever else they were serving."

The Extension also has a "Cleverbud" program for children five to eight years old, and has given a boost to the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade girls who play volleyball.

"The girls' volleyball team had been functioning as like a volleyball camp, but without a parent organization—they didn't fall under the heading of the school," Connin said. "We converted them to a 4-H club so that they get some liability insurance for the adults, the kids get some supplemental insur-

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29. Upon information and belief, and contrary to their fiduciary duties to the other Board Members and the Chamber of Commerce Members, the Chamber Defendants did not have an appraisal done of the Building and assets prior to the sale, nor did they conduct any other marketing or promotional activities in order to obtain the best possible price for the Building.

30. On March 9, 2017, the Chamber of Commerce closed on the sale of the Building to its member, the City of Manistique. See Bill of Sale and Payment attached hereto as Exhibit D.

31. The Chamber of Commerce sold the Building to the City of Manistique for \$44,960.00 dollars, which, upon information and belief, was less than the fair market value of the Building and was based on a sale price sufficient to purportedly cover the Chamber of Commerce's outstanding liabilities, including the tax liabilities Defendants may have had personal liability for under State and Federal Law.

32. Although the Building was not sold until March 9, 2017, the Chamber of Commerce submitted a Certificate of Dissolution the day before to be filed with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (hereinafter "LARA").

33. Plaintiffs restate and incorporate by reference the allegations in the preceding Paragraphs as though fully set forth in this Complaint.

34. Defendants Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, John Brazda, and Paul Walker are the purported Members of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors that voted to approve the sale of the Building to the City of Manistique at the March 8, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors.

35. Defendants Chamber of Commerce, Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, John Brazda, and Paul Walker have control and/or access to certain money, property, and information held and maintained by the Chamber of Commerce for the benefit of its members.

36. Based on the apparent conflicts of interest, as described above, an accounting is necessary to ascertain the nature and propriety of transactions by the Chamber of Commerce.

37. Upon information and belief, Defendants Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, John Brazda, and Paul Walker are the purported Members of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors that voted to approve the sale of the Building to the City of Manistique at the March 8, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors.

38. Furthermore, Defendants Chamber of Commerce, Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, John Brazda, and Paul Walker still have yet to fully respond to Plaintiffs' reasonable requests for information dated

March 13, 2017 and March 16, 2017. See Request attached hereto as Exhibit F. Instead of responding to the reasonable request for information by Plaintiffs on behalf of the Members of the Chamber of Commerce, all four Chamber Defendants resigned from the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

39. Plaintiffs cannot, even with liberal discovery, reasonably be expected to ascertain the actions of the Chamber of Commerce, or the documentation requested by its inquires dated March 13, 2017 and March 16, 2017.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Honorable Court enter an order adjudging the following: A. REQUIRING Defendants Chamber of Commerce, Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, John Brazda, Paul Walker, and Sheila Aldrich to provide an accounting of all transactions by the Chamber of Commerce over the past two years;

B. REQUIRING Defendants Chamber of Commerce, Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, John Brazda, and Paul Walker to provide all documentation and information requested by Plaintiffs' inquiries dated March 13, 2017 and March 16, 2017;

C. AWARDING attorney fees and costs to Plaintiffs as allowed by law; and D. ORDERING any other relief this court deems equitable and proper.

COUNT II - BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY (Defendants Chamber of Commerce, Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, John Brazda, Paul Walker)

40. Plaintiffs restate and incorporate by reference the allegations in the preceding Paragraphs as though fully set forth in this Complaint.

41. At all times relevant to this claim, Plaintiffs were members of the Chamber of Commerce.

42. At all times relevant to this claim, Defendants Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, John Brazda, and Paul Walker (hereinafter "Chamber Defendants") were purported members of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

43. MCL 450.254(1) requires that a director of officer shall perform his or her duties (a) in good faith; (b) with the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances; and (c) in a manner he or she reasonably believes is in the best interests of the corporation.

44. The Chamber Defendants had a fiduciary duty to make prudent business decisions for the benefit of the Chamber of Commerce's members.

45. Defendants Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, John Brazda, and Paul Walker are the purported Members of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors that voted to approve the sale of the Building to the City of Manistique at the March 8, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors.

46. Upon information and belief, the Chamber Defendants arranged for the Building to be sold to a Chamber of Commerce member, the City of Manistique, at a price below fair market value. Upon information and belief, the sale price was based on the

price sufficient to cover the Chamber of Commerce's outstanding liabilities, including the tax liability that Defendants may have had personal liability for under State and Federal Law.

47. Upon information and belief, the Chamber Defendants did not make reasonable efforts to seek out additional offers to purchase the Building or engage in any substantial marketing efforts to sell the Building.

48. Upon information and belief, prior to the March 8, 2017 meeting, Defendant Gerald Reese instructed the Chamber of Commerce to only provide information to Defendant Gerald Reese and not to other board members and he also failed to disclose to the other Chamber of Commerce Board Members that other parties were interested in purchasing the Building.

49. In contravention to MCL 450.2551, the City of Manistique, as a member of Chamber of Commerce, improperly benefited from acquiring a distribution of property from a nonprofit corporation made at a discounted price.

50. Furthermore, upon information and belief, in contravention to MCL 450.2551, the Chamber Defendants entered into a Purchase Agreement with Chamber of Commerce Member Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, Paul Walker, and John Brazda on March 8, 2017, while the Chamber of Commerce may have had outstanding debts, obligations and liabilities.

51. The conduct of the Chamber Defendants constitutes a breach of fiduciary duty to Plaintiffs, as Members of the Chamber of Commerce.

52. Subsequent to completing the sale of the Building to the City of Manistique, Chamber of Commerce Board of Director Members Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, Paul Walker, and John Brazda resigned from the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

53. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs have sustained damages. WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, respectfully request that this Honorable Court enter an order adjudging the following: A. SETTING ASIDE the sale of the Building from the Chamber of Commerce to the City of Manistique;

B. REQUIRING the Chamber and the Chamber Defendants to fulfill their fiduciary duty by making additional proper and legal attempts to value and sell the Building, if prudent and in the best interests of the Chamber of Commerce;

C. AWARDING attorney fees and costs to Plaintiffs as allowed by law; and D. ORDERING any other relief this court deems equitable and proper.

CIVIL CONSPIRACY TO BREACH FIDUCIARY DUTY (Defendants Chamber of Commerce, Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, John Brazda, Paul Walker, Sheila Aldrich, City of Manistique)

54. Plaintiffs restate and incorporate by reference the allegations in the preceding Paragraphs as though fully set forth in this Complaint.

55. Upon information and belief, all Defendants worked together in concert to arrange for a sale of the Building from the Chamber of Commerce to one of its members, the City of Manistique, at a price below fair market value.

a) Defendants City of Manistique and Sheila Aldrich held a special meeting on March 7, 2017 for the purpose of finalizing an offer to purchase the Building from the Chamber of Commerce.

b) Defendant Paul Walker, as a Councilman for the City of Manistique and Member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, had an obvious conflict of interest in pursuing purchase of the Building by the City of Manistique from the Chamber of Commerce, and should have abstained from voting as a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for the sale. Despite this fact, upon information and belief, Defendant Paul Walker voted to approve the sale on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Without Defendant Paul Walker's affirmative vote, the Chamber Board of Directors did not have sufficient votes to approve the sale of the Building to the City of Manistique at the March 8, 2017 meeting.

56. The sale itself was unlawful where the Chamber of Commerce singled out and allowed one individual member, the City of Manistique, to benefit from receiving valuable property in exchange for inadequate consideration.

57. Additionally, the sale of the Building was conducted through unlawful means where there were conflicts of interest throughout the process including Defendant Paul Walker serving as both Councilmember for the City of Manistique and on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

58. The City of Manistique and Defendant Sheila Aldrich are both culpable where they furthered the remaining Defendants' Breach of Fiduciary Duty owed to the members of the Chamber of Commerce.

59. As a result of the Civil Conspiracy to Breach Fiduciary Duty, Plaintiffs have suffered damages. WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs re-

spectfully request that this Honorable Court enter an order adjudging the following: A. SETTING ASIDE the sale of the Building from the Chamber of Commerce to the City of Manistique; B. AWARDING attorney fees and costs to Plaintiffs as allowed by law; and C. ORDERING any other relief this Court deems equitable and proper.

COUNT IV - ACTION TO COMPEL DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (Defendant City of Manistique)

60. Plaintiffs restate and incorporate by reference the allegations in the preceding Paragraphs as though fully set forth in this Complaint.

61. As a public body, as defined by MCL § 232, Defendant City of Manistique is subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231, et seq.

62. On March 13, 2017, the undersigned submitted a FOIA request to Defendant City of Manistique's City Clerk via mail and fax. See FOIA Request attached hereto as Exhibit G.

63. MCL 15.235(2) provides that a public body has five business days to respond to a request.

64. It has been over five business days, and Plaintiffs have yet to receive any response to the aforementioned FOIA request.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Honorable Court enter an order adjudging the following: A. COMPELLING the City of Manistique to provide all documentation requested by Plaintiffs in its correspondence dated March 13, 2017 and attached hereto as Exhibit G;

B. AWARDING attorney fees and costs to Plaintiffs as allowed by law; and C. ORDERING any other relief this Court deems equitable and proper.

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Arbutus Ave., was charged with one count of controlled substance - maintaining a drug house, a high court misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine; and one count of controlled substance - deliver/manufacture, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine.

Melinda Phelps is scheduled for a preliminary examination April 10 at 1:30 p.m. A surety bond of \$100,000 was set by Judge Luoma.

James Thomas Terrian, 19, of 7952N Dawson Road, was charged with three counts of controlled substance - deliver/manufacture, less than 50 grams, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine.

for a preliminary examination April 10 at 2 p.m.

Brandon Lee Burt, 30, of 232 Maple Street, was charged Feb. 21 with one count of controlled substance - deliver/manufacture of marijuana, a felony punishable by up to four years in prison and/or a \$20,000 fine; one count of controlled substance - maintaining a drug house, a high court misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine; and one count of controlled substance - deliver/manufacture, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine.

Burt is scheduled for a preliminary examination April 10 at 10 a.m. A surety bond of \$5,000 was set by Judge Luoma.

Darinda Leeann Brown, 26, of 232 Maple St., was charged Feb. 21 with one count of controlled substance - deliver/manufacture of marijuana, a felony punishable by up to four years in prison and/or a \$20,000 fine; and two counts of controlled substance - maintaining a drug house, a high court mis-

demeanor punishable by up to two years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine; and one count of controlled substance - deliver/manufacture, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine.

Brown is scheduled for a preliminary examination April 10 at 10 a.m.

Scott Anthony Snyder, 53, of 707 Michigan Ave., was charged with one count of controlled substance - deliver/manufacture, less than 50 grams, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine.

Snyder is scheduled for a preliminary examination April 10 at 1:30 p.m.

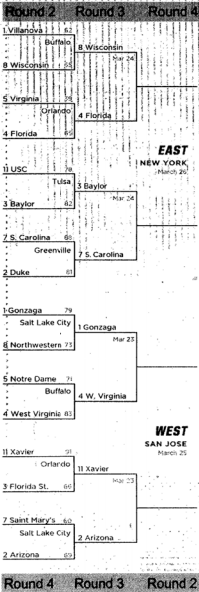
UPSET was assisted by Manistique Public Safety, the Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department, Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Police Department, Michigan State Police Eighth District Hometown Security Team, troopers from the Michigan State Police St. Ignace Post, and the 53rd District Court Probation Department.

Advertisement for ACE paint products. Features include: 'The helpful place.', 'MARCH RED HOT BUYS Now through March 31', 'At Ace, color sample pints are FREE every day when you come back and buy your paint.', 'Purchase color sample pints at Ace and receive a coupon for 15¢ off a gallon of paint for every color sample pint you buy.', 'Available exclusively at THE PAINT STUDIO & ACE'. Products shown include Valspar Perfect Sample, Flex Seal Liquid Rubber Sealant, and Flex Seal Liquid Rubber Sealing. Prices listed: \$1299 for Flex Seal Rubber Spray, \$2999 for Flex Seal Liquid Rubber Sealant, \$899.99 for Flex Seal Liquid Rubber Sealing. Prices good through March 31, 2017.



Thursday, March 23, 2017

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Those included on the Hidden Estates squirt roster were, front row left: Mason Dimmer, Dawson Bosanic, Griffen Miotke, Carter LaVigne, Austin Hinkson, Brianna Tiglas, and Ryan McEvers. Middle row, Maddy Frazer, Jacob Rivard, Nick Desjarden, Alex Noble, Carsyn Hinkson, Linnea Way, Gavin Ziminski. Back row, Coaches Chris Frazer, Steve Hinkson, Matt Miotke, Leo Bodette. Not Pictured, Matthew Miller.

Hidden Estates 10U CUP Champions

MANISTIQUE -- The Manistique Hockey program has achieved many goals through the years and the Hidden Estates squirt squad added an additional feat for the 2016-17 season.

Hidden Estates is the 10U Central Upper Peninsula Hockey League Champion. The team finished the CUP League season with a 23-1 record.

As previously reported in December, the young athletes took first place at the Holiday Tournament in Marquette with a tournament game record of 5-0.

They also took second place at the District 8 Tournament in February with a record of 4-1.

Competing against additional teams outside of the CUP League, the Manistique squirts ended their season with a record of 39-4.

It is said that camaraderie and hard work were key to the successes this team was able to experience this year. Each individual athlete improved throughout the season and was able to contribute to the team's overall success.

Michigan High School Athletic Association assigns classes after official February count

MANISTIQUE -- Each year, the Michigan High School Athletic Association requires schools to submit their high school enrollment numbers, based on the official February count day. The MHSAA then classifies schools into four equal divisions A, B, C, D or, for football, eight equal divisions DI-IV.

According to Manistique Athletic Director Rob Ryan, the February count can have a huge impact on division placement for sports.

"Because enrollment numbers change each year, the number of students where the 'break' occurs can have a significant impact on which division a school is placed," stated Ryan. "As an example, this past year, Munising was a Class C school by only one student, forcing them to play much bigger schools in the postseason tournament."

To follow is a sampling of high school enrollments for some Upper Peninsula schools, and what class schools will be in for the 2017-18 school year.

- Marquette: 1,044 - A
- Escanaba: 739 - B
- Sault Ste. Marie: 717 - B
- Kingsford: 542 - B
- Gladstone: 493 - B (MPC)
- Menominee: 479 - B
- Negaunee: 405 - C (missed being a B school by one student) (Mid-peninsula Conference)
- Calumet: 396 - C
- Westwood: 342 - C (MPC)
- Iron Mountain: 303 - C (MPC)
- MANISTIQUE: 287 - C (MPC)
- Gwinn: 272 - C (MPC)
- Ishpeming: 258 - C (MPC)
- St. Ignace: 212 - C
- Newberry: 205 - C (missed being a D school by 2 students)
- Munising: 200 - D
- Rudyard: 193 - D
- Rapid River: 118 - D
- Engadine: 95 - D
- Big Bay de Noc: 55 - D

Looking toward the end of season playoffs for volleyball and basketball with a District format, Ryan projected Manistique would compete against the usual opponents.

"It is likely Manistique will be in with St. Ignace and Newberry for Districts," he said. "At this time it's too early to tell who a fourth team would be."

Kangas ends collegiate career on high note



Carlie Kangas

MANISTIQUE -- For girls' hockey players looking to play beyond their high school years, the Northern Michigan Women's Hockey team has plenty to offer. Established in 2000 and part of the Central Collegiate Women's Hockey Association Division II, NMU has been a contender in recent years, finishing the 2016-17 season with a conference record of 11-0-1.

Coming off a strong season, NMU successfully defended their CCWHA conference championship, which was played at Notre Dame University. Part of the squad, during their recent success, was Manistique's Carlie Kangas.

It's been an exciting run for the former Manistique girls' hockey player who played her final game for NMU last week-

end in the semi-final round of the American Collegiate Hockey Association's National Finals. The run to the finals started with an 11-0 win over Villanova and a 7-5 victory over the University of Delaware before losing to Lakehead University of Ontario, Canada. Lakehead went on to capture the ACHA championship by defeating North Dakota State University 3-1.

During her tenure with the team, NMU has qualified for the ACHA finals three years in a row, making it as far as the semi-finals the last two years. Playing games in and out of their conference, NMU finished the season an impressive record of 21-4-2.

For her play this year, Kangas earned a Second Team All-American award from the ACHA.



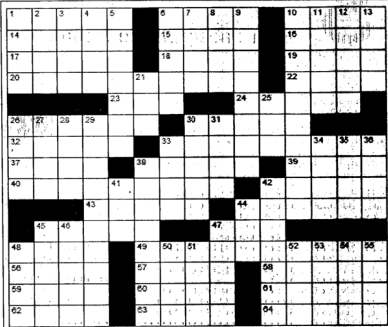
Pigs vs. Punks

The annual Manistique "Pigs vs. Punks" basketball game was held last Thursday at the Manistique High School gymnasium. The benefit event is held yearly to help finance the graduation night activities for the senior class. The game features Manistique police, fire, and EMS, as well as officers from the Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police, and Michigan Department of Natural Resources, versus Manistique High School seniors. After all the shenanigans, and at the end of the final buzzer, the seniors topped the law enforcement squad 57-51. The evening also included announcement of who would "kiss the pig". Selected for the "honor" this year was Father Ben Paris of St. Francis de Sales Parish. Full photo coverage of the event is available for viewing at www.mstqponetribune.smugmug.com.



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18. Cow sounds
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20. Possessions
22. What we kiss with
23. Family
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30. Rituals
32. Of the cheekbone
33. Style of sofa
37. Dainty
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40. The study of symbols
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57. Website addresses
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60. Eccentric person
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64. Lad

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27. Not
28. Slender
29. A shallow drum
30. Rule
31. Yucky
33. Blackthorn
34. Negatives
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41. Frequently, in poetry
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48. 50%
50. Algonquian Indian
51. A ball of yarn
52. Reflected sound
53. Midday
54. Family group
55. Evasive

MHSAA Boys Basketball Finals set for this weekend

EAST LANSING — Statewide audiences can watch and listen to the semifinals and finals of the MHSAA boys' basketball tournament, presented by Sparrow Health, radio stations, the internet, and cable television March 23-25.

Still maintaining their winning season, North Central Jets bet Hillman 74-61 Tuesday night to advance to the semi-final round against Southfield Christian tonight (Thursday).

Negaunee, the only other Upper Peninsula team in the quarter finals fell 51-49 to Manton.

Saturday's finals will be carried live on FOX Sports Detroit and FOXSportsDetroit.com. All games will be posted to MHSAA.tv for on-demand viewing. The semifinals will have live streaming video on MHSAA.tv.

All games are available online at MHSAANetwork.com.

The schedule for live streaming video of the Semifinal games on MHSAA.tv is now finalized after Tuesday's Quarterfinals. Here's the complete schedule.

Thursday - Class C
Detroit Edison PS v. Flint Beecher - 1 p.m.

Thursday - Class D
Grand Rapids Covenant Christian v. Manton - 2:50 p.m.

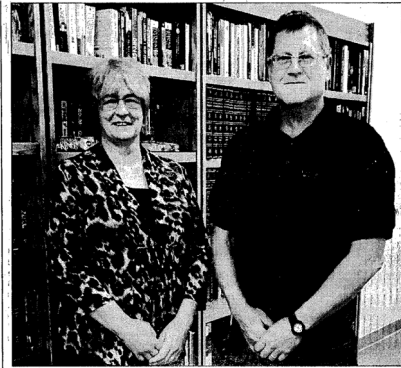
Thursday - Class B
Powers North Central v. Southfield Christian - 6 p.m.
Lansing Christian v. Buckley - 7:50 p.m.

Friday - Class A
West Bloomfield v. Clarkston - 1 p.m.
Grand Rapids Christian v. Romulus - 2:50 p.m.

Friday - Class B
New Haven v. Benton Harbor - 6 p.m.
River Rouge v. Ludington - 7:50 p.m.

In addition, there will be free live video streams of all post-game press conferences; the post-game award ceremonies; the Three Point and Free Throw Shooter's Challenges; and on-court award presentations to the winners of the MHSAA's Charles E. Forsythe Award and the Mister Basketball Award by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

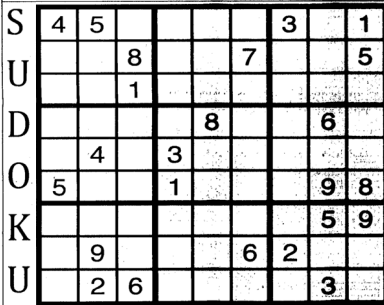
The continued basketball coverage is part of six straight weekends of live MHSAA Championship coverage on MHSAA.tv and online viewers can catch every weekend of action for one low cost of \$9.95.



Presidential change

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After almost 10 years at the helm of the Schoolcraft County Community Foundation, Dean Wood recently handed over the position of president to treasurer Laurie Jassin. Wood will remain on the board and as a member of the grant committee. The organization is currently accepting applications for its spring grant round through March 31. Applications are available on the organization's Facebook page, as well as the Pioneer Tribune, located at 212 Walnut St. Community members interested in becoming a board member of the organization should submit a letter of interest to: Schoolcraft County Community Foundation, PO Box 452, Manistique, MI 49854.



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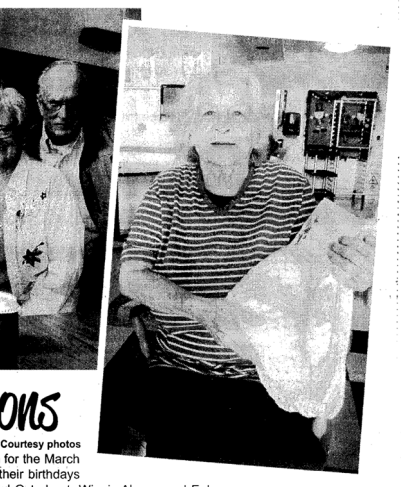
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Birthday celebrations

Courtesy photos

GFWC Manistique Women's Club recently served cake and ice cream for the March birthdays at the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility. Those celebrating their birthdays were Ken Krueger, Richard Sajdak, Lynne Lynch, Rondal Duncil, Lloyd Osterhout, Winnie Abram, and Eula "Midge" Lee. Committee members Jeanne Gundersen, Irene Hinkson, Betty Harding, Carol Anderson, Pat Mickelson, Betty Briggs, Linda Magnuson, and Carolyn Miller were on hand to help with the festivities. Due to an illness, substitute entertainment was provided by club member Brenda Fleck on the piano and her mom Elaine Webber playing and singing Irish songs. Pictured above, the Lee family showed up to celebrate with "Midge". From left to right are Mary, Dale, Doris, Gary, Bobbi, and Mick, with Midge in front. At right is Lynne Lynch, who was absolutely thrilled with her beautiful lap cover.



CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to arts and crafts. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 26 = p)

A. 16 10 17 12 24 10 20
Clue: Drawing

B. 23 24 18 18 4
Clue: Creative interest

C. 22 25 16 4
Clue: Modeling medium

D. 2 14 26 26 25 13 9 2
Clue: Materials

FISH REPORT

BY RET. SGT. JOHN WALKER

Well, if you are ready for spring, seeing it arrived on the calendar this week, you may have to wait a little while. At least now and then we get a rather nice day we can enjoy, but it is a real bummer when it is followed by monsoon winds with blowing snow. I am officially casting my vote for warm nights, sunny days with no wind.

If you can stand the cold they are getting a fine fish down at the river. If you are a true fun loving fisherman there is nothing more enjoyable than hooking a monster fish in fast running spring runoff water and then having to land it. There are sure a lot of smiles and pictures taken whenever this happens. It sure is another real advantage of having a good cell phone.

The Schoolcraft Conservation District received a grant for \$6,000 from the DNR for deer habitat improvement to help deer chances of making it through the winter and improve the deer herd. This is the first time the Conservation District applied for this type of grant and hopefully it will work out so we can see more in the future. It is a learning experience for a lot of us involved with this type of grant so needless to say we will learn as we go forward.

If it should ever really warm up, we will have that nice grace period when it is great to get out and enjoy the great outdoors before those famous Yooper bugs arrive. Thinking of this I thought I would put some interesting bug facts in my article this week.

Night butterflies have ears on their wings so they can avoid bats. Monarch caterpillars shed their skin four times before they become a chrysalis, growing over 2,700 times their original size. There may be as many as 3,000 different kinds of insects — more than all the other animal and plant species combined.

Of the huge numbers of insects, only a tiny amount, one percent, are harmful to humans. Most insects are harmless or actually beneficial. For example, without bees to pollinate flowers, plants would not have a way of reproducing and we wouldn't have anything to eat!

Locusts can eat their own weight in food in a day. A person eats his own body weight in about half a year. The earliest fossil cockroach is about 280 million years old, 80 million years older than the first dinosaurs! The desert locust is the world's most destructive insect. It can eat its own weight in food every day. Large swarms can gobble up to 20,000 tons of grain and plants in a day.

The honeybee has to travel an average of 43,000 miles to collect enough nectar to make a pound of honey! Out of every 1,000 mosquitoes, one female carries a disease that could be fatal to humans. Honeybees have hair on their eyes. The average housefly lives for one month. There is only one insect that can turn its head — the praying mantis. A slug has four noses.

Some male spiders pucker their cobwebs like a guitar, to attract female spiders. A mosquito flaps its wings 500 times a second. Only male crickets can chirp. Baby robins eat 14 feet of earthworms every day! About 80 percent of the earth's animals are insects! The common garden worm has five pairs of hearts. Dragonflies can fly up to 50 miles per hour.

The praying mantis is the only insect that can look behind its shoulders. One kind of insect called a spittlebug, lays its eggs in a big nest of saliva bubbles. I guess no predator would look for a meal in there! A snail can sleep for three years straight! The heaviest insect in the world weighs 2.5 ounces.

A cockroach can live for up to three weeks without its head! A butterfly has its taste receptors in its feet! The mayfly only lives for eight hours! The female black widow's poison is 15 times deadlier than a rattlesnake! There are worms in Australia that are over four feet long! The weight of all termites in the world outweigh the weight of all humans 10 to one!

Needless to say there is a whole lot of facts about all those pesky little critters out there that a person never really stops to think about in his frustration with them in some cases and enjoying them in others. I kind of hate to admit it at times, but most things in this world have a part in what makes it tick and hopefully work like it is supposed to. So I guess we will just have to take the bugs and insects we do not enjoy seeing, it appears they are here to stay.

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DNR seeks landowners to improve winter deer habitats

MARQUETTE — Private landowners interested in helping to maintain or improve Upper Peninsula deer wintering habitat can learn more about the subject and cost-share programs available to aid in those efforts at any of three upcoming meetings...

"We've held similar sessions over the past few months in western counties of the Upper Peninsula, which have been very well-attended," said John Pepin, DNR deputy public information officer.

The three meetings will each be held from 6-8 p.m. at the following dates and locations:

March 27 at the Skandia Township Hall, 224 Kroeger Drive in Skandia; Contact: Matt Watkeys, Marquette Conservation District, (906) 226-8871, ext. 128.

April 3 at the Comfort Inn, 617 E. Lakeshore Drive in Manistique; Contact: Rory Mattson, Delta County Conservation District, (906) 280-6947.

April 4 at the Kinross Township Hall, 4884 W. Curtis; Street in Kincheloc; Contact: Travis Kangas, Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Conservation District, (906) 632-9611, ext. 109.

To avoid deep snow, deer migrate each winter throughout most of the U.P. to deer wintering complexes — often called deer yards — containing dense canopies of conifer trees, especially cedar and hemlock.

This important conifer shelter reduces snow depth and allows deer to move over connected snow-packed trails.

Several areas within the eastern U.P. contain deer wintering complexes. Three consecutive severe winters, and subsequent decline in deer numbers, have raised concerns about habitat conditions in these complexes, especially winter shelter.

To help improve habitat conditions for deer, the DNR needs help from private landowners. Of the 10.6 million acres of land in the U.P., roughly 20 percent is managed by the DNR.

"Deer wintering habitat quality is an important factor influencing white-tailed deer population trends," said Ernie Houghton, a DNR Eastern U.P. service forester.

"Predators, hunting and winter severity all play a role as well, but the quality of wintering habitat, which all landowners can contribute to bettering, is a top factor at work."

In the U.P., where deer have to migrate to survive winter, they gather on about 30 percent of their range. The U.P. Habitat Workgroup, which is composed of natural resource professionals, private landowners and sportsmen's groups, has been working for several months toward increased habitat improvements in deer wintering complexes.

The upcoming meetings are an extension of those efforts.

Recently, the DNR mailed letters to landowners whose property lies near deer wintering complexes in the eastern U.P.

The letters notify landowners of the meetings, invite them to attend to learn more about habitat improvement opportunities and detail what they can do on their properties to aid deer populations.

At the meetings, Robert Doepker, a DNR wildlife biologist, will provide an introduction to deer wintering complex management plans, a general overview of deer winter range in the U.P. and general forest management guidelines.

Houghton will discuss the Forest Stewardship Program.

A local conservation district forester will introduce the Forestry Assistance Program and detail cost-share programs available to private forestland owners to improve deer habitat. Each of the meetings will conclude with a panel discussion featuring Doepker, DNR field operations manager Bill Scullion,

a local DNR biologist, a local conservation district forester and a consulting forester.

Check out management plans for the deer wintering complexes in the Upper Peninsula.

For more information on various cost share programs that can help offset the cost of resource management plan preparation, contact Ernie Houghton at (906) 786-2351.

Local conservation districts in the eastern U.P. have foresters on staff available for a free site visit to your property. Contact Watkeys, Mattson or Kangas to help decide if there are financial assistance programs available to help you improve deer wintering habitat.

Find out more information Contact Jim Hamill at (906) 875-6487 or visit www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Outdoors Brief

DNR urges boaters to take training course

LANSING — The Michigan Department of Natural Resources encourages boaters to enroll in a boating education course prior to the boating season. The reminder coincides with the national Spring Aboard — Take a Boating Education Course campaign that runs March 19-25.

"Educated boaters will have a safer, more enjoyable experience on the water," said Lt. Tom Wanless, Michigan's boating law administrator. "There are many safety courses across Michigan and online, making it affordable and convenient. Don't wait until the season starts. It's important to know what you're doing before you head out on the water."

Boaters born after June 30, 1996, and most personal watercraft operators must have a boater education card.

"Naturally, we are seeing an upward trend in the number of accidents and fatalities with nonmotorized vessels, which include canoes and kayaks," Wanless said.

With this in mind, officials encourage all boaters, regardless of age or experience, to take a safety class.

Get more information on boating safety on the DNR website www.michigan.gov/boating.

MANISTIQUE PUBLIC SAFETY

Editor's Note: The following information is from Manistique Public Safety dispatch lookbooks recorded at the time the calls were received.

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

1:18 p.m. Well being check, Schoolcraft Avenue

2 p.m. Lockout, within city of Manistique

4:10 p.m. Civil standby, within city of Manistique

4:40 p.m. Larceny, within city of Manistique

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

5:50 a.m. Lockout, within city of Manistique

2 p.m. Careless driver, US 2

2:15 p.m. Citizen assist, US 2

4:27 p.m. Trespassing, Fourth Street

6 p.m. Lockout, River Street

8 p.m. Suspicious situation, within city of Manistique

8:20 p.m. Malicious destruction of property/Assault, Arbutus Avenue

8:50 p.m. Civil standby, Arbutus Avenue

11:40 p.m. Runaway juvenile/probation violation, within city of Manistique

Thursday, March 16, 2017

12:47 a.m. Domestic assault, Arbutus Avenue

2:40 a.m. Fail to transfer plate, within city of Manistique

2:50 a.m. Snow ordinance violation, within city of Manistique

9:05 a.m. Tornado drill, within city of Manistique

12:07 p.m. Civil standby, Arbutus Avenue

12:20 p.m. Citizen assist, Fourth Street

3:30 p.m. Parking issue, Cedar Street

9:30 p.m. Assault, within city of Manistique

Friday, March 17, 2017

12:40 a.m. Alarm, within city of Manistique

9:42 a.m. Two car property damage accident, River Street

1:18 p.m. Lockout, Maple Street

1:49 p.m. Department assist, within city of Manistique

2:30 p.m. Stalking, within city of Manistique

Saturday, March 18, 2017

3:35 p.m. Department assist, East Road

6 p.m. Hit and run property damage accident, within city of Manistique

11:25 p.m. Disorderly subjects, Deer Street

Sunday, March 19, 2017

12:10 p.m. Assault, within city of Manistique

12:35 p.m. Lockout, Third Street

12:46 p.m. Alarm, within city of Manistique

1:30 p.m. Alarm, within city of Manistique

2:10 p.m. Alarm, within city of Manistique

NEWS FROM MAS

BY MARYANN BODDY

It's great to be a Manistique Emerald! Over the past few weeks many of our students and their teachers have been recognized for various accomplishments.

Recently, our Careers in Education students: Jade Dibble, McKenna Golat, Nick Lemaster, Harley McKGregor, Kayla Rodriguez, and Brooke Whiskin presented their three service projects in a competition at Bay College and came home with three gold medals and the only perfect score of the day!

The students and their teacher, Mrs. Christi Ryan, did an amazing job and certainly represented MHS well.

On Saturday, under the direction of Mr. Corinn, Katie Troyer, Lawrence Matos, Lauren Denney, and Jassin Powell performed at State Solo and Ensemble at NMU.

At the Youth in Arts reception at the Bonifas Center last week, MHS students Emily Norman, Karissa Gregurash, Kendra Cour-naya, Amanda Menominee, Georgia Johnson, Macy McBurney, and Maddie Lakosky, under the direction of Robin Mulligan, brought

home eight awards. MHS had 19 students showing with students from the Delta Schoolcraft area. There are more than 700 pieces on display at the Bonifas Center until March 30.

The Timber Harvesting Equipment Operator program that was applied for in February has been approved by the Michigan Department of Education. This and the new AP Computer Programming class along with Advanced Fitness, and Independent Living and Careers in Education are examples of new curriculum that has been added offering students more options to meet their needs.

The fourth and fifth grade students performed their spring musical on Wednesday evening. This represents another venue to showcase student talent and get students involved in extracurricular activities.

Emerald students will be celebrating the end of the third quarter with a reward activity. The K-4 students will be swimming at the high school, while the fifth grade students will be swimming at the YMCA in Escanaba as a part of their tour at Bay College Friday.

Our community supported sinking fund will provide much needed safety improvements at Emerald this summer in the parking lot for student drop off and pick up. Other projects include refurbishing rest-

rooms at the middle/high school.

So how can you ensure your child has access to expanding curricular and extracurricular activities and a supportive community throughout their education? Enroll your student at MAS. Children who turn five before Sept. 1, 2017 may register for kindergarten.

Registration forms are available in the office and may be picked up during school hours. Pre-school students who turn the age of three or four before Sept. 1, 2017 are also encouraged to consider registering for the three and four-year-old programs at Emerald Elementary.

Parents and children are invited to take part in an upcoming event, "The Power of the Family" taking place at Emerald Elementary from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. April 6. "The Power of the Family" event is sponsored by Emerald and the Delta Schoolcraft Great Start Collaborative and Parent Coalition. These activities will be in conjunction with Emerald's Math Night activities and the "Buy One, Get one Free" Book Fair.

If your child is school age and attending another district and you would like more information on Manistique Area Schools and transferring through schools of choice, contact Mr. Shiner at Manistique Middle/High School, 341-4300; or Mr. Mason at Emerald Elementary, 341-4332.

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