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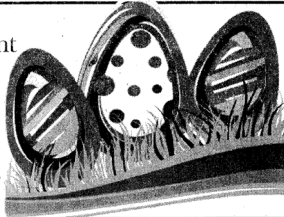
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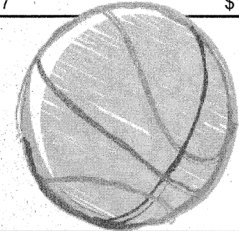
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Annual CBC Radio-Telethon Sunday



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Yooper Hooper set for April 15



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CBC ready to take stage

50th annual event is sure to be memorable

MANISTIQUE — The 50th annual CBC Radio-Telethon will take place Sunday. The day boasts a full roster of events, including:

Manistique Senior Center
The Manistique Senior Center will host a bake sale on April 9 during the CBC Fund Drive. The bake sale will be held at the Manistique High School Cafeteria. All proceeds are donated to CBC.

Swim-a-thon
The Manistique High School will host a swim-a-thon during the CBC Fund Drive. The event, which is open to the public, will take place at the Manistique High School pool on April 9, from 1-3 p.m.

Participants should ask for sponsorship before the event. Pledges can be turned in the day of the event at the pool. Participants of any age may swim as many

CBC lineup
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Brunke pleads in drug case

'No contest' plea for felony drug charges

MANISTIQUE — A man currently serving time in prison for his role in a 2015 triple homicide has entered a plea in a drug case against him.

Kenneth Brunke, 46, appeared for a preliminary examination in 93rd District Court Monday. He is charged with one count of controlled substance, deliver/manufacture, 650 or more grams, a felony punishable by up to life in prison and/or a fine of up to \$1 million; and one count of conspiracy to commit controlled substance, deliver/manufacture, a

Brunke plea
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Project City

Manistique Recreation Board assists with multiple projects in quest to improve area

MANISTIQUE — The city of Manistique is seeking grants to fund several projects in the near future. The projects and grants were discussed as part of a recent goal-setting session during a Manistique City Council meeting.

According to City Manager Sheila Aldrich, the city's recreation board has been working with several groups, including the Elks Lodge, Paul Bunyan group, skate group, and Habitat for Humanity to update and upgrade Blanchard Park. The project will include a Paul Bunyan statue (which had stood near the park in the past), a skate park, a volleyball court, and current fixtures such as swings, merry-go-rounds, the current t-ball field, and benches.

Mike Powers, Manistique Recreation Board president, explained that local resident Pam Weber has been a major player in the Blanchard Park project — with a primary focus of establishing a skate park within the area.

"Pam has really worked to get a place for a skate park," he said.

According to Weber, she has been working for years on coordinating fundraising efforts for the skate park. She noted that the need for the park is apparent still today.

"The kids, you know, they've been kicked out of just about every place around here," Weber said. "These kids need something."

She explained that the Kiwanis Club, which she is a part of, is currently seeking a grant to fund a portion of the project. Fundraising efforts, such as a skate-a-thon, are also being considered. Approximately \$4,700 has been raised to date, but an estimated \$30,000 is needed to match the possible grant of \$30,000.

In total, the skate park portion of the Blanchard Park updates will likely cost \$60,000.

"One of the things that we're going to do on this Blanchard Park grant is they'll let us use workforce and our material," Aldrich explained. "So we've talked to the DPW crew, and we'll be laying the cement ourselves."

She added that when constructing the city's Central Park, many local contractors donated either time or materials to the effort, and she's hoping they'll do the same with Blanchard Park.

Another prominent aspect of the park project includes the replacement of an approximately 60-foot Paul Bunyan

statue. The original statue was constructed in 1960, but blew down in 1975.

"Many of the people said it was one of the most photographed sites in the U.P., this huge Paul Bunyan," Powers explained.

With all things considered, the Blanchard Park project will require an abundance of volunteers — a requirement Eric Sherbinow, with Habitat for Humanity, said should be no problem.

"We're happy to partner with the city on this project any way we can," he said. "We... have an army of volunteers who I'm sure we can enlist in doing many of the things around the park. They're usually an energetic and capable bunch."

Sherbinow added that there are approximately 200-300 volunteers who stay in the Habitat building throughout the summer to work on area projects.

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City rejects settlement offers, lawsuit hearing will take place

MANISTIQUE — A hearing to consider an permanent injunction prohibiting the city of Manistique from taking physical possession of the former Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce building is set to take place today (Thursday) in the 11th Judicial Court at 1:45 p.m. The request for an injunction was included as part of a lawsuit filed March 22 against the city by mBank and local business The Mustard Seed, Inc.

Prior to the lawsuit being filed, mBank sent a request dated March 17 to the city

of Manistique and the Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce Board asking officials to accept a "refund" of the entire purchase price of \$44,960 as noted on a Bill of Sale dated March 9. Due to the city's failure to respond to the offer, the lawsuit was filed.

On March 23, Judge William W. Carmody ordered a preliminary injunction prohibiting the city of Manistique from taking physical possession chamber building. Following that order, Plaintiff mBank again extended the offer to refund the city their entire purchase price. In addition to the refund offered to the city, Plaintiff mBank said it would take possession of the assets including the building and donate those assets to the Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce organization (the former Schoolcraft County Economic Development Corporation).

Additionally, Plaintiff mBank said it would provide a full release to all parties for any claims set forth in the lawsuit.

As with the first, the city did not respond to the second settlement offer, which expired March 31 at 5 p.m.

Upcoming Events

April 9 — 50th annual CBC Sunday Radio-Telethon, Manistique Middle and High School

April 12 — Holy Week Intergenerational Event, St. Francis de Sales School gym, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

April 15 — Manistique Merchants Association annual Easter Egg Hunt, Emerald Elementary, 11 a.m.

April 15 — Community Kids Easter Party, Manistique Moose Lodge, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.



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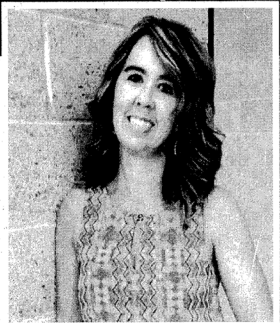
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Courtesy photos

Three Manistique Area Schools employees were recently named 2017 award recipients – both of the Michigan Education Association Leon Brunner Award and the 16th annual Outstanding Person in Education Award. To receive the OPIE, a teacher member of the Michigan Education Association and the Manistique Education Association is nominated and selected by their peers, is a member in good-standing, is a highly qualified professional in the field, and an active member within the school and local communities. Above, at left, John Barry, a bus driver/kitchen aide, received the Leon Brunner award for his work for a MEA union president of the Manistique Educational Support Personnel. Above, at right, Karen Gonyea, who works in the MHS Media Center, received an OPIE Award. At right, Christi Ryan, Emerald art/music and CTE instructor also received an OPIE Award.



MSU Extension to offer 'Smart Gardening' booth

ESCANABA – Plan now to attend this year's free smart gardening presentations held throughout the Kiwanis Noon Home and Garden Show/Pancake Feed April 7-9. The event will take place in the Ruth Butler Building on the U.P. fairgrounds in Escanaba.

Show times run from 5-8 p.m. Friday, 9-7 p.m. Saturday, and 9-2 p.m. Sunday.

From beneficial insects, bees, plants, soils, square foot gardening, and season extensions, there is something for all gardeners to enjoy. New this year will be a few sessions tailored especially for families and children: April 8 at 1 p.m. an activity about bees and at 5 p.m. gardening with children. All sessions will again have garden-themed door prizes available to be won by anyone attending the presentations. Examples include free plants, tools, gift certificates, and local food/wine gift baskets.

Other items, such as a power tool kit, tool sharpening kits, splitting tools, and a drip irrigation kit, will be on display for a silent auction until 12 p.m. April 9.

The presentation schedule is as follows:

April 7
5- 5:30 p.m., Marvelous Mimics

natural insect enemies and our allies.
5:45- 6:15 p.m., U.P. Beekeeping
7:30- 8 p.m., Smart Plants with Hydrangea paniculata 'RENHy' Vanilla Strawberry
April 8
9:00- 9:45 a.m., Don't guess – soil test!
11:00- 11:45 a.m., Trash to Treasure – Recycling tips for creative containers
1-1:45 p.m., Help a Bee, help me! – a family, kid friendly activity about pollinators
3-3:45 p.m., U.P. Beekeeping
5-5:45 p.m., Starting small – easy steps to start gardening with children
6-6:45 p.m., Wonderfully wild and Naturally native – ways to support and protect our natural insect allies
April 9
9-9:45 a.m., Introduction to Backyard Beekeeping
11-11:45 a.m. Season Extension –hoophouses
1-1:45 p.m. Square Foot Gardening
For a full list of presentations and door prizes from many business contributors, please visit the Michigan State University website at: http://msuc.anr.msu.edu/events/smart_gardening_presentations

escanaba_home_garden_show or the Escanaba Noon Kiwanis website at: <http://escanabakiwanis.org/> under Club Events.
Other opportunities and resources that will be available include a Smart Gardening informational booth which will include a number of free tip sheets on smart soils, smart plants, smart lawns, smart vegetables, smart gardening for pollinators, and new this year smart gardening for monarchs and smart gardening to deter deer. Extension Master Gardeners trained in Smart Gardening outreach will be on hand to help assist with smart gardening questions.
Also, at the bottom of every hour throughout the show and while supplies last, Extension Master Gardeners and trainees will be presenting demonstrations about mason bees and providing free mason bee hotels (compliments of local sponsors listed) to attendees.
No registration is required. Admittance to the home and garden show is free. For more information about the smart gardening program, contact Rebecca Krans, Michigan State University Extension Consumer Horticulture Educator, at (906) 875-0606 or krans@anr.msu.edu.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
On Thursday, March 23, I was invited to speak to the students at Manistique High School. This invitation came from Superintendent Maryann Boddy and my classmate from the MHS class of 1990, James Studinger. I was honored to be able to come back to my old high school to speak to the students.
My message was simple: you can compete with anyone in the world and don't let anyone tell you differently. I really hope the kids believe that. I remember leaving MHS for Central Michigan University in 1990 and wondering if I had what it takes to keep up with the kids from "downstate". Well, after a few months on campus I knew I could. And the same has held true everywhere I've been since.
The foundational education I received at MHS was more than enough to give me the start I needed. Thank you Maryann and all of MHS for allowing me to speak. And thank you James for twisting my arm to do it.
Earlier that day, Maryann, James and I were able to tour the new space for the alternative school and tech center. It's great to see these types of investments being made in Manistique. They

are critical for the success of the area. The Zellar family should be commended for their generosity in providing the space for this to be successful, not to mention their role in getting the paper and mill running again. I worked at the mill in the summers during college and I have very fond memories of that place.
We also had the pleasure of having lunch with Alan Barry (executive director of the EDCC) at the Upper Crust, one of my favorite spots in Manistique. Alan shared with us his vision for economic development in Schoolcraft County. After listening to Alan for a few minutes, you can clearly see his passion for what he does.
I think his plan for the area is an excellent one, and I would encourage everyone in the area to support him and his mission. His experience is second to no one, and the county is very lucky to have a man of his caliber trying to help spur growth and create jobs.
As always, I look forward to my next visit to the area this summer!

Tim Magnusson
Minneapolis, Minn.
MHS class of 1990

The Archives

This week in the Pioneer Tribune...

50 Years Ago April 6, 1967

• Veteran Manistique retailer Alfred M. Farley, a part of the scene at the Peoples Store for the past 47 years, was honored on his retirement from the firm last weekend. Special "Aldred Farley Days" were held at the store Friday and Saturday, and hundreds of area residents turned out to wish Mr. Farley well and to enjoy coffee and doughnuts served by him at the store. He and Mrs. Farley were also guests of honor Thursday night as 40 employees, their wives and husbands turned out for a special dinner at the Surf. New manager of the store will be Mr. Farley's associate for the past year and a half, Mr. Clarence Peterson. The naming of John Pat Miller of Manistique as assistant manager was also announced at this time.
• After more than half a century of serving hungry people, "Mr. Pete" is hanging up his apron. "Mr. Pete" is Peter Babladelis, 107 Arbutus Ave., who is leaving the restaurant business with the sale of the Liberty Cafe to William Philion, owner of the Eat Shop. Mr. Babladelis came to the United States in 1914, from the Greek island of Mytilene in the Aegean Sea, and opened the Star Cafe, in what is now the Creighton Ford location. In 1917 the restaurant, then the only one in town, was moved to its present location two doors north.
• Revision of the city charter and the naming of a nine-member commission to do the job will be decided by voters in Manistique at a special election next Tuesday. The revision question must pass before the charter commission can be created. The city's present charter is more than 40 years old, and has never been revised nor amended. Seeking the posts on the charter commission are 15 candidates. They are: Gloria Ehn, Frank M. Gierke, Sr., Joseph L. Govanini, Daniel J. Harrington, Norman W. John, Richard Kozak, Raymond L. Krusic, Ingmar L. Levin, Mary W. Moffat, William J. Olesak, John H. Orr, Jack W. Phillips, Omer J. Schuster, Richard F. Stoll and Clyde L. Strassler.
• Two area men walked away without injury Saturday afternoon when their light plane made a forced landing shortly after taking off from a private field just north of the River Road, in Manistique Township. Larry J. Boyd, 41, of 41 West Lakeshore Drive, pilot of the plane, told State Police that the engine cut shortly after he and Clarence Gerlach had taken off from a field owned by Razy Gerlach, Route 1. Boyd said he circled back and attempted to land in the field, but the landing gear of the plane caught the upper wire of a power line along an adjoining road. The plane skidded 63 feet after hitting the ground. Boyd said they were at an altitude of between 700 and 800 feet when the

35 Years Ago April 8, 1982

• Manistique's radio station WTIO announced last week that an agreement to sell the station had been signed last month. Pending approval of the sale by the Federal Communications Commission and a federal bankruptcy court in Marquette, Francis J. Curtis of Detroit will become the new owner of the local station. The station has been owned by Doug Tapakes of Grand Haven. Curtis is owner of the Deer Path Resort on Indian Lake Road west of Manistique. Any changes that may be made in the station's format, now Country-Western, or personnel were not announced.
• A local chapter of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be chartered early next month in Manistique. Thirteen local residents recently completed training to join the civilian volunteer organization that assists the Coast Guard. At a meeting last Wednesday, Pete Widdis was elected commander of the Manistique flotilla and Ted Hentschel as its vice-commander. After a chartering ceremony tentatively set for May 8, the Manistique chapter or "flotilla," will be only the fourth in the Upper Peninsula. Other U.P. flotillas are active in Munising, Marquette and Grand Marais. A flotilla was active in Manistique from 1968 to 1972, and efforts have been underway since the first of the year to revive a local chapter.
• Local hockey players were honored at the Manistique Hockey Association's banquet last week. Receiving honors on the Barntam team were John Archambeau, most valuable player; Mark Hoholik, honorable mention; Bill Hoholik, most improved; Todd Archambeau and Ron Rie, honorable mention. Jim Maxwell was most improved for the Peeeweet team, Mike Weinert was most improved for the Mites "A" team; Phil Berger was most valuable player for the Peeeweets; Don Benish was most valuable player for the Mites; Mike Brulia was most improved for the Squirts team and Jeff Grimes was most valuable player for the Squirts.

20 Years Ago April 10, 1997

• Members of the Manistique Area Schools administration, Board of Education and a citizens' group expressed shock and disappointment as voters decisively denied a \$10.1 million bond issue request Tuesday, April 8. In an election where 34.4 percent of voters went to the polls, the millage request received 1,209 "no" votes and 612 "yes" votes. All eight precincts in the MAS district voted against the bond issue.
• National Football League Hall of Fame linebacker Ray Nitschke will be on hand to sign autographs Tuesday, April 15, at North County Bank and Trust, 130 S. Cedar St., Manistique. Nitschke, who began his 15-year career with the Packers in 1957, will autograph an item of choice for people with a Ray Nitschke autograph certificate, bank officials said.
• Roarian Peter Derber is setting up the Rotary lure display at the Top 'O Lake store on S. Cedar St. Owner Ted Hentschel will be the first merchant to display the lures three years ago when the club started the project. The collector Mepps lures sell for \$4. This year the featured wildlife is a Mallard duck drawn by local artist Carol Stoll.
• Local girls scouts held a sleepover recently at Fairview School. The girls enjoyed an evening of crafts, games and late night stories.

10 Years Ago April 5, 2007

• Last month's surprise announcement of the closure of the Merwin Creek State Forest Campground has not sat well with county and township officials. Tuesday, the two groups held a meeting at the Manistique Township Hall to discuss the issue first hand with Jeff Stamply and Dan Moore representatives of the Department of Natural Resources Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division.
• A changing of the guards, as a matter of speaking, will take place with the 2008 CBC Fund Drive as three committee volunteers stepped down after 40 years. Eleanor Brouillette, Ben Mulhaupt and Eleanor Mulhaupt, were all honored Sunday during the telethon for their lengthy dedication to CBC.
• Later this year, when the doors of the Emerald Elementary School finally open and children race inside on their way to class, one of the first things they'll see are their very own names. The Manistique Area Schools and the elementary Parent-Teacher Organization have unveiled a new program to honor every child pre-enrolled to attend the new building in the 2007-2008 school year. The program will feature student eight names on 12-inch by 12-inch tiles.

News Briefs

Shirley's Angels will hold April 13 meeting

MANISTIQUE – Shirley's Angels Breast Cancer Support Group will meet April 13. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and takes place at the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital.
This month's meeting focuses on rain drop massage/essential oils with Penny Aldrich.
For more information, call 341-5135 or (906) 286-4278.

Vegetarian cooking class set for April 20

MANISTIQUE – A Healthy Options Vegetarian Cooking Class will be held April 20. The class will take place at 6 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Manistique.
The class is sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventists Church.
Call 341-8114 for more information and to preregister. A \$5 tax deductible donation per person is suggested.

Manistique Amity will hold meeting April 12

MANISTIQUE – The Manistique Amity Group will meet April 12. The meeting will take place at 9:30 a.m. in the Presbyterian Church.
Linda Levin will speak about a recent trip to Africa.
Those interested in the Amity Group, may call 341-5081.

OPINION

Rural America has once again taken its place in the national health care debate. Across America, analysis shows that rural counties would have shouldered much of the cost shift of the proposed and now dead American Health Care Act.
On average, people in rural counties tend to be older, have lower incomes and have less choice when it comes to providers and insurers.
Under the proposed legislation, in rural pockets in Nebraska, Arizona and Tennessee, those aged 60 and older and earning less than \$30,000 would have seen out of pocket premiums rise by at least \$1,000 per month. In some Arizona counties, premiums would have increased by 966 percent.
This increase would be cost prohibitive for low-income older rural adults and inhibit their ability to purchase sufficient coverage to

meet preventative and maintenance care needs.
Many would simply forgo coverage.
Despite the withdrawal of the vote on the American Health Care Act and the indefinite postponement of discussion on replacing the Affordable Care Act, health care access remains a challenge for rural residents. Staffing shortages, insufficient mental health services, the costs of caring for an aging population and the threat of hospital closures all stand as limitations to care.
Additionally, insurance is a mirage for millions who remain in the coverage gap due to the decisions of a preponderance of rural states not to expand Medicaid coverage.
While the realities of rural America continue to garner

nationwide interest, it is time for rural states to also take interest and take a step toward improving access to care by expanding Medicaid.

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Bay College proposes revisions to nursing program to meet need

ESCANABA – In an effort to streamline career paths for healthcare professionals, Bay College nursing faculty and overall department have proposed program changes to reflect the needs of students and healthcare communities.

According to a recent survey conducted by the Michigan Board of Nursing, the majority of licensed practical nurses in the State of Michigan are working in clinics and long-term care facilities. Nursing and pre-nursing students have voiced a desire to enter into a program of study and finish in a shorter period of time, so they can become gainfully employed in such facilities.

Additionally, the nation is beginning to see a trend toward nurses entering into acute care only after they have achieved a Bachelor of Science – nursing

Quick facts

- Bay College is proposing changes to its nursing program to reflect the needs of nursing and pre-nursing students.

degree level. The proposed nursing program revisions at Bay College reflect upon the identified needs. First, it includes a three-semester, 12-month Practical Nurse Certificate Program at both Escanaba and Iron Mountain campuses. This one-year certificate program will permit students an efficient progression into an RN completion program, or seek employment as a licensed practical nurse upon passing their licensure exam.

The RN Completion program, known as ADN, targets LPN's who desire to complete a registered nursing program. This

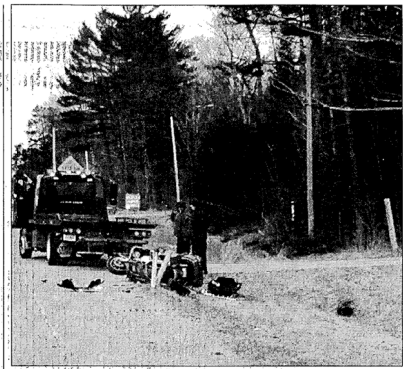
program will also consist of three semesters. Bay College also offers an option for students who wish to be admitted directly into an Associates of Applied Science degree in nursing registered nursing program, without first completing a practical nurse program. Students will be able to complete this program within five semesters, at either campus, seeking employment upon passing their RN licensure exam.

Bay has had a long-standing articulation agreement with LSSU for students wanting to attain a bachelor's degree beyond Bay. Among the curriculum proposals submitted, a revision

to the articulation agreement with LSSU has been put forth which would provide an opportunity for RN students to complete their bachelor's degree in an additional two semesters.

This program allows students to be concurrently enrolled at both Bay and LSSU, and provides a seamless transition into LSSU's BSN program following completion of Bay's ADN program and obtaining registered nursing licensure. These two additional semesters would be offered here at Bay's campus in Escanaba.

All proposed changes must be approved by the Bay College Board, the Michigan Board of Nursing, and our accrediting body, ACEN, prior to implementation for the fall of 2017. For more information, contact Bay's Nursing Department at (906) 217-4090.



Courtesy photo
While on routine patrol on U.S. Highway 2 near Tannery Road in Manistique Township April 2, Michigan State Police Trooper Michael Perkins came across an motorcyclist lying injured on the shoulder of the road. The 59-year-old downstate Maconab man was traveling west on U.S. 2 on his 2014 Harley-Davidson, when a deer ran south across the road in front of him at approximately 9 a.m. He collided with the deer, and then was separated from the motorcycle; the motorcycle continued west and collided with a mailbox before coming to rest in a yard. The man was wearing a full face helmet, as well as other leather protective gear at the time of the crash. The Troopers were assisted by Manistique Public Safety EMS and the Schoolcraft County Sheriff Department. The man was transported to Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

'March for Science' set in Marquette

MARQUETTE – On Earth Day, April 22, the NMU American Indian Science and Engineering Society has teamed up with Gamma Theta Upsilon, and the Geographical Honor Society to organize a satellite March for Science in Marquette. The march will begin at 10 a.m. from the Berry Events Center and proceed down Third Street, ending with a rally in front of the Post Office on the corner of Third and Washington Streets.

The event will be a celebration of science, and a call to recognize the important role that science plays in all lives.

The March for Science is an event that champions publicly-funded and publicly-communicated science as a pillar of human freedom and prosperity. The goal is to unite as a diverse, nonpartisan group to call for science that upholds the common good and for political leaders and policy makers to enact evidence-based policies in the public interest.

The event is non-partisan, but will draw attention to the impacts that policy changes will have on

the environment and on the future.

The organizing group explained that one way the community will be impacted by current policy is the abolishment of the \$300 million Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Funds from the initiative support state and local projects that combat invasive species, restores wildlife habitat, and cleans up polluted watersheds. This initiative has both a scientific foundation and strong bipartisan support.

"The link between policy and science is indisputable," according to Nathan Frischkorn, a member of both student organizations. "Our air and water quality has greatly improved since the 1960s, when scientists and legislators worked hand in hand to craft policy that significantly improved the quality of life in the United States. At the same time, there were rallies in the streets all throughout the country, such as the very first Earth Day. We are continuing that tradition, recognizing that while much progress has been made, there is still much work to do." "Indigenous people have lived

in the Great Lakes Region for thousands of years," said Daabii Reinhardt, president of AISES. "As an Anishinaabe Ojibwe citizen, we are taught to think seven generations ahead and how that we do now will impact the future. This is why we are marching for science, to let our voices be heard that we do not want to fall back into the past, but continue advancing as a society to a future where our

water is safe, renewable energy is abundant, and science and politics are once again united."

The event is community and family-friendly and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, find the event on Facebook at "March for Science – Marquette, MI" or contact Nathan Frischkorn by email at nfrischk@nmu.edu or by phone at (906) 251-0113.

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League joins campaign to expand food access

LANSING – The Michigan League for Public Policy is joining the American Heart Association's Michigan Healthy Food Access Campaign to help expand healthy food options to people across Michigan.

"We're thrilled to have the Michigan League for Public Policy join in the fight to expand access to fresh and healthy fruits and vegetables to people across Michigan," said Ted O'Dell, manager of the Michigan Healthy Food Access Campaign. "When fresh, nutritious foods are readily available, children and adults develop better eating habits and better overall health, including a decreased risk of obesity."

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1.8 million people in Michigan, including over 300,000 children, live in communities with

inadequate access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

"Social and economic justice, fairness and opportunity are the pillars of the Michigan League for Public Policy's mission, and that includes equal access to healthy fruits and vegetables," said Gilda Z. Jacobs, president and CEO of the League. "Every child in Michigan deserves access to fresh food so they can grow up healthy and strong."

In 2016, researchers found that people who don't have access to fresh food have an increased risk of developing early heart disease. Living within one mile of a store selling fresh fruits and vegetables greatly reduced or slowed the progression of calcium building in the heart's arteries. The results of the research were published in the American Heart Association's journal, Circulation.

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OBITUARIES

Loraine M. Segerstrom



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COOKS — Loraine M. Segerstrom, 92, of Cooks, Mich., passed away on Sunday, April 2, 2017, at her home in Inwood Township.

She was born July 19, 1924, in Nahma, Mich., the daughter of John and Louise (Nedcau) Turek and attended school in Nahma.

On June 15, 1946, she married Edward G. Segerstrom in Nahma. They lived in Marquette, Kalamazoo, Detroit, and Valparaiso following Ed's work, settling in Leo, Ind., for 20 years. In 1975 they moved to Cooks and Ed preceded her in death on Aug. 30, 1987.

Loraine was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Cooks, Women of the Moose and V.F.W. Auxiliary. She enjoyed baking, playing cards, bingo, fishing, and spending time with her family and grandchildren at the cabin on Thurder Lake.

Loraine is survived by her daughters, Joan Gossett of Cooks and Gale (Rick) Wetzel of Auburn, Ind.; sons, Raymond E. Segerstrom of Cooks and George (Diane) Segerstrom of Blue Eye, Mo.; grandchildren, Me-

lissa Wetzel, Julie Casey, Jason Wetzel, Corey Wetzel, and Greg Segerstrom; 17 great-grandchildren; sister Beatrice Hayman of Berkeley, Mich.; along with nieces and nephews.

In addition her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Marie Olive Segerstrom; granddaughter, Jody Lynn Clark; sister, Leone Land; and brothers, Homer, Francis, and Gerald Turek.

Visitation was held from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, at Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Manistique.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 6, at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Cooks with Father Mariusz Sierhart officiating.

Burial will be in New Garden Cemetery at Garden Township.

Memorial donations may be directed to Hiawatha Behavioral Health, 125 N. Lake St., Manistique, MI 49854.

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

Natalie M. Olson



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MANISTIQUE — Natalie M. Olson, 96, of Manistique, Mich., passed away on April 4, 2017, at the Hidden Estates home in Manistique.

She was born Jan. 10, 1921, in Manistique, the daughter of Earl and Albertine (Forest) Swayer and attended Manistique area schools.

On May 27, 1939, the former Natalie M. Swayer married Paul E. Olson in Detroit. They made their home and raised their family in Manistique. Paul preceded her in death on Dec. 17, 2004.

Over the years, Natalie was employed at the Ossawinamkee Hotel, the Eat Shop, Schuster's Grocery, and the J.C. Penney Store in Manistique. She also operated the Big Spring Store from 1971-1990.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Manistique, American Baptist Women, Mission Society, and the crafty ladies at the Manistique Senior Center.

Natalie is survived by her daughters, Karen Colwell of Manistique and Krista Olson of Springfield, Va.; sons, Wayne Olson of Hubbell, Mich., and Richard (Mary Ann) Ol-

son of Linden, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; brother, Gary Swayer of Manistique; sisters, Merle Mound of Glens Falls, N.Y., Dorina Curtis of Flint, and Sharon Fish of Manistique; along with nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Marjorie Swayer and Doris Swayer; and her brother, Lloyd Swayer.

Visitation will be held from 9:30-11 a.m., Monday, April 10, at the First Baptist Church in Manistique. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m., at the church, with Reverend Jay Martin officiating.

Burial will follow in Lakeview Cemetery at Manistique.

Memorial Donations may be directed to the First Baptist Church Building Fund or to the Manistique Senior Center.

Messier-Broullire Funeral Home of Manistique is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com.

William Eck



William Eck

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — William (Bill) Eck, 87, of Grand Rapids, Mich., passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 25, 2017, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Sept. 10, 1929, in Chicago, Ill., and at a young age moved to Manistique, Mich. Bill attended Manistique schools and graduated from Manistique High School with the class of 1947. He enjoyed playing trombone with his high school band.

On Dec. 22, 1950, he married Mary Lee Steven. They raised their family and made their home in the Detroit area until 1999.

Bill proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korcan War and was honorably discharged in 1953. His patriotism continued throughout his lifetime.

Bill was a graduate of Walsh College and a life member of the Walsh College Alumni Association. He also was a life member of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, a former member of American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a long-time member of the American Legion, and a former member of the Elks.

In 1997, he retired as treasurer of Commercial Steel Treating Corp. where he had worked for 34 years. In 1995, Bill and Mary moved back to Manistique where they built a home on Indian Lake and spent summers there until 2005. They also enjoyed

16 sunny winters in Florida before moving to Grand Rapids to live year-round near family.

Bill enjoyed a good joke; watching sports; playing pool, cribbage, and euchre; big band music of the 1940s and New Orleans jazz. In his younger years, he played bass fiddle in several dance bands and sometimes sat in with the Swing Kings when visiting Manistique in the summer.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Viola (Carlson) Steele; father, William Eck; half-brother, Harold Feiner; his in-laws, Loretta and Cal Steven; as well as Ken and Ruby Steven his brother-in-law and sister-in-law and their son, Scott Steven.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Mary Lee; his children, Kathy (Jim) Septer, John (Lor) Eck, and Sandy (Greg) Doty. Seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren lovingly called him "Pops." Bill is also survived by many extended family members.

Honoring his wishes, cremation has taken place. In lieu of a formal service, his immediate family gathered to share memories and to give thanks to God for Bill's long, well-lived life.

For those who may wish to make a memorial contribution, please consider a gift to Manistique Area Schools Foundation (Attn: Donna Winkler, 100 N. Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854).

Juliana Patten



Juliana Patten

MANISTIQUE — Juliana "June" Patten, 84, of 892N Ash Road, Manistique, Mich., died unexpectedly on Monday, April 3, 2017, at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital in Manistique.

She was born Jan. 14, 1933, in Detroit, Mich., the daughter of John and Marguerite (Biggott) Galli. She attended schools in Detroit and was a graduate of Cass Tech High School.

On April 14, 1956, the former Juliana M. Galli married Ronald S. Patten in Warren, Mich. They made their home and raised their family in East Detroit and moved to the Manistique area in 1991.

June was a homemaker and also worked at the Jacobson's Store in Grosse Pointe.

She was an active member of the Manistique Women of the Moose and was also a member of the Garden Village Artisans. She enjoyed flower gardening, artistic, painting and pencil drawing, doing crossword puzzles, watching late night television, going to the casino, and

traveling to California. June is survived by her husband, Ronald S. Patten of Manistique; children, Michael (Deb) Patten of Warren, Jeanne (Dave) Pare of Warren, and Cheryl (Andy) Gneisner of Tampa, Fla.; grandchildren, Sara, Scott, Jeremy, Tim, Steven, Jon, and Jeff; five great-grandchildren with another on the way; sister, Maryann Erickson of Anaheim, Calif.; brother, Frank (Pat) Galli of Shelby Township; and nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her mother, John and Chuck Galli.

A gathering for family and friends will be held at the Manistique Moose Lodge on Saturday, April 8, 2017 beginning at 3 pm. Refreshments will be served.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Manistique Moose Lodge No. 1972.

Messier-Broullire Funeral Home of Manistique is assisting the family. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com.

News Brief

Bay College to host adult autism event April 24.

ESCANABA — April is Autism Awareness month and The Bay College Diversity Committee is offering "Autism and the Adult Transition" — a free event open to the public — April 24. The event will take place from 6-8 p.m. in the Bessie Theater on the Escanaba Campus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates autism's prevalence as one in 68 children in the United States.

For more information, contact (906)217-4246.

DeYoung Zoo beats PETA allegations, will re-open soon

WALLACE, Mich. — DeYoung Family Zoo of Wallace recently proved victorious after a threat by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Inc., to sue it for alleged violations of the Endangered Species Act.

In a letter sent to DeYoung dated October 28, 2016, PETA, the militant, activist: animals rights organization, threatened to sue DeYoung regarding its care and treatment of some of its non-human, primate chimpanzees. The threat from PETA, and one of its followers, gave DeYoung 60 days to correct alleged deficiencies.

DeYoung's response was to file a federal lawsuit in Marquette seeking a declaration from the court that it was not violating the ESA in its care and treatment of their chimps, and seeking an injunction to bar PETA from filing its own threatened lawsuit against the Zoo.

In its lawsuit, DeYoung alleged that despite its not-for-profit status, PETA's true mission is "to fund its litigation war chest in furtherance of two of its goals which are to end private ownership of animals and to have human or non-property rights bestowed upon non-wild, non-human primates, which under

applicable law are considered to be private property." While PETA warned that it was about to file its own "citizen suit" against the 25-year old mainstay attraction in the U.P., DeYoung turned the tables on PETA by filing its own lawsuit, noting that the ESA "shall not restrict any right which any person, or class of persons, may have under any statute or common law to seek enforcement of any standard or limitation or to seek any other relief. As such, [the Zoo and its owner Harold DeYoung] have the authority and right to file this action."

Carrie Cramer, the Manager of the Zoo, applauded the efforts of DeYoung's lawyers, saying "they hit a home run for us with their strategy and tenacity." "We look forward to our re-opening in the spring and carrying on our long tradition of educating the public about the wide variety of animals found around the world in one of the most natural zoo settings in the country."

The DeYoung Family Zoo was represented in this litigation by Kurtis B. Regg, who is a Partner with Goldberg Segalla and is based in the firm's St. Louis, Mo. office.

SCD to collect scrap tires

MANISTIQUE — The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality recently announced \$587,800 in grants to fund community scrap tire drop-off events and other tire cleanups across the state. These community events will provide affordable, convenient tire recycling opportunities to residents. Additionally, three of the grants will fund the removal of old tire piles at private properties. Other grants will be used to create yearlong collection sites and roadside pickups.

Improperly dumped, scrap tires pose a fire hazard and create mosquito breeding grounds. Recycled scrap tires can be used in asphalt to pave roads, as mulch in gardens and on playgrounds, and in manufacturing.

Included in the grant recipients was the Schoolcraft Conservation District who will receive \$2,000. For more information about Michigan's Scrap Tire Program, visit http://www.michigan.gov/deq/1,1607,7-135-3312_4122---00.html.

NOTICE

LAKEVIEW / FAIRVIEW CEMETERIES

Spring Cleanup will take place April 17-30 at both Lakeview and Fairview Cemeteries. All personal items at the gravesites will be discarded if not collected before April 17. The Cemetery Sexton will remove all artificial flowers/wreaths that have become wilted and soiled between that time. New items may be put out after 3:30 pm on May 1.

Hey 2017 grads.... It's time to start thinking about "Announcements" and get the word out.

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Teachers awarded for excellence in education

MANISTIQUE – Adults may assume that students consistently prefer teachers who make class easy and don't expect too much hard work. According to speeches heard at Manistique's Academic Booster Club banquet recently, the truth is students appreciate a challenge and the encouragement needed to work to their potential.

Two Manistique teachers were honored in March at the Booster Club's annual awards banquet. Every year, the three seniors with the highest grade point average are asked to give a speech about the teacher who has had the most influence on them. This year's honorees are Jackie Burns and Melissa Schwartz.

Valictorian Abby Schwartz chose middle school teacher Jackie Burns as her award recipient.

Of her favorite teacher Abby said, "She is one of my most memorable teachers ... because it is obvious that she cares about what she does. She always encourages students to live up to their potential and tries to inspire

them to learn. Having someone who cares about you and your future can greatly affect your attitude and willingness to learn, especially at a young age, and that is something that is very important to me ... Mrs. Burns and her family have always supported me and believed in me, and that means a lot."

When asked to describe her teaching career, Burns responded, "When I was in high school I spent my summers working with the city recreation department teaching t-ball, swim, and group games. I enjoyed it so much, I knew I wanted to choose a career working with children.

I have been teaching for 33 years, spending the majority of my career teaching language arts (English, reading, and communication skills) to seventh and eighth graders. I love working with and interacting with the middle school kids," she continued. "They are at such a critical stage in their lives, trying to figure out who they are. In



Courtesy photo
Melissa Schwartz, left, and Jackie Burns hold the awards they received during a recent Manistique Academic Booster Club banquet.

important qualities of a positive attitude, taking responsibility for your choices, confidence, respect, and giving your best effort. One of my favorite times is when they have the 'Aha!' moment that those qualities do pay off in school and in life."

Krystal Anderson and salutatorian Nick Lemaster gave a joint speech, as both selected Melissa Schwartz as the teacher who most influenced them.

Nick stated, "(Mrs. Schwartz's classes) helped me improve my understanding of literature and my ability to write clearly and concisely ... Her classes teach you to dig deeper ... and discuss the meaning of a piece of literature as a whole ... I believe her classes promote creative thinking while simultaneously improving your ability to express these ideas."

Krystal noted, "Her class may also not be the easiest, but that is one reason I love it. Students are encouraged to step out of their comfort zone and try new things, but she does understand each

student's limit. She works hard with each student to make sure they understand what is being taught."

Commenting on her teaching career, Schwartz said, "This is my 23rd year of teaching at MHS. I have taught mostly junior and senior English, but occasionally I teach middle school reading or history. As one of my daughters graduates this year and the other finishes her freshman year, I reflect on how fast time passes and how important every day is.

I enjoy working with students more than any other aspect of teaching. The learning process is interesting, especially as students comprehend difficult material that is new to them," she continued. "Once they learn these concepts, they develop confidence. I like hearing their perspectives on literary and world issues; they have different perspectives of the

Teacher awards
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From the garden to the party: Tips for the hosting gardener

Make every meal a special event by bringing the garden to the table. Serve your favorite dishes made from homegrown ingredients. Then allow guests to add their own herbal seasonings right from the garden or container.

Start by growing the ingredients for your favorite recipes and beverages. Consider those, like tomatoes, that taste best fresh from the garden. Or create a salad bar by filling window boxes and raised beds with greens, hot peppers, green onions and more. Just hand your guests a plate and let them create their own fresh salad.

Dress up the table or balcony with a few containers of herbs on your patio, deck or near the grill. Use small herb containers as edible centerpiece. Just include a pair of garden scissors and allow your family and guests to season the meal to their taste.

Add a bit of color to your meal with edible flowers. Try nasturtium and daylily blossoms stuffed with cream cheese, calendula petals sprinkled on your salad and mint leaves a top a slice of chocolate cake.

Include a few herbs and vegetables that can be blended, muddled or added to your favorite beverage. Use the hollow stems of lovage as a straw for your tomato juice or bloody Mary. You'll enjoy the celery flavor this edible straw provides. Or pluck a few mint or rosemary leaves to flavor iced tea and lemonade.

Just be sure the vegetables and flowers you select are free of pesticides. Remove the bitter tasting pollen from edible flowers.

Start your party preparation in the garden. Once you compile your list of favorites prepare your garden and containers for a productive growing and entertaining season.

In the garden, add several inches of organic matter such as compost to the top eight to twelve inches of soil. You'll improve drainage in clay soil and increase the water holding ability in sandy soils. This is also a good time to incorporate an organic nitrogen fertilizer, like Milorganite (milorganite.com) into the soil. This slow release fertilizer provides needed nutrients for six to eight weeks. Then be sure to add a mid-season boost to keep your garden healthy and productive.

For container plantings, select a pot with drainage holes and fill it with a quality potting mix. This is also a good time to add an organic nitrogen fertilizer which will eliminate the need for weekly feedings. Just give containers a second application mid-season.

Mulch the soil with shredded leaves, evergreen needles or other organic matter to suppress weeds and conserve moisture. As the mulch breaks down it improves the soil for future plantings.

Harvest regularly to keep your plants looking good and producing. Cut the outer leaves of leaf lettuce when four to six inches tall and it will keep growing new leaves. Pick peppers and tomatoes when fully ripe, so the plant continues flowering and forming new fruit.

And dress up the table with a bouquet of your favorite garden flowers. Pick a few extras to send home with your guests and they'll surely remember your special gathering filled with homegrown flavor and beauty.

Gardening expert Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books. Myers' website is www.melindamyers.com.

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<p>Sunday Matinee 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Sunday Matinee 1:15 p.m.</p>

Show lineup beginning Friday, April 7

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GRANDPARENTS TEACH, TOO

Spring time weather can be as unpredictable as preschool children's behavior. However, children's need for at least one hour of exercise every day is very predictable. When outdoor play is not possible, try some safe active indoor games.

Gross motor activities use the large muscles of the arms, legs, and trunk to run, jump, dance, crawl, reach, and throw, to name just a few. Grandparents can build an indoor obstacle course of furniture, pillows, boxes, plastic storage containers, chairs, and blankets when they can't take young children outside. They can play "Follow the Leader" through the course and everyone gets worn out. Children can also follow you around and mirror movements to music. Then they can take turns being the leader.

"Simon Says Do This and Do That" can be changed slightly to practice good listening skills. When you say, "Simon says do this," do an action, your child does the action. However, if you say, "Simon says, do that," and do an action, your child does not do the action.

"Slow Motion Freeze Tag" can be played in the house, too. When people are tagged as they move slo-mo, they must say a book title, color, vegetable, or anything else you're working on.

Bowling for numbers can be played inside for motor development. Wrap 10 soda cans around the middle with duct tape so they don't make so much noise and write a number 1-10 on each. Place them in the proper formation and count the cans still standing. Older children can take any two fallen numbers and subtract them like 7-3=4

Dance to the Music

Young children love to move with music. Many favorites for dancing and singing are free on YouTube or Pandora. Especially popular are college band marching songs, Sesame Street songs, famous Broadway plays like "Annie," "Sound of Music," and the Disney movies like "Lion King."

Movement Fun

To teach spatial relations, children can stand in front of a chair, behind, next, on top, and crouch under.

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Vaccinate' campaign aims to help parents protect kids

LANSING - State and national public health experts, physicians, hospitals, and a private foundation recently launched the 'I Vaccinate' campaign to help parents protect their children from serious vaccine-preventable diseases that still pose a risk in Michigan communities.

I Vaccinate, designed with input from Michigan mothers, provides the facts parents need to make informed decisions about vaccinations. Most parents today have never seen first-hand the devastating consequences that vaccine-preventable diseases have on a child, a family or community.

Michigan's childhood immunization rate is among the nation's worst - ranking 43rd lowest in the United States for

children ages 19 to 35 months, according to the 2015 National Immunization Survey. Data from the Michigan Care Improvement Registry show that only 54 percent of children ages 19 to 35 months and 29 percent of teens 13 to 18 years old are up-to-date on all recommended immunizations.

"Michigan's low immunization rates threaten the health of all residents. We're seeing the unfortunate return of vaccine-preventable diseases in Michigan because some parents are choosing not to vaccinate based on misinformation," said Dr. Eden Wells, MD, chief medical executive with the MDHHS. "We know parents have questions and they want to do what's best to protect their children. The I Vaccinate campaign helps parents make an informed decision to protect their children and others around them through vaccination."

The Franny Strong Foundation is dedicated to boosting childhood immunization rates by giving parents access to science-based

facts that demonstrate vaccines are safe and effective. The foundation was founded by Veronica and Sean McNally of Oakland County in memory of the couple's daughter, Francesca, who died of whooping cough at age 3 months in 2012.

"Parents want to make the best choices to protect their children," Veronica McNally said. "When it comes to vaccines, Michigan moms told us they want the facts and the science, and they want to be able to find that information in two places: on the internet and in their doctor's office. I Vaccinate gives Michigan parents easy online access to the facts about vaccine safety and effectiveness and uses other communications strategies to reach parents as they decide how to best protect their kids."

The CDC estimates that, in the United States, vaccinations will prevent more than 21 million hospitalizations and 732,000 deaths among children born in the last 20 years, saving nearly \$1.4 trillion in total societal costs.

CAA to hold Senior Living Conference at Harris casino

HARRIS - The 15th annual Senior Living Conference on May 17 promises more than past events, like more food offerings and more speakers.

This year's event, sponsored by the Delta Council on Aging, gets underway when doors open 8 a.m. at the Island Resort, according to council chair, Dr. William LeMire. The program begins at 8:45 a.m.

Pre-registration is mandatory and must be done by May 12. For a pre-registration form visit a Community Action Agency senior center, stop by the CAA administrative office, 507 1st Ave. N., Escanaba, or visit www.

mdscaa.org. The fee for this year's event has increased to \$10, but the event continues to be a bargain thanks to rolls and coffee in the morning, a tasty sit-down lunch (with dessert), along with vendor tables and an excellent speakers, LeMire said.

The speakers cover a wide variety of topics that will help attendees live their lives to the fullest. Speakers, and topics, include:

- Dr. Tony Kamerschen, OSF HealthCare, Live a Healthy and Inspiring Life.
• Ben Feldhausen, Department of Transportation, Escanaba River

Bridge Project. Robert Berbohm, Delta County Emergency Management Coordinator, getting the word out during an emergency.

Sherry Whitman, UPCA, Medigap options for senior citizens.

The program will also include door prizes and casino promo cash. The agenda will include brief presentations from conference cosponsors, including Skradski Family Funeral Homes, Community Foundation of Delta County and the Upper Peninsula State Bank.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

By CONNIE FRENETTE

For those of you who are waiting for news on the two upcoming overnight bus trips, I have a bit for you. We are still waiting for a little more information to complete the trip. As of now, this is what I have to share at the time of printing.

We are looking at Wednesday and Thursday, May 31 and June 1. The first bus trip is scheduled to go to St. Ignace, Bay Mills, and the Sault. We should know the cost by the beginning of the week. The bus will depart from the senior center parking lot at 8:30 a.m. We plan on using the same itinerary as our last trip, which a copy can be picked up at the senior center office.

The cost will include motor coach transportation, provided by Gold Star accommodations at the Sault Kewadin Casino, \$10 play at St. Ignace each week, \$10 play at Bay Mills, double Kewadin credits (\$20 per day) at Sault, \$10 food coupons and a complimentary breakfast in the morning.

Bingo will be available Wednesday evening at the Sault with the doors opening at 2 p.m. and play beginning at 7 p.m.

Feel free to call the center at 341-5923 for the cost of the trip. We are waiting for confirmation from Gold Star and I will share it as soon as we receive it.

I have been working with Gold Star on the second trip and am not getting good news yet. It sounds like the Meskwaki Casino is filled for May, June and September. Gold Star is checking on August. I will be working on another possibility. All in all, we will keep you updated on the findings.

I was recently asked how to go about getting a greeting from the White House for an elder's birthday. They ask that your request be received at least six weeks in advance of the event date. (Greetings are generally not sent after the event date, except for wedding congratulations and newborn acknowledgments.)

Anniversary greetings will be sent to couples who are celebrating a 50th, 60th, 70th or later wedding an-

niversary. Birthday greetings will be sent only to people turning 80 or older or veterans turning 70 or older.

- A limited number of special occasions other than birthdays and anniversaries exist for which the Greeting Office will send appropriate recognition to United States citizens. These occasions include important life events such as:
• Wedding (Do not send your request until after the wedding).
• Baby's birth or adoption of a child.
• Retirement after at least 30 years on the same job.
• Eagle Scout Award.
• Girl Scout Gold Award.
• Bar/Bat Mitzvah or equivalent religious occasion.

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• Exact date of occasion (month, day, year)
• Age (birthdays) or number of years of marriage
• Your (the requestor's) name and daytime phone number
• Any specific mailing instructions if other than to honoree's address

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For example, at one point during the first term of the Obama administration, the Greeting Office announced it was "swamped" with requests and stated that it could take "several months" for requests to reach the Greeting Office and be mailed out.

So, in all cases and no matter who's in the White House, the best advice is

to plan ahead and order early.

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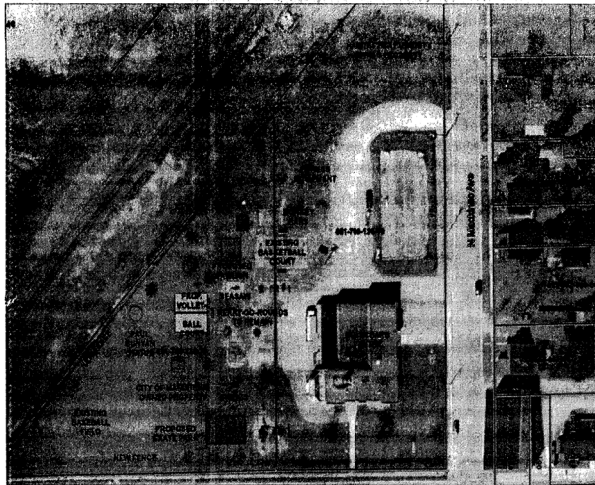
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Above, a rendering of the planned Blanchard Park updates is shown.

Upcoming projects

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"As long as it's okay with them ... they're a formidable force," he said.

Aldrich pointed out that the local Elks Lodge has become involved in the project — opening it up to funding from the Elks National Foundation.

Powers said a grant, totaling approximately \$30,000, has already been received from the ENF.

"Some of the (playground) equipment has been painted, grills are already in place ... they've re-did the basketball surface," he said, adding that approximately \$8,000-\$10,000 has been used thus far, with \$8,000-\$10,000 more to be used this year and the next. "It's a great collaboration — Habitat, Elks, city — lots of people working."

"We're super excited," he continued. "The west side doesn't get everything the main street does, so it's kind of nice to be able to bring something over to the west side."

City council members voted unanimously to apply for a National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for \$300,000 — including a \$150,000 match from the city in 2018 — to fund the Blanchard Park restoration project. Council member Kimberly Shiner was absent.

Another venture of the city has been deemed the "River Walk" project and involves the creation of a loop around the city of Manistique. In December 2013, the city was awarded three Michigan Department of Natural Resources land acquisition grants. These grants allowed the city to purchase three parcels of land, including a Manistique River waterfront north lot, a Manistique River U.S. Hwy 2 lot, and a Manistique River waterfront Elk Street lot. These properties will join others the city acquired through DNR programs to eventually create a river walk and pathway that extends from the west end of the boardwalk, loops around the city, and ends back at the far east end of the boardwalk along the Lake Michigan shoreline.

In the recent goal-setting session, council members discussed the

next step in the River Walk project, which will be requesting another DNR Trust Fund grant — this time to fund the actual creation of the multi-use trail. The application requests funds for "Walk Manistique Riverside Pathway, Phase 1" — which includes the extension of the boardwalk after crossing under the Manistique River bridge.

According to Kevin Trevillian, with Coleman Engineering, the first of the two phases it will take to complete the multi-use trail will cost approximately \$400,000 — which is what the city requested in the grant application. That amount includes a \$104,000 match from the city. As with all the recent DNR grant applications submitted by the city, the match can be comprised of "financial commitment, force account labor, and donated materials."

"This is really going to be a neat project — it's going to utilize the sidewalk by the U.S. 2 bridge to get down toward the river, and then a small pedestrian bridge will be required to access that most easterly river island," Trevillian explained. "It will be boardwalk along that until that ends ... then you get back on the 'mainland'."

He pointed out that the city will not be informed about any receipt of the grant until later this year.

"If successful, funding could become available in spring ... of 2018. Then you need to do project development," Trevillian said. "It's likely that this is a 2019 construction project — late 2018, early 2019 ... sometimes these things do take a painstakingly long time to come through."

The next segment of the River Walk project, not included in the recent grant application, will extend the multi-use trail from the Phase 1 end point to the Siphon Bridge.

"There are some existing trail roads through there — we would be looking to utilize some of those," Trevillian explained. "There's some fantastic old building remnants back there ... that we'll have some information on."

At this point, Trevillian said there is no plan to combine the multi-use trail with an existing snowmobile trail through the area. Instead, the snowmobile trail will be re-routed slightly to keep the trails separate.

In total, the loop will amount to an approximately three-mile walk.

Council members voted unanimously to submit the Walk Manistique Riverside Pathway, Phase 1 application.

The final grant application discussed during the goal-setting session was again from the DNR Trust Fund. This time, Aldrich said the city would be requesting up to \$300,000, with a \$125,000 match from the city, to acquire property on the northwest quadrant of the U.S. Highway 2 and Harbor View Drive intersection. This property surrounds the former Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce building.

According to Aldrich, the approximately 3.9 acres of land will be used as an Iron Belle trailhead, as well as a picnic area, trail, and resting area for travelers.

Council members voted unanimously to approve submittal of the grant application.

CBC lineup

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laps as they wish. Additional contributions to CBC will be accepted and life guards will be provided.

Sponsorship forms may be picked up at the Manistique High School office.

CBC auction

The 2017 CBC Fund Drive is now accepting donated items for the auction to be held April 9. All auction items may be dropped off at a bank in Manistique. Early bidding on the many CBC donated items is now underway. Visit cheshoolcraft.org to see a list and photo of each item. Bid by email at bids@cheshoolcraft.org or by text

to (920) 445-8785.

CBC booths

Health and service related informational booths are being sought for the CBC Radio/Television on April 9. Interested businesses and organizations may contact Brenda Fleck (906) 450-0316 or BDFFleck@hotmail.com.

CBC Talent Show

The 2017 CBC Radio/Television Fund Drive talent search is underway. Residents wishing to showcase their talent during the CBC event on April 9 may contact Jill Johnson at jilljhf66@gmail.com. Performances will be broadcast live on the local TV stations in

Manistique, Marquette, Escanaba, Houghton and Iron Mountain, as well as on WTQJ AM Radio 1490.

Buck Board

Area businesses are currently participating in the Buck Board Challenge. Patrons of these businesses may contribute to the board(s) of their choice to help a business win. All proceeds go toward the CBC.

The winning business will be announced during the April 9 event.

Kiwanis Youth Games

Youth games sponsored by Kiwanis Key Club/YEIT will begin at 1 p.m. in the Manistique High School Cafeteria April 9.

Brunke plea

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felony punishable by up to life in prison and/or a fine of up to \$1 million.

Brunke waived his preliminary examination, opting instead to be bound over to 11th Judicial Circuit Court. He was immediately arraigned in that court by Judge Mark E. Luoma and subsequently entered a plea of no contest on both counts.

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

During Monday's hearing, Brunke also pleaded no contest to the first count — the remaining three counts were dismissed as part of the plea agreement.

Schoolcraft County Prosecuting Attorney Tim Noble explained that the no contest plea was entered, as opposed to a guilty plea, due to Brunke's "civil liabilities." He added that Brunke will be sentenced "within the sentencing guidelines" in the case.

Brunke 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 — Marquette Branch Prison.

He will appear for sentencing May 18 at 10 a.m.

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NEWS FROM MAS

BY MARYANN BODDY

Next week, students across the state of Michigan will be sitting to take the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress - M-STEP. Following is a letter from State Superintendent Whiston to Parents regarding 2017 M-STEP testing.

Beginning in mid-April, your school district will administer for the third year the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress to students in Grades 3-8. Like last year, the M-STEP will be given online to nearly all students and will measure current student knowledge of Michigan's high academic standards in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

High school students in grades nine and 10 will continue to take the PSAT to provide schools, students, and parents valuable information on what students know in ELA and mathematics. It also helps students prepare for the SAT college entrance exam given to high school juniors as part of the Michigan Merit Examination.

Students in grade 11 will take the MME, which consists of a free SAT that also measures student knowledge on Michigan's English language arts and mathematics standards, M-STEP science and social studies components, and a work skills assessment called

WorkKeys.

Michigan's assessment vision calls for the tests outlined above to remain in place during the 2017-18 school year. This vision, available at www.michigan.gov/essa, is designed to promote the goal to become a Top 10 education state within 10 years. Michigan Department of Education staff are working to put that assessment vision into place for the 2018-19 school year.

We want your child's state assessment experience to be as relaxed and stress-free as possible. Your positive outlook and supportive manner going into these assessments also will influence your child's experience.

Remember, testing is a part of learning. State assessment results do not impact student grades. They are designed to provide information on student knowledge and ability in relation to state grade-level content standards that identify what educators and employers believe students need to know and be able to do to be career- and college-ready upon graduation. Schools and districts use the results for curriculum planning and school improvement initiatives that benefit all students.

State assessment results also are the only measure universal to all Michigan students and provide

an important snapshot of student achievement at a state, district, and building level. M-STEP testing time has been significantly reduced since its first year. Most students will spend no more than 4-8 hours total—less than one percent of instructional time—on 2017 state assessments.

We care deeply that students graduate ready to succeed in college or the workplace. State tests allow us to measure student progress in learning Michigan's high academic standards and assess how well schools are teaching these standards in classrooms across the state. While we support parents in making choices for their children, there is no allowable way in state or federal law to "opt out" of state assessments. Students who are not assessed will count against their schools' participation rate, leaving schools open to penalties.

The M-STEP web page at www.michigan.gov/mstep includes more helpful information for families. There, you will find Student Testing: What Parents Can Do to Help Prepare; and Michigan's Education Assessment System. What it is, What it Means and What it Offers (complete with our Spring 2017 testing schedule).

Respectfully,
Brian J. Whiston
state superintendent

MANISTIQUE PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Sunday, March 19, 2017
3:09 p.m. Illegal entry, Wolf Street
4 p.m. Civil Standby, within city of Manistique
4:25 p.m. Suspicious situation, within city of Manistique
5:45 p.m. Lost property, within city of Manistique
9 p.m. Disturbing the peace, Arbutus Avenue
9:30 p.m. Disorderly person, within city of Manistique
9:15 p.m. Disturbing the peace, Arbutus Avenue
Monday, March 20, 2017
12:15 p.m. Blight, Manistique Avenue
1 p.m. Legal update training, within city of Manistique
1:40 p.m. Lost wallet, within city of Manistique
Tuesday, March 21, 2017
8:20 a.m. Lockout, Third Street
9 a.m. Child abuse/neglect, with-

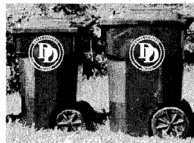
in city of Manistique
1 p.m. Delivery of morphine, within city of Manistique
2 p.m. Department assist, within city of Manistique
Wednesday, March 22, 2017
3:04 p.m. Lockout, within city of Manistique
6:22 p.m. Be on the lookout for reckless driver, US Highway 2
9:10 p.m. Be on the lookout for reckless driver, Oak Street
Thursday, March 23, 2017
11:36 a.m. Reckless driving, US 2
1:07 p.m. Suicidal subject, within city of Manistique
4:30 p.m. Civil issue, within city of Manistique
5:45 p.m. Hazardous situation, Quarry Lane
9:15 p.m. Citizen assist, New Elm Street
11:05 p.m. Assault, Pearl Street
11:05 p.m. Disturbing the peace, Houghton Avenue
Friday, March 24, 2017
12:06 a.m. Disturbance, Pearl Street
3 a.m. Person protection order, within city of Manistique

3:05 a.m. Department assist, Riverview Drive
4:05 a.m. Stolen vehicle, Garden Avenue
10:06 a.m. Safety issue, within city of Manistique
12:06 p.m. Threatening, within city of Manistique
12:25 p.m. Unreaching phone call, Garden Avenue
2:30 p.m. Lockout, Arbutus Avenue
3:59 p.m. Lockout, within city of Manistique
4:05 p.m. Citizen assist, within city of Manistique
4:11 a.m. 911 hang-up, Center Street
4:22 p.m. Suicidal person, within city of Manistique
5:10 p.m. Dispute, within city of Manistique
6:10 p.m. Animal complaint, within city of Manistique
7:20 p.m. Malicious destruction of property, Arbutus Avenue
Saturday, March 25, 2017
10:30 a.m. Probation check, Deer Street
1:37 p.m. Safety issue, within city of Manistique

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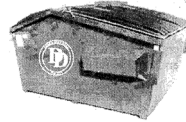


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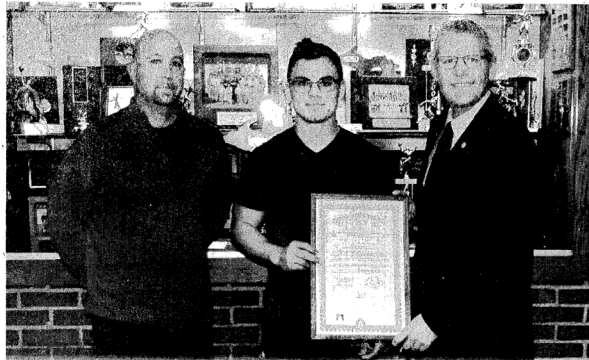
MANISTIQUE – The 16th Annual “Yooper Hooper” will be held at Manistique High School April 15.

The event starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday in the Richard Bonifas Gymnasium and ends when the last team finishes. All start and end times will be dependent on the number of teams competing.

The basketball tournament is open to teams of three or four athletes from 13 and under through 36-plus. Co-ed teams are required to play in boys’ division at appropriate age. Proof of age is required.

Registration fee is \$80. All teams are guaranteed two games and participants will receive a Yooper Hooper t-shirt.

Registration forms and rules are listed under the “Calendar and Community” tab at www.manistique-schools.org. Further information is available by calling (906) 341-4300, ext. 226. Deadline to register is April 11.



Gonzalez receives Special Tribute from state

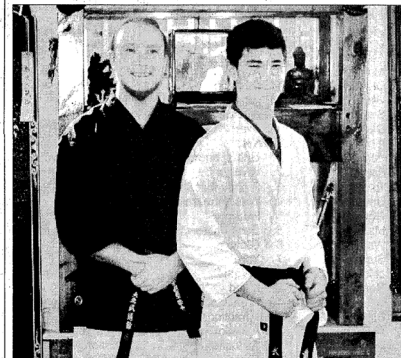
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On Wednesday, Tanner Gonzalez was presented with a Special Tribute from the state of Michigan. In March, Gonzalez won the Division Four 160-Pound State Championship title in wrestling. The certificate was signed by 38th District Sen. Tom Casperson; 109th District Rep. John Kivela; Lt. Gov. Brian N. Calley; and Gov. Rick Snyder. An excerpt of the certificate stated “We are proud to join with teammates, coaches, classmates and community members in congratulating Tanner Gonzalez of Manistique High School for an outstanding Division Four 160-Pound State Championship. The excellence shown in the sports arena by this talented and hardworking young athlete provides an outstanding example of the rewards gained when athletics are combined effectively with classroom learning.” From left to right are: Manistique High School Athletic Director Rob Ryan, Tanner Gonzalez, and Rep. John Kivela.

MHSAA expands 8-player football tournament

EAST LANSING – To accommodate an increasing number of member schools moving to High School Athletic Association the addition of a second division to the 8-Player Football Playoffs among multiple actions

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Michalik earns black belt

Courtesy photo

Manistique resident Daniel Michalik earned his first degree black belt from the Bushido Karate Dojo of Manistique March 25. Michalik has been a serious and dedicated student of the Bushido Karate Dojo for more than seven years. After being tested both mentally and physically by the Bushido Board of Directors for over two hours, they were proud to announce Michalik had met all the requirements to be promoted to first degree black belt or “Shodan.” “Watching Danny grow from a little boy to a young man over the years has been an honor to both witness and be a part of,” said Matthew Sensei. “We are very proud of Danny and look forward to his continued training. Karate is as much a way of life as it is an art, by shaping self esteem, discipline, patience and maturity.” From left are Matthew Flynn Sensei and Daniel Michalik.

CBC co-ed volleyball tournament set for Sunday

MANISTIQUE – On April 9, there will be a co-ed volleyball tournament held in the Richard Bonifas Gymnasium. The tournament is held annually as a special event for CBC.

Recreation rules will apply. The six-member teams must include one male, but no more than three males to make it co-ed.

The tournament will begin at 12:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$100 per team.

The proceeds from the competition are presented to CBC Sunday afternoon during the live television broadcast going on in the high school auditorium.

Players interested in registering a team are asked to contact Theresa Schalm at 450-1323.



Courtesy photo

Members of the Bushido Karate Dojo recently studied Iaido in Texas under Tanida Sensei, who traveled from Japan. From left to right, in front: Matthew Flynn Sensei, Tanida Sensei, Jim Flores Kancho, Cathy Flores Sempai and John Ray Kancho. Back row, John Rozich, Joe Barber, Austin Fleck, Chris Miron and Gabe Gustafson.

Local karate students study in Texas

DENTON, Texas – The Bushido Karate Dojo traveled to Denton, Texas, March 17 with eight students studying Iaido (the drawing of the sword). They spent the weekend studying under their teachers’ instructor from Japan – Tanida Sensei (10th degree black belt).

They were also fortunate enough to have three students test while there in the traditional process as it is done in Japan. Chris Miron was promoted to fifth degree black belt. Austin Fleck was promoted to first degree black belt and Jim Flores was promoted to Renshi (seventh degree black

belt). The Little Dojo is involved with the national Sato Kai association, which is one of the main associations in Japan.

They will be hosting the national workout seminar in August for all the Karcho (MJER Iaido dojo owners in the U.S.).

Coming up in Sports

MANISTIQUE EMERALDS Varsity Softball

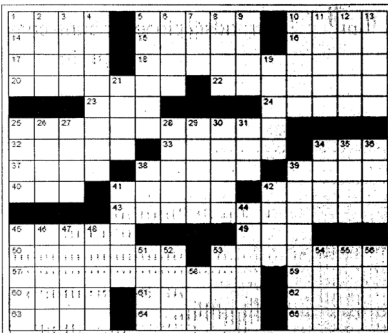
Tues., April 11 vs. Norway at HOME, 4 p.m.

Wed., April 12 vs. Rudyard at HOME, 4 p.m.

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Tues	Apr 11	Norway High School	HOME	4:00 PM
Wed	Apr 12	Rudyard High School	HOME	4:00PM
Mon	Apr 17	Westwood HS	HOME	4:00PM
Mon	Apr 24	Manistique High School	Manistique	4:00PM
Tues	Apr 25	Iron Mountain High School	Iron Mountain	4:00PM
Thurs	Apr 27	Negaunee High School	Negaunee	4:00PM
Sat	Apr 29	Mstq. PINK Tournament	HOME	10:00AM
Mon	May 1	Gwinn High School	HOME	4:00PM
Wed	May 3	Rapid River High School	HOME	4:00PM
Mon	May 8	Ishpeming High School	HOME	4:00PM
Tues	May 9	Gwinn High School	Gwinn	4:00PM
Tues	May 16	Iron Mountain High School	HOME	4:00PM
Wed	May 17	Norway High School	Norway	4:30PM
Sat	May 20	MPC Tournament	Negaunee	10:00AM
Mon	May 22	Westwood High School	Westwood	4:00PM
Mon	May 29	MHSAA Districts	Negaunee	TBA

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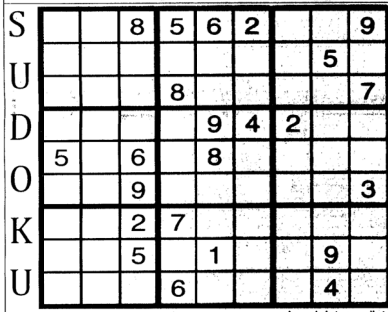
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5. Accumulate
10. F F F F
14. Double-reed woodwind
15. A seal
16. Masterstroke
17. Diva's solo
18. Warehouse
20. Surrender
22. Distended
23. It comes from a hen
24. Adjust again
25. Tomfoolery
32. Under a spell
33. Good-looker
34. Married
37. Was indebted
38. Supporting column
39. Rend
40. S
41. Birthing coach
42. Varnish
43. Compulsively
45. Suffered
49. Foot digit
50. A disrespectful laugh

DOWN

1. Unit of bread
2. River of Spain
3. French for "Black"
4. Was unbearably loud
5. Designate
6. Glove
7. Yore
8. Knights
9. Killed
10. French school
11. Infractions
12. A friction match ingredient
13. All tucked out
19. Steed
21. Quaint outburst
25. Sneaker or pump
26. Chops
27. Former lovers

28. Convulsion
29. Cunning
30. Collection of maps
31. Louse-to-be
34. Sage
35. Wicked
36. Declare untrue
38. Weep
39. Merry-makers
41. Avoid
42. Violent disturbance
44. Pressure
45. Comment to the audience
46. Not outer
47. Tongue touches
48. Everglades bird
51. Jittery
52. Anger
53. Away from the wind
54. Sweeping story
55. Bristle
56. Observed
58. Passenger vehicle



Level: Intermediate

Word Search

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to the horse racing. Each number corresponds to a letter.

(Hint: 8 = e)

A. 16 10 17 23 8
Clue: Sleed

B. 17 20 7 8
Clue: Corruption

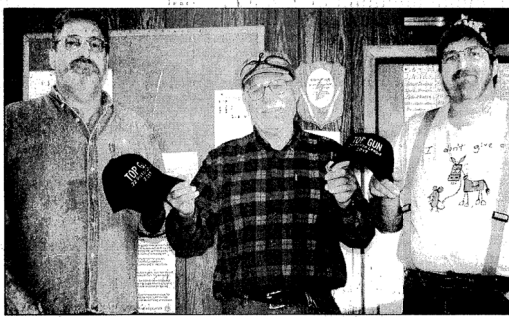
C. 16 20 23 23
Clue: Head covering

D. 12 10 7 6 8 14
Clue: Rider



All U.P. Second Team

The Upper Peninsula Sports Writers and Sportscasters Association recently met to select their All-U.P. Basketball picks. Included on the All-U.P. Basketball Second Team in Class ABC for the 2016-17 season was Manistique senior Darien Nichols. Dick Keticak, representing the local radio station The Maverick WT10 1490 presented him with his certificate. From left are Keticak, Nichols, and Manistique High School Athletic Director Rob Ryan



Manistique Rifle and Pistol Club recently completed their 22 season. Tom Bronz presented brothers Kevin Demers (left) and Dana Demers (right) with their "Top Gun" caps. Kevin took "Top Gun" in the 22 League. Dana received "Top Gun" honors for the Center Fire competition.

Demers take 'Top Guns'

MANISTIQUE - The Manistique Rifle and Pistol Club held its annual 22 Pistol League Championship March 29.

After several rounds of fire, the 22 League Championship was won by the team of Kevin Demers, Tracy Berg, Gary Finch, and Lane Blandford.

Second place in team competition was Denny McBurney, Dana Demers, Russ Johnson, and Greg Schultz.

The team of Ted Henschel, Frank Schwantner, Ryan Weber, and Mike Glass took third.

Continuing to remain on top with his excellent marksmanship skills was Kevin Demers. Demers again secured the "Top Gun" trophy for the 22 league.

Winning "Top Gun" in the center fire competition was Dana Demers.

Other championship results were as follows:

Masters Division: first place, Ryan Weber; second place, Kevin Demers.

Expert Division: first place, Jim LaFave; second place Tracy Berg.

Sharp Shooter Division: first place, Jake Verbanker; second place Greg Schultz.

Marksmanship Division: first place, Leonard VanAlsdale; second place Denny McBurney.

Center Fire League Championship: first place, Ted Pullen; second place Kevin Demers; third place Jim LaFave.

Those interested in joining the 2018 22 league may contact Tom Bronz at (906) 287-1668 or Jim LaFave at 341-5515.

On April 1, the club started the summer shotgun shooting. Anyone interested in honing their skills or trying out for the first time is welcome. Shells are available for purchase at the club. Further information is available by calling Jim LaFave at 341-5515.

League membership is not required to shoot. The club offers ranges for shotguns, pistols, rifles and archery, and offers beginners a safe shooting experience.

The Manistique Rifle and Pistol Club is located nine miles north of Manistique on Highway M-94. The club is open year-round.

MHSAA continued from B1

taken during its annual Winter Meeting on March 24 in East Lansing.

A total of 60 Class D schools have declared so far they will sponsor 8-player varsity football teams this fall, a 20 percent increase in tournament-eligible teams from last season (only Class D schools currently are eligible for the MHSAA tournament in this sport). The Council voted to expand the 8-player tournament to two four-week, 16-team brackets, with schools divided based on enrollment. Since its first season of MHSAA tournament sponsorship in 2011, 8-player football has finished with one 16-team playoff.

The two-division, four-week format provides the smallest MHSAA member schools a shorter tournament involving schools with a smaller difference in enrollment, both of which may enhance participant health and safety. The championships games will occur the weekend before Thanksgiving (Qualification criteria, enrollment limits and MHSAA Finals venues will be discussed at the Council's Spring Meeting, May 7-8).

The Council also discussed venue possibilities for future wrestling and basketball Finals rounds, with sites for the 2017-18 school year to be selected not later than the Spring Meeting. The Basketball Finals, played the last many seasons at Michigan State University's Breslin Center for both girls and boys, would have with their currently-scheduled dates one or the other in conflict in future seasons with Breslin's potential opportunity to host NCAA Tournament first and second-round games for MSU's women's basketball team. The Council will review proposals for hosting the Basketball Finals at the Spring Meeting, and also consider the possibility of altering schedules for the tournaments to accommodate venue availability.

The MHSAA Wrestling Finals have been conducted for the team tournament the last two years at Central Michigan University's McGuirk Arena, while the individual tournament has finished the last 15 seasons at The Palace of Auburn Hills. The contract with McGuirk Arena ended with this winter's tournament, and with the future of The Palace uncertain, the MHSAA is considering options for moving that event as well.

The Council also approved a recommendation from the MHSAA Baseball/Softball Committee to classify those two sports independently beginning with the 2017-18 school year. Currently, schools are placed in the same divisions for both sports, and also play in the same tournament groupings for both. This action allows for the sports to be organized separately, and came in response to fewer schools sponsoring both baseball and softball teams, which has led to Districts with uneven numbers of teams (more for softball at a particular site than for baseball, or vice versa).

Also in football, the Council approved a Football Committee recommendation that the MHSAA seek permission from the National Federation of State High School Associations to continue to experiment with a 40-second clock for use between plays. Teams taking part in the experiment will have 40 seconds from the end of the previous play to snap the ball to begin the next, unless there is an administrative stoppage (for penalty, measurement, etc.). MHSAA schools began experimenting with the 40-second clock during the 2016 season.

In addition to sport matters, the Council discussed a paper prepared by the Michigan State University Institute for the Study of Youth Sports entitled "Gender Differences in Youth Sport Consumption." The paper delved into findings by the MHSAA during its 2015-16 concussion reporting that showed a greater number of reports of concussions for females than males in the same sport (for example, basketball and soccer). The MHSAA's findings, and the Institute's comparisons with findings of other organizations and researchers, will be used to help shape MHSAA services and support to school sports.

FISH REPORT

perfect for ladies if the ladies in your family want to get involved.

Another way to really enjoy archery if you live in the right area is that there are places to go where there is a 3-d shooting range for everyone to enjoy. Having been to some of these it has always surprised me that nobody in our area (including Eschbach and Marquette) has ever set one of these up. Maybe there is just not enough interest up here where the investment would pay off but they sure can be a lot of fun.

With the nicer spring weather now here to enjoy, you had better get out and do it. I say this because when we were down at the boys over the weekend we grilled outside and there were already a number of those little critters trying to ruin your day (Mosquitoes). I thought it was still way too early to even think about these but I guess it's not. As my boys always told me when I said something like this he would say, "Ready or not dad, here they come!"

The good news is we should have a couple of weeks yet before they make it this far north.

Well, it sure is nice now that almost all that white stuff that has been bugging us for the last four months is gone. Now I am all set for some nice warm sunny days with no winds so I can take full advantage of spring fever. It makes it so everyone is getting ready to take full advantage of the nice weather when it comes to start doing those famous "honey-do" jobs.

More and more, one is seeing the spring weather hitting the spring fishermen as they check out the river and other places where they take advantage of the spring fish runs. As I have always said, some of the best fishing of the year is right at the best breakup and right after it.

One thing you want to remember as things dry up and before the landscape greens up is we will have the time of real fire danger. Seeing the snow is gone you will now need a burning permit if you plan to burn some areas off. Just remember to be careful when you do because even if you have a burning permit and the fire gets away from you, you could be in trouble.

There have been a number of car deer accidents with the deer on the move but there have also been a number of motorcycle deer accidents across the U.P. which can be a lot more serious for the operator. So keep your eyes open when traveling around the country this time of year.

In my travels this week I saw a nice fox and this is one animal in all my travels it seems you very seldom see. A fox has to be one of the more elusive animals out in the woods. Even in areas where there was evidence of fox activity you still very seldom see one but they sure are a pretty animal to see.

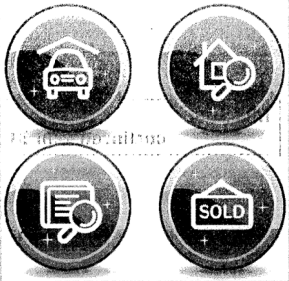
During this past weekend the crew and I went to the Deer and Turkey Expo down in Madison, Wis. If you have never attended one of these you would be totally amazed at both the size of the show and the number of people that attend it. When my books first came out I went to a number of these shows selling my books and did rather well at them.

One thing you sure come to realize when you go to one of these shows is the fact you could sure spend a lot of money if you were in the market for some new hunting toys. One thing any hunter can always count on is this selling gear to them will always come up with something new.

I guess this is even more evident at these shows if you are into bow hunting and archery in general. It appears that those in the archery business must have some of the same genes as those in the cell and tablet business. A bow hunter could go out one year and spend a fortune on the best and latest to improve his skills only to find out by the next year what he has is outdated.

But then there are always those that have gone through the whole cycle of the latest and best gadgets for the modern bow hunter only to go back to the old re-curve bow to get out and try to outwit a deer in a whole different environment.

One thing about enjoying archery is that in most cases you can have fun shooting without all the problems you do when target shooting with a firearm. I know of families that have so much fun with the competition between family members. One other thing you want to remember is there are bows that are just



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Thursday, April 6, 2017

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith J. Sponsor, a married person and Meta Spencer a married person as husband and wife, to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Mortgage, dated November 1, 2012, and recorded November 6, 2012 in Instrument Number 201222094, Schoolcraft County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Two and 83/100 Dollars (\$79,182.83), including interest at 8.875% per annum.

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April 9-15

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20 Aries, you're not afraid to take risks, so go where others fear to tread. Use this trait to your advantage and ignore others' advice to "ride the reservation" as well.

Taurus - Apr 21/May 21 Taurus, you have a knack for making money. This week, keep abreast of any business ventures that may cross your desk. This may be a lucrative time for you and your family.

Gemini - May 22/June 21 Gemini, you should not get anything until the rain starts to fall. Gemini, it's best to get all of your work done as early as possible, just in case there's a pop-up for the weekend.

Cancer - Jun 22/July 22 Cancer, if you have been waiting for someone to reciprocate, this could be the week. Gemini, it's best to get all of your work done as early as possible, just in case there's a pop-up for the weekend.

Leo - July 23/Aug 23 Leo, this may be a dull and lull week. Leo, but that can be a good thing. This means you can recuperate from anything that has been stressing you, or just relax.

Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22 Virgo, receive accolades for coming your way. Virgo, it's best to be on the lookout for anything inside and outside of the office. This can be a great chance to get ahead.

Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23 Libra, it's in your nature to complain, and this week will be no different. Take your usual approach and complain about it.

Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22 Scorpio, this week your thoughts could turn to faraway places or "daydreams may distract you from the daily grind. An upheaval of some kind is imminent.

Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21 You should get what you desire this week. Sagittarius, it may be a larger office or tickets to that big game you have been missing over.

Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 20 Do not worry so much about what others think of you. Capricorn, you may be traveling down the right path for some time, and others recognize that you have your act together.

Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18 A big opportunity is manifesting in your life this week. Aquarius, and you begin to mull over the possibilities. This may be the right time to strike while the iron is hot.

Pisces - Feb 19/Mar 20 Pisces, even when faced with some personal matters, you are able to present a gift wrapped and maintain a positive attitude.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS: April 9 - Jessie McCartney, Singer (30), April 10 - Alex Pettyfer, Actor (27), April 11 - Alessandra Ambrosio, Model (36), April 12 - Erendosy Inge, Singer (30), April 13 - Hunter Pence, Athlete (34), April 14 - Robert Carlyle, Actor (56), April 15 - Emma Watson, Actress (27).

NOTICE

The city of Manistique Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a public hearing for a zoning variance request from: Mr. Fred Jenerou who resides at 323 North Maple Street Manistique, MI. Mr. Jenerou is requesting a variance to allow him to construct a twenty-four (24) foot wide by thirty (30) foot long garage on his property for storage. The garage will be approximately sixteen (16) feet high with a square footage of eight hundred sixty four (864) square feet.

Mr. Jenerou owns three (3) lots of approximately thirty nine and one half (39.5) feet wide by one hundred twenty (120) feet deep that totals fourteen thousand two hundred twenty (14,220) square feet of lot space which only has a seven hundred twenty (720) square feet home on it.

Zoning states: Section 401: (E) An accessory building in a residential district shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet in height. Zoning also states in Section 404: (C) An accessory building in a residential district shall occupy no more than twenty-five (25) percent of a required rear yard plus twenty (20) percent of any non-required rear yard, provided that in no instance shall an accessory building exceed the ground floor area of the principal building.

Mr. Jenerou is asking for a variance for the height of the garage which is sixteen (16) feet and Zoning allows fifteen (15) feet and also for square footage of the garage eight hundred sixty four (864) which will be larger than principal building which is seven hundred twenty (720) square feet.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding the meeting on: April 25, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall, 300 North Maple Street, Manistique, MI

Anyone having comments concerning this request should attend the meeting or submit written comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the above address.

Greg Hase, Zoning Administrator
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DNR: Springtime is a great time to get out, experience Michigan trails

LANSING — With spring now sprung, a sleeping Michigan giant is waking up — and now is a great opportunity for residents and visitors to see it.

Much like Gulliver, tied down to the ground by the Lilliputians, when this giant awakes, the tendril holding it stretch a great distance — 12,500 miles, in fact.

However, this giant isn't Lemuel Gulliver, Paul Bunyan or even Babe the Blue Ox.

It's Michigan's growing system of designated trails, ready for endless spring and summertime opportunities to relax, have fun, travel, learn and explore.

From hiking beside beautiful streams through the secluded forests of the Upper Peninsula, to riding side-by-side over a scenic trail in the northern Lower Peninsula, to biking and kayaking and riding a horse, Michigan is known nationally as "The Trails State" because our trails system is — giant.

Fresh off the snowmobile and cross-country skiing season, Michigan Department of Natural Resources trails staff is ready for spring.

"It's been a long, gray winter, but things are springing to life on Michigan's trails," said Paul Yauk, the statewide trails coordinator for the DNR. "It's a new season. The birds are migrating north, animals are pecking out of forests, the mores are coming soon ... what an amazing time to get out onto the trails and see what is out there."

Michigan is home to 12,500 miles of state-designated trails — including both motorized and non-motorized — and more than 2,600 miles of rail trails (the most of any state in nation).

Hiking in Michigan can be an adventure just in itself, with trails that run the gamut from paved, flat surfaces to tough, rugged terrain that requires boots.

"Public lands provide a wide variety of experiences and levels of difficulty," Yauk said. "Put those boots on and get out there."

"Hiking is fun for everybody, a family adventure. Take a friend, ask a neighbor. Grab someone you know and take a walk or a hike," he said. "Michigan's natural resources are second-to-none. Now's a great



Photo courtesy DNR

Many Department of Natural Resources hiking trails run through state parks, like this one in Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, where nearby campgrounds make them great weekend getaway destinations.

time to see for yourself."

Hiking is a wonderful way to experience the state's unique array of scenic views, abundant wildlife, cultural resources and vibrant communities.

Trails are everywhere — from local parks to regional or state parks or trails.

Michigan's Iron Belle Trail, for example, is the longest state-designated trail in the nation, covering about 2,064 miles from Belle Isle in Detroit to Ironwood in the western Upper Peninsula.

Featuring two routes, one for hiking and one for biking, the Iron Belle runs through 48 Michigan counties and 240 townships, making it easy for anyone in the state to hit the trail.

More than 1,200 miles of the Iron Belle Trail are designated as hiking trails.

On the western side of Michigan, the hiking route mostly follows the North Country National Scenic Trail, traversing the west side of the Lower Peninsula and bordering the south shore of Lake Superior in the northern part of the Upper

Peninsula.

The Iron Belle Trail — intended as Michigan's signature trail — continues to expand as partners throughout the state plan and develop more and more trail segments.

More than \$34 million in federal, state and local funds has been invested in the trail since 2013.

"The Iron Belle Trail is a perfect example of communities and partners coming together for a common reason — to make this trail a one-of-a-kind destination," Yauk said.

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund approved about \$5 million in grants for Iron Belle Trail projects in December, and the DNR recently awarded \$350,000 in grant dollars to 16 communities across the state for further Iron Belle Trail development.

The DNR encourages Scout groups to hit the trail with the third annual Iron Belle Challenge, set for Saturday, June 3.

The challenge, a hiking event offered in conjunction with National Trails Day, highlights

the Iron Belle Trail and offers Scouts the opportunity to earn a commemorative patch for participating.

Last year's hike attracted nearly 1,100 hikers who trekked more than 6,000 miles.

"The past two years we have had great participation from both the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts USA," said Ray Rustem, DNR youth programs specialist.

"The Iron Belle Challenge has welcomed Scouts to hike all over the state, in locations like Detroit, Battle Creek, Cheboygan and Ironwood, to name just a few."

Registration forms for the Iron Belle Challenge can be found at michigan.gov/dnscouting.

In addition to the Iron Belle Trail, Michigan offers a wide variety of hiking trails across the state. The DNR maintains many of these trails, which can be found in Michigan state parks, on state forest lands or within wildlife preserves.

Many of the DNR hiking trails are called "pathways" because they loop through forests and along ridges, rivers and lakes. Many of

the pathways are located near or are adjacent to state forest (rustic) campgrounds and in state parks and recreation areas — making for a perfect weekend getaway.

The state's trail system also, includes several linear trails. Linear trails — also called "out-and-back" or "destination" trails — go from one point to another and typically follow an old railroad track, river or other land feature. They cover long distances.

More information about the wide range of Michigan hiking trails is available on the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/dnstrails.

Aside from the chance to get out and enjoy Michigan's great outdoors, hiking trails also offer an easy and inexpensive way to get some exercise.

Outdoor exercise has some unique advantages over a gym, according to DNR statewide recreation programmer Maia Turek.

"There are plenty of reasons to take your workout outside," Turek said. "Enjoying nature's scenery will distract from your effort or fatigue, so you'll work out longer. You'll burn more calories because the varied terrain of a park or trail helps keep you out of a fitness rut and you'll be happier — breathing fresh air can create a feeling of euphoria."

Opportunities to explore Michigan on trails don't stop with hiking — there are trails for a variety of outdoor interests, including biking and mountain biking trails, equestrian trails, water trails and off-road vehicle trails.

Yauk said Michigan has something to offer for everyone, especially in the spring.

"It's something you have to see for yourself," he said. "Michigan offers so many opportunities to get outdoors and walk or bike or kayak. We have 103 state parks to explore and thousands of miles of trails. Michigan is waking up, and this is the season to see it."

One caveat to keep in mind before hitting the trail, Yauk added. If you mountain bike or ride horses, please avoid trails if they are very wet and muddy so as not to damage the trails and the environment.

For maps and other information on Michigan's trails, visit www.michigan.gov/dnstrails.

News Brief

Mackinac Bridge will get tower repainted

ST IGNACE — For the first time in its 60-year history, one of the Mackinac Bridge's iconic ivory towers will be stripped down to bare metal and repainted.

Beginning April 6, contractors for the Mackinac Bridge Authority will begin a nearly two-year project to remove the original paint from the bridge's north tower and repaint it. Contractor Scaway Painting, which most recently repainted the bridge's south approach span, was awarded the contract with a low bid of just less than \$6.3 million.

"Fans of the bridge should be relieved to know that when this project is done, the tower will still be the same classic ivory that everyone recognizes," said MBA Executive Secretary Bob Sweeney. "Apart from brightening the appearance of the bridge, a quality painting project goes a long way toward ensuring the bridge is protected from the elements."

The project will begin with stripping and painting on some of the tower's interior "cells," followed by installation of an enclosure on the outside of the tower in late April or early May.

The original paint is lead-based, and Sweeney is required to contain 100 percent of the paint as it is removed, test it, and ship it to an approved landfill facility. The new paint, which is zinc-based, is expected to last at least 35 years with periodic maintenance.

Sweeney said that until the 1970s, the bridge authority hired contractors to spot paint the bridge towers as needed. Since the late '70s, MBA employees have handled that task.

Seaway is required to complete the project by Dec. 31, 2018, though Sweeney said they hope to get most of the painting done this year, if the weather allows.

During painting, the contractor will need to close the outside two lanes of the bridge near the north tower to stage equipment. Sweeney said closures on the northbound lanes will be lifted on Fridays and on southbound lanes on Sundays during the peak traffic weekends. Lane closures also will be removed as needed for other high traffic volume times, such as holidays.

The MBA also plans to have the south tower stripped and painted beginning in 2019. The contract for that project will go out for bids in early 2019.

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