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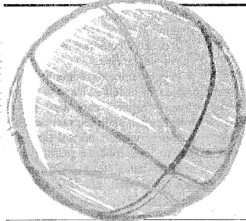
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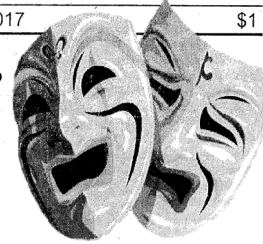
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# Progress continues on city campground

Manistique Lakeshore Campground set to open this summer

MANISTIQUE – Work at the Manistique Lakeshore Campground is continuing as the initial June deadline approaches. Construction progress was discussed during a recent meeting of the Manistique City Council.

According to Kevin Trevillian, with Coleman Engineering, the local construction company handling the campground project will need a “flurry of activity” in the coming weeks in order to open the area to the public.

“The weather hasn’t completely cooperated,” he said. “The campground – not the day use area and the West Side Boat Launch – we are still fully expecting that to be fully operational and ready for use so that the city can accept reservations and have camping there for the Fourth of July weekend.”

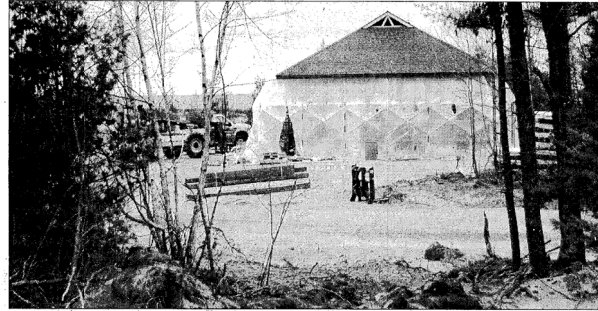
Overall, the campground is expected to cost approximately \$2.5 million to develop and will include 60 sites with water, sewer, electric, and Wi-Fi, as well as primitive camp site offerings. The public portion of the project will include a day-use pavilion, boardwalks, and public access to the west boardwalk and

fishing stations, via a boardwalk, as well as to the beach. The boardwalk will receive improvements to its surface and also the addition of railing.

Funding for the project includes a DNR Trust Fund grant for the campground parcel, received in 2013 by the city, which consists of 23 acres of land located along Trader’s Point Drive on the corner of U.S. Highway 2. Additionally, the city and Manistique Downtown Development Authority received a \$235,400 grant from the Great Lakes Fishery Trust.

The DDA has generated the remainder of the project funding by refinancing its current bonds at a lower rate.

Trevillian noted that along with the campground construction, a project revamping the West Side Boat Launch will also be completed. This project, funded with a DNR Waterways Program grant received previously by the city, will include repaving, new side-



Pioneer Tribune photos  
Above, what will be the day-use pavilion at the new Manistique Lakeshore Campground is taking shape, as construction crews rally to meet the impending June deadline for opening.

Campground

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## Sprinting toward Easter joy



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The Manistique Merchant’s Association held its annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, despite dreary conditions. Plenty of children took part in the event, receiving eggs filled with candy and a free Easter treat bag. At far left, one lucky boy is the first to sprint toward the eggs in the toddler/preschool hunt area. Above, the older kids head out to claim their eggs.

### News Briefs

#### Crash causes damage to downtown building

MANISTIQUE – A Manistique man caused significant damage to a local business Monday after crashing his vehicle into the storefront.

According to a press release from the Manistique Public Safety Department, officers received a report of a single vehicle crash at 8:12 p.m. on the 200 block of South Cedar Street. Upon arriving on the scene, officers determined that the vehicle, a 1998 Mercury Grand Marquis, had been driving recklessly northbound from Oak and South Cedar streets and had then proceeded to crash into the vacant business located at 244 South Cedar Street. The building had served as the former location of the Chuck Renze Ford dealership.

The sole occupant of the vehicle, a 32-year-old, was determined to be in serious condition and transported to Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital by Manistique EMS. He was later transported to U.P. Health Systems Hospital in Marquette.

The accident remains under investigation and alcohol is considered to be a factor.

While there were no other injuries reported, the building, owned by James and John Creighton of Manistique, received significant damage.

See a photo of the accident on page A7.

#### DNR discovers illegal gill net in Indian Lake

MANISTIQUE – Officials from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources have confirmed the recent confiscation of an illegal gill net on Indian Lake.

The department is not releasing any further information regarding the incident, but is asking anyone who has information related to illegal gill nets to call or text (800) 292-7800.

### Upcoming Events

**April 20** – Healthy Options Vegetarian Cooking Class, First Baptist Church, 6 p.m.

**April 21** – Schoolcraft County Parent Coalition Toddler Storytime for children ages infant to four, Manistique School and Public Library, 10 a.m.

**April 21-23** – Manistique High School Drama Club presents “Peter Pan Jr.”, MHS auditorium, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m.

**April 26** – Feeding America Food Truck distribution, Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital – Southtown Driveaway, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

## After 116 years, Elks has first female lead

Hook will serve as newest ‘exalted ruler’

MANISTIQUE – The local Elks Lodge has been in existence since 1901, but has only recently elected its first female leader. Elks member Mary Hook has assumed the position of exalted ruler – leading at the helm of the local organization.

According to the Elks website, the Elks is a fraternal order with nearly a million members and a network of more than 2,000 lodges in communities across the nation. The organization spends more than \$80 million each year on community-based programs.

Locally, the Elks was founded in 1901 and the current lodge, located along Walnut Street, was constructed in 1906. The organization

operates with a group of elected officers, consisting of an “exalted ruler”, three “knights”, a treasurer, secretary, board of trustees, and inner guard. Meetings are held twice a month to handle operations and finances of the Elks.

Hook said she joined the organization in 2008 after she was exposed to the social aspect of the club via friends.

“When I joined it, I really didn’t have a clear understanding of what the Elks stood for,” Hook said. “Shortly after becoming a member, I realized how valuable it could be in the community.”

Hook has now been a part of the organization for nine years – serving in different capacities since



Pioneer Tribune photos  
Front row, left to right: Bill Wedegartner, Mary Hook, Ron Gould, and Willie Raredor. Back row: Jim Maxwell, Andy Holub, and Kevin Smith.

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## HIPPITY HOPPITY

Big Bay de Noc School played host to an Easter event recently, boasting plenty of fun – and candy – for kids of all ages. Above, children scramble for Easter treats. At right, a young girl takes time to pose with the Easter Bunny.



Courtesy photos

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Dear Editor,**  
Mayor Jan Jeffcott recently forwarded an email to public safety that was originally sent out by Don Erickson. She said she didn't like the comment about his smiling face being at a recent city council meeting because this is not a smiling situation.  
Mayor Jeffcott is exactly right, this is not a smiling situation, but when you see or hear a good joke you usually smile or laugh. When I look at some members of the city council, I see a good joke and I laugh.  
Apparently, Mayor Jeffcott never heard of the first amendment – free speech. If anybody read the email, nobody was threatened or attacked. If anybody is trying to use an intimidating tactic it is the mayor. If you don't agree with my way of thinking, I will call or turn you in to public safety. If you raise your voice in opposition, I will call public safety.

The mayor goes on to say that the city council meetings are a meeting of an elected city council in public rather than public meetings. I think the mayor should read MCL 15.263 Section 3 and also Section 3 (5) which indicate that the public shall have the right to speak at these public meetings. Allowing the public to contribute to these meetings is not something they are doing out of the goodness of their hearts, it is the law.  
There are many other inconsistencies to be noted. This is the same mayor and city manager that saw no problem with the former city attorney reviewing and approving contracts worth thousands of dollars (maybe millions) with a certain individual, even though they were business partners together. Apparently no conflict of interest there.

I have a memo dated Sept. 11, 2011, where the city manager sent a contract proposal to the city council stating that the city council had to approve this contract by Sept. 15, 2011. In this contract, it states that the city manager can only be dismissed or terminated (I hope they don't send this to public safety) for just cause – which is in direct conflict with chapter 5 section (a) of the city charter that states the city manager shall serve at the pleasure of the city council.  
Sure is nice to write your own contract. No conflict there either, I guess.  
Could it have anything to do with political cronism? I guess you can do just about anything you want. I think somebody should check into the legality of this.

Remember, November is not that far away and as a fellow recently said, it's time to drain the swamp.  
This is not a threat to anyone, so no need for any visits from public safety.  
**Doug Erickson  
Manistique**

**Dear Editor,**  
How fortunate you are. Recently when traveling, we had the misfortune of having a serpentine belt break on our RV engine and to our good fortune, made it to the Sunoco station in Gulliver.  
What do you do at 6:30 on a Saturday evening when all the stores and business are closed to get a replacement belt and have hopes of getting home that night?  
First, a special thank you to Steve Rosebush of NAPA Auto Parts who came to open up the store and get us the belt.  
Getting back to the RV we noticed we had also lost a pulley. A call to Burns Towing brought us the awesome crew of Ryan Burns and his dad. With their mechanical expertise, necessary parts and ability to brave the cold night, they had us up and running in a short time.  
Then there was Christy, the manager on duty, at the Sunoco station who made us feel at home, gave us a place to park the vehicle, and gave us several names to call for assistance. Her professional, friendly attitude, and her praise for her local community of Gulliver was inspiring.  
Yes, we made it home safely thanks to these individuals. Their friendliness, hospitality, work ethic, and professionalism sets the bar high for being a true American. You are very fortunate to have these individuals and businesses in your area. God Bless you all.

**Bruce and Eileen LaLiberte  
Niagara, Wis.**

**Dear Editor,**  
I am a former resident of Manistique and still have friends and relatives in Manistique.  
The following is a story that would be of interest to those that knew me and those that helped in the location of my family.  
Henry Joseph LaFave was born Sept. 28, 1939 to 17-year-old Geraldine Marie LaFave, a maid in the Shea household in Marquette. He was immediately placed in Holy Family Orphanage in Marquette.  
He lived there about four years when he was adopted by Nina and Bill McGlynn and renamed William J. McGlynn ... a name he retains today.

Bill's adopted father died when he was 12 years old and his mother Nina was in poor health and died some years later. Nina made arrangements for Bill to go to the seminary in St. Nazianz, Wis.  
After Bill had been there four years, the seminary came to the conclusion Bill was decidedly not priestly material, because he liked the church wine. Bill left the seminary.  
The local Manistique funeral directors, Don Messier and Robert Broullier, took Bill in hand and helped him on the path to a more suitable future.  
Bill entered Northern Michigan University and then on to the Wisconsin Institute of Mortuary Science and became a licensed funeral director before being drafted into the Army in San Antonio, Texas and Fort Ord, Calif.  
After discharge from the U.S. Army, Bill worked at the Richard Henry Funeral Home in Battle Creek for many years. At this point, he decided to go into sales where he became a very successful salesman.

His work at several companies was very rewarding and in particular at Basic American Food Co. His final move was to Heller Seasonings and at age 65 he retired. Bill then became president of U.S. Open Music Program for the next eight years, a very rewarding endeavor.  
And so with the kind and capable assistance of JoArne Swanson, Bill found four sisters and a brother all living in Racine, Wis. Bill reached out to them and the receptions was absolutely wonderful after 77 years and the calls, cards, and email started to flow.  
A reunion of the long lost siblings is planned for July 2017 in Racine. So with all the years of searching finished, and the help of "some wonderful Manistique people, and Marnie Hoezee at the

Schoolcraft County Courthouse, a 77 year search has very happily and successfully been completed.  
Thanks to all for the help and support.  
**Bill McGlynn  
aka Henry Joseph LaFave  
San Ramon, Calif.**

**Dear Editor:**  
As a Manistique city councilman, I feel a special responsibility to the taxpayers of Manistique – as the former Chamber building lawsuit directly involves them. While it appears only one side of the lawsuit is out for public consumption, many are rightfully asking what's going on?  
I want to assure taxpayers that a substantial amount of money was donated to purchase the former chamber building. Furthermore, we believe we acted in the best interest of the community under competent legal counsel. As the facts of the case are presented – we have the utmost confidence the courts will render what's in the best interest of our community.  
I want to make clear that I will always make myself available to the city voters, as I work for them. Additionally, I want to assure city taxpayers that in the spirit of transparency all (city of Manistique) emails and relevant documents related to the lawsuit are available to them through the Freedom of Information Act.  
What's clear is the lawsuit is a shameful black eye on our community, while some are allowing their feelings to obscure the facts. I want to assure the voters that I take my duties very seriously, and would never act nefariously as alleged. Lastly, I want to thank the many wonderful people of Manistique and the business community who reached out to me with their continued support.  
**Sincerely,  
Paul Walker**

## AG: How to spot IRS scams

LANSING – Michigan Attorney General Bill Schutte announced new tips on how to avoid falling prey to a debt collection scam in light of the IRS's announcement that it will begin using private debt collectors to collect back taxes.  
The new program, authorized by Congress in December 2015, allows private debt collection agencies to collect overdue taxes on behalf of the IRS. Taxpayers being assigned to a private collections agency have already received numerous contacts from the IRS, and have not yet resolved overdue taxes.  
The program allows collection agencies to identify themselves as contractors of the IRS collecting taxes and requires the agencies to respect taxpayers' rights and follow the protections for consumers in the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. Payments by check should always be payable to the "U.S. Treasury" and sent directly to the IRS, not the private collection agency.  
The alert issued reminds Michigan residents to stay vigilant and look out for any unexpected contacts from anyone claiming to be collecting on behalf of the IRS.  
Even with the new collection plan, remember the IRS does not accept pre-paid debit cards, gift cards, or wire transfer payments.  
Under the new procedure, the

IRS will assign private collection agencies to work on accounts where taxpayers owe money, but the IRS is no longer actively working the case.  
The IRS, not the private collection agency, will give taxpayers and their representatives the first written notice that their accounts are being assigned to private collection agencies. The agencies will then separately send a second letter to the taxpayers and their representatives to confirm the transfer of the IRS accounts to that agency.  
Employees of the collection agencies must follow the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, which, among other things, means that:  
• A debt collector may not

contact you at inconvenient times or places, like before 8 a.m. and after 9 p.m., unless you agree to it.  
• A debt collector may not contact you at work if they are told (orally or in writing) that you're not allowed to receive calls there.  
• A debt collector cannot pretend to be someone else.  
• A debt collector cannot harass, threaten, or deceive you.  
Scam artists can be very sophisticated, and their tactics can be aggressive. For helpful tips on what to look for in a scam, read the Michigan Attorney General's Consumer Alert on IRS Phone

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## The Archives

This week in the Pioneer Tribune...

### 50 Years Ago April 20, 1967

• It's election time at Manistique and Cooke high schools. Students in civics classes are circulating petitions for the various township, city and county offices, and will file them before a Friday noon deadline. A mock election will then be staged May 1. Those elected will meet and make other appointments, for a total of 51 offices. The students elected and appointed will spend Government Day of Michigan Week–May 22–in the field with their counterparts, learning first hand the duties and functions of local government. A noon luncheon at the Surf that day will include the students and their counterparts, plus Congressman Philip Ruppe, State House Speaker Robert Waldron, State Representative Charles Varnum, State Senator Thomas Schweigert, Circuit Judge George Baldwin, and others. The dinner is being hosted by the Manistique Pulp and Paper Co. and the State Savings Bank.  
• Wayne Richards has purchased Jim Miller's share of the retail yard of the Hancock Lumber Co. It was announced this week. The retail yard and saw mill will now become two separate businesses, the announcement said with the retail yard being owned by Wayne and his father, Theodore (Red) Richards. April 1 was the effective date of change of ownership. Mr. Richards said this week he will continue to carry the same line of stock, and is hoping to add some new ones in the near future. He has almost 15 years of experience in the retail lumber business. His wife, Marjorie, will assist him by doing the bookkeeping. Also working with them will be Pat Bowers, the general warehouse man.  
• Several thousand high school musicians from 25 Upper Peninsula bands will descend on Manistique this Saturday for the Upper Peninsula School Music Association's Spring Band Festival. It is the first time that Manistique has hosted the event. Last year the event was held in Escanaba. The public is invited to attend the sessions, which will be held in the auditorium and the new gym.

• City crews have installed a 15-foot spruce tree in Triangle Park, across from the post office, as a community Christmas tree. The tree was donated to the city by Wyman Nursery, and if it survives, will be decorated annually.  
• The Safety Patrol Queen and her court were chosen at the recent Safety Patrol recognition banquet, sponsored by the local VFW. Named as this year's queen was Pam Quick. Court members chosen were Barbara Hentschell, Donna Carlson, Judy Barton and Donna Demers.

### 35 Years Ago April 22, 1982

• Local anglers will get a chance to try their luck on a stream long forbidden to them when trout season gets underway this Saturday. For the first time in years, a portion of the Thompson Creek will be open to fishing. According to Warren Yoder, biologist at the Thompson Fish Hatchery, the stream had been closed to fishing by the Department of Natural Resources in order to enhance the reproduction of steelhead that run in the stream. "We had thought we were protecting the steelhead run," Yoder said, but a study last fall showed that steelhead reproduction in the Thompson Creek was minimal, and the creek was opened. Small dippers can also use the stream, Yoder said, once that run begins. Fishermen are now allowed to fish as far upstream as the lower gate to the fish hatchery.  
• Quick–what do the words "fatally" and "aliter" have in common? If you don't come up with the answer right off the bat, just ask Robbie Ryan. By spelling the two words correctly at the regional spelling bee held Tuesday night in Bark River, Ryan the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ryan and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carlson, advanced to the Upper Peninsula finals to be held in L'Anse May 3. Ryan was representing the fifth grade of Manistique Area Schools in his victory and faced a tough battle to pull it out.  
• Troop Leader Linda Lovin presented the highest award in Girl Scouting to Elizabeth Treblook and Lori Brulla. The First Class award is the equivalent of the Eagle Scout award in Boy Scouting. The award was presented at a potluck banquet held Tuesday evening.  
• The Women's Volleyball League's Fairview team took top honors in Division I of the league's annual tournament held last month. Team members include Patti Baker, Helen Walters, Sue Burnett, Carol Smith, Judy Provo, Millie Johnson, Mary Walters, Sandy Benish and Marge Jenerou.

### 20 Years Ago April 24, 1997

• Joseph Davis and Walter Welch received a plaque honoring their retirement from the Manistique Volunteer Fire Department from chairman Dennis Segerstrom earlier this month. Manistique Public Safety Director David Peterson also presented Davis and Welch with a certificate of appreciation.  
• The Manistique Area Schools Board of Education has expelled an eighth grader for allegedly bringing a knife to school. Following a 45 minute closed session on the matter during the board's Monday, April 21, meeting in Germfask, board members voted to expel the 14-year-old Manistique boy under a provision in Michigan's School Code which calls for automatic expulsion of students who bring weapons to school. Under state code, the boy will be expelled from all Michigan public schools for a minimum of 180 days. When 150 school days have passed, the boy's parents can petition the board for his re-entry to school once the full year ends.  
• Dear readers, My name is Joel Donofrio and I am the new editor of the Pioneer-Tribune. Since April 4, I have worked with Leanne, Fred, Del, Jennifer and Lori to produce this newspaper. If nothing else, my main goal during my tenure as editor is to ensure that the Pioneer-Tribune remains the people's paper.

### 10 Years Ago April 19, 2007

• The Big Bay de Noc Drama Club will present the musical "A Pirate's Life for Me" Saturday, April 21, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 22, at 3 p.m., at Big Bay de Noc School. In addition, a Gala Preview Event will be held this Friday, April 20, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., to show off the school's brand new stage. Cast members include: Angie Carley, Amanda Weinert, Kelsey Root, Rachel Reidinga, Renee Reidinga, Jonalyn Cicchetto, Sarah Unger, Tara Cooper, Alora Dennis, Jake Hermes, Tyler Cooper, Eddie Unger, Colton Ranguette, Mason Fleagle, Matt Root, Austin Radebach, Aaron Bates, Scott Smith, and Matt Root. Tickets are \$10. Proceeds from the show will go to the school's new stage.  
• The annual Pigs vs. Punks basketball game was held last Thursday at the Bonifas Gymnasium. The event, a fun evening that pits local law enforcement officials against Manistique High School seniors raises money for the All Night Drive and Alcohol Free Grad Party. This year's game and related activities raised over \$600. The seniors received an additional \$100 for local police.

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# Schoolcraft County ranks 39th in state for well-being of children



## SERIOUS READING

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During the month of March the preschool children at St. Francis de Sales School participated in "Read Across America Month". Each of the children were given tickets to fill out for each book that they read at home. When they had read 10 books they returned the tickets to school to get more, the goal being to try and read as many books as they could before the end of March. Mrs. Walters Pre-K-4 class were able to read an accumulated total of 351 books with the top readers being Thomas Clark (70 books), Everett Wood (60 books), and Logan Wood (40 books). For reading books at both home and school each child was awarded a movie pass donated by Cedar Street Cinemas, a new book, and other goodies. Pictured are the children in Mrs. Walters Class with their prizes, from left to right: Front row: Thomas Clark, Everett Wood, Logan Wood. Second row: Ryan Stoken, Alli Rochefort, Everett Lee. Third row: Milla Michalik, Remington Vitale, Kennadi Nelms. Fourth Row: Guliana Cirino, Calvin Maddox, Ben Teonnessen

LANSING — Schoolcraft County ranked 39th for child well-being by county, according to the 2017 Kids Count in Michigan Data Book released by the Michigan League for Public Policy. Number one is the best in the state.

The Michigan League for Public Policy has been compiling and releasing the annual Kids Count in Michigan Data Book for 25 years to analyze and evaluate the well-being of children in the state and its counties. The 2017 book primarily compares data from 2008 to 2015 and analyzes 15 key indicators across four domains.

The report also ranks 82 of the 83 counties for overall child well-being (Keweenaw County lacks sufficient data). The top three counties for child well-being are Ottawa (first), Clinton (second) and Oakland (third) counties, with each of these counties moving up one rank from last year. The bottom three counties in 2017 are Oceana (80th), Iosco (81st) and Lake (82nd).

"No Michigan child should be experiencing poverty, hunger, abuse or neglect, regardless of where they are born and grow

up, their race or ethnicity, or their family's economic standing," said Alicia Guevara Warren, Kids Count in Michigan project director at the Michigan League for Public Policy. "Just as past policies and practices have created these disparities, using a racial equity lens and a two-generation approach to develop policy solutions can help resolve them. In order to have a vibrant state for us all, lawmakers need to make sure all kids in Michigan thrive."

Comparing counties from 2008-2015, 72 counties saw their child poverty rate increase, 79 counties saw an increase in the percent of kids receiving free and reduced-price lunch, and 58 counties saw the rate of confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect go up. For ten births, 71 counties saw their rate go down.

According to the report, historical and current public policies are adversely affecting Michigan kids' ability to thrive and widening disparities in child well-being based on where a child lives, their race and ethnicity, and their family's income. (Stateline, more than one in five (22 percent)

Michigan children lived in poverty in 2015, a 15 percent rate increase since 2008, the last full year of the Great Recession.

But the rates are significantly worse for kids of color, with 47 percent of African-American kids and 30 percent of Latino kids living in poverty compared to 15 percent for White kids in 2015.

Nearly 28 percent of children in rural counties live in poverty, 24 percent in midsize counties and 22 percent in urban counties, although poverty increased at the highest rate for urban areas.

The 2017 Kids Count in Michigan Data Book's key recommendations for policymakers to support parents and improve child well-being are:

- Promote comprehensive strategies to prevent child abuse and neglect, including the expansion of home visitation programs.
- Ensure access to affordable, quality child care by raising eligibility levels for state child care subsidies and reforming the current system.
- Increase funding for maternal smoking prevention and cessation programs and services.
- Provide sufficient funding

for early interventions to improve third-grade reading using a birth-to-eight framework.

- "Raise the Age" of juvenile jurisdiction from 17 to 18 years old.

"The Michigan League for Public Policy has been fighting to protect Michigan kids since 1912, but child poverty is just as pressing now as it was then," said Gilda Z. Jacobs, president and CEO of the Michigan League for Public Policy. "Too many Michigan families are working but barely making ends meet and are one financial emergency away from disaster. Simply having a job is not enough anymore, and we need stronger policies to support workers with low wages and their families."

For additional information on the 2017 Kids Count in Michigan Data Book, including the full report, state, county and regional rankings, charts and images, resources for advocates, frequently asked questions and county-specific press releases for 82 counties, go to <http://www.mlpp.org/kidscount/michigan-2/2017-kids-count-in-michigan-data-book>.

# Michigan launches new prescription system to help stop opiod abuse

LANSING — As part of Michigan's multi-faceted strategy to prevent opioid abuse, the state has launched a new Michigan Automated Prescription System. Appriss Health's PMP AWARDx, replaces the old MAPS and puts Michigan at the forefront of prescription drug monitoring technology.

Gov. Rick Snyder formed the Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force in June 2015 and one of their key recommendations was to update and replace the problematic MAPS platform. The governor also established the Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission to continue the work initiated by the task force. In addition to the new system and the work of the commission, the Snyder Administration, along with a group of bipartisan legislators, recently unveiled a comprehensive legislative strategy focused on building on the state's current efforts to tackle the opioid crisis that plagues our communities.

"Replacing the outdated MAPS is central in our fight against the opioid epidemic that has been so tragic for Michigan families," said Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, who chaired the task force. "The modern system gives prescribers and dispensers state-of-the-art tools to make more informed decisions, intervene earlier and spend additional time

with patients and customers."

The new MAPS provides the state's prescribers with a user-friendly portal, making it more efficient for practitioners to obtain information of controlled substances and Schedule 2-5 drugs that have been dispensed. Prescribers include dentists, physicians, physician assistants, podiatrists, optometrists, veterinarians and advanced practice registered nurses under delegation. The MAPS portal is administered by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs' Bureau of Professional Licensing.

"This successful and timely launch of the new MAPS was a direct result of the collaborative efforts between the State of Michigan, legislators and the medical community," said LARA Director Shelly Edgerton. "We're hopeful prescribers and practitioners from across the state will utilize this powerful system to effectively measure a patient's potential danger in abusing these addictive drugs."

A \$2.47 million appropriation from the state legislature gave LARA the opportunity to begin replacing the old MAPS in 2016 and a \$2.02 million appropriation was later granted for ongoing maintenance and support of the new system. LARA's six-month implementation culminated with the new system's launch on April 4. "We are proud to partner with the

State of Michigan on this system that will provide practitioners with a widespread exchange of information and advanced analytics to efficiently identify patient drug abuse," said Rob Cohen, president of Appriss Health, provider of the nation's most comprehensive platform for substance use disorders.

Benefits of the new MAPS include:

- The new PMP AWARDx platform has the fastest response time in the drug monitoring industry. Record lookups that once took up to 10 minutes now are completed in seconds.

- A dashboard provides patient alerts, recent request history and the ability to maintain delegate user activity within the prescriber's main account.

- Patient report requests include seamless interstate data sharing. Patient reports include prescription history, prescriber and dispenser information that can all be provided in a complete summary.

- Real-time data uploads occur during the day versus the current process of batched data uploaded nightly.

- Online tutorials are available for providers using the system for the first time.

## News Brief

### Shelter to host free pet adoption day April 29

MANISTIQUE — April 29 is free adoption day at the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter. The event, Empty the Shelters, is made possible by Bissel Pet Foundation. Prospective owners are asked to fill out an online adoption application on the shelters website at [upbas.org](http://upbas.org) before April 29. Then, go to the shelter on April 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to bring home a new best friend. For more information, contact the shelter at (906) 341-1000.

## IRS scams continued from A2

and Email Tax Scams. Important tips include:

- If you are unsure whether you owe back taxes go to the IRS Account Balance and Payment History website.
- If you do not want to work with an assigned private collection agency to settle your overdue taxes, you must submit a request in writing to the agency.
- If you receive an unexpected call and you do not owe taxes, hang up immediately.
- Remember that caller ID can be spoofed to make it look like the IRS is calling.

What to Do if You Get an Email or Phone Call Purporting to Come From the IRS

First, if you don't owe taxes, hang up immediately or delete the email without opening it. Report any suspicious solicitation to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration hotline at (800) 366-4484.

If you do owe on your taxes, call the IRS at (800) 829-1040 if you need federal tax assistance. Forward emails to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov), the address established by the IRS to receive, track, and shut down these scams. Detailed instructions for how to send the emails are available through the IRS. You may not receive an individual response to your email because of the volume of reports the IRS receives each day.

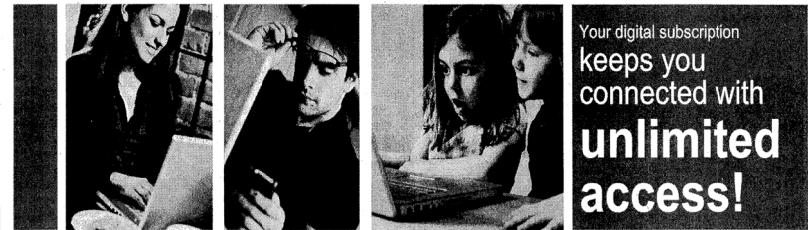
You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, forms, or other IRS property using the Treasury Inspector General's website or hotline at (800) 366-4484. Remember that the only genuine IRS website is [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). You should never get to this site using a link embedded into an email - instead enter the address in your browser. A website link embedded into an email can easily take you to a fake site.

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

The City of Manistique intends to apply for a loan and grant funding assistance for a sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water system improvement project. These updates include sanitary and storm separation, sewer and water mains, service laterals, manholes, valves, hydrants and upgrades to the City's wastewater treatment plant. The purpose of the project is to close the combined sewer overflow and replace old and deteriorated water and sewer lines. The estimated cost of the project is \$3.0 million for the water items and \$3.1 million for the sewer items. The project is anticipated to be constructed in 2018-19. The application for federal assistance will be filed, within sixty (60) days, with the United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development office.

All comments and inquiries should be directed to:  
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# Class of 2017 readies for Florida excursion

COOKS - Students in Big Bay de Noc School's class of 2017 are looking forward to their trip to Orlando. The seniors have been busy planning and fundraising for the past couple months.

Diana Thill, principal of Big Bay, said the senior trips were happening before her time working at the school; they began in the 1980s. The planning and fundraising for the senior trips was managed by the school until it was switched to a private/volunteer function this year.

"There was simply too much stress being put on the school to organize the senior trips. The board was worried about liability matters and parents were not involved enough. We felt if the parents and seniors wanted a trip, they could arrange it on their own," explains Thill.

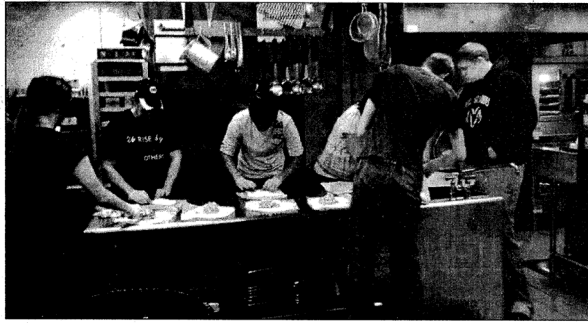
Even though Orlando has been a destination for many senior classes, Thill said other senior classes have gone to Daytona, Washington D.C. and Chicago.

Big Bay may be a smaller school, but with that comes an advantage. According to Thill, senior trips vary with the size of the class. Because the class sizes are small at Big Bay, seniors are able to have trips.

"A lot of schools around the area do not provide senior trips because the classes are larger. Rapid River is one of the few schools besides us who have senior trips," states Thill.

Lori Dalgord took on the role of being this year's senior class trip adviser for Big Bay. Since Dalgord had an amazing experience being a chaperone for her daughter's senior class trip at Big Bay several years ago, she felt other seniors needed to have the same opportunity.

"After hearing that the school had given up the trip after nearly 50 years of students getting this wonderful opportunity, I talked it over with my husband, and he said go for it. You'll



Courtesy photo

Students at Big Bay de Noc School are shown making pasties as one of their fundraising activities. Proceeds from the pasties will go towards the 2017 senior trip. Shown above, from left, are Stephanie Wyrembelski, senior trip advisor Lori Dalgord, Datton Pilon, Pilon's mother Becky Pilon, Zack Middaugh and Robbie Ray.

be great at it," says Dalgord.

For fundraising activities, Dalgord had the students sell Saykily's chocolate for both Christmas and Easter, sell Christmas wreaths, do can drives, work at the American Legion's breakfast, and make pasties. In five sales, 8,050 pasties were made by the class with help from Dalgord and parents.

The students will visit the Disney theme parks, Universal Studios, Islands of Adventure, Disney water parks and Disney Springs on their trip.

The class will be staying at Disney All Star Movie Resort. For rooming arrangements, Dalgord said, "The students chose who they would like to stay with as all students are 18. Except for one."

On June 6, the seniors will depart at 6:55 a.m. and return on June 10 at 11:45 a.m., according to Dalgord. They will enjoy five days in Orlando and four nights in their hotel.

Because the total amount for the trip is \$23,520, a lot of fundraising was needed according to Dalgord.

"I like to do as much as possible for as little as possible. I checked with the tour company they [the school] have went in the past and also a local one. We decided to do the trip on our own this year due to cost. I started calling the resorts and theme parks for prices and this is how we decided to do it ourselves - to get the most out of our time for the money," explained Dalgord.

Even though there was a lot of planning and fundraising going into this trip, when asked about struggles, Dalgord said, "Absolutely nothing. The students were amazing this year. Whatever minimums I would give them to sell, they would almost double it."

However, Dalgord did confess the long days of pasty making and waiting for them to cook was a challenge.

Big Bay's senior class motivates Dalgord to consider pursuing another year as a class trip adviser.

"After having the class of 2017 and all of the great things they and their parents did, it would be hard to say no if another class was as awesome as they were," notes Dalgord.

Big Bay senior Allison Roberts cannot wait for the hard work of planning and fundraising to pay off.

Roberts admits, "Fundraising was difficult for me at times. Collecting people's money, finding people to sell to, and spending all day making pasties was tough."

Despite the obstacles, Roberts is most excited about the water park they will be going to. This is not Robert's first time visiting Florida but going with her classmates will give her an experience she's never had before.

Big Bay's seniors not only look forward to graduation but also to their trip to Florida.

## OBITUARIES

### William Skinner

GARDEN, Mich. - William "Bill" Skinner, 70, of 13465 10th Road, Garden, Mich., passed away on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at his home in Fairbanks Township surrounded by family and friends.

He is survived by his wife Cindy (Cummings) Skinner. There will be no services per Bill's wishes. Messier-Broulliere Funeral Home of Manistique is assisting the family.

## Lifestyles Briefs

### Schoolcraft Memorial to offer Yoga Classes

MANISTIQUE - Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital will be offering Yoga Classes for the community. Classes began April 18 and will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. with yoga leader, Jon Studinger.

Classes are \$5 with proceeds benefiting community charities. In April and May, funds collected will be donated to the Feeding America Mobile Food Trucks for Schoolcraft County. Cash donations accepted.

All levels welcome. Please arrive 15 minutes early to register, sign in and set up. Classes begin promptly at 7 p.m. and end at 8 p.m.

Classes are held in the SMH Atrium. Enter at Rural Health Clinic entrance.

Please bring your own yoga mat and water bottle. Wear comfortable attire.

Registration is open online on the smh.org website or Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Facebook Page.

Please call Sara Giles, SMH Marketing Coordinator with any questions, (906) 341-3293.

### Bay offering event on Autism 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 Besse 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.



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# Troopers to focus enforcement efforts on distracted driving

LANSING - Michigan motorists are reminded that one text or call could wreck it all during national Distracted Driving Awareness Month in April. For the first time, the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning is supporting distracted driving enforcement activity for more than 170 law enforcement agencies receiving federal traffic safety funds.

Troopers at the St. Ignace Post will be focusing enforcement efforts on distracted driving in support of the national campaign. Distracted driving has increased in the area in the past several years and has been the contributing factor in accidents. Distracted driving enforcement initiatives have been developed to address problem areas on US-2 as well as the Mackinac Bridge.

"Many law enforcement agencies recognize that distracted driving is a serious concern in their communities," said Michael L. Prince, OHSP director. "It's vital that drivers keep their hands on the wheel and their eyes on the road."

Reducing smartphone use is especially daunting. Dr. David Greenfield from the Center for Internet and Technology Addiction spoke at the recent Michigan Traffic Safety Summit and said cell phone technology has clearly become addictive behavior.

"Dopamine, the pleasure neuro-chemical in the reward system of our brain, is one reason we feel the need to check on our smart phone so often. When those notifications go off on your phone, you feel compelled to pick it up," Greenfield said.

According to the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center, there were 7,516 crashes in Michigan during 2015 involving distracted driving, resulting in 28 fatalities and 3,472 injuries. Cell phones were involved in 753 crashes, with three fatalities and 377 injuries.

To help encourage drivers to remain attentive to the driving task, the OHSP has distributed banners to all law enforcement agencies and

high schools across the state. Teen drivers are especially vulnerable to distractions.

Michigan law prohibits a driver from reading, manually typing, or sending a text message while driving. Driving is defined as: operating a moving motor vehicle on a street or highway. Exceptions are in place for reporting crashes, crimes or other emergencies.

Michigan law prohibits Level 1 and Level 2 license holders under the Graduated Driver Licensing program from using a cell phone while driving.

- Violations are a civil infraction and fees and may be up to \$240.
- No points are assessed on a driving record.
- Exceptions are in place for reporting crashes, crimes, medical emergencies, serious road hazards, and situations where a person believes his or her personal safety is in jeopardy.
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# Celebrating a sweet 100

MANISTIQUE – The Michigan State Police and the Manistique Area Girl Scouts recently joined together to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the MSP and Girl Scout cookies. The two will once again join forces at the annual Manistique Area Girl Scouts Cake Auction April 24.

The theme for this year's cake auction is "Respect Authority" as stated in the Girl Scout Law and in honor of the Michigan State Police. Girls will create cakes made entirely from edible ingredients and will be judged by local business representatives. The cakes will then be auctioned off, with Col. Doug LaFollette serving as auctioneer.

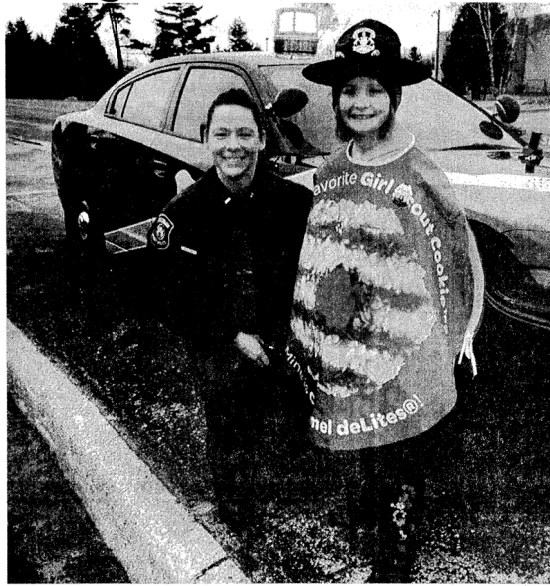
The cake auction has served as a long-time fundraiser for the Manistique Area Girl Scouts. Aside from the cookie program, it is the area's largest fundraiser. All money raised remains locally to support programs and financial assistance for registered members.

Cakes can be dropped off at the First Baptist Church between 3:30 and 5 p.m. Judging begins promptly at 5:15 p.m. with the auction at 6 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

To join Girl Scouts, visit [www.gsnwgl.org](http://www.gsnwgl.org) or call (888) 747-6945.

Courtesy photo

The Michigan State Police and the Manistique Area Girl Scouts recently joined together at a coffee social to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the MSP and Girl Scout cookies. Pictured are Post Commander Natalie King and second grade Brownie, Ella Shepley.



# Many UP roadside parks set to open on April 24

## Quick facts

- The Michigan Department of Transportation owns and maintains 32 roadside parks in the Upper Peninsula.
- U.P. roadside parks usually open in mid- to late April each year.
- Some parks will be open Monday, but water won't be turned on until after testing is completed in early May.

Many roadside parks operated by the Michigan Department of Transportation in the Upper Peninsula are scheduled to open April 24.

The following roadside parks will remain closed until later this spring due to weather conditions and maintenance issues:

- Esrey Roadside Park on M-26 in Keweenaw County
- Hebard Roadside Park on M-26 in Keweenaw County
- Snow Gauge Roadside Park on M-26 in Keweenaw County
- Cunard Roadside Park on US-2 in Menominee County
- Kiva Roadside Park on US-41 in Alger County
- Flowing Well Roadside Park on M-117 in Luce County
- All roadside parks in Mackinac County

MDOT maintains 32 roadside parks in the U.P. They usually close in late October and reopen in mid- to late April. While many parks will be open, motorists should not expect drinking water to be turned on until early May,

after annual testing and treatment of the park water systems is completed. For a map and complete list of MDOT roadside parks, visit [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov).

## THE DINNER DIVA

BY LEANNE ELY

Oranges are inexpensive and delicious! Besides enjoying them as a snack, I love to use orange sections in salads or with Asian inspired dishes. Oranges are bursting at the seams with vitamin C, flavonoids, fiber, potassium and pectin.

Here's a Tip: The concentration of vitamin C is in the pulp, people! Make sure you eat the pulp and buy orange juice that has lots of pulp.

Here's a Trick: Those little cans of mandarin oranges are great for keeping on your pantry shelf for a quick lift to your salad—try adding it along with slivered almonds, green onions and sesame oil and rice vinegar for a delicious, off the hook salad.

**Turkey with Cranberry-Grape Sauce - Serves 4**

- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries
- 1 1/2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 4 (6-oz.) boneless skinless turkey breast pieces\*
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups green grapes, halved

In a saucepan, combine first five ingredients (cornstarch through lemon juice) until smooth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 1 to 2 minutes or until thickened. Cool, cover and refrigerate.

Preheat oven broiler. Flatten turkey to 3/4-inch thickness. Combine oil and pepper; rub over both sides of turkey breasts. Broil 4 to 6 inches from heat for 5 to 7 minutes on each side until turkey is cooked through.

Just before serving, stir grapes into sauce. Serve turkey with cranberry-grape sauce.

\*Leanne's Hint: if you don't want to use turkey, use chicken instead!

Per Serving: 275 Calories; 3g Fat; 42g Protein; 17g Carbohydrate; 1g Dietary Fiber; 105mg Cholesterol; 85mg Sodium. Ex-

changes: 0 Grain(Starch); 5 Lean Meat; 1/2 Fruit; 1/2 Fat; 1/2 Other Carbohydrates. Points: 6

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Leanne Ely is a NYT bestselling author and the creator of <http://SavingDinner.com>, the original menu planning website.

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SENIOR CENTER NEWS

By CONNIE FRENTEFF

The Pancake Supper at the senior center is scheduled for today. Why not join us for pancakes, ham, potatoes and all the fixings...

Entertainment begins at 4 p.m. with Darrell Dixon volunteering his time. Darrell does an amazing job and has an amazing voice.

Unbelievable for a small town! With some of the negative things that have been floating around town, we still have those that hold their heads up high and are proud to live in Schoolcraft County.

As you know, CBC was another fabulous weekend with donations totaling over \$54,000. The senior center takes part by doing a bake sale and giving 100 percent of the proceeds to them.

With myself being out of town, I want to sincerely thank Linda Chandanis, Mikki Furman, Jean Louis, and Jean Anthony for volunteering their time the day of the event.

Now on to the Feeding America Truck that is returning, if you are one of the few volunteers that worked in the past, you know how much we are in need of manpower.

We were contacted by Stephanie Powell, who works at Graymont in Gulliver. She started my Monday morning ritual, by telling me that they had plans of sending a team of workers to assist.

Sara Giles, from Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, contacted the center and was excited to share that they were willing to let us do the distribution on the site behind the new hospital.

ter and was excited to share that they were willing to let us do the distribution on the site behind the new hospital. Sara also mentioned that they might have employees willing to give us a hand.

I have also received calls from a few individuals offering assistance. A great big "thank you" goes out to Nancy Lenox, Kathy Lourich, and Carole Goudreau.

Public transit once again stepped in and will be delivering for a \$1 fee if you call 24 hours in advance.

By what I am seeing, there are a lot of caring people in a small community that does get recognized enough (hopefully, I haven't missed anyone).

The Good Grief Session is coming to an end. This is a wonderful group to be in if you have lost a loved one. I will keep you posted on when the next group will meet.

Miscellaneous donations were received from Stephanie Reese, Laura Lee Tegman, Elizabeth Owens, Rosalie Miller, Pam Koepke, and Edith Greene.

Lois Jewett and Rosalie Miller gave a donation of greeting cards. We sincerely wish to thank the following for the homemade items given to the center: Gladys Barton (two) crocheted bunnies and Betty Harding - crocheted towel.

Donations are used for our give-aways at our special events. Other gift give-aways were given by Elizabeth Owens and Sandy DeRusha.

A great big "thank you" goes out to Howard Harbette for climbing up and down the stairs for our decorations.

William and Vera Cones and Harless and Arleta Clemons volunteered to prepare the newsletter for mailing.

Kim Chartier should have sore fingers. She recently finished 64 pairs of slippers and donated them for our Volunteer Recognition Dinner. Thank you Kim!

Ralph Burt (Mudat) volunteered to change the mop heads and do-

nated oil for the snow blower. He is our "go to" for small odd jobs. An anonymous donor gave to the candy bowl.

Joyce Herd dropped by and gave two card shufflers. Perry and Cathy Wise gave a donation to the military packages.

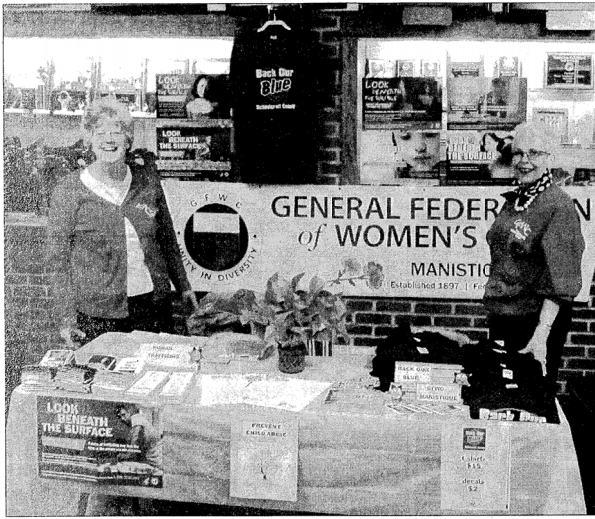
Betty Harding made a dish towel for a give-away prize and the Medical Loan Closet received donations from Joyce and Bob Brown and Shannon Rutherford.

Patrick Nygren assisted the senior center with the website while visiting Manistique.

If you give a donation to the center, please sign the donation sheet, as we don't want to miss giving credit.

I sincerely wish to thank the families of Natalie Olson and William Hubble for having memorials directed to the senior center. Families such as yours are a huge asset to the center, allowing us to provide the many services and activities offered.

Birthdays this week: April 21 - Vi Sundling, Gary Lee and Lorraine Walter; April 22 - Julie Hoholik; April 23 - Diane Demers; April 26 - Ila Manning and Joyce Musgrave; April 28 - Agnes Gardapce.



Local GFWC raising awareness

General Federation of Women's Club Manistique was just one of many organizations that attended the 50th CBC Radio-telephone fundraiser on Palm Sunday. With their participation at the event, they hoped to raise awareness to human trafficking, prevent child abuse and to "Back the Blue" who are the first line in our defense.

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into the bubble. Blow slowly and gently. The bubble will enlarge as long as the bubble stays in the soapy solution. They can reach more than a foot in diameter. To make smaller bubbles inside larger bubbles, dip the straw in a lot of the solution on the counter top and gently blow in the larger bubble.

Children can draw, color, take pictures of the bubbles and older children can add captions for a little book. You can invite grandparents to watch on Facebook.

For more science fun - google "How does soap work?" or "bubble fun." Also see grandparents.teachtoo.blogspot.com, Facebook, Pinterest, and wmfun.org/Learning Through the Seasons.

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**Courtesy photo**  
A 1998 Mercury Grand Marquis is shown Monday evening after crashing into a vacant business located at 244 South Cedar Street. Manistique Public Safety said the driver, a 32-year-old Manistique resident, had been driving recklessly northbound from Oak and South Cedar streets. For the full story, see Page A1.

## Campground

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walks, signage, and a kayak launch on the river.

It's pretty impressive, the amount of grant dollars that the city's been able to leverage," he said.

As the campground approaches completion, Trevillian explained that a sign will be installed near the entrance. However, he noted that they have encountered some obstacles from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

"It turns out that for whatever reason, the department of transportation has a really large 'clear vision triangle' at the intersection of U.S. 2 and Traders Point Drive," he said. "They will not permit a permanent proximity sign on their clear vision corner."

Trevillian said he expects the finished sign to be approximately 8x15 feet and include lighting as well as some type of vacancy notification.

Despite the few setbacks experienced at the campground, Trevillian pointed out that there will be much progress made throughout April and May to see



**Pioneer Tribune photo**  
The Manistique Lakeshore Campground continues to take shape, with construction crews on site Wednesday morning to work on the property. The campground is slated to open sometime in June.

it through to completion.

A website for the campground, [www.manistiquelakeshorecampground.org](http://www.manistiquelakeshorecampground.org), will be up and running soon and accepting reservations.

Campsites will range in price from \$45-\$25, with the lowest priced sites for tent camping.

## Local group launches app

**MANISTIQUE** - A new app designed to assist travelers and area residents connect with Schoolcraft County was recently launched. The "Discover Manistique" app aims to identify local businesses, attractions, and events.

"We really wanted to hit the ground running with our new organization, which combines the functions of a chamber of commerce, a downtown merchants' association, and economic development, under one roof," explained Alan Barr, CEO of the newly formed Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce organization. "This app gives you just a taste of what you can expect from the group and is a great example of exactly why we have been pursuing the joint venture in the first place."

The app features search options like "eat", "play", and "stay", as well as attractions targeted to a wide variety of interests. All area business have their own "forever free" listing.

"You will find phone numbers, directions, and website listings for virtually any need or interest in the county," said Don Erickson. "And, if it's not on the app, please let us know. One of the benefits of serving as our own app developer, is we can make changes very, very quickly."

The mobile app was unveiled at a recent Business After Hours event, with two members of the app team sharing a demonstration with Cindy King, owner of The Mustard Seed.

"We are so excited and grateful for the infusion of energy and

ideas from the young folks who created the phone app," she said following the demonstration. "Their dedication to hometown Manistique is inspiring. We're not tech savvy but we know this is cutting edge and our business and community will benefit."

Dawn White, St. Vincent de Paul store manager, added, "I love that you have easy access to a phone book for every business."

"This is a fantastic tool for us to be able to provide to the nearly 300 volunteers who travel here each year. In the past, we had to collect and put together folders with information. That was time consuming and cumbersome," said Ann MacGregor, Office Manager for Habitat for Humanity. "With advances like this in technology, it's the way to travel."

The app also includes an "events" category, which connects to the website for the Discover Manistique area calendar. The calendar allows community members or businesses to add events and is updated in real time.

"This means, that at any given moment, if there is a change or cancellation, you will know about it as quickly as we can get it posted, which is usually within minutes", said Erickson, who serves as an admin for the calendar.

The calendar has been up and running since May 2016. Future updates to the app are being configured, including a listing of annual festivals, links to review sites such as Trip Advisor, and current weather conditions.

Download the app at the Apple Store or at Google Play for Android users.

## Elks leader

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joining. Recently, the Elks officers voted her in as exalted ruler. "In a 116 years, there's never been a female ER (exalted ruler)," said Hook.

The organization used to separate the men and the women, she noted, with men serving as "Elks" members and women as "Elkettes". A wall used to be located in the bar area of the lodge to separate the two groups.

A year into her membership, Hook said she developed a special interest in the Elks National Foundation - which offers scholarships and funding for local projects.

"I wanted to try to promote the per capita earnings for that so we could be eligible for more grant opportunities to bring money back to our local community," Hook explained. "Any grants that we get, we have to funnel right back into

our community, and there's certain areas where you can spend that money."

The annual Elks Chili Cook-Off was the result of Hook's fundraising brainstorm, and the event has been going strong for seven years.

"Since then, we've donated back \$46,500 to the community," she said.

In addition to the ENF grant money, the Elks also raises funds by holding 50/50 and raffle drawings, as well as other events.

"I also have donated my time to host karaoke on the first Friday of the month," Hook explained. "We have several members that really appreciate the opportunity to come down and sing and listen to the performances."

Since returning to the community 19 years ago, Hook said she has participated in many fundraising efforts, but none like the Elks.

"Seeing what they (the Elks) can do and the philanthropic way really fit in with what I have basically worked toward my whole life - doing community service whenever possible and dedicating my time to helping the community," she explained. "This is just another avenue in which to do that."

Hook said she will continue to promote the purpose of the Elks and encourage the public to join and participate in what the organi-

zation offers.

"I've been an active member and lend a hand whenever possible," Hook said. "As Elks, we are there for each other as well as our community and that is important to me and makes me proud to be an Elk."

For more information about the Elks or to join, contact Mary Hook at [maryhook@gmail.com](mailto:maryhook@gmail.com) or visit <https://www.elks.org/lodges/lodgefacilities.cfm?LodgeNumber=632>.

### Youth Wrestling Tournament

**Saturday, April 22**  
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Manistique High School Gymnasium

- 8th Grade Wrestler of Year presentation
- Team Trophies
- Individual Medals

Concessions, raffle, 50/50 drawing

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New bureau created to centralized regulation of medical marihuana

LANSING — Michigan has centralized all aspects of medical marihuana regulation with the creation of the Bureau of Medical Marihuana Regulation housed in the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

"BMMR's organizational structure puts Michigan at the forefront of state medical marihuana regulation," said LARA Director Shelly Edgerton.

BMMR is in the process of implementing the regulatory framework created by legislation signed by Gov. Snyder in September 2016.

secure, secure transporters, provisioning centers and safety compliance facilities. The legislation requires the bureau to make licensing applications available by Dec. 15.

As part of the implementation of the statutory requirements, BMMR has selected the technology company Franwell, Inc. to administer the state's monitoring and tracking system.

BMMR will also house the Michigan Medical Marihuana Program, the state patient and caregiver registry that currently contains more than 240,000 active patients and 40,000 active caregivers.

More information on the BMMR can be found at the bureau's website: www.michigan.gov/bmmr.

MANISTIQUE PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 7:50 a.m. One car property damage accident, Chippewa Avenue 8:13 a.m. Illegal parking, Oak Street 2:15 p.m. Unlawful driving away of an automobile, within city of Manistique 10:55 p.m. Verbal dispute, Range Street

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 5:41 a.m. Alarm, within city of Manistique 11:20 a.m. Larceny, River Street 5:10 p.m. Malicious destruction of property, Main Street

Thursday, April 13, 2017 10:15 a.m. Suspicious situation, Seventh Street 2:20 p.m. Illegal signs, within city of Manistique 7:10 p.m. Stolen property, Saginaw Street

Friday, April 14, 2017 2:10 a.m. VCSA, within city of Manistique 10:30 a.m. Department tour, Maple Street 10:40 a.m. Animal complaint, Lake Street 11 a.m. Safety hazard, within city of Manistique 2:30 p.m. Animal complaint, Main Street 10:30 p.m. Citizen assist, within city of Manistique

Saturday, April 15, 2017 1:30 a.m. Assault, Deer Street 9 a.m. Citizen assist, within city of Manistique 12 p.m. Animal complaint, Houghton Avenue 8 p.m. Retail fraud, River Street 8:15 p.m. Unwanted person, Houghton Avenue 11:22 p.m. Department assist,

River Road Sunday, April 16, 2017 2 a.m. Department assist, within city of Manistique 11:45 a.m. Motorist assist, Deer Street 1:50 p.m. Animal complaint, Oak Street 4:28 p.m. Well being check, New Elm Street 10:05 p.m. Disturbing the peace, Houghton Avenue 11:50 p.m. Harassing communications, within city of Manistique

Monday, April 17, 2017 11:10 a.m. Citizen assist, within city of Manistique 11:38 a.m. Lockout, Deer Street 12:03 p.m. Suspicious situation, Weston Avenue 1 p.m. Well being check, Quarry Lane 2:17 p.m. Blight, US Highway 2 2:20 p.m. Extra patrol, Houghton Avenue 3:22 p.m. Be on the lookout for possible OUIL, Shank Road 8:12 p.m. Personal injury accident/OVI, Cedar Street 8:50 p.m. Suicidal subject, Michigan Avenue 8:53 p.m. Suicidal subject, US 2

With summer vacation just around the corner are you ready to hear, "there's nothing to do...I'm bored!"? Manistique Area Schools, the Student Focus Group and Schoolcraft County 4H has the solution to summer boredom.

As a result of a student survey that was completed by the 6-12 students at Manistique Middle and High School in January an area of concern regarding the lack of fun, healthy activities was identified.

After several meetings and great discussions, beginning this summer MAS will be partnering with 4H to offer a seven week Student Activity Program for students in Schoolcraft County and Big Bay de Noc

Schools, currently in grades 6-12. The Student Activity Program will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon beginning June 13 through Aug. 3. There will be no activities offered the week of July 3-7.

The Student Activity Program will use the MAS facilities including the gym, weight deck, pool, football field and track along with other nearby locations. All activities will be supervised by MAS coaches or 4H volunteers.

Activities will include individual, structured workouts geared to athletes who are interested in improving their physical fitness for competition; or recreational, fun activities for those students who are more interested in non-competitive options. Activities included in the Student

Activity Program may include but are not limited to strength and conditioning, swimming, flag football, ultimate frisbee golf, volleyball, and tennis.

Because of a 4H wellness grant, students will be able to participate in the Student Activity Program free of charge. For those students who may have difficulty with summertime transportation to the school, transportation via Schoolcraft County Transit will also be available free of charge.

Students who wish to participate in the Student Activity Program must complete an application process and will be required to have a parent-signed permission slip on file.

Participants will also be required to sign in daily to verify attendance and provide parent contact information.

Students from the Student Focus Group along with Mrs. Connin will be sharing information about the Student Activity Program with students during seminar on April 24 and 25. Students who are interested in getting involved will be asked to sign up at that time so the groups can get an idea of the level of interest in the program.

If you are interested in the Student Activity Program and would like more information, please contact Jill Connin at the Schoolcraft County 4H office, 341-3611, or Maryann Boddy at 341-4300.

DNR Advisory Council to meet in Newberry April 20

The Eastern Upper Peninsula Citizens' Advisory Council is scheduled to discuss several interesting topics when the panel meets today in Newberry.

There will be an update on corromorant control efforts, the status of wolf legislation and several subcommittee reports on issues ranging from deer to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Forest Road Inventory Project.

"The council meetings give the public an opportunity to provide input and learn what's new on DNR topics important to the Upper Peninsula," said John Pepin, DNR deputy public information officer.

and plenty of council members and DNR staffers available to answer questions."

The Eastern U.P. Citizens' Advisory Council and its western U.P. counterpart meet alternating months throughout the year.

This month's session in Luce County will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Luce-Mackinac-Alger-Schoolcraft Health Department, located at 14150 Hamilton Lake Road in Newberry.

The public can participate in the session by offering comments to the discussion during two specified periods at the meeting (for instructions on comment procedures, see www.michigan.gov/upcac).

The council members represent a wide variety of natural resource and recreation interests. Agenda items are set by the council members and council recommendations are forwarded to the DNR for consideration.

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### Yooper Hooper celebrates 16

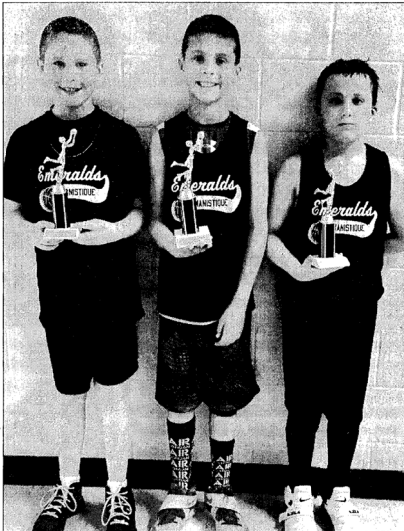
MANISTIQUE - The 2017 Yooper Hooper 3-on-3 marked its 16th year last Saturday in the Richard Bonifas Gymnasium with 73 registered teams. The annual event attracts players throughout the Upper Peninsula as well as across the Wisconsin border, covering all ages.

With the number of teams fluctuating over the years, this year's participation was average for male teams at 50. Unfortunately there was a decrease with female participation with only 23 in their brackets.

The day long tournament, which originally started out as a class project, was started by Manistique High School teacher Mike Powers. It's a win, win for the community as proceeds from the annual event have been donated to local charities through the years, as well as being a learning experience for the students involved.

Proceeds from the Yooper Hooper were disbursed between many different causes this year. The Green Fire Booster Club raised about \$1,000 for providing the referees and the MHS Volley Ball Team raised about \$1,500 managng the concession stand.

The final benefactor was the YETI Key Club, coordinators of the tournament, which raised about \$1,500. YETI Key Club uses the money to donate to school and community charities.



Courtesy photo

The 16th Annual Yooper Hooper, organized by YETI, took place over the weekend in the Richard Bonifas Gymnasium at the Manistique Middle and High School. Pictured is the only Manistique team to take first place this year. Winning the 10U male division is, from left to right, Landon Dougherty, Wyatt Demers and Parker Graphos.



Joe LeBlanc photo

Stretching off first base, Amanda Menominee reaches for the out in the season opening game against Rudyard. Manistique lost game one 12-1 and followed up with a 14-3 loss in the night cap.

### Cold start to 2017 season

MANISTIQUE - While not having to battle the weather early this spring, it has been a cold start to the 2017 season for the Lady Emeralds fast pitch softball team. The squad recently dropped games against Rudyard and Westwood at home.

to a 12-1 victory last Wednesday in Manistique.

Renee Schuetter went two for three and one RBI (runs batted in) in game one.

Coming off the break, hot bats by Rudyard produced

On fire early, the visiting Bulldogs from Rudyard jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning on their way

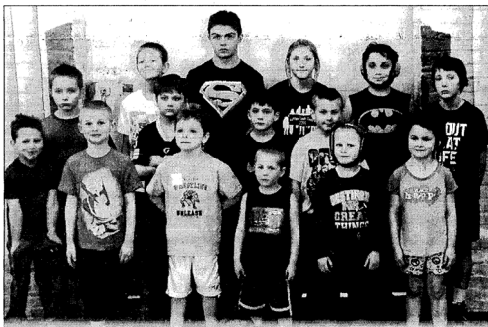
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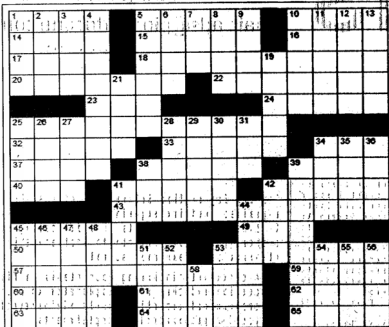
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- Varsity Golf**  
Thurs., April 20 vs. Menominee/Gladstone at Menominee, 4:30 p.m.  
Mon., April 24 vs. Gladstone Scramble (Boys) at Gladstone, 10 a.m.  
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- BIG BAY DE NOC**  
**Varsity Golf**  
Mon., April 24 vs. Mid Pen at Irish Oaks, 10:30 a.m.



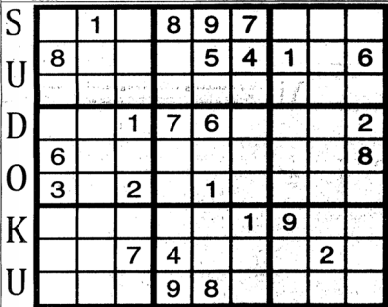
### Young grapplers set to take to the mats at tournament

There will be plenty of wrestling action on the mats at Manistique Middle and High School on Saturday as the Manistique Youth Wrestling organization holds its annual youth wrestling tournament. Wrestling competition will start at approximately 10 a.m. Organizers will also be presenting the eighth grade Wrestler of the Year, team trophies, as well as individual medals. Concession, raffle table and 50/50 drawing will also be available. Pictured at left are Manistique athletes competing in this year's program, front row, from left, Everett Wood, Beckett Maline, Cooper Constantino, Ryland Massengill, Cody Salisbury, Savanna Miron. Middle row, Cooper Graphos, Landon Webber, Archer Miron. Back row, Hunter Johnson, Brendon Johnson, Josiah Gilroy, Ryleigh Burmister, Kirk Slater and Gabe Rochefort. Pictured on the right are Gernfask athletes who are participating. Front row, from left, is Nick Wing, R. Plesscher, E. Plesscher, Trenton Zellar, Bradley Collins. Back row, B. Plesscher, G. Plesscher, S. Plesscher and Jake Berry.

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  - 13. Timidly
  - 19. Consumed
  - 21. Sounds of reproof
  - 25. Lasso
  - 26. Border
  - 27. French for "Head"
  - 28. Utilizers
  - 29. Site of the Trojan
- War**
- 30. Very slow in tempo
  - 31. Cover
  - 34. Horn sound
  - 35. A D-Day beach
  - 36. Numerous
  - 38. Which person?
  - 39. Type of parasitic worm



Level: Intermediate

Word Search

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**CRYPTOFUN**

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to sports. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: B = W)

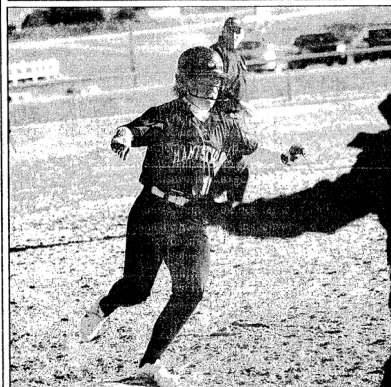
**A. 1 19 8 16 25 18**  
Clue: Team membership

**B. 11 25 8 15**  
Clue: Group of players

**C. 20 8 19 19**  
Clue: Piece of equipment

**D. 13 10 17 18 25**  
Clue: Results

Emeralds softball



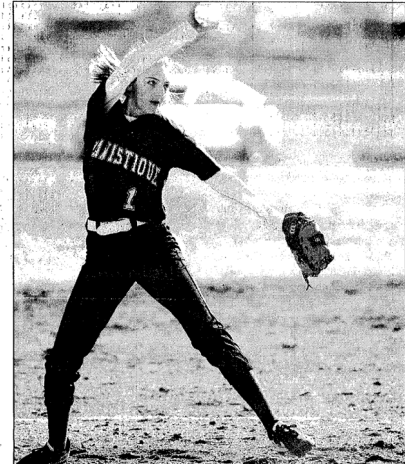
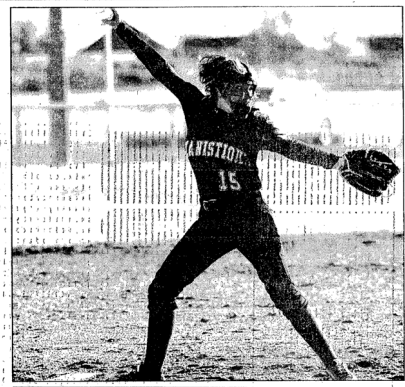
Joe LeBlanc photos

Emerald softball Coach Jessica Nord motions Renee Schuetter to round third base and head for home in game two of the teams season opener against Rudyard last Wednesday.

runs in all five innings of play resulting in a 14-3 win in the night cap. Amanda Menominee was on the mound in game one. McKenna Chartier got the start in game two pitching three innings. Emily May came in, in relief to finish the game. Schuetter was one for three. Lexi Russell also went one for three with a two run double.

Back on the field this week, the Lady Emeralds dropped a pair of games to Westwood Monday 9-7 and 10-1.

Tied at two runs each after the first inning of play, Westwood exploded for six runs in the fourth inning to control a 8-3 lead. Manistique responded with one run in the fifth and three in the sixth and had an opportunity to put the game away in the seventh but couldn't close the gap.



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With two outs and Mady Burton on first and Abby Burnham on second base, Schuetter hit a hard line shot to right centerfield that fell in the glove of the Patriots centerfielder to end the inning. Schuetter finished the game four of five at the plate with two runs scored. Kylie Johnson had three hits on four at bats. Meg Pholeman got the win on the mound for Westwood.

Up 4-1 after six innings of play, Westwood rallied for six unanswered runs in the top of the seventh inning to seal the win in game two. Karlie Paton was on the mound for Westwood. She faced 26 batters striking out 14.

Manistique hits the road for a double header against Munising on April 24, then travels to Iron Mountain April 25.

FISH REPORT

BY RET. SGT. JOHN WALKER

Well, needless to say with the weather we are having, about the time you plan on getting a head start on the spring lawn projects the weather turns cold and rainy with a chance of snow. I guess in this world someone my age is just not supposed to get a head start on all those "honey-do" projects. But look at the good side, you can almost count on the fact all those projects are not going anywhere and will still be out there waiting for you when the weather truly does warm up for keeps.

Unless the change in weather changes things, they are catching fish down at Garden now and up in Newberry at the Dollarville, dam. In both cases they are really getting some nice fish. I will say if you are going out in a boat on a body of water to sit and fish you had better be prepared as if you were going ice fishing with the temperature and winds we have been getting. Also remember that a lot of times the window for the best spring fishing is short lived and then all you will hear is that famous phrase, "You should have been here yesterday they were hitting like crazy."

As you are getting ready for some serious fishing just maybe if you are like me you should make out a check list. The main reason for this is the fact when you get as old as this old fossil, you can no longer count on remembering what all you need to do. Let's see now, license, fishing boat and trailer, life jacket and other

safety gear, clean out bait box and look over fishing gear, and this is just a start for your list.

If the nights should ever warm up good it will be the time of year to go out and scout around for Morel mushrooms. They are some of the best tasting goodies you can find out in the woods if you know where to look. Now as I said "If you know where to look" and this is where I seem to have a real problem with my Morel hunting.

But if I really wanted to there is some hope out there because I see that they now offer on E-bay a sure fire chance for me to change my luck. They offer "35g Dry Seeds Sporeg to Grow morels, Morchella Garden mushrooms kit fungus mycelium". So there seems to be hope for me yet to come up with a way to find Morels.

If you look around things are starting to green up slowly but surely and it will not be long before the best of the spring season will give way to the bug dope season. For me the worst part of the bug season is at the beginning when the swarms of black flies decide to just make your life miserable. I have never figured out why these little pests like to find their way between your eyeballs and your glasses or into your ear to run a few laps.

There is no doubt in my mind after years of being tortured by black flies that we could keep Senator McCain happy by going away with wa-

ter boarding and just use the black fly method. There is no doubt in my mind that when they either get in your ears or when flying around your eyeballs if you could not use your hands you would confess to just about anything to get rid of them.

But I have always figured that if I can make it through the couple of weeks that the black fly season is at its worst I have it made through the rest of the summer. In the perfect world of the U.P. whenever you can get out in the woods and spend time just doing what you have always enjoyed doing life could not get any better.

A party ask me the other day, "John, do you think there is even a chance that there will ever be another generation like ours that just seems to enjoy the great outdoors, hunting and fishing, and being part of nature like we were brought up to?"

I hate to even stop and take the time to think about the chances of there being another outdoor generation like those of us that grew up in the 40s and 50s without even a TV and really no electronic gadgets to waste so much time on. If you stop and think about it we maybe did have a lot but we did have a life so to speak. We had a family that did things together because that was the world we lived in back then.

I have often thought back to the home that mom and dad provided for us and how they were always there for us and spent time teaching us so many things without us knowing it that we used later in life. If my mom and dad were still around I would give them a hug today and say thank you for teaching us to enjoy the outdoors and just to be satisfied with what we have. Life was good back then.

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## Registration open for summer BOW program in UP

MANISTIQUE — The Michigan Department of Natural Resources announced registration is open for this summer's "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" program, which is set for June 2-4 in Marquette County.

This will mark the 20th annual summer BOW gathering for women, 18 and older, who are seeking an opportunity to improve their outdoor skills in a relaxed, noncompetitive atmosphere.

"Becoming an Outdoors Woman is a program where each individual is encouraged to learn at her own pace," said Sharon Pitz, BOW program coordinator in Marquette. "The emphasis is on the enjoyment, fun and camaraderie of outdoor activities and sharing in the success of one another." Becoming an Outdoors Woman paddleboard class participants are shown.

The summer BOW program is sponsored by the DNR and offers instruction in more than two dozen different types of activities, including kayaking, wilderness first aid and survival, lake and fly fishing, field birding, paddleboard, geocaching, shooting sports, boating and mountain biking.

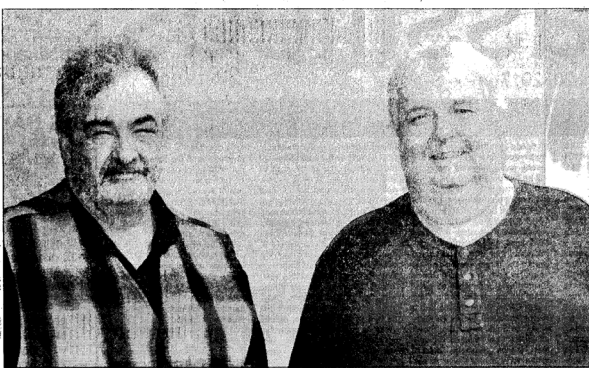
"Volunteer BOW instructors provide basic and advanced teaching that is tailored to each participant's individual ability, helping participants learn the basics in a short amount of time," Pitz said.

The program also includes special evening activities during the weekend, including hikes, group bonfires and more. We will have extra activities for this event to help celebrate 20 years in the Outdoors.

BOW participants stay and take their classes at the Bay Cliff Health Camp. Participants will be housed in a dorm-style facility with amenities including a sauna, pool, tennis courts, hiking and biking trails, along with easy access to northern hardwood forests and Lake Superior.

The \$195 registration fee includes all food and lodging, as well as most equipment and supplies. The deadline for registration is May 8. A limited number of BOW Scholarships are available. The scholarship application deadline is May 1.

Class information and registration materials are available online at [www.michigan.gov/bow](http://www.michigan.gov/bow). For more information on the summer BOW program, contact Sharon Pitz at the DNR Customer Service Center in Marquette at (906) 228-6561 or by e-mail at [pitzs@michigan.gov](mailto:pitzs@michigan.gov).



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Michigan Natural Resources Commission Chairman John Matonich of Bessemer, left, and Commissioner J.R. Richardson of Ontonagon will be available to take viewer questions live on "Ask the DNR," which will air live on April 20 at 8 p.m. on WNMU-TV13.

## Ask the DNR April 20 on WNMU-TV13

MARQUETTE — The Upper Peninsula's two representatives serving on the Michigan Natural Resources Commission will answer viewer questions live Thursday night on "Ask the DNR," broadcast on WNMU-TV13.

NRC Chairman John Matonich of Bessemer and Commissioner J.R. Richardson of Ontonagon will be available for the full hour-long program, which will air live at 8 p.m. April 20.

The program will be repeated at noon April 21 and available later online.

The NRC is a seven-member panel appointed by the governor as the rule-making body for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

"This is a fantastic opportunity," said John Pepin, DNR deputy public information officer. "Viewers will be able to find out what they want to know directly from the region's representatives making decisions on all types of important natural resource issues in Michigan."

The NRC has the exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game and sportfish, and is authorized to designate game species and the establishment of the first open season for animals.

George Madison, DNR fisheries manager for the West-

ern Lake Superior Management Unit, and Sgt. Marc Penroy, who supervises conservation officers in Dickinson, Iron and Gogebic counties, will round out the panel participants.

The group will likely field questions about spring-related recreation activities, including the April 29 trout season opener and boating and off-road vehicle rules, though the discussion is typically wide-ranging, based on viewer questions.

Prior to the program, questions for "Ask the DNR" can be emailed to [John.Pepin@pimichigan.gov](mailto:John.Pepin@pimichigan.gov). Emailed questions should be received by 2 p.m. April 20 to be included on the show.

To phone questions in during the live telecast, call (800) 227-9668.

The telecast is being sponsored by the South Shore Fishing Association.

Find out more about the Michigan Natural Resources Commission at [www.michigan.gov/nrc](http://www.michigan.gov/nrc).

"Ask the DNR" is produced five times each year in October, November, December, April and May. Previous episodes may be viewed online at: <http://wnmuvideo.nmu.edu/program/ask-dnr/episodes/>.

## 2017 prescribed burns planned for National Forest

GLADSTONE — The US Forest Service is preparing for 1,191 acres of prescribed burning on the Hiawatha National Forest. Prescribed burning is a tool that can help accomplish a variety of objectives.

Such burns are weather-dependent and will likely be conducted between late April and early fall, when appropriate moisture, fuel and wind conditions are more likely.

The prescribed burns will be located as follows:

On the West Zone of the Forest (Munising Rapid River/Manistique Ranger Districts) there are four burns planned:

1. South, Schaaewe Rx Burn — T40N/R21W/section 18 (154 acres) Purpose is wildlife habitat maintenance and hazardous fuels reduction.

2. 2.8-mile Rx Burn — T43N/R17W/section 23 (149 acres) Purpose is wildlife habitat maintenance and hazardous fuels reduction.

3. Mike White Rx Burn — T44N/R18W/section 29 (43 acres) Purpose is wildlife habitat maintenance and hazardous fuels reduction.

4. Dutch Mill Rx Burn — T42N/R21W/section 17 (90 acres) Purpose is wildlife habitat maintenance and hazardous fuels reduction.

On the East Zone of the Forest (St. Ignace/Sault Ste. Marie Ranger Districts) there are six burns planned:

1. Rolling-Barrel South Rx Burn — T46N/R4W/Sec 20,24,39,40,41,42,61 (362 acres) Purpose is wildlife opening maintenance and fuels reduction in the WUL.

2. West Brimley Rx Burn — T46N/R3W Sec 8, 9 (180 acres) Purpose is wildlife habitat maintenance and fuels reduction in the WUL.

3. Scattered to the Wind Rx Burn — T46N R4W Sec 27 (14 acres) Purpose is to eradicate the Pine Cone Bore Beetle and site prep.

4. Wild Carp North and South Rx Burn — T43N R3W Sec 30, 31 (150 acres) Purpose is to reintroduce fire into a fire adapted ecosystem.

5. Biscuit South Rx Burn — T44N R4W Sec 21 (34 acres) Purpose is

wildlife habitat maintenance.

6. Even Odds Rx Burns — T45N R4W Sec 31 (15 acres) Purpose is to eradicate the Pine Cone Bore Beetle and site prep.

During active burning, smoke and flames may be visible from roads and in areas downwind of the burn site. Smoke may settle in some areas in the evening hours, however, ignition days and times will be adjusted to avoid smoke sensitive areas. If you have health problems that may be aggravated by smoke, please contact your nearest Zone Fire Management Officer. Affected individuals will be notified of prescribed fires that are conducted on Forest Service Lands in their vicinity the day of the burn.

- East Zone: Brenda Dale at (906) 643-7900 x127.  
- West Zone: Sam Duerksen at (906) 474-6442 x121.

Prescribed burning provides benefits to our natural resources as well as reducing hazardous fuels on our National Forest. The Forest Service's goals in burning the wildlife openings are:

- Reduce the risk of wildfires by reduce hazardous fuels.
- Provide improved breeding and foraging habitat for early-successional and cavity dependent species.
- Set back vegetative succession and maintain wildlife openings.
- Maintain burn units as part of a system of fuel breaks (including safety zones, escape routes, staging areas and control lines).
- Remove or reduce the impact of non-native invasive species.
- Train personnel in the use of wildland fire in a safe and efficient manner.

The Forest Service's goals in conducting site preparation burns are:

- Naturally regenerate pine using prescribed fire.
- Kill red pine cone borer larvae.
- Stress over-story red pine to enhance cone production.
- Reduce hazardous fuel loading within unit.

Please contact your local Forest Service office if you have any questions.

## DNR is observing Wildfire Prevention Week

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and its co-sponsors are observing Wildfire Prevention Week April 16-22. Most wildfires on Michigan's 20 million acres of state and private forest land occur in April, May and June.

Warm spring weather increases the amount of outdoor activities, like yard cleanup, campfires and fireworks. All of these activities require planning and caution before and after fires are lit.

"To dispose of yard waste, consider composting, but if you are

begin to rise, and humidity levels are often at their lowest points. Breezy conditions increase the danger, but even on calm days, one ember landing in some dead grass is enough to start a wildfire."

Residents in the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula can obtain a free burn permit by visiting [www.michigan.gov/burnpermit](http://www.michigan.gov/burnpermit) or by calling (866) 922-2876, in their area.

planning on burning yard debris, your first step should be to check if the DNR is issuing burn permits in your area," said Avery.

Burn permits are required prior to burning brush and debris in Michigan when the ground is not snow-covered.

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