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Local club celebrates storied past

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Coffee with a Cop set for Saturday

See events



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

Groups boost area via projects

Boy Scout, 4-H programs encourage participation

MANISTIQUE - The influence of two 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 Committee". Council.

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

Local groups

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News Brief

Additional charges added to case against Brunke

MANISTIOUE - An area man currently

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, spiracy 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, 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 manufacture, 450 to 1,000 grams, a retony 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

Chainber of Commerce and City Onicias 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 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

In addition, mBank said it would be-come 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

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 Müstard 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 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

abilities 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 sup-port 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 antact any of the Board members: Allan Ott, Amy Braun, Bob Crumb, Bonnie Garvin, Craig Reiter, David Muxlow, Don Erickson, Eric Sherbinow, Father Ben Paris, Jennifer Watson, Joel Schultz, Kevin Knaffla, Magan MacArthur, Maryann Boddy, PJ Stoll, Renae Kennedy, Scott Chartier."

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

Aldrich as the defendants.
The lawsuit, filed as Case No. 17-5120-CZ with Honorable William W. Carmody presiding, in its entirety, is as follows:
mBANK, a Michigan banking corporation, and THE MUSTARD SEED OF

MANISTIQUE INC., a Michigan corporation Plaintiffs

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, a Michigan domestic nonprefit corporation, GERALD REESE, DENNIS JANKOWSKI, JOHN 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.

Thomas A. Pezzetti, Jr. (P45200), Gary D. Popovits (P63861). Caroline Gersch Left-(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.

Lawsuit

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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 Arbitus Ave., was charged with one count of controlled substance, maintaining a

of controlled substance - maintaining a ot 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/manufac-ture, 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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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 De-achment, 11 a.m.-2.p.m., public welcome

March 25 - Moose Lodge Memorial Euchre Tournament, Manis-tique 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 ue Moose Lodge, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.



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B3 Elmer & Barb
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their goldfish prizes in the background.



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Surprise! lt's reading time

To kick off March Reading To kick off March Reading Month, Elisha Dougherty's first grade class at Emerald Elementary invited guest reader, Vicky Crystal, a reporter on a local morning news program. Dougherty says guest readers help the students become excited about reading, and that many other readers from the community and first grade families plan reading during the remainder of the month.

News Briefs

Mackinaw Trail Winery to host event for CBC

MANISTIQUE - The Mackinaw Trail Winery and Brewery, located taste five Michigan wines or MT near the Manistique Marina, will be holding a wine and beer tasting event April 1. The tasting will take

All proceeds will benefit 50th Annual CBC Fund Drive.

place from 4-6 p.m. For a \$10 entry fee, attendees 2303.

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Eva Burrell Shelter plans 'Souper Luncheon'

MANISTIQUE – The Eva Burrell biscuits, breads, beverages, ar Animal Shelter will again host a "Souper Luncheon" April 1. The event will take place from 10 a.m. 2 or 37 artifle. Donations benefit the cats an

The event will boast a variety of homemade soups along with Animal Shelter.

dogs cared for by the Eva Burre

he Archives

This week in the Pioneer Tribune

50 Years Ago March 23, 1967

•The story of a recent near tragedy in the icy waters of Lake Michigan was ieced together this week. Nancy Weber, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weber, 615 Range St., and Colleen Faketty, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. pieced together this week. Nanoy Week. 9, daugniter of Mr. and Mrs. Heinly Weber, 615 Range St., and Colleen Faketty, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Faketty, Garden Ave., were picked from a floating chunk of ice along the harbor shores a week ago Saturday, March 11, by two teen-aged boys, who heard their cries for help. Alding the girls to escape from the ice floe were David Kasun, 15, soon of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kasun, 624 Park Ave., According to the youngsters, the two girls were playing along the ice ridges on the beach Saturday morning, when the Weber girl suddenly slipped into the water. Herind Colleen attempted to all ther, but the two girls ended up on a floating chunk of ice where the walls of the surrounding ridges were too steep to climb. Hearing their cries, the two youths responded and helped to lift them both to safety. Aside from a chilly dunking, the girls were unhart, but the incident served to remind of the danger of the shore area when the ice is starting to break up and move out too the lake.

**Marine PFC Joseph Jenks, 22, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jenks of Intake Park Road became Schoolcraft County's second Vietnam fabrilly when was killed in action here March 15. Marine Corps officials informed his parents of the tragedy Monday night. PFC Jenks was serving with the Fifth Marines, and had been overseas since early Jaunary, He was killed rine Eccember when an enemy shell hit the destroyer Offician in action in the Gulf of Tookin.

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*Railroad ferry service to Manistique by the Ann Arbor Railroad may soot be a thing of the past. C. L. Towle, president of the Detoit, Toledo and Irontot Bailroad, parent firm of the Ann Arbor, confirmed Tuesday that the question is being studied carefully, and that prospects for confirmed service were no The board of education of the Big Bay de Noc School District has vote

unanimously to have one high school for next year, according to Supt. Lary undell. This means that Cooks, Garden and Nahma High School students will be placed in one building, either the Cooks or Nahma School. The board will make a further study to determine which school building would be more withthe for bible school. suitable for a high school.

35 Years Ago March 25, 1982

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The director of the county's Mental Health Department, David Hayter, said Tuesday that his rental of a plane to fly to Escanaba on department business was justified by the time it saved. Hayter rented a single-engine plane from the Schoolcraft County Airport on March 3 to testify at a Probate Court commitment hearing in Delta County. Hayter had been subpoenaed to testify at the hearing, at 538 and hour, Hayter, a private pilot, said the total bill for the plane came to \$57, and hour and a half of rental time. He said he was unware that two cars, one from Manistique State Police Post and the other from the Newberry State Hospital, were going to the same hearing. At the 52-cents--anile reimbursement supplied by the county for use of presonal vehicles, Hayter's trip to Escanaba would have cost around \$25 if the had used his own car. Still, he said the time saved by flying made the extra cost worthwhile.

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• Mayor David Vaughan chaired his last regular meeting of the Manistique City Council Monday. It may have been the shortest of his tenure as mayor lasting less than a half-hour. Although Vaughan's term will continue after the April 5 city election, he will be replaced as mayor by the candidate who gets the most voles in that contest. After each city election the city character says that the council must elect one of its members mayor, but does not specify how. Traditionally, past City Councils have always elected the newly-elected council member who received the most voles.

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newly-elected council member who received the most votes.

The paper mill's new charity subsidiary, Manistique Papers Charities kicked off both its activities and the CBC fund drive Tuesday with a \$2,000 donation to CBC. Although the paper mill has always donated to the CBC drive, this is the first donation made through the charity organization and the first since the mill came under the ownership of Marshall Field last year

20 Years Ago March 27, 1997

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Celebrating its 30th year, the CBC radio-telethon achieved its goal of surpassing the fundraising efforts of each of the preceding 29 years. The event was held last Saturday at the Manistique High School. "We went over \$30,000 before we signed off which was our first goal for the 30th year and we're still countly," said 1997 chairperson Betty LaFointe. "I am certain we will surpass ast year's total of \$51,380.1" which was the highest in the driver hislory." She added that she was amazed by the fact that for 30 years one event could sustain such incredible fundraising.

The City of Manistique Water Department will start a mandatory water meter change program April 1. The program involves changing the inside water meter and installing an outside reading device. The new meter will be read with a hand-held device that electronically records the information into the reading device. Randy Sanville, superintendent of the water department said this will eliminate errors and greatly enhance the billing process.

For 22 years Lakeview Lanes has been hosting a bowling tournament raise money for the CBC fund drive. Winners in the women's division of the Ray Knusic CBC Memoria bowling tournament are Cindy Silkworth (5th), Karin Sjogren (4th), Sandy Price (3rd), Jackie Villemure (2nd) and winner Dorothy Ozanich.

10 Years Ago March 22, 2007

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources announced Tuesday the will permanently close Schoolcraft County's Merwin Creek State Forest Camp ground this spring. According to Jeff Stampfly, manager of the DNR Forest Mineral and Fire Management Unit in Shingleton, the decision came after the local Community Corrections program decided to drop its long-running man agreent of the state.

For now at least, there's no truth to the rumors that have been *Por I now ar least, inverse so drum to the runnors that have been swimin frinciple Schoolcraft County, saying the Michigan State Police Sot in Man stique will be closed. It has been confirmed, however, that post commander J. John Halpin, will be reassigned, leaving the post under control of Munisin, Oss Commander Lt. Frank Hentschell. The Michigan Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking (MCRUD) Youth

forkgroup at Manistique High School has announced their pick for dult role model of the month: school district and Schoolcraft Memo. nurse Kristin Demers, an active member of MCRUD and advisor for oth hool health projects, such as Teens Against Tobacco Use.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor, will drive into Manistique, my hometown, to open a new account at mBank. I want to do my part to support this civic-minded business. Not only did they play a significant role in did they play a significant role in saving our local paper mill, they are stepping up to the plate to help the new Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce organization. I also plan on supporting all businesses who support and join this new

The city manager, city council, city attorney, and recreation board members do not operate in a vacuum. They operate in a community. The chamber of commerce president and his supporters would do well to recognize this fact. If the people behind the hijacking of the chamber and its property are wise, they will immediately begin to back pedal on this road to disaster. I have no doubt some of the The city manager, city council, have no doubt some of the people involved sincerely believe their actions are for the benefit of

the community.

All I can think is they decided to follow some very bad advice from some questionable sources, with personal agendas known only to themselves

There was a reasonable, viable plan in place! Someone decided it wasn't what they wanted and now we have this mess. It was interesting to read in a recent issue of the Pioneer Tribune that issue of the Proneer House that the recreation board had many discussions regarding the staffing of their new venture. My question is did these discussions include the members of the chamber and the business owners who and the business owners who have supported the chamber for decades? Was the MMA included in the discussions? The EDC? The DDA? Others were quoted as being "excited" about this as being "excited" about this plan With the increased scrutiny looking into their actions, I imagine their excitement is now of a different nature.

The city manager, city council,

city attorney, and recreation board members still have the opportunity to back pedal or prepare to face

to back pedal or prepare to face the consequences.

Thank you to mBank for caring about the integrity and well being of my hometown. It is my hope that the new tourism is my hope that the new tourism and commerce organization will hire a competent manager, adopt sourd ethical business practices, and operate with the transparency neced to serve our community.

Thank you to the Pioneer comprehensive reporting on this

C.A. Dixson

Dear Editor,

Have you ever left the voting booth and wondered if your vote is being heard? Well, evidently the Manistique City Council does not

Eric Sherbinow, applied to

replace Paul Furman, newly elected county sheriff, on the Manistique City Council. He did this before the Feb. 22, deadline. During the last election for city council, Eric placed fourth in the balloting. The first three candidates won seats on city council. Eric received 18 percent more votes than the fifth place finisher, who was placed on city council to fill a vacancy last fall. 1 do not know how many citizens elected county sheriff, or I do not know how many citizens actually applied for this vacated position of Sheriff Furman's, but I do know there were at least one or two more applicants in addition to Eric.

Before I go any further, in case you do not know Eric, he runs the Habitat for Humanity Restore. He supervises volunteer groups that come into the city who help to restore homes for Manistique residents. Eric is directly responsible for all three free drive-in movie events put on last year. He belongs to and is a major figure in the group that produces and maintains the website, DiscoverManistique.com. Eric is a free thinking, open-minded, community oriented individual.

I was not surprised that Eric was not chosen to sit on city council.
Getting an independent openminded individual to follow the party line is pretty tough. I am in no way trying to be critical of the new city council member. In fact. I do not even know this person.

My hope is that the new council

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My hope is that the new council
member is an independent thinker.

Which brings me to another
point. Since none of the citizens
that applied for this open position
were interviewed and there was no public or council comment on the agenda concerning the open seat, how was the council able to only nominate one candidate and unanimously vote in this new city council member? Were they just

council member? Were they just told, this is who we are voting into the vacated council position? And they followed. You decide.

As 1 mentioned before the original deadline to apply was Feb. 22, citizens applied, not one was interviewed. Then the one was interviewed. Then the deadline was extended to March 9. Why? I can 'only speculate, Free thinkers- not wanted, open-minded citizens- not wanted, community oriented citizens- not wanted, but the largest slap in the face was to the citizens of Manistique themselves, who voted for Eric and lost someone who would listen and stand up for who would listen and stand up for them, not wanted.

Manistique citizens there is an election this year for four of the five city council seats, time to take back control of your city council. Bill Vandagriff Doyle Township

Dear Editor,
I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed being in Manistique recently, and how much I look forward to my return visits. I was impressed by the

number of residents who came out to share their concerns and their ideas for rebuilding Michigan. It was especially heartening to see

so many young people engaged.

As we traveled through the As we traveled through the Upper Peninsula, making 20 stops, visiting 11 counties and talking with hundreds of Yoopers, we heard a lot of concerns that are shared by people throughout the

shared by people throughout the state: Schools are underfunded and outdated; good-paying jobs are hard to find; people are worried about access to health care. But we heard some unique challenges as well, such as the lack of broadband, high energy costs, and the need to balance tobs and the environment. We're jobs and the environment. We're jobs and the environment. We're focused on improving the lives of all Michiganders -- rural, urban, Democrat, Republican and Independent -- and these conversations are helping us craft a platform that reflects what we all

need to see from our government For those who wanted to learn more about my goals as governor, please go to my website, www. gretchenwhitmer.com, to sign up for email updates. That way, as we roll out our platform, you'll be the first to see it.

Gretchen Whitmer candidate for governor

Dear Editor,

I was born and raised here. My I was born and raised here. My three brothers and I enjoyed acres of land to play on, with town only a bike ride away! Mom was the "Kool-Aid" mom; there were always lots of neighborhood kids to play with. Those memories are important to me.

My mother's family, the Blanchard's, have been in the Upper Peninsula since the end of the Revolutionary War. They worked their way further and further west, until my great grandfather landed

until my great grandfather landed at Seul Choix Pointe, where he was the head lighthouse keeper for 41

years.

My two grandfathers helped build Port Inland and then worked there for most of their adult lives. My dad worked at Port Inland, as did I for three summers while I was

in college.

I remember thinking one day, after I had been posted to the blast crew, that I was being paid to blow

In things up. Talk about the form to a 19-year-old kid!

My parents served 14 years on the sports and band booster clubs. My father became, and still the server became and server is, scoutmaster of our local Box is, scoutinaster of our local Boy Scout Troop in 1971. My brother Corey and I serve alongside him as assistant scoutinasters. I earned my Eagle Scout rank in 1974. I presently serve as U.P. District chairman, because I believe scouting's values have been one of

scouting's values have been one of the most important things I have learned in my life.

I left Manistique for Ann Arbor, where I went to college. I fell in love with my adopted home and lived there for 32 years. In that time, I was fortunate enough to Attine, I was fortunate enough to start my own consulting company and travel the world, working with some incredible organizations, leaders, teams, and communities.

When Julie and I decided to return home to Manistique, it was intertinated to be also and the control of the c

intentional: we wanted to be closer to family. I wanted to help make re the childhood I had could be

repeated for coming generations.

I wanted to stand on the shoulders of giants, like Dorothy Hoholik, Dick Ketcik, and my dad, and bring my life experience home to share, much like they taught us. I wanted to contribute to the community from which I learned so much, and

which I love with all my heart. I have been fortunate since I have been fortunate since coming home to have had many opportunities to serve: scouts, CBC co-chair, Habitat's board, EDC, etc. I have been lucky to meet new friends and colleagues who want to share ideas and serve our want to share ideas and serve our community together. I am happy to do so, because many years ago, others did those things and made all the difference for me. It is my turn to give back and serve the community.

Some in our community are concerned about the things the EDC has been doing. Change can be hard. Everything remaining the same feels safe. Change happens, slowly, every single day, whether we realize it or not. I want to help make sure good changes outweigh

Alan J. Barr CEO and executive director, Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce

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Read s'more, get a treat Gurrisy photo Big Bay de Noc School children recently had 's more' fun with reading. Students reaching their mid-month reading goals enjoyed a truth to for a yet the

Mackinac Center releases new study on 'arbitrary' occupational licensing

MIDLAND licensing, increases costs for consumers and worsens income inequality without improving public safety, according to a new

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 High Workers and Consumers by Mackinac Center Policy Analyst Jarrett Skorup, 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 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 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 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," Skorup 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

Occupational household each year. This is an half those occupations, including

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

lower-income professions.

"Michigan is one of only 10 states to license painters," Skorupnotes. "They must take 60 hours

states to license painters," Skorup 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 automechanic, 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 carn licenses, specially if their criminal behavior was in no way associated with the prof of license they are serking. 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,"
Skorup said. "There is good reason to keep some people out of some occupations; but missing a child support payment should not remove from specific property." prevent someone from becoming a

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

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to do. The study has suggested legislation to ensure the public is

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

Michigan has made strides toward occupational discussions of licenses and dessening some licenses and dessening requirements and restrictions on others. But there is more work

CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

PLEASE JOIN US Monday, April 10 ~ 5:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church Erjoy homemade meat taspan (vegetarian option will be available), chicken arrata, masted daily red potations, obtained California blend vegetables, fresh baked dinner rolls will butter, homemade cheesecake bars, milk and coffee PRIZES!

RSVP by calling 341-8215 or emailing us at schoolcraftcd@macd.org.

Meeting/dinner tickets - \$13.00/ person

PRISES: 7

PRESENTATION: "UP from the ashes: the story of UP Paper, LLC"

Catalogs and Order Forms will be available for our 2017 Spring Tree Sale, Pick up dates are April 28-29. Order early for best selection All species are selected for this area.

Most importantly, bring your ideas of what you would spread the to see your Conservation District do for you.

CUPPAD seeking grant applications

The Central | ESCANABA - I ne Central through CUPPAD to support Upper? Peninsula Planning projects taking place between July and Development Regional 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. | Commission, based in Escanaba, Awards will be considered recently announced that the based on project's consistency 2017 "Prosperous Places Mini to the published guidelines,

News Brief

MSP St. Ignace post seeks 'Angel' volunteers

ST. IGNACE - To assist people have reliable transportation, a struggling with addiction and valid driver's license and live reducedrug demand, the Michigan within one hour of the post, State Police has joined almost 200 among other requirements, police departments nationwide in Volunteers receive training prior police departments nationwide in the Angel Program, a pre-arrest of investion program. The Angel Program allows someone with a crug addiction to walk into a state police post to seek help for their addiction, without the fear of addiction, without the fear of a state police post of the program or addiction, without the fear of a state police post at (906) 643-7582.

expanding this program to the St. Ignace Post and is recruiting volunteers who wish to provide support to participants, including esportation to treatment

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

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OBITUARIES

Lester L. Rogers

sons and the V.F.W. He was also a 4-H leader for

was also a 4-H leader for over 40 years and served on the 4-H Council along with serving as President of the Manistique Fair As-sociation for many years.

He is one of the individu-

als credited for bringing the fair back to the area.

with many nieces and nephews.

and Oscar; his sisters, Ida, Clara, Alice, Marion and Edna; and his

Church in Cooks. A Memorial Ser-

Memorial contributions may be

condolences may be expressed at

COOKS - Lester LaVern Rogers, 85, of 16960 29.5 Road, Cooks, Mich., passed away on Saturday, March 11, 2017, at Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manis-

He was born Aug. 30, 1931, in Brunersburg, Ohio, the son of Lester and Mary (Fry) Rogers Lester L. Rogers and was the last of eight chiland was the last of eight children. During a very young age his family moved to the Hillsdale, Mich., area where he grew-up and attended school in Reading, Mich. He later graduated from Manistique High School

On Jan. 7, 1952, he married the former Donna J. Hawes in Manistique and together they raised three children of their own and a granddaughter.

Lester proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps having served in the Korean Conflict. After returning home he joined the Army National Guard, retiring from the military after 20 years of service.

He was employed in construction for several years. He also worked in the woods and several auto shops throughout the Pontiac area. Upon returning to the Upper Peninsula he became a school bus driver and custodian for the Big Bay de Noc School, retiring after 20 years. Lester was a member of the Cooks

Congregational Church and an acmember of the Shriners, Ma-

Richard K. Chaltry

MUNISING, Mich.
- Richard "Dick" K.
Chaltry, 88, of Munising, Mich., died on Sun-day, March 19, 2017, at Tendercare Health Center in Munising.

He was born on Dec.
6, 1928, in Menominee,

Mich., to Alphonse and Doris (Racine) Chaltry. Dick went to elementa-



Dick was currently serving on the Upper Peninsula Community Credit Union Board since 1998. He worked as a leader of the Scoutcraft area for nine years, a Cub Scout leader for three years, Scoutmaster for 17 years, and was still a registered Scouter working with Eagle Scouts. He was a vol-unteer driver for the Department of Human Services, putting over 34,000 miles on his car assisting people with their medical needs and doctor's appointments. On

years and he served as tour leader

for senior citizens motor coach



Richard K. Chaltry

Oct. 14, 2006, he was honored with a special dinner and presented with the American with the American Legion Citizenship medal and the Hub Perrauli Citizen of the Year award.
He was grateful to God for helping him helpiothers and be a part of so many people's lives.
Dick and Margaret engloyed traveling and took two trips to Korea to visit, their son, Ric, while he was serving, in the U.S. Air Force. They also with the American Le-

traveled to Hawaii and Alaska.

He is survived by his loving wife of over 68 years, Margaret Chaltry of Munising; their six children, Kenneth (Francis) Chaltry of Christmas, Mich., William try of Christmas, Mich., William (Jodi) Chaltry of Las Vegas, N.M., Richard (Elaine) Chaltry of Bea-ver Creek, Ohio, Ann (Randy) Pe-terson of Manistique, Mich., Ge-rard (Kim) Chaltry of Port Huron, rard (Kim) Chaltry of Port Huron, Mich., and Julie (Gary) Fisher of Howell, Mich.; 15 grandchildren, Amanda, Rachel, Andrew, Sar-ah, Jennifer, Alex, Cory, Kelsey, Ryan, DJ, Bradley, Rebecca, Elliot, Lindsay, and Austin; six great-grandchildren, Zane, Darin, Chatham, Sydney, Zachary, and Allie; sister, Anita Gamma; and numerous nieces and nephews

Dick was preceded in death by his parents Alphonse and Doris Chaltry; brother, John "Dale' Chaltry; and granddaughter, Syd

ney. Visitation will be held at the Bowerman Funeral Home on Friday from 5-8 p.m. a parish prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Father Chris Gardiner will celebrate Dick's memorial mass on Satur-day, March 25, at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Munising Interment will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Munising. Memorials are requested to be made to the local Munising Boy

Scout Troop No. 332 in his name Dick's obituary and online guest-book may be viewed and signed at www.bowermanfuneralhome.net.

John A. Hoag

MANISTIQUE John (Jack) Anthony
Hoag Jr., 85, died quietly on Tuesday, March
21, 2017, at Schoolcraft
Medical Care Facility in
Manistique, Mich

He was born on Dec. 23, 1931, in Oswego, N.Y., to John Hoag Sr. and Rowena (nee Pasel) Hoag but moved to De-troit, Mich., when he was

troil, Mich., when he was young. At age 17, lie enlisted in the army and spent three years serving his country in Korea. His tales of being a foot soldier and tank driver were both sad and enlightening. After the week look waread his filed

were oon saan an enignteeming Arti-fer the Wal Jack married his first wife, Helen (nee Kullgren) and they had seven children. He delivered cars cross country and was a stock car racer. With his family growing, he came off the road, turned to carpentry and eventually became a site supervisor. His last job was with the State of Michigan at the Thompson While living in Manistique, he

married Bonnie (nee Kane) and was an active member at the VFW and Moose Lodge. He also joined the city council and eventually served as mayor of Manistique. In his spare time, Jack enjoyed hunting, snowmo biling, karaoke, and was a reader. He always said if you work hard, you can get ahead in this world and his life exemplified this Jack was a hard-working man who served his cou , community and family. s contributions will not be forgotten.

was preceded in He death by his parents and brother, Richard (Dick)

brother, Richard (Dick)
Hoag
Jack is survived by
his wife, Bonnie (nee
Kane) Hoag, his siblings,
Ralph Hoag, Donald Hoag
and Rosemary (nee Hoag)
Clayton; his children, Mary
Hoag-Wilkes, Richard Hoag,
Kathleen Hoag, Kerin Hoag, Robert Hoag, John Hoag III and Alexander Hoag; and step-children, John

ert Hoag, John Hoag III and Alex-ander Hoag; and step-children, John. Andersen, Nicole Smith, Deana An-dersen and Shawn Andersen: Also surviving are 21 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Messier Broullire Funeral Home on Saturday March 25, from 1-4 p.m. with a fu neral service to immediately follow at the Moose Lodge in Manistique Burial with military honors will be held at Great Lakes National Cem-etery in Holly, Mich. In lieu of flowers, memorial con-

tributions are appreciated to the VFW Post 4420 or to Manistique

Patricia A. Tatrow

the church.

www.mbfuneral.

ESCANABA, Mich. - Patricia A. "Pat"
Tatrow, 81, of Escanaba, Mich., passed away
peacefully at home
surrounded by family. Wednesday morning, March 15, 2017.

Pat was born May 15, 1935, in Garden, Mich., the daughter of Howard and Beatrice (Thibault)

Pelletier. Pat was born and raised on the Garden Peninsula She married Gerald Tatrow in 1951 and together they raised seven chil-After the unexpected death of her husband in 1991, Pat moved to the Gladstone/Escanaba area to make her home with her youngest daughter, who she continued to live with the rest of her life.

She was a homemaker whose days were full and busy with raising children, enjoying time with her grandchildren, knitting and crocheting, sewing, baking and decorating ing, sewing, baking and decorating cakes, gardening, playing cards, reading, bird-watching, trips to the casino and working jigsaw puzzles. She had much positive influence on all of her children and grandchildren when the below the and control of the cards and the statement of the cards and the cards are statement of the cards and the cards are statement of the cards are statement dren whom she left with many fond memories of times spent together at "Grandma's" and who will miss her



Patricia A. Tatrow

Homer "Dan" Joslin, III MANISTIQUE - Homer "Dan" 15, 2017, at the U.P. Health System

Joslin, III, 67, of Manistique, in Marquette Private services will passed away on Wednesday, March be held by the family.

Pat's family would like to thank all of the care-givers and doctors who have taken care of her, especially the staff at Fresenius Dialysis Center in Escanaba who she came to consider as family. Also, Dr. Randall and Dr. Shaw from OSF and Dr. Napier from UPHS.

Pat is survived by two sons, Jeff (Sindy) Tatr of Garden, and Darrell
Tatrow of Escanaba; five daughters: Kathy Tatrow of Battle Creek,
Mich., Debbie Tatrow of the Upper Peninsula, Peggy (Steve) Minor of

Garden, Linda (Jack) Ansell of Fayette, Mich., Amy (Joe) Reinhardt of Escanaba; two brothers, David (Kay) Pelletier and John Pelletier; four sisters, Joyce LaTulip, Barbara (Garland) LaVigne, Sally LeHew, Marcia (John) Silta; many grand-children and great-grandchildren Pat was preceded in death by her husband Gerald Tatrow

husband Gerald Tatrow
A private memorial service will
be scheduled at a later date. The
Skradski Family Funeral Homes
of Delta County are assisting the
Tatrow family. Please visit www.
skradskifuneralhomes.com where you can leave a message of condo-lence to the family.

David M. Freeman parents, Raymond and Wanda Freeman; and his brothers, Raymond and

MANISTIQUE "Every man dies, not every man truly lives." David Michael Freeman was born on Sept. 10, 1950, in Detroit,

Mich. He grew up in the suburbs of Detroit and worked at Great
Lakes Steel until he moved to Manistique in 1983. Many locals will remember him from working at Holiday Station Mackinz

store, Hoholik's Ace Hardware and Freeman's Custom Graphics.

His family remembers him as a man who lived life to the fullest and kept a smile on his face all the way. Dave enjoyed the casino, cherry pie, music festivals, campcherry pie, music festivals, camp-ing and spending time with his dogs. Some of his favorite times were spent hunting, fishing, and spending time with friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his



Gary Freeman

He is survived by his wife of 10 years, Mary Freeman; sons, Keith and Wade (Rachael) Freeman; daughter, Marni Seid; grandsons, reeman and Branden Griswold; and granddaughters, Mackinzie Seid and Briana Gris-

David was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in November of 2015. On Sunday, March 19, 2017, at the age of 66, David lost his fight. He passed away in the comfort of his own home and was surrounded by his family. Celebration of Life ceremony planned for August of 2017 will be announced by the family.

Online condolences may be expressed at www mbfuneral com

News Brief

Bay to offer spring digital photography class

ESCANABA – Bay College's Training and Development (M-TEC) division is offering a Basic Digital Photography workshop beginning April 4. This workshop is designed for owners of a DSLR camera or a camera that has the capability of manual, aperture and/or shutter modes. Basic Digital Photography participants will meet every Tuesday from 6-9 p.m., (April 4-April 25) at the M-TEC and on Saturdays, April 15 and 22 for the outdoor shoots. Cost of this workshop is \$179 per person. For more information or to register, call (906) 217-4200.



Thank You

We would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who assisted us in any way during the illness and death of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather:
To all who offered words of comfort, sent flowers, cards, food, memorials, money and prayers, we want you to know it is greatly

memorials, money and prayers, we want you to know it is greatly appreciated.

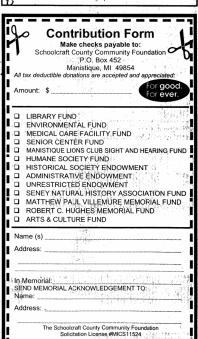
A special thanks to Carole Cooper for an excellent funeral service, from and all the staff at Messier-Broullire-funeral Mone, The Downflowner who served a delicious meal after the service and the Senior Center who allowed us the use of the Center for after

ne service.

We will never forget the kindness and thoughtfulness of friends, elatives and acquaintances during and after Bill's illness. Thank you ery much.

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GFWC honors past for Women's History Month

MANISTIQUE - March is Women's History Month and the Manistique chapter of the General Federation of Women's Clubs is

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 the worsen's Keading 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 theory and interest of the above. 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



Courtesy phote 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.

remain top priorities of the club. Members proposed, promoted

and contributed substantially both club purchased, beautified, and Beautification and conservation ideas and funds to the development of the former Central Park and the building of the Youth Center. The

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 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

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.

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 Kozee nuts, in past years,

and now Terri Lynn nuts.

GFWC Women's Clubs have

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Lifestyles Briefs

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 Simmons conge 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

Boston, and maintains a history of visionary thinking and a focus on social responsibility.

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

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,

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military

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. 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, Frugatis as frugat 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 frustlinkers are tarvisid. Although gality here, not stupidity. Although case for stupidity could be made a case for stamping both to finate 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 there fore slaves to convenience foods. What's so helpful about Ham-burger 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 the 24-hours-a-day rule — we will be a considered and your family a prior of addrenaline, driving home from the each day, sweating it out beday, so why not make real food for yourself and your family a prior-ity? Cooking from scratch doesn't require leg irons attached to you and the stove and dramatic fare-wells 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 a plan. Write down everything your fam-ily likes. Is spaghetti a winner? Does the fam-ily like the way you make Great Aunt Suzy's Chicken Supreme (all done with healthy ingredients, of course) or is Great Aunt Su-zy's Chicken Supreme too time-consuming to

make? Then ditch it and start over. 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

off adrenaline, driving nome from work each day, sweating it out be-cause 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 guaran-



1 cup water with chilie 1 cup low-fat cheddar cheese – shredded 3/4 cup mild, medium or hot salsa (your favorite jarred variety)

teed to get you in and out of the kitchen fast and have the family

1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions Optional garnishes: grated low-fat cheddar cheese, chopped ci-lantro, salsa, avocado, carefully chopped. Prepare pasta. While pas-ta is cooking, cook up the beef in a large skillet until browned; drain well and add the oatmeal. Add taco-cessonine mix and water simmer 12 ounces jumbo shells (32-36 shells) uncooked

3/4 pound extra-lean
ground beef 1/4 cup quick oatmeal, uncooked seasoning mix and water; simmer 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 l package (1.25-ounce) low-so-dium taco scasoning mix (no msg) I can (16-ounce) refried beans

per shell). Combine salsa and tosauce 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 bak-ing pan. Place filled shells side ing pan. Place filled shells side by side on top of sauce; pour re-maining 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. Comit. minutes before serving. Carnish 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



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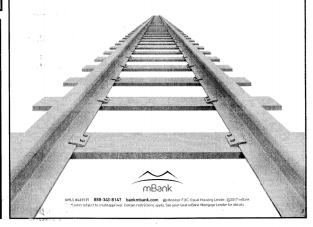
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How to: Grow a bigger garden in a smaller space

Whether in the ground or on a balcony or deck, there's always room te grow your own garden-fresh produce and beautiful owers. Space saving gardening frames to support greenhouse techniques and products can help you increase productivity in any available space.

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, store garden accessories and move the garden into the sunlight or out of

garden into the sunlight or out of the way of guests as needed. 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. Support the large fruit of squash and melons with cloth or macramé stings. Just cradle the fruit in the slings. Just cradle the fruit in the sling and secure it to the trellis. You'll not only save space, but reduce disease problems and make harvesting a breeze.

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 envire place and plant the greens in early spring as soon as the soil is workable. Plant your cucumbers next to the trellis as soon as the soil warms. As your cucumbers grow they shade the greens below keeping them a bit cooler and extending the harvest season. Just make sure you can reach the greens beneath the supports for planting, weeding and harvesting.

Year Round Kitchen Garden. Grow greens and herbs under lights attached to a raised bed on wheels. When the outdoor planting season arrives, remove the lights and roll your garden onto the patio or deck. Continue planting and harvesting outdoors until it is time to roll it back inside

covers, allowing you to plant earlier and harvest later in the season. And once the weather warms switch out the cover for an insect-protective fabric or mesh. Insect-protective faoric of mesh. These fabric coverings prevent insects like cabbage worms from damaging cabbage, broccoli and Brussels sprouts and keep root maggots off radishes.

Select planters that complement Select planters that complement, your ("landscape", design. and gardening style. Wood, metal and colorful raised beds and containers add béauty, durability and growing space: Galvanized planters, cedar raised beds, and planters, ceaar raised beas, and those in eye-catching colors found at Gardener's Supply make your raised bed a beautiful focal point in the garden. Or fill your planters with tall grasses, cannas, elephant ears and other plants to create an

ears and other plants to create an attractive screen.

Look for multi-purpose furnishings and accessories to maximize your space and enjoyment. Fire pits that become a table or bench can double as a cooler, making relaxing and entertaining in small gardens a real possibility. Or how about planters with built-in hidden planters with built-in hidden storage like the Green Box. Elevated Planter Box. You'll enjoy the convenience of having your garden tools handy, yet out of sight. Use these space saving ideas

to help increase the beauty. productivity and enjoyment your garden can provide. With the right combination of growing techniques and garden accessories you, your family and guests will create beautiful memories throughout the gardening season.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. Myers' website is www.melindamyers.com.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Where do I begin! I not only have the best friends and family in the whole wide 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. She was requesting help in finding a place, volunteers, etc. We certainly didn't want to send the food back.

send the food back.

Thinking fast, 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, after
Steve Hartman (who owns the old
Saw. and Planing Building) was not
in reach. Of course the answer was in reach. Of course, the answer was

yes.

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. A few friends were called and they were there before I knew it. Sara Giles from Schooleraft Memorial. Giles, from Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, caught wind of what was happening and called the center to offer their assistance. The veteran's office also arrived to give a hand.

Volunteers that gave of their time. included: Dustin Crosby, Jordan Ramey, Douglas Hall, Nancy Lennox, Doris Lee, Brian Losey, Jody Terrian, Guy Vertz, Theresa Casteel, Joe, Jasmin, 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). Volunteers that gave of their time homebound in Gulliver).

Good Neighbors contacted Diane Bowler, from Germfask and they got the ball rolling in their (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

trathe, I made a call to the sheritt'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 a writer.

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 it would put a smile on their faces! LaPorte, Robert and Carol Leny 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". This "Extra Help" could get you a lower premium for your drug coverage. It could also get you lower co-pay at the pharmacy for drugs. For some, it means naving nothing for your drug Please; please, take the time to fill out the survey that was inserted in your "Timepiece" newsletter. If you don't receive the newsletter, we have forms available at the center. We are not only looking for center. We are not only looking for what you might be interested in for activities for the future, but we are looking for new volunteers.

We sincerely wish to thank the William Hubble family for being so means paying nothing for your drug plan and paying less than \$8 for a

plan and paying less than \$8 for a prescription. For those who qualify, you have a continuous enrollment period too that allows you the freedom to choose different plans outside of the Open Enrollment

If you think you could qualify

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generous towards the center. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your entire family.

Monetary donations have been

 Bill Hubble from Herb and Calhoun, Brian and Lori

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500 Mar. 17: 1st-Chris Keener, 2nd-Peggy Beckman, 3rd-Larry Peterson, Should'a Stayed Home-

en Kim Jones. 24-Lavern Hamill and Judi Sands, March 27-Gerald Stout, March 29-Cliff Barber and George Baker.



eeding America Food Trucks isn't a surprise for Manistique residents, although the one that cently 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. Once organized, it didn't take long for the line to grow and residents were able to drive by and grab their box of items

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over 75 percent of the libraries in the United States. The club encouringes 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 group has also recently started the Little Free Library Project.

The Schoolcraft County Historical Society houses a complete set of club year books and many vears of the club's memory/ over 75 percent of the libraries in the

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. Another 20 years history is being digitized at this time.

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.

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.



same day service







am; Sunday Morring Worsens on provided; Sunday Evering Service 6 pm, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Joseph Crowder, 118 East Elk Street, Sunday School 9 Consideration of the Sunday School 9 pm, Bible Study and Prayer Wednesday 7 pm. IURCH OF THE REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN 314 Main St., Sunday: Morning Worship 11 am.

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286-43-46.

THERE 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 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 shall collectively be referred to as "Flaintiffs"), 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, Baul Chamber of Commerce, Gerald Resse, Dennis Jankowski, John Brazda, Paul Walker (Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce, Resse, Jankowski, Brazda, and Walker collectively re-ferred to as the "Chamber Defendants", City of Manistique, Walker, and Aldrich shall be collectively referred to se the "City Defendants", Satze as folas the "City Defendants"), state as fol-

VENUE AND JURISDICTION 1. Plaintiff mBank is a Michigan banking corporation having its principal place of business in Manistique,

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,

in Manistique, Schoucrait Councy, 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. Unon information and belief,

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,

Dennis Jankowski is au normaticking 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.

Schoolcraft County, Michigan.

9. Upon information and belief,
Sheila Aldrich is an individual residing in Schoolcraft County, Michigan.

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.

GENERALALLEGATIONS

12. Defendants Gerald Reese.

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 Commerce for the City of

Defendant Sheila Aldrich is the City Manager for the City of Manistique. Additionally, Sheila Aldrich was a Member of the Board 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. Plaintiff 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

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

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 Committee's proposals regarding an orderly disposition of the Chamber of Commerce assets, including the Building, Chamber of Commerce President Gerald Reese cancelled the meeting as the Chamber Defendants were not available to meet.

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.

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 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 meeting, the Lender to the Char Commerce offered to forgive the debt in full in a letter dated March 7, 2017 to the Chamber of Commerce President Gerald Reese

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
Roard of Directors Meeting

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 Reser 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 Manistime Chamber of City of Manistique. Chamber of Commerce President Gerald Reese asked all Members of the Chamber of asked all Members of the Chamber of Commerce and of 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 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 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 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 Directors (Kevin Knaffla, Amy Braun, and Bonnie Garain) left the Chamber of and Bonnie Garvin) left the Chamber of Commerce meeting in protest and did not participate in the vote to accept the not participate in the vote to accept un-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 and Bylaws attached reto 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

City of Manistique was improper two of the individuals that vo approve the sale had terms that had expired (Defendants John Brazda and Dennis Jankowski). At the March 8, 2017 Chamber of Commerce Board of

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 Resse.

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'. 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 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 of the Building to the City of Manistique at the March 8, 2017 Minutes of the Building o attached hereto as Exhibit C.

Upon information and belief, Upon information and belief, the City Defendants knew that they would need Paul Walker's vote and allowed Paul Walker to vote to ac the City of Manistique's offer to purchase despite the obvious conflict of

nterest.
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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council, outlining his plans for an upcoming Eagle Scout project. According to the National Eagle Scout 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 lead-er to others in a service project helpful to the scout's community, eshool or to the scout's s community, school or

religious institution.

According to Slater, he is current According to Stater, he is current-ly a Life Sout within the troop. To achieve an Eagle ranking, Stater 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."

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 adver tising out local attractions.

tising 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 appropri-

Slater explained, and appropri ate measures will be taken for safety while creating the signs.
"The cost, \$123.45, we can cover

that," he said. "We don't need any

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

Council members unanimously ap-proved Slater's request to replace the

boardwalk signs.

Jill Connin, the 4-H program co-Jill Connin, the 4-H program co-ordinator and nutrition program in-structor in the local Michigan State University Extension office, was next to shine some light on positive com-munity action – outlining the accom-plishments and goals of her programs. "I've almost been employed with Extension now for a year – we re-opened the Schoolcraft County office in April of last year." She explained.

in April of last year," she explained, adding that the office had closed apadding that the office had closed ap-proximately seven years prior to that.
"The task was getting an office open from bare walls, and we are now locat-ed in the former ... superintendent's office (adjacent to the Manistique Middle and High School)."
", Beginning with the nutritional edu-cation aspect of her work, Connin said be had high twannord un a six week-

she had just wrapped up a six-week series with the Emerald Elementary

third grade cla "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

In addition, Connin said she has also been offering a program for pre-schoolers each Friday in the library. "It's called 'Grow It, Try It, Like It'," she explained. "There's a book

doing the story time, we're doing some taste testing ... we're having a In the sixth grade classes, Connin

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 seed to basted.

received 4-H cups with seeds planted

"We're to the point where all the to-"We're to the point where all the to-matoes are up, all the watermelons are up, and we're still waiting for the pep-pers to poke up," Connin said, adding with a laugh that, "The kids are check-ing it, truly, at the beginning of fourth hour, and at the end, just in case their peppers popped up during class." Connin explained the program re-ceived trart funding to belig improve-

ceived 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

cited about that," she added.

A short-term special interest club

that goes with each lesson, so we're that lasts only six hours, taking place doing the story time, we're doing every other week, was also formed by some taste testing ... we're having a Connin.

"I had three ladies in that club this summer," Connin said. "They plant-ed 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

"In September, the carrots were ready, and so the kitchen staff picked 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 "Cloverbud" 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 functioning as like a volleyball camp, but without a parent organization — they didn't fall under the heading of the school," Connin said. "We con-verted them a 4-H club so that they get some liability insurance for the adults, the kids get some supplemental insur-

They hosted their tournament for They hosted their tournament for the first time ever, because they didn't have funds previous," she continued. "We had some grant money that I could use toward that and there was, I'd guess, 250 people throughout the day who came through. There were 12 different teams."

ifferent teams."
Other 4-H groups include Friends Helping Friends and the Fire Explorers

There is no other county in Michigan, and maybe not even in most of the U.S. with that (Fire Explorers) right now, so it's being watched close-

continued from A1 ly." Connin said. "I have a feeling it's

by," Connin said. "I have a feeling it's going to take off, we're just still mak-ing sure it's going to work before we go bragging about it." In the near future, Connin said the Extension will be working to obtain a recycling education grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Council mem. Environmental Quality. Council members voted unanimously to serve as the "pass through" for the grant funding should it be received.

For more information about the local MSU Extension or 4-H procentact Jill Connin at connin







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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 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 Compress closed on the sale of

of Commerce closed on the sale of the Building to its member, the City See Bill of Sale Payment attached hereto as Exhibit D.

The Chamber of Commerce 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

standing liabilities, including the tax liabilities Defendants may have had personal liability for under State and Federal Law. Upon information and belief, the sale of the Building was not sufficient to extinguish all of the liabilities of the Chamber of commerce 32. Although the Building was not sold urtil 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") See Certificate of Dissolution at-

of Lieunsing and Regulatory Affairs (hereinafter "LARA") See Certificate of Dissolution at tached hereto as Exhibit E COUNT 1 – ACCOUNTING (Defendants Chamber of Com-merce, Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, John Brazda, Paul Walker) 33. Plaintiffs restate and incorpo-rate by reference the allegations in the preceding Paragraphs as though

the preceding Paragraphs as though illy set forth in this Complaint 34. Defendants Gerald Reese, Den-

nis Jankowksi. John Brazda, and Pau nis Jankowksi, John Brazda, and Pau. Walke: are the purported Members of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors that voted to approve the said 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

Paul Walker have control and/or access to certain money, property, and information held and maintained by the Chamber of Com-merce 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 transac tions by the Chamber of Commerce.

37. Upon information and belief, Defendants Gerald Reese, Den Paul Walker, are the primary in-dividuals with access to the docu-mentation necessary for a financial and proprietary accounting of the actions of the Chamber of Com-merce and the Chamber Defendants.

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

March 13, 2017 and March 16, 2017. See Request attached hereto as Ex-hibit F. Instead of responding to the reasonable request for informa-tion by Plaintiffs on behalf of the tion by Plaintiffs on behalf of the Members of the Chamber of Com-merce, all four Chamber Defendants resigned from the Board of Direc-tors of the Chamber of Commerce. 39. Plaintiffs cannot, even with lib-eral discovery, reasonably be expected to ascertain the actions of the Cham-ber of Commerce, or the documenta-

ber of Commerce, or the documenta tion requested by its inquires dated March 13, 2017 and March 16, 2017.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respect

WHEREFORE, Plantitis respectifully request that this Honorable Court enteran order adjudging the following:

A. REQUIRING Defendants Chamber of Commerce, Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, John Brazda, and Paul Walker to provide an accounting of all transactions by the Chamber of Commerce, over the next have years:

Commerce over the past two years;
B. REQUIRING Defendants
Chamber of Commerce, Gerald Reese. Dennis Jankowski, John Braz

ese, Dennis Jankowski, John Brazda, and Paul Walker to provide all
documentation and information requested by Plaintiffs' inquiries dated
March 13, 20/17 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 11 – BREACH OF
FIDUCIARY DUTY

FIDUCIARY DUTY (Defendants Chamber of Comnerce, Gerald Reese, Dennis

merce, Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, John Brazda, Paul Walker)
40. Plaintiffs restate and incorpo-rate 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. of the Chamber of Commerce.

42. At all times relevant to this claim, Defendants Gerad 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 450.2541(1) ..requires that a director of officer shall perform his or her duties (a) in good faith; (b) with the care an ordinar-

faith; (b) with the care an ordinar ily prudent person in a like posi-tion 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 busi-ness decisions for the benefit of the

Chamber of Commerce's members 45. Defendants Gerald Reese, Den nis Jankowski, John Brazda, and Paul nis Jankowski, John Brazdi, 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 Cham ber of Comm ce 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 be-

Upon information and be Chamber Defendants did

lief, 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 meet, ing. Defendant Gerald Reese in-structed the Chamber of Commerce accountant to only provide inforaccountant to only provide infor-mation 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.

as a member of Chamber of Com-merce, improperly benefited from acquiring a distribution of prop-erty from a nonprofit corpora-tion made at a discounted price. 50. Furthermore, upon information and belief, in contravention to MCL 450,2551, the Chamber Defendants entered into a Furchase Agreement with Chamber of Commerce Mem-ber City of Mansitique on March 8, 2017, while the Chamber of Com-merce may have had outstanding

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 Composition of Manistique, Chamber of Compositions of Compositions of the City of Manistique, Chamber of Compositions of C

of Manistique, Chamber of Com-merce Board of Director Members Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, Paul Walker, and John Brazda re-signed from the Board of Direc-tors of the Chamber of Commerce.

iors of the Chamber of Commerce.

3. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs have sustained damages.
WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, respectfully request that this Honorable Court enter anorder 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

ber and the Chamber Defendants to fulfill their fiduciary duty by making additional proper and le-gal attempts to value and sell the Building, if prudent and in the best in-terests of the Chamber of Commerce, C. AWARDING attorney fees and

oststoPlaintiffsasallowedbylaw;and D. ORDERING any other relief this court deems equitable and proper

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

54. Plaintiffs restate and incorpoate by reference the allegations in the preceding Paragraphs as though fully set forth in this Complaint. 55. Upon information and be-lief, 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 o purchase the Building from the Chamber of Commerce.

b) Defendant Paul Walker, as a Counciman for the City of Manistique and Member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, had an

of the Chamber of Commerce, had an obvious conflict of interest in pursu 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 to approve the sale on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Without Defendant Paul Walker's affirmative vote, the Chamber Board of Direc vote, the Chamber Board of Direc-tors 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. c) Upon information and belief, Defendants Paul Walker and Sheila Aldrich hereitzel from the sale of the

Aldrich benefited from the sale of the Building as they were Members of the Board of Directors of the Chamthe Board of Directors of the Cham-ber of Commerce during the time which certain State and Federal Tax-es were not property paid, and could potentially have been assessed per-sonal responsibility for those taxes. b) Defendants Chamber of Com-

merce, Gerald Reese, Dennis Jankowski, John Brazda, and Paul

Jankowski, John Brazda, and Paul Walker held a special meeting on March 8, 2017 for the purpose of accepting the aforementioned offer.

c) Upon information and belief, Defendants on each side of the transaction had been working together to arrange for a sale of the Building prior to March 7, 2017.

56. The sale itself was unlawful where the Chamber of Commerce singled out and allowed

merce singled out and allowed one individual member, the City one individual member, une con-of Manistique, to benefit from re-ceiving valuable property in ex-change for inadequate consideration.

change for inadequate consideration.

57. Additionally, the sale of the Building was conducted through unlawfal 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

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 Con-

spiracy to Breach Fiduciary Duty. Plaintiffs have suffered damages.
WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs re-

spectfully request that this Honorable Court enter an or-der adjudging the following: A. SETTING ASIDE the sale of

the Building from the Chamber of Commerce to the City of Manistique;

Commerce to the City of Manistique,
B. AWARDING attorney fees and
coststoPlaintiffsasallowedbylaw;and
C. ORDERING any otherrelief this
Court deems equitable and proper.
COUNTIV ACTION TO COMPEL
DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS
PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM
OF INFORMATION ACT
(Defendant City of Manistique)

(Defendant City of Manistique) 60. Plaintiffs restate and incorpo

60. Plannitis restate and incorporate by reference the allegations in the preceding Paragraphs as though tully set forth in this Compaint.
61. As a public body, as defined by MCL 15.232, Defendart City of Manistique is subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231 et su.

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

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 Plaintiff's have yet to re-ceive any response to the aforementioned FOIA request

WHEREFORE Plaintiffs respect whereFore, Plainting 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 2017 and attached hereto as Exhibi

B. AWARDING attorney fees and osts to Plaintiffs as allowed by law;

and
C. ORDERING any other relief
this Court deems equitable and prop-

. COUNT V -PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

(Defendants Chamber of Commerce and City of Manistique) Commerce and City of Manistique;
65. Plaintifis restate and incorporate by reference the allegations in the preceding Paragraphs as though fully set forth in this Complaint.
66. As stated above, Defendant Chamber of Commerce sold the Building to its Member, the City of Manistique.

Manistique.

67. Plaintiffs, as members of the Chamber of Commerce, will incur harm and damages if the City of Manistique is allowed to receive and

Manistique is allowed to receive and retain the Building.
68. Plaintiffs, by virtue of being members of the Chamber of Commerce, have an interest in the financial fitness, business operations, and ethical conduct of the Chamber of Commerce

69. The Building was obtained as a result of breaches of fiduciary duty, procedural violations on the

continued from A7 part of the City of Manistique and the Chamber of Commerce, and conflicts of interest.

The longer the delay, the higher the odds are that the City of Manistique will take possession, uti-lize, or otherwise alter or change the

Building.
71. Receiving notice of this 71. Receiving notice of this Verified Complaint, may actually cause the City of Manistique to rush to take possession of, use, and make physical changes to the Building before a Court has time to issue an Order the response theme form doing. Order that prevents them from doing

so.

72. A preliminary injunction, halting the transfer of the Building or utilizing or otherwise changing its character or nature is necessary while it is ascertained whether the sale was proper or whether it should be set aside.

be set aside.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Honorable Court enter an order adjudging the

A. RESTRICTING the City of An RESTRICTING the City of Manistique from possessing or other-wise using the Building, making any physical changes, alterations, or im-provements to the Building, or otherise changing the nature or character of the Building in any fashion during the pendency of this litigation; B. AWARDING attorney fees and

costs to Plaintiffs as allowed by law

C. ORDERING any other relief this Court deems equitable and prop-

Plaintiffs declare that the above statements are true to the best of their knowledge, information and belief



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UPSET bust

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 sub-stance – deliver/manufacture, less than 50 grams, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine

Terrian had been charged March with one count of controlled abstance – delivery/manufacture,

substance derivery/manufacture, methamphetamine, a felony pun-ishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$25,000. He is currently being held on a \$200,000 surety bond set by Judge Luoma. He is scheduled to appear

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 misde-meanor 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 prelimi-nary 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 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 miscontinued from A7

demeanor punishable by up to 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

Brown is scheduled for a preliminary examination April 10 at

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 pre-

liminary examination April 10 at

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 93rd District Court Probation Department.



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Section B

Thursday, March 23, 2017

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Those included on the Hidden Estate squirt roster were, front row left: Mason Dirrmer, 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.

They also took second place at the District 8 Tournament in February with a record of 4-1. Curpotenting against additional teams outside of the CUP League, the Manistique squirts ended their sea-

Hidden Estates is the 10U Central Upper Peninsula

Hidden Estates is the 10U Central Upper Pennisula 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.

son with a record of 39-4.

It is said that camaraderic 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

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 enrollsubmit their high school enroll-ment numbers, based on the offi-cial February count day. The MH-SAA then classifies schools into feur equal divisions A,B,C,D or, for football, eight equal divisions D1-D8.

According to Manistique Athlet-ic Director Rob Ryan, the Febru-ary count can have a huge impact on division placement for sports.

"Because enrollment numbers

"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 Upschool enrollments for some Upsc

school enrollments for some Upschool enrollments for some Up-per 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
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- Negaunce: 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

- 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

 Engadine: 95 - D
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 Looking toward the end of season playoffs for volleyball and basketball with a District format, Ryan projected Manistique would compete against the usual oppo-

"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

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play beyond their
high school years,
the Northern Michigan Women's hockey
team has plenty to
offer. Established in
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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.

cord of 11-0-1.
Coming off a strong sea-son, NMU successfully de-fended their CCWHA confer-ence championship, which was played at Notre Dame Univer-

played at Notre Dame Univer-sity. Part of the squad, during their recent success, was Manis-toue'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 Colle-giate Hockey As-sociation's Nation-als Finals. The run to the finals started with an 11-0 win over Villanova and a 7-5 victory over the University of

Kangas 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 confer-ence, NMU finished the season an impressive record of 21-42.

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



Pigs vs. Punks

Joe LeBlanc photos 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 sheranigans, 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 t'St. Francis de Sales Parish. Full photo coverage of the event is available for viewing at Parish. Full photo coverage of the event is available for viewing at www.mstqpioneetribune.smugmug.com.



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MHSAA Boys Basketball Finals set for this weekend

EAST LANSING audiences can watch and listen to the semifinals and finals of the MH-SAA 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 Hill-man 74-61 Tuesday night to ad-vance to the semi-final round against Southfield Christian tonight (Thurs-

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.

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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 PSA v. Flint Beecher - 1 p.m.

vanu Rapids Covenant Christian v. Manton – 2:50 p.m. Thursday – Class D Powers North Central v. South-field Christian – 6 p.m. Lansing Christian v. Buck-ley – 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

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 weeken action for one low cost of \$9.95.



Presidential change

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 Jasmin. 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.



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, anc Carolyn Miller were on hand to help with the festivities. Due to an illiness, substitute entertainment was provided by club member Brenda Fleck on the piano and her mom Elaine Webber playing and singing lirsh 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 brilled with by heautiful lan cover.

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Well, if you are ready for spring, seeing it arrived on the calendar this 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 burnner when it is followed by monsoon winds with blowing snow. I am officially casting my vote for warm picture was the support of the control of for warm nights, sunny days with no wind.

If you can stand the cold they are getting a few nice fish down at the river. If you are a true fun lov-ing fisherman there is nothing more enjoyable than hooking a monster fish in fast running spring runoff wa-ter 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 improve-ment 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 vork out so we can see more in the future. It is a learning experience for

future. It is a learning experience for a lot of this 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

Night butterflies have ears on their 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 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 the praying mantis. A slug has four noses.

Some male spiders pluck their

some mate spiders pluck 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 shoul-ders. 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 teet! The mayfly only lives for eight hours! The female black widow's poison is 15 times deadlier than; a rattlesnake's! There are worms in Australia that are over four feet long! The weight of all termites in

Fish Report BY RET. SGT. JOHN WALKER

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 hope-fully 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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Downtown Development Authority - 1 opening Any individuals interested in serving on this Board are encouraged to submit a letter of interest to City Hall by Thursday, April 6, at 3:00 pm.

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of the school workforce.

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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 scheduled by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources

"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.
"There is a good deal of interest out there among private landowners who would like to learn more about how to improve their properties for wildlife habitat, especially white-tailed deer wintering habitat."

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 Kreiger Drive in Skandia; Contact: Matt Watkeys, Marquette Conservation District, (906) 226-8871, ext. 128.

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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. Gurtis ; Street in Kincheloe; Contact: Travis Kangas, Chippewa-Luce Mackinac

Conservation District, 1906 632-9611t ext. 1909
To avoid deep snow, deer migrate each winter throughout most of the U.P. to deer wintering complexes often called deep yards – containing dearch, carnoties of confire trees dense canopies of conifer trees, especially cedar and hemlock. ! This important conifer shelter

deer to move over connected snow-packed trails. These trail systems provide access to food and assist deer in evading predators.

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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.

to bettering, is a top factor at work."A map show deer wintering complexes in the eastern half of the Upper Peninsula.

In the U.P., where deer have to

migrate to survive winter, they gather migrate to survive winter, mey 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 unorking for several monthly lawyard increased habitat inprovenients in deer wintering complexes.

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 wintering complex management plans, a general overview of deer winter range in the UIR and general forest management guidelines. Houghton, will discuss the Forest Stewardship Program.

11Al 1994| popservation district forester will introduce the Boreston! 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 Scullon,

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

Check out management plans for

Check out management pians 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 Emie Houghton at (906) 786-7351. 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 in an inadial assistance programs 'available to help you improve deer wintering habitat.

g habitat. out more information Contact Jim Hammill at (906) 875 6487 or visit www.michigan.dnr.

News from MAS

Outdoors Brief

DNR urges boaters to take training course

LANSING - The Michigan Department of Natural Resources ncourages 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 watereraft operators must have a boater education card.

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

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

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

MANISTIQUE PUBLIC SAFETY

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

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

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 :50 a.m. Lockout, within city of Manistique

2 p.m. Careless driver, US 2 2:15 p.m. Citizen assist, US 2 p.m. Trespassing, Fourth

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, Ar

butus Avenue 2:40 a.m. Fail to transfer plate, within city of Manistique 2:50 a.m. Snow ordinance viola-

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

12:07 p.m. Civil standby, Arbu-

tus Avenue 12:20 p.m. Citizen assist, Fourth

3:30 p.m. Parking issue, Cedar

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 Man-

fque 11:25 p.m. Disorderly subjects, 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 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 MacGregor, Kayla Rodriguez, and Brooke Whiskin presented their three service projects in a com-petition 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 amazin job and certainly represented MHS

On Saturday, under the direction of Mr. Connin, Katic Trover, Lawrence Matos, Lauren Denney, and Jasmin Powell performed at State Solo and Ensemble at NMU. Each of them was at State Festival for the first time. All of the students who participated in the festival earned a top rating of either I or 2. The seventh and eighth grade band participated at Festival February 28 and earned a rating of I to qualificate the feet of the ify for the State Festival April 28.

At the Youth in Arts reception at the Bonifas Center last week, MHS students Emily Norman, Karissa Gregurash, Kendra Cournaya, Amanda Menominee, Geor gia 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 Equip-

ment Operator program that was applied for in February has been approved by the Michigan Depart-ment of Education. This and the new AP Computer Programming class along with Advanced Fit-ness, 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 stu-

dents performed their spring musical on Wednesday evening. This represents another venue to show-case student talent and get students involved in extracurricular activi-

Emerald students will be cel-Emerald students will be cel-brating the end of the third quar-ter 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 sink-ing 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 curriculum and extracurricular activi-ties and a supportive community throughout their education? Enroll your student at MAS. Children who turn five before Sept. 1, 2017

BY MARYANN BODDY

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 pro-grams 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. laborative 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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