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Must be time for tea.

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Quick facts

Schoolcraft County will now be home to the Life Tracker program, thanks to the efforts of Schoolcraft County Undersheriff Darrell Dixson and donations from residents

A recent donation will ensure the start-up of the program.

Life Tracker coming to area

Program receives \$5K donation for start-up

MANISTIQUE - It's been MANSTIQUE - It's been just over a month since efforts to bring the Life Tracker Program to Schoolcraft County, yet the overwhelming support has resulted in success. An update on the program, donations received, and continu-ing efforts was provided during a recent meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. The Life Tracker Program is used by first responders to locate lost or

wandering residents. Those afflicted with dementia, Alzheimer's autism, developmental disabilities or traumatic brain injuries benefit from participating in the program. According to Schoolcraft County

Undersheriff Darrell Dixson, who Undershariff Darrell Dixson, who has been working tirelessly behind the scenes to bring the program to the area, fundraising efforts took a surprising turn for the better in recent weeks. After reading the March 30 article in the Pioneer March 30 article in the Pioneer Tribune, Dixson said members of a local family contacted him and expressed an interest in donating. Shortly after, a \$5,000 donation from the Jack Creighton Trust was

trom the Jack Creignton Trust was made – just over exact start-up amount needed to bring the program to Schoolcraft County.
"I was speechless," said Dixson.
"It raises good feelings for the people in the county of Schoolcraft."

Dixon added that another men ber of the community recently approached him and handed him \$100 to put toward the program. A group of elected officials also

A group of elected officials also pooled together to donate \$650 to-ward the program. "Things are just rolling," he said. "The monies that we have above and beyond the Creighton Trust will be monies that will buy extra batteries and extra bands and

extra batteries and extra bands and things of this nature."
The Life Tracker Program uses equipment manufactured by Care Trak Inc. Systems. It includes tracking equipment for the first responders and bracelets worn by program participants. Testing and

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Notice prompts hearing in lawsu

After action from the court-appointed committee, city attorney issues warning

city's attorney has led to a show cause hearing in the on-going lawsuit centered on the former Schoolcraft County

Chamber of Commerce building. The hearing is scheduled to take place today in 11th Judicial Circuit Court. On Monday, Matthew Vermetten, attorney for the plaintiffs in the lawsuit, mBank and The Mustard Seed, Inc., filed an emergency ex parte motion for an order to "show cause why defendant city of Manistique and Bruce Plackowski should not be held in concempt for interfering with this court's (11th Judicial Circuit) order dated April 28, 2017. This order, signed by Judge William W. Carmody, outlined the orders of the April 6 preliminary injunction hearing requested by the plaintiffs.

During that injunction hearing, it was ordered by Judge Carmody that: the city of Manistique be restrained from tak-ing possession of, using, changing, selling or otherwise ening possession of, using, changing, selling or outerwise en-cumbering the building; a committee of five citizens, prede-termined at the hearing, will meet to determine a resolution strategy regarding use of the building during the pendency of the lawsuit; should the committee be unable or willing to resolve use of the building during the pendency of the law-



The above notice is shown Tuesday as posted on the for-Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce building The building is currently at the center of a lawsuit

suit, defendant city of Manistique may bring the matter back before the court by motion; and the parties are to schedule

facilitative mediation regardless of the outcome of the committee's discussions within the next 30 days subsequent to execution of the order

The attorneys for the plaintiffs submitted the written order to the defendants April 19 – the defendants then had seven days to file written objections to the order. Since no written objections were filed in that timeframe, the order was signed April 28 by Judge Carmody.

On April 20, the five-member committee appointed by the court and referenced in the April 6 proceedings met and unanimously decided upon a course of action to open and operate the former chamber building as a welcome center by May 1. Despite this formal action, Plackowski issued a letter

April 28 concerning the "use of the old chamber building". In his letter, Plackowski states that "this property is, and continues to be, city property until the IIth Circuit Courrules otherwise. Operation of the building during the pendency of this lawsuit is not settled. Any attempt to open the building without the consent of the city of Manistique or a court order will be considered an act of trespass and will be prosecuted accordingly."

Additionally, Plackowski claims that the court-appointed

Lawsuit hearing

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County wraps up security update Courthouse upgrades end in single-point entry



MANISTIQUE - The final phase of a years-long security enhance-ment project at the Schoolcraft County Courthouse is now complete. The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners discussed the last step, which includes open-

during last week's meeting. Upgrades to security at the courthouse began in 2014, when the county received approximately \$50,000 in grant funding from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, the county's insurance provider. The county provided a \$6,675 match.

The first improvement made was

the installation of approximately \$27,000 worth of security cameras at the courthouse and Schoolcraft

County Jail.

Next, a wall limiting the public's access for the Schoolcraft County Friend of the Court, 11th Judicial Circuit Court, and Probate Court offices was installed. The wall, which cost approximately \$11,000, features bulletproof glass at the top, as well as bulletproof panels at the bottom. A slot for ex

changing paperwork is included, as well as a telephone system in which the public can reach staff within the offices. Commonly used forms are available in the hallway, and staff members use a keypad for

The remainder of the funds went toward the installation of panic buttons in offices, modified court-room seating, and the creation of a single point of entry for the courthouse, which includes a ramp, new door, and updated steps.

schoolcraft County Clerk Beth Edwards released a public notice Tuesday alerting residents that, effective immediately, the courthouse is a single-point of entry building She explained that all patrons must She explained that all patrors must enter the courthouse from the front center doorway of the building, as the back entrances will be locked. Courthouse employees will utilize a keypad to enter through the back

Edwards noted that the Michigan Department of Health and Human

Courthouse continued on A7

Manistique man to serve 4 years in prison

Drug charge handled by U.S. District Court

MANISTIQUE -A Manistique man will spend four years in prison after be-ing sentenced in United States ing sentenced in United States District Court - Western District of Michigan in Marquette last week.

Jason Jerome Gregurash, 38,
of 1884 S. Flodin Road, was sen-

tenced by District Judge Paul L. Maloney to 48 months in prison, followed by three years of super-vised release, for one count of marijuana – manufacture: manufacturing and attempting to manufacture 50 or more marijuana plants.

Gregurash was also ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment. He must self-surrender no earlier than

In exchange for his guilty plea, entered in September, two other

charges: one count of marijuana - sell, distribute, or dispense: possession with intent to distribute 50 or more marijuana plants; and one count of marijuana – sell, distribute, or dispense: distribution of marijuana, were dropped.

Gregurash was initially arrested Jan. 25, 2016 in Manistique Township following a bust by the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team.

Detectives from the agen-

cy had received information from law enforcement agencies in Wisconsin that described an elaborate operation where large quantities of marijuana were being sold and transported to other con-spirator's in Wisconsin.

Gregurash Gregurash was arraigned Schoolcraft County's 93rd

Prison term continued on A7

News Brief

Embezzlement charge for former treasurer

MANISTIQUE - The former Germfask Township treasurer is facing a felony charge of embez-zlement.

Shawn Jason Metzler, 42, of 628

Manistique Ave., was charged re-cently in 93rd District Court with one count of embezzlement of a solution of the enterzement of a public officer, agent or servant – \$50 or more, a felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$5,000.

a fine of up to \$5,000.

Metzler is scheduled to appear for a preliminary examination May 8 at 1:30 p.m. He lost his bid for reelection to the position of Germfask Township treasurer in November 2016.

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May 3,4,6 - Hunter Safety Education Class, First Baptist Church, 5:30-8:30 p.m. May 6 class takes place from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Manistique Pistol and Gun Club

May 6 -Spring Tea, Germfask United Methodist Church, 2-4 p.m.

May 12 - Praise and Worship Night, St. Francis de Sales School gym, 7:30-9 p.m.

May 13 - Mother's Day Tea. Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 1 p.m.

May 20,21 - Schoolcraft County Sport Fishing Associa-tion Indian Lake Walleye Derby, Saturday 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 8-10:30 p,m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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VA plans local town hall for vets

IRON MOUNTAIN - Veterans IRON MOUNTAIN - Veterans and their families are invited to a Veteran Town Hall in Manistique, May 9 at 5 p.m. at the VFW Hall located at 344 N. Maple Street. The Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center will be hosting the town hall, which is open to all veterans and their families and friends.

Leaders from the VA Medical Center, Escanaba Vet Center, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, and County Veteran Service Officers will be on hand to provide Officers will be on hand to provide a presentation on VA services, discuss updates to the Veterans Choice Program and other initiatives to increase access to VA healthcare, answer questions, and listen to veterans' comments and

"We have done a number of "We have done a number of these Veteran Town Halls and found them to be very beneficial in our understanding of veterans' concerns and helping them to resolve any issues they may have," said Brad Nelson, public affairs officer at the Iron Mountain-based VA Medical Center.

The medical center will also be The medical center will also be hosting Veteran Town Halls May 9, in Gladstone at 1 p.m. (American Legion Post 71); May 10, in Munising at 10 a.m. (American Legion Post 131), Gwinn at 2 p.m. Legion Fost 131), Owinh at 2 p.m. (VFW Post 5570), and Marquette at 6 p.m. (American Legion Post 44); and May 11, in Chassell at 11 a.m. (VFW Post 6507). In the last five years the VA medical center has conducted 42 Veteran Town Halls throughout

the Upper Peninsula and northern

Wisconsin.

Any questions can be directed to VA Public Affairs Officer Brad Nelson at (800) 215-8262, ext. 32001, or the Schoolcraft County Veteran Service Office at (906) 341-3669



Becoming (M)athletes

Courtesy phote
A team of fifth grade students from
Big Bay de Noc School recently
traveled to Michigan Tech University to compete in the U.P. Math
Championships. The students
competed against more than 75
other students from across the
Upper Peninsula. The team,
compressed of, from left for right: Ellie Nedeau, Ellia Calouette, Cameryn
Pederson, and Braedon Thill,
placed 11th overall in the beam
portion of the competition. This
was the team's first tournament. was the team's first tournament In addition, Thill qualified for the championship round after tying for seventh place in the individual

USFWS plans sea lamprey control for local Lake Michigan tributary

LANSING – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel will apply lampricides to Dead Horse Creek (Schoolcraft County) to kill sea lamprey larvae burrowed in the stream bottom. Applications will be conducted on or about May 2-11, in accordance with State of

2-11, in accordance with State of Michigan permits. Applications will be complete in about four days. Application dates are tentative and may be changed based upon local weather or stream conditions near the time of treatment.

Sea lamprey larvae live in certain Great Lakes tributaries and transform to parasitic adults that

migrate to the Great Lakes and kill streams would result in significant damage to the Great Lakes fishery. Infested tributaries must be treated every three to five years with lampricides to control sea lamprey populations.

populations.

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and Health Canada Pest Management Regulatory Agency have reviewed human health and environmental affects of the control of the con safety data for lampricides, and in 2003 concluded that the lampricides (Lampricid Bayluscide) pose no unreasonable risk to the general population and

the environment when applied at larval sea lampreys. However, as with any pesticide, the public is advised to use discretion and minimize unnecessary exposure. Lampricides are selectively toxic to sea lampreys, but a few fish, insect, and broadleaf plants are sensitive. Persons confining sensitive. Persons confining bait fish or other organisms in stream water are advised to use an alternate water source because lampricides may cause mortality

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor, Schoolcraft County EDC has been working diligently to fa-cilitate the combination of several groups to pool resources and streamline operations.

It is obvious to the entire com-It is obvious to the entire com-munity that this concept has been met with resistance from our city leaders. In an effort to undermine the organization and the overall the organization and the overain health and prosperity of School-craft County, the city of Manis-tique seems to have pooled their resources to wage an unexpected and unjustified battle with SEDC. The city obviously has unlim-ited resources to fight this battle

and thus far has spared no expense to do so. The most recent attempt to do so. The most recent attempt to destroy this group; a letter, signed by the city attorney, citing concerns "over the legal efficacy of the STC". This letter was hand delivered by a city employee to business owners and private residents on Friday afternoon.

In this latest communication. they report the city has made several offers to work with the boards to come to a resolution. Why, I wonder, did the city manager not reach out prior to the unscrupulous purchase?

lous purchase?
Why, when I personally contacted her and requested to attend a meeting, held to discuss the purchase, did she and Jan Jeffcott refuse to allow me to attend? Why did Paul Walker ignore my repeatand Paul Walker ignore my repeat-ed requests to meet and discuss the cities plans? All of this prior to the purchase. Is there no over-sight on how taxpayer dollars are spent? Is the city of Manistique so flush with eash they can afford to pay the city attorney to draft a letter, print on the city letterhead, and then pay a city employee to hand deliver during business hours? This, the second time in as many weeks they have been out visiting businesses with a letter drafted by the city attorney. It's too bad the city manager

doesn't allocate the resources doesn't allocate the resources to visit businesses to assist with growth and development, rather it appears that task is not important unless she has an urgent commu-nication from her attorney.

And finally, over the weekend a notice, again signed by the city a notice, again signed by the city attorney was posted on the build-ing, indicating the building is un-der court order to remain closed, any use will be considered tres-passing. This pompous attitude is unprecedented; do they think that a group of business leaders are going to break into the building and

open a welcome center? I am appalled at the total lack of transparency and refusal to provide honest answers. For ex-ample; how much did the taxpayers contribute to the purchase the welcome center? The answer provided has been vague at best. We, John Q Public, do not have the funds to hire an attorney to expose the unfair and deceptive practices, we expect our city leaders to act in the best interest of the people

I am grateful for the support of mBank and The Mustard Seed. without their willingness to stand up for our community this would be one more example of those in a position of power wielding it against the common citizen

Jennifer C. Watson Manistique

Spring is just around the corner, and so are the flowers. I'm sure and so are the howers. I'm sure you've seen people out clean-ing their beds and preparing for another beautiful season. Project Petunia, a completely volunteer organization supported solely by donations, is responsible for both the in-ground beds and hanging

You can help fund us by sending a donation to: Verda Kreuzweiser 7909 Evergreen Drive; Andrea Wedegartner, 7717W Island Lake Road; or the State Savings Bank. Any size donation will help us.

Also, please respect our hard work by not disturbing any of the

Andrea Wedegartner

Dear Editor,
There are a couple things that bother me but I don't hear any concern from anyone about either. First, we know Russia messed with our election, but we don't know if they affected it. I believe they did only because they are so good at such things but there is no

proof either way. We know a lot of Trump's people had an extraordinarily amount of contact with Russians so there of contact with Russians so there is a lot of smoke, but no fire as of now. It seems to me that the smoke should be checked out and I'd think republicans would want that too, if nothing else other than

to clear their name, but more importantly, for our national security. Why is congress holding up an investigation? Is it normal for the Russian ambassador to be at the republican convention? Was he at the democrat convention also?

the democrat convention also?

The other thing is the gassing in
Syria and our subsequent bombing. I haven't heard of any proof
that Syria dropped the gas. To the
contrary, an American expert in
that stuff said it is obvious that
the carrister wasn't dropped from
a plane but that the canister was
alread there and a charge placed placed there and a charge placed on top of it. Still that's not proof. However, what bothers why do Syria, Russia, and Iran want an independent investiga-tion and we don't. If you remem-ber the Gulf of Tonkin you know we're not above misleading our own people for political purposes. Actually, maybe not political pur-poses but maybe monetary pur-poses, a lot of money can be made in wars. Remember Eisenhower's

Jude Collins Manistique

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News Briefs

MARSP schedules May 10 meeting in Garden

GARDEN – The May 10 Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel meeting will take place at The Dock in Garden. Attendees are to gather at 12 p.m. for the business meeting, followed by a lunch at 12:30 p.m. "Histories

program for the meeting, which is the last of the year. All retired school personnel

from Schoolcraft and Eastern Delta Counties are welcome to attend and are encouraged to car pool.

Regional Blood Center sets local drive for May

MANISTIQUE - A Blood Drive for the U.P. Regional Blood Center will take place May 10, in the conference room at Schoolcraft calling 341-7578. Walk-ins are welcome.

Manistique Amity Group plans May 10 meeting

MANISTIQUE - Manistique Amity Group will meet at 9:30 a.m. May 10 at the Presbyterian Church: Deb LeBlanc will speak about

walking tours and other programs offered by U.S. Forestry Service. If interested in the Amity Group, call 341-5081.

50 Years Ago May 4, 1967

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Manistique High School students have elected 'officials' who will serve during Government Day Monday, May 22, as part of Michigan Week. Elected and appointed officials will spend the day with their counterparts, learning first-hand the duties and functions of local government. Elected to the City Council were Sally Bonifas, Paul Demers, Michael Ortanen, Milve Wood and Gary Sample. Christine Cooper was named municipal judge. Township supervisors will be Grace Beaudry, Doyle; Pam Tovey, Germfask; Kris. cohnson, Hiawaths; Lyle Reid, Inwood; Linda Elswards, Manistique; Ronald Lee Mueller; Douglas McDowell, Seney and Judy Burns, Thompson, County officials will be Kaye Pike, county lecir. Dan Thoreli, register of deeds; Mary Jane Weber, abstractor; Ron Haranda, prosecuting attorney; Dan Doyle, probate judge, and Ole Scholander, sheriff. These students, plus those appointed – a total of 51 in all – will be guests at a noon luncheon at the Surf that day with their counterparts. The dinner is being hosted by the Manistique Pulp and Paper Co. and the State Savings Bank.

Chances are good that the State Legislature will approve a proposed bill providing financing for new armories at Manistique and Gladstone, leaving only the Federal financing to be arranged. That's the impression gained from special hearings held Friday and Saturday in Manistique, an emember of the House Appropriations committee, who sao attended.

House Appropriations committee, who also attended.

Another big all-night senior groduation party is being planned for members
of the Class of 1967 at Manistique High School. This party is really going to
edifferent, Rev. Pitts said. Some 250 young persons are expected to atend. A unique "20th Century Sound Colorama" will be the theme for the even
furusday right, June 8, according to Rev. Roy Pitts, general chairman for
the event. A community plan' to underwrite the cost of the evening is being
alonaned by Fred H. Hahne, finance committee chairman, it was pointed out
hait it will cost approximately \$2.50 per person, with 140 students graduating,
and each allowed to bring one guest.

Members of the Selective Service board announced that two draftees left
or indired in a Mikeautea Tuesday of this week. These one Insense

or induction in Milwaukee Tuesday of this week. They are James W. Chartie

35 Years Ago May 6, 1982

Not knows the renculing of US-2 through Manistque is continuing. Slowly, perhaps, but it goes on. The latest estimates for the road work call for completion of the 55 million-plus project sometime during the summer of 1984. The Michigan Department of Transportation first held public hearings on a possible rerouting of Manistiques main drap back in 1974. Since then numerous delays have postponed completion of the project several times. The latest word, however, is that tibs will be advertised for in December, with work beginning in spring of 1983 and finishing up in 1984. A shiny new bus stop has been provided courtesy of Gene Fannin, the state and the city. City DPW Superintendent Mike Faketty said that the land for the shelter was donated by Fannin and the shelter tisef by the state. The city installed it last week and the telephone company will soon put a pay phone nearby.

none nearby.

H.B. Purdy, administrator of Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital was fired un H.B. Purdy, administrator of Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital was fired unexpectedly Monday by the hospitals Board of Trustees, but nobody is saying why. Purdy, 49, was hired by the board in July of 1980 and began work at the hospital that Fall. He was also administrator at Schoolcraft Memorial for six years, 1980-86.
Minnie's Bar in Garden will soon bear a new sign renaming it as Rosie's Place, since Louis and Leora Pichette bought the bar this winter. The Pichettes it level in Detroit and Ferndale for 25 years and have six children. Mrs. Pichette is the former Leora Cota.
Touching down after a practice long jump last Friday is Manistique's Troy Farley, Farley paced the Emeralds in their opening meet last Thursday, netting two first place finishes along with a fourth, good for 11 points.

20 Years Ago May 8, 1997

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In 1997, many leenagers and young adults across the nation say they are either totally cynical or totally uninterested in politics. Then there's Big Bay de Nos student et The The Market Big Bay and the Student et The The Market Big Bay and the Michigan Youth in Gevernment program last week. but There were not four candidates seeking two seats on the Big Bay de Nos School Board.

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Hospital officials will book at expanding their 47-year-old facility upward. Last month, the hospital's Board off Trustees reviewed the latest set of expansion plans, which feature a two story addition to the present building. The new plans would recorganize the first floor, move all patient beds to the second floor and place the hospital's business offices and administration on the third floor, hospital administrator David Jahn said this week.

Ken Rehn, store manager of Ken's Fairway Foods in Manistique, presentation and the second floor at 19-inch color television sett/dec cassetter recorder to Karen Tritten of Manistique. Tritten was the April grand prize winner of the store's Plus Card promotion.

10 Years Ago May 3, 2007

 It was another successful Author Night at the Manistique School and Pub ibrary last Thursday, as people turned out to meet a wide variety of writers fro orlay kai i niursuay, as perpet unneo our meet a wore verye or wires re-to Manistique area and elsewhere around the state. Among the writers takin sit were Frank R. Bard. Lynn McGlothin Emerick, Jacques LaMarche, Brein beher and Donna Jean Pomeroy. Beher and Donna Jean Pomeroy. 1979 Bg Bay de Noc High School Prom "Venture to Vegas", which was held is

2007 Big Bay de Noc High School Prom "Venture to Vegas," which was held lat Saturday, April 28.

• Limestone Federal Credit Union broke ground last week on their new building a facility expected to provide greater security, more convenience and privac for customers, more stations for conducting business, more parking and othe amenities. The project is expected to be complete this fair, more parking and othe amenities. The project is expected to be complete the solid project of the Manistique Emerald girls golf team continues to roll over all challengers winning the Gladstone Invitational tournament last Friday and posting anothe impressive win over the visiting Mustangs of Munising Monday right. Team members include Melanie Neadow, Megan Kelly, Abby Wilson Niikki MacArthu Sam Creaden and Chejeky Smith.



form and Brenda Smith, owners of the Three Seasons Care, were recently suprised with a loyear con-gradulatory celebration. Family, friends, and members of the public showed up Agril 21 for the celebration which boasted cake, balloons, plenty of food, and a plaque. The restaurant is located just east of Manistique on U.S. Highway 2. Search Three Seasons Cafe on Facebook.

UP Rodeo now seeking pageant contestants for July 14-15 event

IRON RIVER – The Upper competition.
Peninsula Championship Rodeo Contestan

Be crowned during the 50th Annual Upper Peninsula Championship Rodeo July 14-15, in Iron River.

Miss U.P. Rodeo Queen Pageant

contestants must be between the ages of 16 and 22 to be eligible. The princess competition is open to ages 11 to 15. Contestants are of ages II to 15. Contestants are crown.
not required to live in the Upper Prizes will be awarded in each Peninsula to take part in either of the four categories and for the

RON RIVER – The Upper Peninsula Championship Rodeo is rounding up contestants for the Miss U.P. Rodeo Queen and Princess pagents. The queen and mile pideous service as ambassadors rodeo knowledge, public relations prott of rode oi ngeneral.

The new queen and princess will represent U.P. Rodeo at the spectrage of each contest will represent U.P. Rodeo at the spectrage of each contest will represent U.P. Rodeo at the spectrage of the rounding the SUM-Advantage of the spectrage o parades, events and select rodeos throughout the U.P. and Midwest. The queen will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, award belt buckle, a

traveling crown and chaps. The princess will receive an award buckle, embroidered jacket and

first runner-up. Presiding over this year's rodeo will be 2016 Miss U.P. Rodeo Queen Bailey Manninen and 2016 U.P. Rodeo Princess. Grace Lundberg. Both will pass on their titles at the crowning, to be held prior to the final rodeo performance on July 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Informational packets and applications are available online at www.uprodeo.com. The deadline to enter is June 22. For further information regarding the 2017 U.P. Rodeo Queen and Princess pageants, contact coordinator Kelsie Christensen at (906) 284-3949 or by email at uprodeo@ yahoo.com.

lampricides on human health and

the environment. In addition to these studies the Commission has implemented a research program

is developing a strategy to in-crease the number of barriers on

develop alternative control

mBank announces second Traverse City branch location

cently amounced the expansion of their current Loan Production Office, located at 309 Cass St, Traverse City, Mich. to a full-service branch beginning May 1. Customers will now be able to utilize all backing professions of the backing profession of the backing profession of the backing profession of the company of the c banking services at this location, in addition to the existing full service branch located at 3530 North Country Drive, Traverse City,

Mich.

mBank offers a wide variety of products, including but not limit

past +3 years and it is a matural progression to offering the full ser-vices of an mBank branch location to meet the growing needs of our clients and customers." said Andy Sabatine, mBank Regional Press²³ dent, Northern Lower Michigan.

ited to checking accounts, savings; tact Andy Sabatine, mBank Recounts, certificates of deposit, gional President, Northern Lower ing Lender.

TRAVERSE CITY - mBank re-cently announced the expansion of commercial loans and an array of the mBank Traverse City branch, located at 309 Cass Street, Suite 100 / 231-941-6301 / asabatine@

100 / 231-941-6301 / asabatine@bankmbank.com.
About mBank Headquartered in Manistique, Michigan. With assets in excess of \$978 million, the community bank empowers individuals and small to medium sized/businesses with smart financing and depository solutions for peace or mind For prese inforfor peace of mind. For more infor-For additional information, con- mation, visit: www.bankmbank com, Member FDIC Equal Hous-

News Brief

SOS to offer Advance Rider Course for motorcyclists throughout state

LANSING - Secretary of State Ruth Johnson has some great advice for motorcyclists with a few miles on their bikes – take a refresher

Advance Rider Courses will be ment on their driver's license and offered at select locations around the state throughout the summer proof of insurance. For more inforcourse to sharpen their riding skills, must have a motorcycle endorse- motorcycling.

mation visit www.michigan.gov/

UP unemployment rates drop, Schoolcraft rate remains high

rate in the Upper Peninsula declined to 7.4 percent in March from 8.5 percent in February.

This decrease of 1.1 percentage points was somewhat larger than the 0.9 percentage point reduction statewide over the month.

statewide over the month.

Jobless rate declines were
recorded in all 15 Upper Peninsula
counties during March. These
monthly rate reductions ranged
2.9 percentage points in Mackinac
County to -0.2 percentage points
in Kewenay County.

County to -0.2 percentage points in Keweenaw County.

Other counties to record unemployment rate drops large than the U.P. average include. Chippewa County (1.6 percentage points), Delta and Schooleraf counties (1.3 percentage points each), and Alger, Marquette, and Gogobic counties (1.2 percentage points each). The remaining counties of the Upper Peninsula experienced rate drops below the experienced rate drops below the

regional average in March.
Payroll jobs generally remain flat in the Upper Peninsula during March as Leisure and hospitality and Retail establishments prepared for the approach of the

The lowest unemployment rate

in the Upper Peninsula during March was reported in Dickinson County at 5.2 percent followed by Menominee County (5.4 percent) and Marquette County (6.0 percent).

The highest unemployment rate The highest unemployment rate in Michigan in March continued to be posted by Mackinac County at 20.6 percent. Above regional average rates were also recorded in Schoolcraft County (11.3 percent),

This was similar to the reduction statewide and nationally during this period.

Unemployment declined in all 15 counties and ranged from 1.1 percentage points in Baraga County to 0.3 percentage points in Marquette County.

The Upper Peninsula's not seasonally adjusted March 2017 unemployment rate of 7.4 percent remained significantly higher than Michigan's rate of 4.8 percent and

Schoolcraft County (11.3 percent), Michigan's rate of 4.8 percent and Keweenaw and Alger counties (9.7 percent each), Ontonagon (9.6 percent), Chippewa (8.9 of 2016 have been recently percent), Bargaga (8.7 percent), and Iron (7.9 percent), and Iron (7.9 percent), are in the Upper Peninsula declined by 0.5 percentage points.



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Sea lamprey

among aquatic organisms stressed by crowding and handling. Agricultural irrigation must be suspended for 24 hours, during and following treatment.

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water to appear red or green.

Lampricides are carefully metered into the stream for approximately 12 hours, and continually analyzed at predetermined sites to are trained and are certified

by (state/provincial) regulatory agencies for aquatic applications of pesticides.

The program is contracted

The program is contracted through the Great Lakes Fishery Commission to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada. of Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The Commission initiated chemical control of sea lampreys in 1958. Since that time the highly successful program has contributed significantly to the maintenance of the \$7 billion Great Lakes sport and commercial fisheries.

The Commission is committed

The Commission is communed to delivering a sea lampray control-program that practices good environmental stewardship. To support the continued safe use of lampricides the Commission recently conducted a series of

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studies at a total cost of \$6 mil- lamprey-producing streams, and lion to assess the effects of the is conducting research into barrier design, traps, attractants, and biological controls.

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OBITUARIES

Ronald "Hondo" Asp

MANISTIQUE - Ron ald "Hondo" Asp, 68, of 106 S. Fourth St., Manistique, Mich., died Sat-urday, April 29, 2017, at his home in Manistique following a brief illness with cancer.

He was born Oct. 22. 1948, in Manistique, the son of Herbert and Shir-Ronald Asp ley (Chartier) Asp and attended Manistique area schools. He was a graduate of Manistique High School with the Class of 1966. While growing up in Manistique, Hondo was a member of all of the Little League All-Star Baseball teams and was also a member of the "Jax" State Championship Softball team in 1974.

During the Vietnam War, he served

in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star medal for awarded the binder state intended to meritorious service exemplifying his efforts, ability, sound judgement, and bravery in connection with ground operations against hostile forces.

Following military service, Hondo was employed as a millwright at Manistique Papers, Inc. for 37 years until his retirement.

Hondo was a member of the Schoolcraft V.F.W. Post No. 4420 of Manistique and was of Catholic faith. He enjoyed golfing, having scored a hole-in-one at both Manistique and

Escanaba golf courses, bowling on the Thursday bowling on the I hursday night leagues, riding his bike, watching sports on television, going to the casino on Wednesdays, and meeting up and so-cializing with friends and family or Fidders.

family on Fridays.

Ron is survived by his sister, Cindy (John) Erickson of Manistique; brother, Mike (Bev Wil-

lour) Asp of Manistique, niccos, Heather (Scott) Sprader of Manistique and Stacy (Ryan) Price of Ashbum, Va.; great nephews, Carson Sprader, Nicholas Price and Brayden Price; and his special friend, Lorna Prater of Manistique.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother,

Larry Asp. Per Hondo's wishes, there will be

Burial will be held in the Fairview

Cemetery at Manistique.

Memorial donations may be direct-

ed to the Manistique Little League, PO Box 263, Manistique, MI; V.F.W. Post #4420; or to Schoolcraft Memo-rial Home Health and Hospice. Messier-Broullire Funeral Home

of Manistique is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.

Gregory B. Stimac

MANISTIQUE Gregory B. Stimac, 75, of Manistique, Michigan, and formerly of Shingle-ton, died Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at the D.J. Jac-obetti Home for Veterans in Marquette. He was born on May

2, 1941, in Munising, to the late Frank and Albe-Gregory B. Stimac na (Shega) Stimac. Greg graduated from Wm. G. Mather High School 1959

and then enlisted into the U.S. Marine Corps on April 14, 1960. He served in Thailand, Korea, and Japan and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Marine Expeditionary Med-al, and Rifle Marksman Award. He was honorably discharged as Corporal on April 13, 1964. Greg attended the Skill Center at Northern Michigan University to become a machin-

ist. He joined the Michigan State Police on Dec. 6, 1965. Greg married Barbara Jean She-pley on June 25, 1966 and together raised their two children. The family was stationed in Reed City, Ponti-ac, St. Ignace, Newberry and Manis-tique. While in St. Ignace, Greg was promoted to Sergeant. He retired from Manistique's Post in June of

1991. After retirement he worked as the Friend of the Court Officer and of the Court Officer and for Auto Value in Manistique. Greg enjoyed puttering with things, gardening and caring for his yard, watching all Detroit sports, traveling with Barb, and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Greg's grandkids were very precious to him.
He is survived by his loving wife of over 50 years, Barb Stimac of Manistique; their children, Carmen (Mark) Marciniak of Livonia, Mich., and

Bradley (Amy) Stimac of Houghton Lake, Mich.; grandchildren, Bryce, Garett, Madison, and Jace; brother, Frank (Bea) Stimac of Munising; sister, Candice Steinhoff of Mar quette; and numerous nieces and Greg was preceded in death by his

parents and sister, Nancy Trombley. A celebration of Greg's life will be held Saturday, May 20, at the American Legion in Munising from

2-4 p.m. His obituary and online guest-book may be found at bowermanfu-

Kenneth C. Zellar

CURTIS C. Zellar, 66, of N9103 Lilae Lane, Curtis, Mich., died peacefully on Sunday, April 30, 2017, at his home in Portage Township sur-rounded by family and friends. Ken fought a battle with colon can-cer with colon can-cer with colon can-dignity for the past five years. C. Zellar, 66, of N9103



versity where he also completed post graduate studies.

On Nov. 7, 2001, he married the former Deborah L. Elowsky in Manistique and they made their home in Curtis

Ken was employed as a teacher t the Manistique Area Schools for 27 years, retiring in 2010. He felt very privileged to be a teacher and have the chance to see his students succeed in their lives. At the same time, he worked as an associate broker at the State Wide Real Estate Office in Curtis. For the past 15 years, he has owned rental homes in the Manistique area and follow-ing retirement drove a school bus for the Three Lakes Academy in

He appreciated na-ture and loved being a hobby farmer: haying, gardening, and caring for animals. He enjoyed traveling and cherished the time he was able to spend with his fam-ily, friends, and beloved pets. He also enjoyed sharing his unique sense of humor with others.

Ken is survived by his wife, Debbie Zellar of Curtis; brothers, John (Barb) Zellar, Jr. of Germfask, Louis (Rose) Zellar of Flint, Lawrence (Rose) Zellar of Germfask, Stan (Patti Kovisto) of Gulliver, and Steve (Marilyn) Zel-lar of Germfask; sisters, Pauline Schutz of Plainwell, Mich., Lucille (Bill) Nyman of Grand Marais, and Laural (Mike) Tansy of Germfask along with many nieces and neph-In addition to his parents, he was

preceded in death by his brother, Wayne Zellar; sister, Mabel Arm-strong; sister-in-law, Joanne Zel-lar; and his brother-in-laws, Walter Schutz and John Armstrong.

Visitation will be held from 2-4

p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Man istique. A memorial service will follow at 4 p.m., at the funeral home, with Pastor J.D. Livermore, Jr. officiating. Memorial donations may be di-

rected to Manistique Area Schools
Foundation or to Three Lakes Online condolences may be ex-

pressed at www.mbfuneral.com

Phyllis J. Hepker

MANISTIQUE MANISTIQUE — Phyllis J. Hepker, 77, of 1256N Mary St., Manistique, Mich., died Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manis-

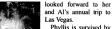
Care Facility in Mains-tique surrounded by her loving family. She was born Jan. 17, 1940, in Houghton, Mich, the daughter-of-George and Selma (Backman) Sul-grandchild

livan and attended schools in Lake Linden, Mich. She was a graduate of the Lake Linden-Hubbell High School with the Class of 1957

On Aug. 17, 1963, the former Phyllis J. Sullivan married Elvin W. Hepker in Hubbell, Mich. They made their home in Houghton be

made their nome in Houghton be-fore moving to Manistique in 1972 where they raised their family. Phyllis was employed as a legal secretary/assignment clerk for the Schoolcraft County Circuit Court

for 26 years, working with Judge Hood and Judge Stark. She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church of Manistique and enjoyed traveling and being with her family and friends. She always



Las Vegas.
Phyllis is survived by her husband, Elvin W.
Hepker of Manistique; children, Craig (Paula) Hepker of Buffalo, Ky.; Lynn (Dave) Gold of Hepker of Buffalo, Ky.; Lym (Dave) Gold of Montrose, Mich., and Karen (Edward) White grandchildren; and her brother, Paul

(Barb) Sullivan of Livonia Mich In addition to her parents, she was

preceded in death by her brother, George "Sonny" Sullivan; and her sisters, Eileen Pascoe and Mary Visitation will be held from 3-5

p.m. on Friday, May 5, at Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Manis-Services celebrating the Life of

Phyllis will be held at 5 p.m., at the funeral home, with Reverend Terry Frankenstein officiating.

Memorial donations may be directed to Zion Lutheran Church Building Fund. Online condolences may be ex-

pressed at www.mbfuneral.com.

Donald J. Harbourne

GARDEN CORNERS, Mich. – Donald J. Harbourne, 77, of Garden Corners, Mich., 77, 07 dated: Contes, Mich., died Friday, April 28, 2017, at Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manistique.

He was born Feb. 8, 1940, in Bay

City, Mich., and moved to Center Line, Mich., as a child. He was a graduate of Warren High School in Warren, Mich. and later served in the U.S. Army.
On Aug. 13, 1960, he married the

former Collette L. Popour at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Warren. They made their home in Center Line for many years and moved to Garden Comers in 1997 from Berkley, Mich. Don was employed as a union car-

penter in the Detroit area for many years.

He enjoyed fishing, the northern woods and reading in his spare time.

Don is survived by his wife, Collette L. Harbourne of Gar-

wife, Collette L. Harbourne of Garden Corners; son, Brad (Kim) Har-bourne of Madison Heights, Mich.; granddaughter, Kennedy Harbourne of Madison Heights; sister, Doris Hazen of Milford, Mich.; and his brother, Jim Harbourne of Lake

There will be no public services.

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

Cinderella Shaffer

MANISTIQUE - Cinderella Shaf-fer, 89, of Manistique, Mich., died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017, at Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manistique.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene in 1992.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, May 8, at Fairview Cemetery in Manistique

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

Lynda Sundin Dehler

LAKEFOREST, III.

- Lynda Sundin Dehler,
68, died unexpectedly at her home in Lake Forest. III. on Friday, April 21, 2017. The first child of Ed-

win and Nona (Peterson) Sundin, Lynda was born March 6, 1949, in Man-March 6, 1949, in Man-istique, Mich.

She attended Manis-tique Area Schools and

was a graduate of the class of 1967.

The majority of her adult life was spent on the north shore of Chicago in Winnetka and Lake Forest, Ill., where she worked as an art and antiques dealer and was actively involved with local humanitarian and



Lynda is survived by her daughter, Colleen Doyle of Lake For-est, Ill.; brother, Duane est, III.; brother, Duane (Judy) Sundin of Man-istique, Mich., and sis-ter, Joy (Todd) Bloom of Cooks, Mich.; her first husband Tim (Deb) Doyle of Minnesota; and several beloved nieces, nephews and great-niec-In addition to her par-

nn addition to her par-ents, she was preceded in death by her son, Shawn Doyle in 1993; sister, Bonnie Sundin in 2014; and second husband, Ernest Dehler in 1994. A private burial will take place at

Moss Lake Cemetery in Isabella, Mich., in July 2017.

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UPAA to host annual spring conference May 20

News Brief

MARQUETTE - The Upper Peninsula Publisher and Author Peninsula Publisher and Author Association is having its annual spring conference from 10 a.m., 5 p.m. May 20 at the Peter White Public Library. The conference is free for members and \$15 for nonmembers.

This year will feature Sue Harrison as the Keynote speaker presenting, "The Art of Asking". She will address the secrets and the pitfalls of presenting work to literary agents and commercial



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Palo Allo, Calif., was the place for the first meeting of four generations of the Eugene Johnson family, Pictured are: Norma Johnson (middle), son Karl (right), granddaughter Erica Johnson-Alperin (left), and twin great-grandchildren Elli and Nels.

The dinner Diva

black pepper, to taste

crock cooker.

I large clove garlic, minced Directions:

Place first 5 ingredients (beef short ribs through onion) in a large

crock cooker.

In a medium bowl, whisk together remaining ingredients (coconut aminos through garlic); pour mixture over short ribs and vegetables in the slow cooker.

Cover and cook on Jow for 8 to 10 hours or on high for 4 to 5 hours, or until meat is falling off the bones and vegetables are

off the bones and vegetables are

Don't be a snooty foodie! Be a cultural

foodie.

Exploring different cultures doesn't mean cultures doesn't mean you have to grab your passport and get on a long flight across the world. It can be as simple as eating an ethnic meal. Yes indeed, a deliciously prepared mean broaden your palate's and his you a di

broaden your palate's horizons and give you a glimpse of a whole different culture.

Remember the first time you tried chips and salsa at the neighborhood Mexican restaurant?

neighborhood Mexican restaurant?
Or the spicy stir-fry with the crunchy veggies, velvety chicken and tasty sauce that came with chopsticks?
When we learn to appreciate the ethnic diversity in food, new flavors and experiences in eating, we naturally broaden our

vorldview

These recipes are delicious, full of flavor, adapted to fit your eating style (paleo, low carb options on all) and best of all, won't keep you in the kitchen for

hours on end.

Today's new recipe,
Asian Short Ribs is Paleo

Asian Short Ribs

Ingredients

- 3 pounds beef short ribs
 2 large carrots, chopped
 1/2 jalapeno, chopped
 I small red bell pepper, de-
- seeded, de-ribbed and chopped
- 1/2 small onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup coconut aminos
 1 teaspoon sesame oil
 1 tablespoon sesame seeds
- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
- I tablespoon grated gingerroot
 Sea salt and freshly ground

MANISTIQUE Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital has added an experienced surgical podiatrist to a growing team of experts.
John Niemela, DPM,
recently joined the
Rural Health Clinic

"I am very excited announce my

to announce my Dr. John acceptance for the position of a podiatric foot and ankle surgeon at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital beginning May 1," said Niemela. "I am looking forward to bringing my expertise and background to Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital and being able to provide new services to the Manistique area and surrounding communities."

Niemela is an Upper Peninsula native, having been born and raised in Marquette. He graduated from Marquette Senior High School and went on to graduate with honors

went on to graduate with honors from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree majoring in medical technology. He completed a one-year internship for medical technology at Hurley Hospital in Flint, Mich. Following his internship, he worked as a medical technologist for three years at Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph, Mich, before attending medical school at Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine in College of Podiatric Medicine in

College of Podiatric Prediction on Chicago, III.

During his second year of medical school, he was a teaching assistant for both gross anatomy and lewer extremity anatomy, for which he later received an Award for Excellence for his Award for Excellence for his efforts teaching first-year medical students. Before receiving his medical school degree, he earned a second bachelor's degree in

a second bachelor's degree in biology from Scholl College. He then graduated from the Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine in 2002, Magna Cum Laude, with a Doctorate.

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Surgical podiatrist joins Rural Health Clinic team

to a three year surgical residency at the Legacy Raiser (PSR Surgical Proof Portland Hospital/ Portland Hospital/
Kaiser (PSR 36)
Surgical Residency
Program A) this
level one trauma
center, he trained with both podiatric and orthopedic foot and ankle surgeons. This residency gave him extensive surgical experience:

surgical experience.

"Upon completion of his residency, he started in private practice in Marquette where he joined another podiatrist for one year. Following that year, he took over the practice and continued in

over the practice and continued in private practice in Marquette for another II years.
"I provide complete foot and ankle care from neonates to genatric patients," said Niemela. "All of my conservative and surgical services will be available art Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital.
Clinical services include,
evaluation and treatment of all foot
and ankle conditions below the

Niemela's

include treatment for orthopedic deformities (bunions, hammer toes flatfeet, arthritis ankle/foot), sports medicine conditions (tendonitis plantar fasciitis, sprains), warts (hands and feet), ingrown nails, wound care (below the knee), masses/tumors, and diabetic foot

of the services I provide include custom orthotics, injections and diabetic shoes. Surgical care provided includes: bunion/tailors bunion/hammer bunion/hammer forefoot/midfoot/

countributions of contributions to the repair, forefoot/midfoot/rearfoot/ ankle reconstruction (everything below the knee)," explained Niemela. "I also provide traumatic reconstruction including mergent fracture repair of the ankle, foot, and toes. I will be available for trauma call at the hospital for injuries below the knee and will also be providing complete pediatric foot and ankle care, including clubfoot casting; congenital deformities, and flatfool treatment.

Niemela is married and has five children. His hobbies include cross country skiing, running, hunting and enjoying time with his family.

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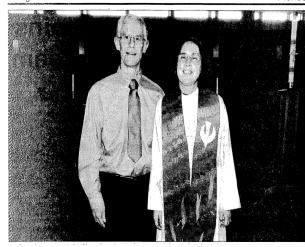
In 2016, I was elected by my peers on the Cloverland Board to the office of Chairperson which are still serving. I also serve as the President of the indian Lake Golf Club in Manishight and on the board of Lighthouse net which is a subsidiary of Cloverland Electric Cooperative You will receive a ballot the first week of May and bics will be in the May/June issue of Cloverland Connections. Again, I ask for your support!

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Suzy's Shadow Box



Zion Lutheran sets installation date for Pastor Frankenstein

7. at 3 p.m. Frankenstein was recently ordained into the Ministry recently ordaned into the Ministry
of Word and Sacrament by Bishop
Thomas Skrenes of the Northern
Great Lakes Synod.
A life-long Lutheran,
Frankenstein completed

requirements for her Master of requirements for her Master of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, in fall 2016. Pastor-Elect Frankenstein's clinical pastoral education was with Lutheran

Courtesy photo oft, Pastor Terry Frankenstein, right, and her husband, John Frankenstein, are shown. Frankenstein is set to for installation at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church May 7.

MANISTIQUE Zion Homes of Oshkosh under the Evangelical Lutheran Church in direction of Rev. David Rumbold, Manistique will host the installation and her internship was with of Pastor Terry Frankenstein May Bethany Lutheran Church in

Bethany Lutheran Church in Ishpeming under the direction of Rev. Warren Geier.

Assistant to the Bishop Katherine Finegan will preside at the ordination, and clergy will join in the laying on of hands. Lay persons will also take part in the service

The public is welcome to attend the installation and join in the celebration. A time of fellowship will follow the completion of the service.

Lifestyles Brief

MDHHS spreading the word about new law

LANSING - The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is urging Michigan residents to learn about the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law, and

Delivery of Newborns Law, and how they can help keep babies safe by promoting awareness of the law. Under the law, a biological parent may legally surrender an infant no more than 72 hours old to an no more than 12 nours old to an emergency service provider. An emergency service provider is a uniformed or otherwise identified employee or contractor of a hospital. fire department or police stational who is inside the building and on the contractor. duty, or a paramedic or emergency

duty, or a paramedic or emergency medical technician.

A communications toolkit and other resource materials are available at www.michigan.gov/ safedelivery. Parents, professionals and other residents can visit www. michigan.gov/safedelivery.

Senior Center News

BY CONNIE FRENETTE

Volunteers are just ordinary people who reach out and take a hand, and together make a difference that lasts a lifetime.

Once again I feel very blessed to have assisted close to 550 homes in getting a little boost from the Feeding America Food truck which came to Manistique. I want to sincerely thank those that stepped sincerely thank those that stepped up to the plate by volunteering. You all were amazing and it would have never been possible without your help. Thank you to Schooleraft Memorial Hospital schooleralt Memorial rospital staff, for not only providing the space, but seeing so many employees volunteering their time was amazing! Sara Giles was a "huge" help in several ways, including the media, location, lining up the shuttle for volunteers,

Public Transit employees, along with the Alternative Ed students carried 88 boxes into elderly and individual homes: If you

and individual nones." It you know how how how heavy these boxes are, you realize how much they are appreciated. They are heavy!

Thank you to Sheriff, Paul Furman, and his staff, Good Neighbors, MDS Community Action Agency, the Veteran's office, Bowlers and Brubakers from Germfask, The Advisor and

Pioneer Tribune. We sincerely thank Jacks Fresh Market and Save A Lot for saving and donating boxes, along with Doug Hall for collecting them. Manistique High School and teacher Mike Powers for always being there, even at such short

And a great "big" thank you And a great "big" thank you to the many, many individual volunteers that worked so hard. You were all amazing. I amproud to share the names of those workers: Kathy Frenette, Theresa Casteel, Carole Goudreau, Sharla Kimmel, Tiffany Cope, Samantha Lynts, Dawn Osterhout, Shannon Rutherford, Jon Studinger, Kelli Stapleton and Bob and Lor Schulz. Hank Richey, Don Erickson,

Hank Richey, Don Erickson, Ashlee Sanderson, Doris Lee, name Naturey, Don Effekson, Danie and Dee Bladhoffort, Mary Ashlee Sanderson, Doris Lee, Burns, Tina Burnis, Wendy Burnis, Kimberly Shiner, Renee Chandler, Ralph (Mudeat) Burt, Joan Penny Carlson, Tammy Holdridge, Brown, Jackie Bruce, Mary Burns, Becky Burt, Doug Hall, Lisa Linda Chandanais, Kim Chartier, Swagart, Margo and Loney Withey, Joe Frenette, Mikki Furman, Bob Crumb, Sara Giles Joe, Arlette and Harlets Clemons, Jasmin, Andrew Howard, Ariannia Billie Cones, Wera Cones, Darrell Congress Deviated Cones, Darrell Congress Deviated Cones, Darrell Lorente, Zales Jenerou, Daniel J Kozmiuk, Zeke Dixson, Brittany Gustafson, Gary Lee, Allen Hendrickson, Brent Schuetter, Glenda Francis and Nancy Lennox:

George Carroll, Boyd Chappell, Jacob Lockhart, William Macdonald, Josh Popour, Dodie Schreider, Dan Moore, Domonick, Seebaldt, Kelley Lentz, Kathy Lovrich, Leif Gystafson, Betsy McHugh, David Lawrence, Larry Kouw, Rex Slingsby, Clyde Johnson, Darcy Gould Rice and

Johnson, Darcy Gould Rec and Sayannah Rosebush. Graymont and Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility have recently contacted the Center and have plans of employees jumping

in. Yes, there are plans of bringing in. Yes, there are plans of bringing the Feeding America Food truck back Wednesday, May 24. It will be held at the same location, same time. All I can say is, "Way to go Schoolcraft County." It shows what a small community with big

what a small community with org hearts can do! While I am on the topic of volunteers and how important they are, I want to mention names of those that have gave from their heart at the Senior Center this past year. Sheila Aldrich, Jean Anthony, Dan and Cliff Barber, Pam Beaudre, Blane and Deb Blandford, Mary and Amber Hill and Edith Greene.
Howard Harbottle, Dix and Les

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T. ALBAN'S EPHo-Conser of Oak and Range Streets. Weekly worstry a Sunday at 10:30 am Everyone wolcome. Come, grow with ust EVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH Pastor Jed Genson, U.S. 2 and Durk Imn Road. Saturday for rhisting and adults 9 am and church

Henry, Joanne and John Kleis, Mary Larson, Colleen LaVance, Doris Lee, Jean Louis, Kathy Lourich, Beth Malloch, Mary Lou Marx, Diane Mazzoline, Karen Meston, Joanne Milavec, Rosalie Miller, Darryl Norden, Larry Peterson, Chris Rantanen, Rosemary Sablack, Ann Sangraw, Sally Schuetter, Jackie Severin, Sally Staszak, Franklin Sweeny, Wes Turan, David Winters and Dianna Ylinen

As you can see, we have one amazing community! (Crossing my fingers that I didn't miss anyone.)

At the time of writing my At the time of writing my column, we only have six rooms available for our upcoming Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard & Plymouth bus trip scheduled for October 7-15. If you are interested, I encourage you to get a down payment in, which confirms your room. Call 341-5923 for further

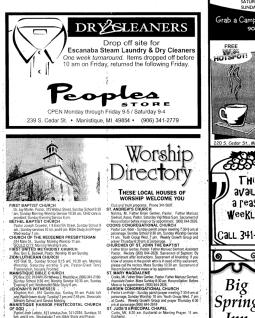
information. Bridge – May 1: 1st – Pat Flint; 2nd – Larry Savoie; 3rd – Audrey Savoie and 4th – Eva Wendling. Card Fund: Lois Hoholik. Hostess: - May 1: 1st - Pat Flint:

Hannah Mammon.

500 – April 27: 1st – Barb
LaVigne; 2nd – Kim Jones; 3rd.
Peggy Beckman. Should Have

Stayed Home: Cathy Wise Birthdays this week: May 5,
Ruth Roemer, May 6 - Loma
Blowers; May 7 - Sandy LaFave
and Barb Hinkson; May 8 - Bruce
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9 - Lauris Barr and Art Messer May 10 - Mickey Tryan. Happy



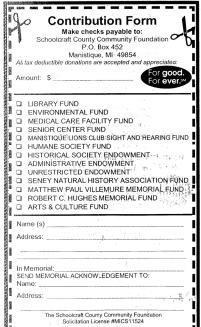
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News Brief

Bay College will host its Alumni and Graduation Celebration tonight

ESCANABA – The Bay College Alumni Association will be hosting an Alumni and Graduate Celebration May 4 from 5-7 p.m. at Hereford and Hops in Escanaba. Graduates and Bay alumni are

Food and fun will be provided, nd a cash bar will be available.

Attendees may register that night for a chance to win prizes, including VISA gift cards for 2017 apportunities, favorable legislation, Bay graduates. In addition, a 50/50 drawing will be held with proceeds to support the Bay Alumni Scholarship Fund.

The Bay College Alumni association promotes networking

www.baycollege.edu/alumni, call the Foundation Office at (906) 217-1700 or email alumni@ baycollege.edu.

Life Tracker

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be conducted by the sheriff's department, as well as processing the applications for program participants.

Volunteers from the Marquette County Sheriff's Department will train local sheriff's department em-

Dixson explained that they will obtain the equipment and training as soon is allowable, and that applications to participate in the program

will be accepted once training is

The cost for participating in the program is a one-time fee of \$50, along with a monthly rental fee of \$20 for the bracelet, maintenance, and testing to ensure each participant remains protected.

Dixson said the goal of the local

program is to equip anyone wanting to participate in the program - re gardless of their ability to pay. For this reason, fundraising will contin-

ue into the future.

"I'm just tickled to be a citizen of the county of Schoolcraft, because things keep happening for us, and timings keep nappening for us, and we're doing them for each other," Dixson said. "Thank you so much, because it matters greatly." For more information about the Life Tracker Program or to make

a donation, contact Undersheriff Darrell Dixson at 341-2122

Prison term

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deliver/manufacture, five kilograms or more, but less than 45 kilograms.

As a result of this fil-ing, Schoolcraft County Prosecuting On Feb. 1, 2016, the U.S. Attorney's Attorney Tim Noble dismissed his Office in Marquette filed a complaint against him for the same prejudice. Assistant U.S. Attorney Maarten Vermaat handled the case against Gregurash.
Following the issuance of

the U.S. Attorney's complaint, Gregurash was arrested while out on a \$100,000 cash or surety bond.

Courthouse

Services Manistique branch of-fice will still be accessible from the East front door entrance.

Also discussed during last week's meeting was the poten-tial availability of funding to as-sist substance abuse efforts within Schoolcraft County. According to Commissioner Craig Reiter, while Commissioner Craig Retter, white attending a recent NorthCare Substance Abuse CDR Board meeting, he learned that funds are collected via cigarette and liquor taxes in Schoolcraft County that are for use only within the county.

are for use only within the county.

NorthCare is an agency which
serves low income residents of
the Eastern Upper Peninsula, and
residents with Medicaid throughout the entire U.P. The CDR portion of the agency works to assist individuals in obtaining substance abuse treatment by providing fi-nancial assistance, or approval of their Medicaid benefit

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Tribe, and we also give money to our drug court," Reiter explained our drug court," Reiter explained of the county's substance abuse funds. "We are not spending nearly what we are allocated. In fact right now, we have, in a bank account with our name on it \$172,896.81. This is money that can only be spent in Schoolcraft County on substance abuse-related activities."

ed activities. Reiter said the county also has

access to possible block grants from NorthCare, which would also be used for substance abuse efforts.

"There's no reason to have all that money sitting there, when we can have some to use in our community to help with the substance abuse problems that we're run-

ning into," he added.
Commissioner Chris Rantanen
questioned why the funds are not
being used for local organizations or programs that may need them.
"That's why I wanted all of us

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to know what's going on, so if you come across something, you know there's money and we can address these things as we find them," Reiter said, noting that the next NorthCare allocation will

suggested working with county departments such as the sheriff, prosecuting attorney, and 93rd District Court to formulate a plan.

No official action was taken on the matter.

next NorthCare allocation will take place in August, so the board has the next approximately three months to come up with plans to use available funding. Commissioner Larry Mersnick

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Hey 2017 grads....

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"Announcements" and get the word out.

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Stop in and see us!

SMH now offers new lung cancer screening to adults who smoke

MANISTIQUE—Smoking causes most lung cancer deaths in both men most lung cancer deaths in both men and women. Now, a new screening test is available for the detection of lung cancer for older adults with a smoking history.

"People who are 55-80 years of

age and a current or former heavy age and a current or former heavy smoker, should talk with their doc-tors about the new lung cancer screening test," explained Julie Baker, medical imaging manager for Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital. "The test has been proven to reduce deaths from lung cancer."

The new screening test is a CT scan of the chest. A CT scan is a se-

body Individuals should talk with body. Individuals should talk with their doctor about their risk for lung cancer, and the pros and cons of the new lung cancer screening. Lung cancer accounts for more deaths than any other cancer for both

deaths than any other cancer for both men and women in the United States and Michigan. In Michigan, the American Cancer Society estimates that there will be 8,440 new cases of lung cancer, and 6,030 deaths due to the disease, in 2016.

"Quitting smoking and the new lung cancer screening test are vital to saving the lives of current and

former heavy smokers," said Baker. "Quitting smoking is not easy, so it's ential to seek help

essential to seek help."

The best way to prevent lung cancer is to not smoke. To quit smoking:
Talk to a health care provider.
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Visit www.michigan.gov/tobacco
for tools to help quit smoking.
Individuals can contact their
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health insurance company for cov-erage and any costs associated with the new lung cancer screening test. For more information, visit www. michigan.gov/cancer.

Lawsuit hearing

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committee was required to gain the approval of both the plaintiffs and defendants, and failed to do so. He also noted that opening the building would subject the city to liability, as it holds the insurance

policy on the building.

"Further, the city has concerns over the legal efficacy of the Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce organization," Plackowski states. "The city has made several offers to work with the five ... person board to come to a resolution to the staffing issue. All of those offers have been rejected. We will continue to seek a resolution to this issue to allow the building to open. However, as of now, the building must remain closed. Again, any attempts to go into the building or to somehow change the locks will be considered trespass and/or breaking and entering and may subject the occupying party to contempt of court

Plackowski also posted a similar

Plackowski also posted a similar notice on the door of the chamber building (see story photo). In response to Plackowski's let-ter and posting, the plaintiffs' at-torney, Vermetten, filed the emergency ex parte motion. In the moion, it is stated that the plaintiffs followed the previous orders of the court, whereas Plackowski's cor-respondence "directly contradicts what was placed on the record previously and the spirit and intent of

dence, which conveys the impresdence, which conveys the impres-sion that he is acting as the city of Manistique's attorney in this matter, threatens to undo the prog-ress made by the court appointed chamber committee," Vermetten chamber committee," Vermetten states in the motion. "Although the order dated April 28, 2017 does not explicitly reference the opening of the building, the whole point of creating a neutral five-person committee was to ensure that the chamber building could remain open during the tourism season, which all parties agreed is in the best interest of the community."

Vermetten goes on to point out,
"the five-person committee does
not need the city of Manistique('s) permission or authority to make decisions on staffing or other issues that are germane to opening and operating the chamber build-ing during the pendency of this lawsuit.

According to an exhibit in-cluded within the plaintiffs' mo-

tion, Plackowski was to appear for the defendants "solely for purfor the defendants "solely for pur-poses of argument on the prelimi-nary injunction (held April 6)." Therefore, Vermetten notes that Plackowski is "no longer repre-senting the city in the case" and

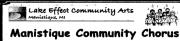
senting the city in the case" and "intentionally interfering with an order of this court".

Currently, defendants the city of Manistique and Sheila Aldrich are being represented by Matthew Wojda, of White and Wojda of Alpena, Mich.
In conclusion, the plaintiffs'

motion requests that the city of motion requests that the city of Manistique and Plackowski be held in civil contempt for interfer-ing with the April 28 court order, and that the city of Manistique and Plackowski pay the attorney fees and costs of the plaintiffs in bringing the motion.

bringing the motion.

The motion was submitted May I and signed the same day by Judge Carmody. A hearing addressing the motion to show cause will take place Thursday at 11:30 a.m.



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Mackinac Financial Corporation reports first quarter 2017 results

MANISTIQUE – Mackinac Financial Corporation (Nasdac: MFNC) (the "Corporation"), the bank holding company for mBank, today announced first quarter 2017 income of \$1.726 million, or \$.28 income of \$1.726 million, or \$2.8 per share, compared to net income of \$1.132 million, or \$.18 per share, for the first quarter of 2016. As expected, the 2017 first quarter results were positively impacted by the operating scale gamered by the two 2016 acquisitions, as well as continued organic growth. All transaction-related expenses from the acquisitions of

again: growth. All transaction-related expenses from the acquisitions occurred in 2016 and no legacy costs are expected this year. Total assets of the Corporation at March 31, 2017 were 8976.635 million compared to \$732.932 million at March 31, 2016. Shareholders' equity at March 31, 2016 totaled \$80.009 million, compared to \$77.395 million at March 31, 2016. The tangible book value per share equated to \$11.47 on March 31, 2017 compared to \$11.64 per share a year ago. Weighted average shares outstanding totaled (5.270.344 shares in the 2017 first quarter compared to \$1.64,083 for the same period in 2016.

2016. mBank, the Corporation's primary asset, recorded net income of \$2.061 million in the first quarter of 2017, compared to \$1,486 million for the first quarter of 2016, equating to a 39% increase

Some highlights for the first quarter include

include:

-Quarterly dividend on common stock of \$.12 per share compared to \$.10 per share one year ago.

-Total interest income of \$10.596 million for 2017 compared to \$8.310 million for the same period in 2016.

-Net interest riargin has remained storing at 4.197.

-Active secondary mortgage market activity with non-interest income stemming from that business line in-creasing.

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-from \$.267 million to \$.298 mil-lion year ever year for the period.
-fotal loan production of \$52.600 million in the first quarter of 2017. Total belance sheet loans at March 31, 2017 were \$786.546 million, an increase from March 31, 2016 bal-ances of \$618.625 million. Total loans under management now re-side at \$1.058 billion which includes \$271.179 million of service retained solars uncer management now reside at \$1058 billion which includes \$271.179 million of service retained loans. New loan production was solid in the 2017 first quarter at \$52.6 million, with the Upper Peninsula generating \$26.7 million of this total and increasing contributions from the acquired Wisconsin markets and our ABL bussness line Mackinac Commercial Credit. Commercial originations accounted for \$29.1 million, with retail, predominantly mortgage, equating to \$23.5 million. Commercial production and overall lending activities, Kelly W. George, President and CEO of mBank stated, "We are pleased with our continued momentum and consistent loan production for the quarter, especially given some recent

interest rate movement and the com-petitive lending landscape it fosters for good quality loans. We expect the ton good quanty toans. We expect use strong production trend to continue as we move into our more seasonal lending origination months, particu-larly with our fully integrated and branded Wisconsin markets gaining continued traction. The performance of our asset based lending division through the first three months of the

from asset oased renum division to the year has been strong, augmenting our well-rounded loan product mix. Our loan product mix should serve as well in this rising rate environment."

Nonperforming loans totaled \$3.730 million, 47% of total loans at March 31, 2017 compared to \$1.717 million, or 28%, of total loans at March 31, 2016 and down from the \$4.124 million from December 31, 2016. Total loan delinquencies greater than 30 days resided at a nominal 79%, or \$6.193 million, at the end of he period.

Mr. George, commenting on credit quality, stated, "Our credit quality skenteries and overall loan partfolio payment performance remains strong

payment performance remains strong with no significant loan issues within the portfolio for the quarter. We remain comfortable with our diligence on the acquired loan portfolios and corresponding purchase accounting marks and would expect our metrics. to continue to improve in the normal course of business in 2017."

Net interest income in the first quarter of 2017 resided at \$9.166 million, or 4.19%, compared to \$7.288 million, or 4.33%, in the first quarter

minion, or 4.35%, in the first quarter of 2016.

Mr. George stated, "We have been successful in maintaining our strong net interest margin through the historically low interest rate cycle. Interest rates have now begun to slowly increase, which will lead to increased net interest dollars given the asset structure of our balance sheet. We will continue to use targeted funding strategies and disciplined loan pricing in efforts to mitigate longer term interest rate risk while seeking apportunities that utilize the shape of the yield curve as we replace shorter term liabilities. We remain committed to our core banking philosophy, while emphasizes loan growth as the best asset to invest in to benefit and help grow the economic bases in our local grow the economic bases in our local communities, which in turn also pro-vides the best overall returns to our shareholders.'

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Total deposits of \$821.820 million at March 31, 2017 increased by \$228.842 million from deposits of \$592.978 million on March 31, 2016 and were slightly down from year end deposits of \$823.512 million.

Mr. George, commenting on core deposits and overall liquidity stated, "The Corporation maintains a strong liquidity position to fund operations and loan growth. We proactively review our short and long term funding needs and our pricing levels within the different segments of our deposit products to best manage our net interest margin and increase proliability.

We also continue to actively work to grow our core deposit base but we commonly experience some season-ality of deposit levels this time of year within our core client base given their locations and industry mix. This sea-sonality is factored into our funding

Noninterest income, at \$.776 million in the first quarter of 2017, increased \$1.49 million from the first quarter 2016 level of \$.627 million. Year over year non-interest income levels improved partially due to an increase in SBAUSDA sales which totaled \$.060 million in the 2017 first quarter. Secondary market fees increased \$.031 million in the first quarter of 2017 compared to first quarter of 2016. Noninterest expense, at \$7.177 million in the first quarter of 2016. Noninterest expense, the properties of \$1.500 million from the first quarter of 2016. The expense increase from the first quarter of 2016 five expense increase from the first quarter of 2016 five expense increase from the first quarter of 2016 five expense increase from the first quarter of 2016 five expense increase from the first quarter of 2016 five expense increase from the first quarter of 2016 five expense increase from the first quarter of 2016 properating expenses necessary to enorgate the properation of the properation Noninterest income, at \$.776 miloperating expenses necessary to en-sure our platform infrastructure keeps pace with our growing asset base and the associated regulatory and risk management needs

Total assets of the Corporation at March 31, 2017 were \$976.635 million, up \$243.703 million from the \$732.932 million reported at March 31, 2016 from the \$732.932 million reported at March 31, 2016 from the \$732.932 million reported at March 31, 2016 from the \$732.932 million reported at March 31, 2016 from the \$732.932 million reported at March 31, 2016 from the \$732.932 million reported at March 31, 2016 from the \$732.932 million reported at March 31, 2016 from the \$732.932 million reported at March 31, 2016 from the \$732.932 million reported at March 31, 2016 from the \$732.932 million reported at March 31, 2016 from the \$732.932 million reported at March 31, 2016 from the \$732.932 million reported at March 31, 2016 from the \$732.932 million reported at March 31, 2016 from the \$732.932 million reported at March 31, 2017 million from the \$732.932 million reported at March 31, 2017 million from the \$732.932 million reported at March 31, 2016 from the \$732.932 million reported at March 31, 2016 from the \$732.932 million from the \$732.932 million reported at March 31, 2016 from the \$732.932 million from the \$732.932 mil

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Section **B**

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Lincoln Stars select Ashbrook in draft

BISMARK, N.D. - On Tuesday, former Manistique hockey player, Tristan Ashbrook, was selected in phase two of the United States Hockey League draft by the Lin-

coln Stars.

Ashbrook is currently playing forward for the Bismarck Bobcats. Three other Bobcats were also Inree other Bobcats were also selected. Matt Barry was sought by Youngstown Phantoms. Alex Pollock was selected by Chicago Steel, and Grant Johnson was drafted by Fargo Force.

He is the son of Travis and Laurel Ashbrook

Coming up in Sports

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Varsity Golf
Thurs., May 4 at HOME, 10

a.m.
Tues., May 9 vs. Stephenson at Indian Hills, 10:30 a.m.



Joe LeBlanc photo From left, Shelby Misniakiewicz, Meagan Yonker, and Megan Espinoza compete in the 1,600 meter run last Friday at the annual Kiwanis Track meet. Additional photos may be viewed at www.mstqpioneertribune. smugmug.com.

Redmen dominate Kiwanis meet

Dominating the event in both the

MANISTIQUE – The Emeralds bosted their annual Kiwanis Invitational last Friday with eight Upper Michigan schools in attendance. In the definition of the design of the des

A little light in the girls' compe-

Kiwanis meet continued on B2



Newberry wins annual tournament

High School Pink Tournament

Coming off an 11-0 loss to Newberry in game one, Manistique rallied, but came up short, dropping a 9-6 decision to Menominee. Trailing 5-0, Manistique got on board when McKenna Chartier crossed the plate for

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Lady Emeralds hit the links

MANISTIQUE - Playing in win-ter like conditions, the Lady Emeralds' golf team took to the links for their first match of the season at

Teeing off with the temperature nearly reaching just 35 degrees, Manistique finished the nine-hole two-person scramble event in fourth place. Escanaba won the match with a team score of 129, followed by Munising 150, Glad-

stone 154, Manistique 159 and Ish-

peming 164.

Megan Boyd and Calli Ansell paced the Emeralds with a 47. Brooke Whiskin and Allison Floyd finished with a 56, Abbi Popour and Karah Green 56, Lexi Hubble and Sydnee MacPhail 58, Megan Annelin and Kamryn Hoezee 58, Tay-lor Holmberg, and Erin LaBar 70. Manistique will host Westwood and Menominee next Monday.

41st annual Big Bay Relay set for May 20

MARQUETTE - What makes youth teams. Teams cover approxi-the Big Bay Relay different than mately 26 miles with runners going any other relay? It is the Upper Peninsula's most esteemed and historic race relay event. Teams come together with friends and a community of runners by their side to conquer a course that stretches from

Marquette to Big Bay.

The relay experience is as competitive as is desired. Rally a team and battle the other teams in a division for the top ranking, or simply make it a goal to cross the finish line together. The Big Bay Relay is about coming together and accomplishing something as a team. From an elite runner to the novice runner, Big Bay Relay is the perfect race for

anyone.

The 41st annual Big Bay Relay will be held May 20. It will kick off from the Kaufman Sports Complex at 8 a.m. with the finish at the Thun-

der Bay Inn, in Big Bay.

Teams are composed of five runners for adults and up to seven for

youtn teams. Ieams cover approximately 26 miles with runners going approximately one mile each before handing the baton to a teammate and resting until it is their turn again. While one person is running, the rest of the teammates are on support duty in the race vehicle. As each new runner begins, the crew in the vehicle drives ahead and meets them at the exchange point to pick them up and drop off the next runner.

For elite runners who want to compete, or a group of friends that want to try something adventurous, this picturesque relay is perfect. For 40 years the Big Bay Relay has been uniting community members, families and friends.

lies and friends.

Registration information is available on the race website at http://www.noquetrails.org/events/bigbay-relay. If interested in volunteering or in need of more information, contact Brent Skaw at (715) 651-1202, or by email at beskaw

'Short-n-Sweet' added for 2017 Swim Teal Lake

will be held July 29. This year's race will be featuring a new event along-side the traditional 2.25 mile open

The "Short-n-Sweet" swim will be a quarter-mile swim and is open to all ages. The "Short-n-Sweet" swim begins at 8:30 a.m. Beginner swim starts at 9 a.m. and the advanced swim starts at 9:30 a.m. (both are 2.25 miles).

All swims will start at Negaunee's Teal Lake beach with the long races finishing at Ishpeming's beach at Al

Registration is available online at www.teallakeswim.com and it is rec ommended to register early to ensure participants receive the proper sized event shirt. Registration will also be available the morning of the swim.

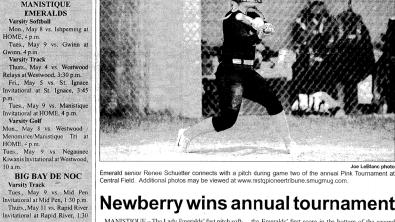
NEGAUNEE - The 14th Annual Swim Teal Lake: Benefit for Diabetes fore the race begins.

This year, the special guest speaker is three-time Olympian, Gary Hall Jr. Hall Jr. is an Olympic swimmer (1996, 2000, and 2004) and winner of 10 Olympic medals (five gold, three

silver, and two bronze). He was diag-nosed with type 1 diabetes in 1999. The swim will help raise funds for the U.P. Diabetes Outreach Network. UPDON is a nonprofit organization which promotes innovative partnerships to strengthen the prevention, detection, and management of diabetes across the U.P.

The Western Marquette County

Health Foundation is assisting in the effort by matching all swimmer donations, up to \$10,000, for the third year in a row. For more information or to volunteer, contact cambensyk@ upcap.org or call (906) 228-9203.



MANISTIQUE – The Lady Emeralds' fast pitch soft-bill team dropped a pair of games against Newberry and Menominee last Saturday in the annual Manistique After holding Menominee scoreless in their next two

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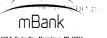
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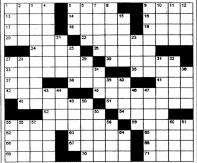
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Kiwanis meet

Emeralds took the biggest hit in They were also lacking Kelsey De-Hanke, who typically places well in the high jump.

"Our distance team continues to "Our distance team continues to improve," said Head Coach Rob Schwartz. "They are a solid group so far headed by Megan Espinoza and Shelby Misniakiewicz in the 3,200 meter run. Espinoza also competes in the 1,600 meter run and we have Emilee McDaniel in he 800. They all continue to improve weekly."

Espinoza finished third in the 3,200 with a time of 13:36.43. She

also took a fourth place finish in the 1,600 with a time of 6:19.39.

Continuing to run well, Ashley McDonald took fourth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:07.24. She is already alread of last year's pace. McDonald also placed sixth in the long jump with a leap of

Misniakiewicz took fifth place in the 3,200 with a time of 13:45.76 The 3,200 relay team of McDan-

iel, Espinoza, Misniakiewicz, and LaBar took third with a time of 11:47.05.
The 1,600 relay of Muth, Mc-

Donald, McDaniel, and Bellville finished in third with a time of 4:46.79. Brit Bellville stepped in for DeHanke.

"Both relay teams will continue

to improve and will be competitive at finals," said Schwartz. For the boys, Logan Pawley con-

tinues to gather points for the Emeralds in the pole vault. Vaulting



Charlet de

Kiwanis Invitational. Pawley finished fourth with a 9-6. The Eig Bay de Noc Black Bears were also in attendance at the event. Al right. Steven Knudson tosses in the shot put.

9 to take third at an earlier meet in by the 1,600 relay team with a fifth Iron Mountain, Pawley took fourth place finish and time of 4:15.18.

Also participating at the meet was Big Bay de Noc. Alex LaLonde took second in the high jump for the boys with a leap of 5-6. at the Kiwanis meet with 9-6.

Alex Misniakiewicz continues to do well in the 3,200. He placed fifth with a time of 12:00:92. The 3,200 relay took third with a

Meagan Yonker took fifth place with a time of 6:20.79 for the girls. Boys team final scores: Mar-

quette 217, Newberry 152, Stephenson 69, Munising 32, Gwinn 25, Manistique 14, and Big Bay de

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Orls team final scores: Marquette 148.5, Munising 116, Stephenson 62, Newberry 61, Gwinn 59.5, Manistique 32, Munising Baptist 11, and Big Bay de Noc 2.

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Pink Tournament

time of 10:00.13.

The final points were received

at bats, Manistique rallied for three runs in the bottom of the fourth to cut the margin to one point (5-4). Chartier, Kylie Johnson and Mady Burton all scored for Manistique

in the rally.

Up by one run and struggling at the plate, Menominee added three unanswered runs in the top half of the fifth, pushing their lead back to 8-4

With two runs scored Chartier scored the Emeralds' lone run (her third) in the sixth.

On base with a double, Lexi Russel scored the game's final run in the seventh inning.

Newberry went on to win the tournament Renee Schuetter had two RBI's; Rus sell and Chartier each had a run batted in Amanda Menominee was on the mound fo

Manistique. The Emeralds hosted Rapid River Wednes day after press time. They will be back on home field May 8 to take on the visiting Ishpeming Hematites.



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Third baseman, Lexi Russell, makes the connection in game two

FISH REPORT BY RET. SGT. JOHN WALKER

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Well, here we are into May. You sure would never know it with the weather we have been having and the snow flurries this morning. If you read my articles you well know I have always been a believer in the fact that if we have a real mild winter, hang on because in a lot of cases nasty weather hangs on late into spring. Guess what, this is one of those years.

When this happens it can mess

everything up from mushroom pick-ing, to fish runs, to sitting out in a boat trying to catch fish. In fact, a person should not have to wear long handles to go out and try to get a few night crawlers. It can also make summer seem real short if we go halfway through May before it even warms up a little. As the old saying goes, "Welcome to the U.P."

There were a few spring trappers out trying their luck and if the

weather is a plus for anyone it could be them. With the weather we are having the fur should still be in its prime without a whole lot of prob-lems with the sun bleaching out the hides.

hides.

Speaking of the weather, down where Wifee and I used to live before moving back to Michigan (where she grew up) they sure got hit with some rain and I mean tons ntt with some rain and I mean tons of it. There were houses floating down creeks, bridges taken out all over even on I-44. In fact, in some places all the water lifted the black-top off the older concrete road un-der it and floated it into piles. Parts

of Branson were under water and Hodgson's Mill was really flooded. They received over 10 inches of rain in a short period of time.

One thing that totally amazed me is all the use of drones to film all the flooding water and damage during the flooding. Some coverage that the flooding. Some coverage that only a few years ago you would not even think of now is just a way of life in so many cases. A lot of these drones live filming of the ongoing flooding were being shown right away on live TV.

away on live TV.

Then you add on top of this all the people out there taking pictures and making videos with their phones and you have firsthand coverage right away. It sure has changed life as we knew it only a few years ago. Who would have ever thought that some-thing could make a trip down a road in the middle of nowhere making a record of all the damage in a matter of minutes where before a county road crew would take hours and

hours to cover all the same ground?

The other thing that blows my mind is the quality of all these pictures and live feeds that you see from a little remote camera. I have always wondered just what my dad would think if he was still around to see how things have changed since I

was growing up.

This past weekend I was down at the daughter's having the son-in-law do some work on Wifee's car. As life always has it, our little project got bigger as we went along. I had to go to O'Reilly's, an auto parts store, to

purchase some car parts. I had carried a military ID card around for years that I had gotten from the ver-eran's office in the court house and never thought to use it. But on this trip I asked the clerk if they honored and gave a military discount. His reply was "O' surel" and it saved me over \$100. As the project

saved me over \$100. As the project got bigger I had to run back to anoth-er auto parts store and here the clerk brought up what my part would cost and then said, "Let me check something." He then pulled up the same thing." He then pulled up the same part on the computer showing what all the other auto part stores in the area charged for the same part and gave me the lowest price.

My, exspurtees on a computer is turning it off and on so I am always

totally amazed at what can be done with them. But here were two cases where they could hit a button that where they could nit a button that programmed in a military discount and in the other case a price match and instantly there it was all figured out to give me the best price. Our world sure has and is changing ev-

ery day. Well, the sun is trying to poke through so hopefully we will get some drying weather the next few days so we can get some things done outside. If someone my age misses too many days he will be so far behind schedule, he may as well throw in the towel because he will never catch up seeing he has only one speed, slow. Then again maybe its two speeds, slow and slower still.









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Yes, it's tick season

LANSING - The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is encouraging Michigan residents to protect themselves from ticks as the warm weather approaches. Tick-borne diseases, and particularly Lyme disease, are expanding across the State. Although ticks can cause multiple

illnesses, Lyme disease is the most innesses, Lyme disease is the most commenly reported tick-borne disease in Michigan. Lyme disease is caused by the bacterium Borrelia burgdorferi and is transmitted by the blacklegged/deer tick.

the blacklegged rick.

The blacklegged rick is wellestablished in Michigan's western
Upper and Lower Peninsulas.

However, the ticks are expanding
into new areas across the Lower
Peninsula. In 2016, there were 221 human cases of Lyme disease reported, and approximately two out of three cases reported exposure in Michigan. "With the expansion of

blacklegged ticks into new areas in Michigan, the most important way to protect against Lyme disease is to prevent tick bites," said Dr. Eden Wells, Chief Medical Executive of weis, chief medical Executive of the MDHHS. "If you find a tick attached to your body, promptly remove it. Monitor your health and if you experience fever, rash, nuscle or joint aches, or other symptoms, consult with your medical provider."

People can protect themselves against Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases by using the following tips to prevent tick bites:

Avoiding tick-infested areas. Walk in the center of trails to avoid contact with overgrown gras brush, and leaf litter at trail edges. Using insect repellent.

Apply repellent containing DEET (20-30 percent) or Picaridin

on exposed skin.

Treat clothes (especially pants, socks, and shoes) with permethrin, which kills ticks on contact or buy clothes that are pre-treated. Do not

use permethrin directly on skin.

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when applying any

Performing daily tick checks.

For more information about Lyme disease, visit www.cdc.gov/



During the month of April area residents had the opportunity to register for a Craftsman lawnmower at Ho During the finding Apin, area a responsible to opportunity of register for a variational naminower at no-holik's Ace Hardware. Although the weather doesn't seem to be cooperating lately, it will eventually begin to warm up and the grass will grow. When that does happen, Jan Reque will be enjoying the task a little more when she is pushing around her new mower. Congratulating Reque on her new piece of lawn equipment is Bill Hoholik.

Learn to Hunt program set to take place in Escanaba

LANSING - The Michigan Learn to Hunt Program will offer several upcoming opportunities for new hunters to learn how to hunt for wild turkeys.

Learn to Hunt Turkey programs are scheduled for:

May 5-6 in Escanaba
May 12-13 in Middleville
(Barry County)
May 19-20 in Bellevue (Eaton

County)

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During the two-day programs, participants will learn about turkey behavior, how to scout for turkeys, cleaning and processing birds, and patterning shotguns. They'll also have the opportunity to hunt with a mentor on two

Cost is \$50. This program is for adults who are new to hunting. No previous hunting experience is necessary, and equipment is available if needed. Space is limited, so those interested should register soon.

For more details about each session and registration information, see the attached flyers or visit the Learn to Hunt website.

Learn to Hurt - a partnership between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the National Wild Turkey Federation, Michigan State University, the Hal and Jean Glassen Memorial Foundation and others – was created to provide both instructional and hands-on experiences for adults

nands-on experiences for adults new to hunting. "Many people are becoming interested in hunting for various reasons, such as being mindful about where their food comes from, to improve self-sufficiency, from, to improve self-sufficiency, and to experience nature in a unique way," said Johanna Dart, Learn to Hunt coordinator "Each Learn to Hunt Program provides instructional basies of hunting a Michigan game animal and a mentored hunt opportunity, designed to provide confidence and knowledge for new or novice hunters."

For more information on the Learn to Hunt program, www.learntohuntmi.org.

Outdoors Brief

DNR offers 'Wildlife Through Forestry' program

LANSING - The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will offer its latest "Wildlife Through Forestry" forum, which will showcase preliminary results from the DNR's ongoing Upper Peninsula predator-prey study, May 8 at the Ottawa Sportsmen's Club in

Baraga County.
"This is the third forum in our highly-successful series, which began earlier this year, in the western UpperWildlife researchers hold a Opperwidther researchers note a bear cub during a black bear den check this past winter in Ontonagon County during the Upper Peninsula predator-prey study Peninsula" said John Pepin, DNR deputy public information officer. "These sessions link wildlife topics to the numerous ways habitat may be developed and enhanced for a range of species on

private lands." The forum will be from 7-9 p.m., May 8 at the Ottawa Sportsmen's Club conference room/banquette hall, located along M-38, approximately seven miles west of Baraga. The club is sponsoring the

With funding from a Natural Resources Conservation Service grant, the DNR has been offering "Wildlife Through Forestry" forums over the past few months.

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News from MAS

By Maryann Bodd

On May 9, Manistique Area Schools will be welcoming a very Schools will be welcoming a very's special visitor, State Superintendent Mr. Brian Whiston, Superintendent Whiston plans time in his busy schedule at least once each month to visit a public school district in the State of Michigan. With more than 580 public school districts in the State of Michigan, we are honored to have been selected for the Superintendent's visit.

During his two-hour visit

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During his two-hour visit
to Manistique Area Schools,
Superintendent Whiston will visit
Emerald Elementary, Jack Reque
Alternative High School at Z-TEC
and Manistique Middle/High School.

Mr. Whiston will begin his tour at Emerald at 1 p.m. After a brief meet and greet with Superintendent Boddy, he will visit classrooms to observe the Emerald Pledge, to observe the Emerald Pledge, morning meetings, math lessons including math talk and student leaders, student interventions, creative writing, blogging and coding, pre-school artwork in the hallways, and archery in Physical Education

From Emerald, he will travel to Z-TEC where Mr. Whiston will tour the new Jack Reque Alternative High School classrooms and learn more about the Timber Harvesting Equipment Operator program - the first of its kind in the State - and the unique school/business partnership developed between MAS and the

Finally, at the Middle/High School the Student Leadership School the Student Leadership Team will take over the tour showing Mr. Whiston through the Career and Technical Education wing of the building, the art and band rooms, the athletic facilities,

band rooms, the athletic facilities, including the pool and gym, and several classrooms.

At 2:35 p.m. the tour will conclude in the Library with a public reception, including light snacks and beverages, and an opportunity to meet Mr. Whiston. Parents, students, business owners and all community members are invited and encouraged to attend invited and encouraged to attend the reception.

Because of the significance of the State Superintendent's visit and all of the wonderful things that we have to share with him, we are proclaiming May 9, Emerald Pride Day. We encourage all district TEAM members, students and community members to wear green and white MAS t-shirts, sweatshirts and jerseys in support. of our school and our community

of our school and our community.
We hope that you will be able to be a part of this exciting day to help make a lasting impression on Superintendent Whiston, and his visit to Manistique one that he will never forget.

If you have any questions or would like more information contact Maryann Boddy at (906)



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