




Weekend Forecast		
Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 27 Low 22	High 34 Low 31	High 38 Low 29
Mostly Cloudy	Rain/Snow Showers	AM Cloud PM Showers

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Hunters, prepare for opening day

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You voted, check the results

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Voters say 'yes' to seniors, new council

Townships claim victory, SCCD millage defeated

MANISTIQUE - Three millage requests presented to Schoolcraft County voters were approved during Tuesday's election, while one other failed. Voters also selected four new members to serve on Manistique City Council.

In an election that presented a higher than average voter turnout, a millage request by the Schoolcraft County Conservation District was narrowly defeated by 42 votes. A total of 989 Schoolcraft County voters cast ballots against the proposal, while 947 residents voted in favor of the request. The SCCD had been seeking a millage increase to .22 mills for 10 years to provide funding for conservation, forestry and education purposes.

Prior to the election Tom White of the SCCD Board, had indicated that state government had ceased funding for Districts and that an increase in funding from taxpayers would allow the District to expand its offerings. He also noted that the District would receive funding at the original millage rate from the 2017-18 winter taxes, but that this would only fund SCCD through the end of 2018.

Following the election, White said the District was saddened by the failure of the millage.

"I'm disappointed that the millage request failed, of course, but happy to see that it was a very close vote. We'll have to understand what motivated those 'no'



Pioneer Tribune photo
 After failing to pass a millage to fund renovations and operation costs last year, the Manistique Senior Center gained the support of the public in Tuesday's election by opting to ask for a millage increase for the sole purpose of operational funding.

votes and address those concerns in the future," he explained. "In the meantime, the conservation district remains open for business, doing what we've been doing. We're looking at a couple of grant opportunities right now, including the possibility

of holding another scrap tire drive in the summer.

"Our financial condition is fine for the moment. We will receive millage funding this winter, but that will be the end of millage-based support for us until we pass a

new millage proposal," he continued. "We can continue to maintain part-time office hours through 2018, although we may adjust those hours such that we are open less in the fall/winter/spring and open more in the summer months.

Election Rundown		
City Council		
Full Term (2) Seats (four-year)		
Mile Perilloux		275
Cathy Rohde		348
Isaac Swisher		100
Richard Hollister		88
Unresolved write-in		115
Partial Term (2) Seats (two-year)		
Kimberly Shiner		387
Jackie Jenerou		58
Aimee Lunsford		21
Millage requests		
Schoolcraft County Conservation District		
Yes	947	No 989
Manistique Senior Center		
Yes	1,364	No 617
Doyle Township		
Yes	95	No 66
Thompson Township		
Yes	147	No 65

Looking into the future, White said the lack of millage funding would force a change in the way the SCCD operates.

Election results
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Quick facts
 Eric Scott Ruska has entered a guilty plea in federal court for charges of kidnapping and aggravated sexual abuse.

Guilty plea entered by Ruska

Co-worker of area woman kidnapped, assaulted her

MARQUETTE - A man accused of kidnapping and sexually assaulting an area woman has entered a plea of guilty in the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan - Marquette.

Eric Scott Ruska, 37, pleaded guilty Tuesday to one count of kidnapping and three counts of aggravated sexual abuse. The felonies are punishable by up to life in prison.

The charges stem from an incident which began July 9, when Ruska allegedly lured in his victim, a co-worker, under the guise of a fishing trip on Chicago Lake in Delta County.

While on the boat, investigators say Ruska announced his intention to kidnap the victim and then traveled to locations

Guilty plea
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County commissioners review airport's ten-year master plan

MANISTIQUE - The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners recently spent time reviewing the county airport's Master Plan. The plan includes both improvements to existing structures and surfaces, as well as new additions to increase traffic to the airport.

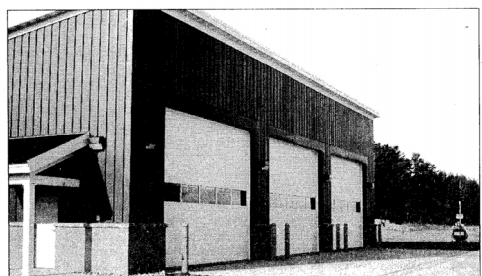
According to Steve Videtich, Schoolcraft County Airport manager, the Master Plan, which spans the next 10 years, outlines proposals for the hangars, building improvements, maintenance, and the removal of trees from around the runway.

"You have to have a plan to receive FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) money," he said. "We're just trying to get this all squared away with the FAA, so we can start applying for grants and receiving more money."

Commissioner Craig Reiter pointed out that the Master Plan is fluid, meaning that projects slated for completion later can be prioritized if the need occurs.

Videtich noted that next spring, the runway will be repaired and repainted - all paid for via grant funding, with a five percent match from the county. He added that he is also working on funding a new hangar.

"We're trying to get a layout of a new hangar for four more additional planes," Videtich said, adding that once the engineering plans are completed, it will be up to the commissioners to approve or deny the project.



Pioneer Tribune photo
 The most recent additions to the Schoolcraft County Airport are shown above. The airport manager recently discussed future projects included in the airport Master Plan.

He pointed out that the Master Plan also includes a fence to be installed around the perimeter of the airport.

"I pushed that out about three years," said Videtich. "The reason why ... is what's happening is our hangars are full ... I have three people that have already been requesting to come in.

The FAA looks at it as an improvement for our area also because we bring in more planes," he added. "So they thought that would be the best thing to start on (a new

hangar)."

While the airport could accommodate a larger hangar than what it will be pursuing - the four-plane hangar - Videtich pointed out that they are limited by funds available.

As for other potentially bothersome airport "traffic," Videtich said the airport

Airport Master Plan
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News Brief

Veterans Day Program set to take place at MHS Friday

MANISTIQUE - Manistique residents are invited to celebrate veterans by attending the annual Schoolcraft County All-Vets Organization's Veterans Day Program Friday. The program takes place in the Manistique Middle and High School Fredrickson Auditorium at 11 a.m.

Members of the local VFW Post 4420, VFW Auxiliary, American Legion Post 83, and Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26 will present the program. The Manistique High School Band and Manistique Area Schools Student Leadership Group will also participate in the program.

For those not able to attend, the program will air on WTIQ Radio 1490 AM.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 10 - Preschool Story Time (up to age five), Manistique School and Public Library, 10-11 a.m.

Nov. 10 - Veterans Day Program, Manistique Middle and High School Auditorium, 11 a.m.

Nov. 10, 11, 12 - Open Skate, Little Bear West Arena, Friday and Saturday 6-9 p.m., Sunday 5-8 p.m.

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 Thanks for reading!



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Getting crafty for the holidays

As the weather starts to change, thoughts are turning to Christmas and looking for those perfect, personal gifts. On Saturday, the First Baptist Church held its annual holiday craft fair, the first of many scheduled in the coming weeks. The Catholic Women's Society will have a craft and bake sale in St. Francis de Sales School gymnasium Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Another opportunity will be at the Manistique Senior Center's annual event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 18.

Pioneer Tribune photo

Kewadin to offer vets, firefighters, police officers new 'Valor Card'

SAULT STE. MARIE – American and Canadian active, honorably discharged and retired military personnel, police officers, and firefighters are being invited by Kewadin Casinos to sign up for the Valor Card starting Nov. 11 at all five Kewadin Casinos locations.

The card is being launched at all five Kewadin Casinos as part of the Northern Rewards Club to recognize and thank these members for their service. The launch

of the Valor Card is timed with Kewadin's Veterans Day promotion on Nov. 11.

On Veterans Day, those eligible for the card will receive a \$1 United States mint coin honoring Code Talkers of World War I and World War II – while supplies last – as well as a Valor Card, list of benefits and \$10 in Kewadin Credits.

Valor Card holders visiting the casino also will receive double the points from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. that day and enjoy a coffee and

baked goods social from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Veterans Day is Nov. 11, making it an important occasion to honor our brave veterans, past and present, with the Valor Card," said Kewadin Casinos CEO Ron Olson. "It's appropriate that those of us at Kewadin Casinos give back to our veterans and customers in any way we can."

Customers must be active or retired military personnel, police officers or firefighters and show

proof of their service in order to receive the Valor Card.

Kewadin Casinos is also creating a wall inside Kewadin Casino Sault Ste. Marie's Bahweting Art Gallery to honor Sault Tribe member and employee veterans. The wall will begin displaying photos and other items starting Nov. 11.

Veterans are asked to bring in photos and items from their time in service to include in the display.

Dear Editor

On Veterans Day we celebrate the service, sacrifice, and enduring achievements of over 21 million living Americans who served our Nation in uniform so that we may enjoy the freedoms we cherish so much. On Nov. 1 President Trump proclaimed November as Veterans and Military Families Month honoring our veterans all month long, not just on Veterans Day.

However, for the men and women of the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center and the Manistique VA Outpatient Clinic, every day is Veterans Day as we are privileged to serve and care for over twenty thousand men and women who have served in the armed forces.

Today, we are confronted with the sad reality that 20 veterans on average commit suicide each day. Fourteen of those 20 veterans do not receive VA health care, and of the six that do, only three use VA's mental health services and programs.

Suicide prevention is the VA's top clinical priority. It is one of the reasons VA recently lifted restrictions on providing urgent mental health care for those Veterans discharged under than honorable conditions, estimated at a little more than 500,000 veterans. A discharge for other than honorable conditions typically prevents Veterans from receiving VA healthcare.

The VA, however, cannot tackle this problem alone. Suicide prevention is everyone's business. We believe it is important for us to partner with our veterans, their families, community organizations, and the public to reach those veterans who need help and do not realize the services they need are close by.

One resource is VA's 24/7 Veterans Crisis Line, which veterans can call at 800-273-8255

(press 1).

Since its launch in 2007 through September 2017, the Veterans Crisis Line has answered over 3.1 million calls and initiated the dispatch of emergency services to callers in imminent crisis over 82,000 times.

Since launching chat in 2009 and text services in November 2011, the VCL has answered nearly 365,000 and over 82,000 requests for chat and text services respectively. Crisis Line staff have forwarded nearly 525,000 referrals to local VA Suicide Prevention Coordinators on behalf of Veterans to ensure continuity of care with veterans local VA providers.

For more information on how you can help a veteran in need, use #BeThere (www.VeteransCrisisLine.net/BeThere). This November is an opportunity to thank Veterans in our communities for their service and sacrifice.

Helping a veteran in crisis provides them the ultimate honor.

Sincerely,
James W. Rice
Oscar G. Johnson VAMC
Medical Center director

Dear Editor,
Concerning Marquette County Road 595:

Mining could make the U.P. independent – I had the privilege of working the Eagle Mine over the winter of 2013-14, the coldest deep freeze the U.P. has known in awhile.

For all that winter I roamed in Big Bay and trekked 15 miles daily into the Huron Mountains ... and regularly awed at the "purest spot on earth".

As a now-retired electrician, I stood alongside iron workers, carpenters, operators and other

skilled tradesmen to make that project happen. The Eagle Mine was also a showcase with the eyes of the world upon us.

We were out to prove that with modern technology, mining could be done effectively and ecologically safe.

There is a group of outsiders – wealthy industrialists from elsewhere – who want to keep the Huron Mountains for themselves. You can take a road up to Lake Superior and find the Huron Mountain Club.

There you'll be met with a gate and a security guard who will tell you to get lost. They quietly fund all these fringe groups and back political loudmouths who will have emotional rhetoric around on their behaviors. They want you and your little economy to go away.

County Road 595 is no big deal. In fact, it's a very nice family drive in one of our state's most inaccessible areas.

Mt. Arvon, Michigan's highest natural point, is back there but

nobody can access it. People are not going to flood back there and run it: the sky is not falling, Chicken-little!

People are educated to environmental consciousness. This is 2017, not 1968 and all that frantic hippie garbage needs to go. All due regard to respecting our planet – but the earth is doing fine. It's the "haves" trying to control the "have nots" that's the problem.

The U.P. could thumb its nose at Lansing and stand on our own if we would calm down and get behind mining. The wealth waiting beneath our feet is astounding. With modern forestry, lumbering can still give the U.P. its one-two punch for economic independence.

The Eagle Mine proved that mining can be done safely – I was there – County Road 595 is a good thing. Some people want to keep the U.P. a jack-pine Appalachia.

G. J. Rey
Gulliver

Letters to the Editor

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News Brief

Area students invited to visit Bay campus today

ESCANABA – Bay College and the Delta County College Access Network are collaborating to offer area seniors the opportunity to visit Bay College campus Nov. 10, from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

With around 50 percent of area college-bound seniors choosing community college, specifically Bay, this is a positive way to prepare students for what to expect on their educational journey. Additionally, starting this process while the students are still in high school allows for additional support and guidance as students make this transition.

Attendees will hear from current and former Bay College students, Admissions, Financial Aid, Athletics, and Transfer departments, tour the college and meet with faculty from each student's individual area of career interest.

"Getting these students on campus, familiarizing them with the college atmosphere, and assisting them in financial aspects of college should help to eliminate some stress associated with navigating college life," says Kathy Becker, Delta County College Access Network director.

Students who have not yet registered to attend this event are welcome to contact Jessica LaMarche to reserve their spot at Jessica.LaMarche@baycollege.edu or (906) 217-4086.

The Archives

This week in the Pioneer Tribune...

50 Years Ago November 9, 1967

- A street on the new North Campus of the University of Michigan has been named in honor of the late J. Joseph Herbert of Manistique, former Regent of the University. Mrs. Herbert received word this week that Herbert Drive is located one block north of the main North Campus Boulevard, in the area of the Fluids Laboratory building, the Automotive Engineering laboratory, and the Research Administration building. Mr. Herbert, a prominent attorney here for many years, served on the Board of Regents of the University for 16 years, including eight as president, until his death in 1956.
- The second annual Halloween Kiddle parade, sponsored jointly by the Manistique Jaycees, the Manistique Women's Club and the Community Schools, was reported as a success this year. Candy donated by Norden's Foodland was given to all the children participating and cash prizes for the first three places given in each classification were donated by the First National Bank. Winners were: Pre-school and kindergarten, Robert Corwin, Gary Ketchik and Lori and Carla MacPhail. First and second grades: Gunnar Jackson, Marie Bellville and Sandra Berger. Third and fourth grades: Ronald Parkinson, Kevin Johnson and Ricky St. John. Fifth and sixth grades: Jeff Whitman and Pat Beckman, Lynn Anderson, Doug Alor.
- Ray Kruse and John Ozanich represented Manistique at Marquette Sunday when the Upper Peninsula Men's Bowling Association met, and returned home with the good news that Manistique has been awarded the U.P. Men's Tournament for 1968. The tournament will run from the middle of March through the end of April.
- When deer hunters began moving to camps in the Upper Peninsula this month, a complement of 48 Conservation Officers assigned in U.P. will be reinforced by an additional 72 employees from other parts of the Michigan Department of Conservation to carry out the many assignments that arise at that time. A total of 29 will handle the work load in the Newberry District, which includes Schoolcraft County. The extra men will begin patrols with officers before the deer season opens and will continue working through the deer season. Extra men assigned from the divisions of Fire, Parks and Forestry have Conservation commissions and the majority have had many years of law enforcement experience. Conservation officers remind hunters to carry a map, compass and matches with them while they are in the woods to hunt. They also ask them to use care with their rifles and to dress out their deer carefully.

35 Years Ago November 11, 1982

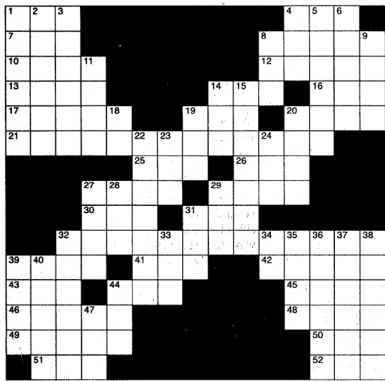
- The City Council reviewed an audit report Monday night that showed the city ended up \$251,567 in the hole for the fiscal year that ended June 30. A story in the Pioneer-Tribune two weeks ago reported a general fund deficit of \$35,000. At the meeting Monday, the City Council heard that, in addition to the shortfall in the general fund, the city's budget for local streets ran a \$35,999 deficit and the water/sewer budget ended up \$177,001 in the hole. The big reason for the hefty deficits in the water/sewer budgets is the inefficiency of the city's sewer and water main networks and the cost of repairs to them. The heavy water mains get just over half the water pumped through them to consumers, according to Water Plant Superintendent Tom Martin, and the cost of continuously patching up major breaks adds to the deficit.
- The county senior citizen's housing projects may not have been built yet, but they have official names after the County Housing Commission picked the winning entries last week in a contest to name the apartment complexes. Author of both winning entries was Norma Johnson of Manistique, who will get a \$50 savings bond and V.I.P. treatment at the findings' dinner for her efforts. "Heritage Houses" was her entry for the 48-unit apartment building planned in Manistique. For the 16-apartment building in Germfask, Johnson selected, "Parkview Estates."
- Manistique High School may have a swim team and 7th and 8th grade basketball teams, thanks to a compromise reached at the regular Tuesday evening meeting of the Manistique Area Schools Board of Education. Board member Dick Stoll proposed to Jim Barr, president of the Booster Club, that the Booster Club fund the swim team and the basketball teams for the current school year. The board would then excuse the difference between that amount and the \$4,800 owed to the school for 1982 spring sports.

20 Years Ago November 13, 1997

- Hunters across the state will have fewer deer to target as they prepare for the start of Michigan's firearm deer season Saturday, Nov. 15. Officials with the state's Department of Natural Resources predict 450,000 deer will be killed during the archery, firearm and muzzle loading seasons. This figure is about 50,000 animals less than last year's projection.
- Volunteers Helen Easterday, Dorothy Hoholik and Betty DeSautel set up the 1997 Bay Cliff Mitten Tree in the People's Store in downtown Manistique. The annual project, sponsored by the Schoolcraft County Bay Cliff Health Camp Committee, helps provide mittens, hats, scarves, footies and stockings for the disadvantaged. All donations are used by the Christmas Basket Committee to pack 250 baskets of items for children and adults in the community.
- The Manistique Post of the Michigan State Police has received two new state troopers. Trooper Craig MacPhee and Trooper Scott White, both graduates of the 115th Michigan State Police Recruit School, began patrol duties Monday, Nov. 3. The new troopers are two of 78 new state police officers who graduated during a special ceremony Oct. 31 in Lansing. MacPhee and his wife Karen and White and his wife Laurie will be residing in Manistique.

10 Years Ago November 15, 2007

- The City of Manistique saw its fund balance grow more than expected last year. That was one of the findings of the annual audit report reviewed at Tuesday night's regular City Council meeting. The report noted that the city finished the year with a total general fund balance of \$260,400, a jump of \$55,542 from the previous year and substantially more than the \$50,000 increase projected when the budget was approved. Meanwhile the unrestricted fund balance by almost \$72,000, increasing from \$189,315 to \$261,146. The new figure is about 12 percent of the total budget.
- Two Manistique men, members of the local Hiawatha Shrine Club and the Upper Peninsula Ahmed Shrine, were honored as Shriners of the Year at a dinner and awards ceremony in Marquette Nov. 9. Joel Krause and Ken Rauliolla will share the annual title – the first time a dual award was presented. Krause and Rauliolla have both been instrumental in supporting the Shriners Hospitals for Children, in a variety of ways, but especially through the "Li'l Indy Car" parade unit. The nobles received their awards from Ahmed Shrine Potentate John Bergman.



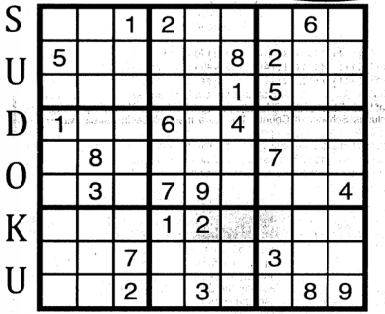
CLUES ACROSS

1. Be back later
 4. Zhou dynasty state
 7. Mineral
 8. ... and gagged
 10. One of Lebron's former sidekicks
 12. Ivory Coast village
 13. Caffeinated beverage
 14. Without armies
 16. Intention
 17. Sulfuric and citric are two
 19. Supplement with difficulty
 20. & & &
 21. George and Weezie
 25. Liquefied petroleum gas
 26. Immortal act
 27. Ancient Greek
 29. Aids digestion
 30. Comedy routine
 31. Actress Thurman
 32. Adult beverage
 39. Amounts of time
 41. An awkward stupid person
 42. Walker, 'The Color Purple'
 43. Covers babies' chests
 44. Parts per billion (abbr.)
 45. Ottoman military title
 46. More skilled
 48. Natives to New Mexico
 49. Indigent
 50. Illuminated
 51. Very fast airplane
 52. Devoid of cordiality

CLUES DOWN

1. Comedian Goldthwait
 2. Worn by women
 3. 'Naked Gun' actor
 4. Processes fatty acids
 5. Mortals
 6. Not invited
 8. Show... entertainment
 9. Daggers
 11. Pilgrimage
 14. Danish krone
 15. Savor
 18. Midway between south and east
 19. Electroencephalograph
 20. Henry's wife Boleyn
 22. Hairstyle
 23. Frames per second
 24. Sinclair novel
 27. Basics
 28. A person's life story
 29. Luxury automaker
 31. Ultrahigh frequency
 32. Island and antelope are two
 33. Tard
 34. Farm state
 35. Fence part
 36. Rwandan capital
 37. Onomatopoeic
 38. In a state of turbulence
 39. Abba... Israeli politician
 40. Flowering plants
 44. Inquire too closely
 47. Sun up in New York

All puzzle answers are on page B1



Word Search

VEGETARIAN WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

- AGAR
- ALTERNATIVE
- ANALOG
- BEAN CURD
- BEANS
- CALCIUM
- CASEIN
- CHOLESTEROL
- COUSCOUS
- EDAMAME
- FIBER
- GLUTEN
- GRAIN
- LACTO-OVO
- CASEIN
- LENTIL
- MISO
- MOCK
- NONDAIRY
- NUTRITIONAL
- YEAST
- PEANUTS
- PEAS
- QUINOA
- RAW
- RECIPE
- RENNET
- SEITAN
- SOYBEAN
- TAHINI
- TEMPEH
- TEXTURE
- TOFU
- VEGAN
- VEGETABLE
- VEGETARIAN
- WHEY

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to being vegan. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 17 = G)

A. 18 6 12 17 7 15 10
 Clue: Essential nutrition

B. 3 7 24 7 17 21 26 2 7
 Clue: Nutritious plant

C. 16 7 21 2 17 16
 Clue: Free from illness

D. 4 15 7 17
 Clue: Food choices

Answers: A. Protein B. Squash C. Lentils D. Kale



Courtesy photos: Students in Mrs. Dougherty's first grade class at Emerald Elementary recently dissected owl pellets, the undigested remains of an owl's prey. They searched through barn owl pellets to find and identify various small mammal and bird bones then sorted them on their bone charts. Above, pictured in front sitting, from left to right, are: Brandon Ash, Belyn Moulton, Zoe Holt, Mylie Lockhart, Micah Connin, and Emily Henry. Middle row: Carsyn Herbst, Trent Mason, Beckett Maline, Kelson Spettel, Gracie Perry, and Cruze Larson. Back row: Collin Herro, Brayden Lancour, Je'Mearious Phelps, Kayden Smith, Aleya Anaye, Serenity Holbrook, and Cohen Dougherty. At right, Je'Mearious Phelps works on his dissection with his aunt, Terri Metty.

Let's 'owl' dig in...

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

- Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017**
- 9:45 a.m., scam mail, E. Elk Street
 - 10:50 a.m., trespassing, Pine Street
 - 12:35 p.m., child custody issues, within the city
 - 6:45 p.m., lock out, Schoolcraft Avenue.
- Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017**
- 1:10 p.m., harassment, Walnut Street
 - 7:25 p.m., well being check, New Delta Avenue.
 - 8:10 p.m., lock out, M-94
 - 11:55 p.m., lock out, N. Second Street
 - 3:40 a.m., department assist, U.S. 2 and Tannery Road.
- Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017**
- 9:50 a.m., lock out, Lakeshore Drive
 - 12:30 p.m., found property, W. Lakeshore Drive
 - 9:10 p.m., unlawful entry, Quarry Lane
 - 12:30 a.m., suspicious situation, E. Lakeshore Drive

- 1:35 a.m., MDOF, Range Street
- 3:20 a.m., OWI arrest, N. Houghton Avenue and Center Street
- Friday, Nov. 3, 2017**
- 6:14 a.m., citizen assist, Scharstrom Road
 - 7:28 a.m., lock out, Main Street
 - 7:40 p.m., illegal baiting, N. Maple Street
 - 3:48 p.m., child neglect, Oak Street
 - 5:15 p.m., fugitive arrest, N. Maple Street
 - 5:50 p.m., larceny of gas, W. Lakeshore Drive
 - 6:30 p.m., child custody dispute, Main Street
 - 8:30 p.m., child neglect, within the city
 - 1:30 a.m., VCSA, U.S. 2
- Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017**
- 8:30 a.m., child neglect, within the city
 - 6:30 p.m., lock out, Arbutus Avenue
 - 7:45 p.m., lock out, E. Lakeshore Drive
- Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017**
- 3:30 p.m., citizen assist, Thomp-

Police Log

- Manistique Public Safety**
- 2:50 p.m., 911 Hang up, Chipewava Ave.
 - 3:30 p.m., lock out, Manistique Avenue.
 - 5:05 p.m., elder abuse, within the city
 - 11:27 p.m., lock out, Main Street
 - 6:20 p.m., 911 hang up/domestic, N. Houghton Avenue.
 - 11:56 p.m., animal complaint, Quarry Lane.
- Monday, Nov. 6, 2017**
- 10:36 a.m., domestic, N. Houghton Avenue.

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Amid Hepatitis A outbreak, LMAS suggests vaccine

MANISTIQUE — With the hepatitis A outbreaks in Southeast Michigan, the Luce, Mackinac, Alger, Schoolcraft District Health Department is reminding residents that vaccination is the best defense against Hepatitis A.

Hepatitis A is a vaccine-preventable, contagious liver disease. It is often spread through the ingestion of food or water contaminated with infected feces or by oral contact with contaminated objects.

Transmission can occur easily among household contacts and sexual partners. High risk factors include homelessness or use of transient housing, illicit drug use, and incarceration. Men who have sex with men and sex workers and their clients are also at high risk.

While the risk of getting hepatitis A is higher among these specific populations, LMAS recommends all individuals be

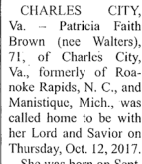
vaccinated against the disease. Hepatitis A can range from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to a serious illness lasting several months. Illness generally occurs two to six weeks after exposure to the hepatitis A virus.

Symptoms include fatigue, abdominal pain, yellow skin (jaundice), dark urine, and pale stool. Some people have no symptoms. Vaccination and thorough hand washing can prevent infection.

People who believe they have been exposed to hepatitis A or who have symptoms should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

For hepatitis A vaccinations, individuals may contact their health care provider or LMAS at (906) 293-5107 (Luce); (906) 643-1100 (Mackinac); (906) 387-2297 (Alger); or 341-6951 (Schoolcraft).

Patricia F. Brown



Patricia F. Brown

CHARLES CITY, Va. — Patricia Faith Brown (nee Walters), 71, of Charles City, Va., formerly of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., and Manistique, Mich., was called home to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017. She was born on Sept. 17, 1946, in Manistique, the 11th in a large family of 15 children to Leonard and Linda Walters of the Valley Nursery Greenhouses. She graduated from Manistique High School in 1964.

Pat was a very creative and talented woman. Those of her family and friends were elated to receive one of her many paintings. She inherited her parent's green thumb and her yard and garden showed it. Anything she set her mind to do, she was successful with. She loved God and her family. She made many sacrifices making sure her children and others were cared for. She enjoyed cooking, decorating, sewing, painting, gardening and spending time with her family. She was a wonderful daughter and sister, as well as a mom, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Those surviving her and cherishing her memory are: her sons, Kevin Renn (Theresa) of Chester, Va., Joshua Brown of Charles City and daughter, Linda Bowen of

Roanoke Rapids; grandchildren, Thomas Renn, Bradley Renn, Kristian Alves, Keirstyn Alves, Jaime Bowen Hines, Dennis Bowen, David Bowen, Gary Bowen (Ashley), Jordan Bowen, Timothy Bowen and Bethany Bowen Hedgepath; great-grandchildren Dylan and Gabriella Houston, Brock Hedgepath and Ellie Bowen; four sisters, Mary Rhynard of Bay City, Mich., Carol Kocher of Mesa, Ariz., Jane Wolf of Milwaukee, Wis., and Jean Stoviak (Louis) also of Milwaukee; three brothers, Jon Walters of Milwaukee, Steve Walters (Jeanne) of Minot, N.D. and Dale Walters (Celeste) of Wisconsin; special friend, Al Loving; and many nieces and nephews.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Arthur, Robert, James, Richard, Paul and David; and her sister Sally Paradise.

A private memorial service will be held. Funeral arrangements or being handled by Nelson Funeral Home in Richmond, Va. Burial will be at Hardy Central Baptist Church in Henrico, Va.

As in the photo, on your last annual birthday trip to Virginia Beach, you wave goodbye to each and all. We wave back with all our love, until we meet again.

Lloyd W. Brown



Lloyd W. Brown

MANISTIQUE — Lloyd W. Brown, 93, of 450N River Road, Manistique, Mich., died Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017, at his home which he built, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born May 16, 1924, in Hermansville, Mich., the son of Clio and Eva (Lecuyer) Brown and attended Manistique area schools.

Lloyd joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) until he was drafted by the U.S. Army to serve during WWII. Lloyd served in the U.S. Army from Feb. 10, 1943 to Feb. 21, 1946.

Upon returning to the states, Lloyd met the love of his life, Paulina M. Louis and they were married on Feb. 10, 1948, in Detroit, Mich. They moved back to Manistique in 1952 and raised their family here. Paulina preceded him in death on Jan. 30, 2013.

He was employed as a millwright for the Inland Lime and Stone Company for many years. He retired from Inland Lime and Stone Company and continued to work for Rudy Lawrence at Lagasco Enterprises, Inc. in Manistique.

Lloyd was a Commander and lifetime member of the Schoolcraft County V.F.W. Post No. 4420 and the Manistique Eagle's Club. He was also a faithful member of St. Francis de Sales Church in Manistique and Knights of Columbus.

He enjoyed playing bingo, but he especially loved dancing. Most importantly he loved his

children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren very much.

Lloyd is survived by his sons, Jim (Jo) Brown of Fairport, Mich., Mike (Becky) Brown of Manistique and Bill Brown of Manistique; daughters, Bobbi Brown of Escanaba, Mich., Paula Brown of Gladstone, Mich. and Sue (Chuck) Butkovich of Engadine, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; brothers, Leonard Brown of Coldwater, Mich., Loyal (Lonna) Brown of Gulliver, and Larry Brown of Manistique; sisters, Linda Rockhold of Novi, Mich. and Loretta Alexander of Elma, Wash.; along with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, Paulina and his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Louis, Lawrence, Lyle and Pat; and his sister, Lorraine Weber.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Nov. 8, at Messier-Broulliere Funeral Home in Manistique.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 8, at St. Francis de Sales Church in Manistique with Father Ben Paris officiating. Burial with military honors will be in the Fairview Cemetery at Manistique. A luncheon will follow at the VFW in Manistique.

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

News Briefs

Foster Grandparents to hold in-service, meeting

MANISTIQUE — The Schoolcraft County Foster Grandparent program will be having an in-service and Advisory Council meeting Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Upper Crust Deli in Manistique. Auxiliary aids and services

are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

The Foster Grandparent Program is administered by MDS Community Action Agency.

For more information, contact Peggy Ramsden or Donelle Robitaille at (906) 786-7080.

SOS to close Friday, Saturday to honor veterans

LANSING — Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds residents that, in honor of Veterans Day, all Secretary of State offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed Nov. 10 and 11. She also encouraged people to thank veterans for their service and sacrifice.

"I had a rare opportunity to visit our troops in the Middle East in 2012 to study how to make overseas voting easier for those in the military," Johnson said. "I will never forget the sense of honor, duty and patriotism that those young men and women displayed in spite of the terrible conditions. We owe everyone who has ever served this country a great debt for their service and sacrifice."

Given the great number of veterans who live here, Johnson has unveiled a number of initiatives in support of them:

Creating a veteran designation on driver's licenses and state ID cards that helps identify Michigan veterans so they can be connected with the benefits they have earned

and deserved. Pushing new ways to ensure that military personnel have their votes counted on Election Day, such as successfully advocating to extend a federal write-in ballot to state and local races.

Waiving road tests for veterans applying for a Commercial Driver License to help their transition to civilian life if they have sufficient heavy truck experience in the military.

Offering more than two dozen military license plates that are available for veterans allowing them to display their service with pride.

Because of the Veterans Day closure, Johnson recommends residents find alternate ways or days to get their Secretary of State business done.

Plates can be renewed at www.ExpressSOS.com with Print 'N Go technology that allows users to buy their tabs online and print a receipt to carry with them until their tabs arrive in the mail.

Faye E. Musselman



Faye E. Musselman

EULESS, Texas — Faye E. Musselman, 82, loving mother and grandmother, passed away Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017, in Eules, Texas.

Faye was born in Hermansville, Mich., Sept. 25, 1935, to Ed and Mary Roland. She traveled to many different places in the U.S. and Okina, was a military wife while raising four children.

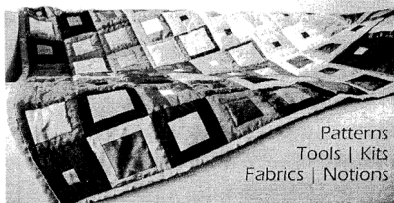
She spent her last three years living in Eules, Texas, with her daughter.

Faye will be remembered as a loyal Dallas Cowboys fan who

loved to keep warm with a blanket bearing their logo.

She is survived by her sister Shiela (Roland) of Gregovich, Mo.; three sons, Randy (Kanyarak) of Chandler, Ariz., Garry (Lisa) of Rockwall, Texas and Craig (Lena) of Hillsboro, Ore.; one daughter, Pam of Eules, Texas; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

A private family ceremony will take place at her childhood home of Incey Park, Mich., in the spring.



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STOP, drop, LEARN
Pioneer Tribune photos
Firepup and members of the Manistique Fire Department recently visited area schools, including Emerald Elementary, to promote fire safety.

In the United States, the talk about health care reform is a political battling field where no one is winning.

I am of the opinion that true "health care reform" happens in your grocery store, not the drug store or in hospitals.

Taking care of the only body you will ever own is a huge responsibility and, needless to say, so many folks just don't take it seriously.

Eating the right food is less obvious than obeying the speed limit, wearing your seatbelts, quit smoking and bungee jumping, right? I mean those things are pretty obvious.

But the fact is your odds of living a long and healthy life are dramatically impaired by what you eat and what you don't eat. The old adage is correct; you are what you eat.

And I would take it a step further - your food choices are a direct reflection of whether you value your health or not.

I know some people aren't going to like me for saying it, but it's not my opinion, it is fact: 147 billion dollars are spent every year on obesity-related illness. This figure has gone up 37 percent since the late 90's.

No, that's not fat shaming - that's just an eye popping fact of where healthcare dollars are being spent - and it's pretty sobering.

I want to be an agent for change, to use a term I'm not too fond of. But I don't know what else to call it, so agent for change is it. I have some ideas that I believe could help folks have their own DIY Health Care Reform. In fact,

I believe it could be revolutionary if taken seriously.

Here then are my 10 ideas for DIY Health Care Reform that you can use right now--

1. Skip the sodas, diet and otherwise and drink water.

2. Eat foods in their natural form--potatoes instead of potato chips or french fries for example.

3. Buy from the local farmer/farmer and support your community.

4. Eat foods that don't do drugs (ie: no hormones, antibiotics in your food)

5. Make soup and eat it. Studies show soup eaters eat more veggies and weigh less. Better yet, start that soup with bone broth.



Leanne Ely

Your body will thank you.

6. Make dessert a very special occasion. It's not special if you have it all the time.

7. Learn to cook. For real - this is as important as flossing your teeth.

8. Grow a veggie garden or even a few pots in the window, and do it organically.

9. Avoid fake foods; margarine isn't butter, it's just a few molecules away from plastic.

10. If it comes in a box with cartoons, with two inches of unpronounceable ingredients on the side and a huge advertising campaign, you don't want it.

I could probably come up with 10 more.

Taking personal responsibility for the food you eat is the first step to good health. Good health isn't a crap shoot for most people; it's an intentional way of living to help maintain and protect the body God gave you.

I'm going to leave it at that.

No guilt trip necessary; just get serious people. This is your life we're talking about.

Getting started can be a stumbling block for some. And some people just need to clean the internal house out, know what I mean?!

Check out www.savingdinner.com for tons of healthy programs and meals to help you take care and control of your body.

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Election results

"It would be a big challenge to operate strictly on the administrative allocation of grant funding, our tree sale revenue, and the revenue we derive from Soil Erosion permits. We would maintain some level of existence, but our contributions to the citizens of Schoolcraft county would be at a smaller scale," he said.

The Manistique Senior Center's millage request, on the other hand, won the overwhelming support of county voters. A total of 1,364 residents voted in favor of the request, while only 617 voters cast ballots against the measure.

The center's success comes just one year after a heartbreaking defeat of a substantial millage increase request to fund a renovation and addition, as well as operational costs, at the center. Compared to the .90 mills each year for 20 years requested in 2016, the 2017 millage request totaled just .62 mills per year for five

years. The increase in funding was sought to provide only operational costs to improve the "social, legal, health, housing, education, emotional, nutritional, recreational, or mobility status of senior citizens."

The millage is expected to raise approximately \$219,508 when first levied in 2018.

"Schoolcraft County residents are known to be very caring and generous. Today showed that," Connie Frenette, senior center director said Wednesday. "We listened to what they wanted and they supported us. By passing the millage we will be able to continue to give our best in services and activities as we all know, the residents of Schoolcraft County deserve that and much more. I feel very privileged to be working for them," she added.

Another successful millage request was the Doyle Township proposal to receive a tax rate limitation increase to fund road maintenance. A total of 95 township residents voted in favor of the measure, while 66

residents voted "no."

The request allows the township to assess an up to 1,000 mill on residents for five years to fund the general maintenance of the roadways in Doyle Township.

Thompson Township voters approved a millage proposal to fund the purchase of a fire apparatus, as well as equipment to support fire control and maintenance on the apparatuses. The up to 1,000 mills each year from 2017-2024 was approved with 147 votes in favor of the measure. Just 65 voters cast "no" votes against the request.

In the Manistique City Council race, Mike Perilloux and Cathy Rohde claimed the two open four-year terms. Rohde landed 348 votes, while Perilloux took home 275.

Isaac Swisher, also listed on the ballot, garnered only 100 votes. Write-in Richard Hollister managed to receive 88 votes. According to the election results, a total of 115 "unresolved write-in" votes were cast in the four-year term council race.

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In the partial term, two-year, council race, incumbent Kimberly Shiner came out on top with 387 votes cast in her favor. She was the only candidate listed on the ballot.

The second partial-term seat went to write-in Jackie Jenerow, who claimed 58 votes. Write-in Aimee Lamsford was able to garner just 21 votes.

Beginning Jan. 1, the new Manistique City Council will consist of Rohde, Perilloux, Shiner, Jenerow, and Paul Walker.

Voters in Genefask Township approved Beverly A. Burton as township treasurer. Her partial term, ending Nov. 20, 2020, was approved with 61 votes. She was the only candidate listed on the ballot.

Though 109th District State Representative Democratic Candidate Sara Cambesio failed locally, garnering just 893 votes compared to Republican candidate Rich Rosway's 1,049 votes, she was victorious district-wide, claiming the seat in the Michigan Legislature.

News Brief

Treasury offers benefits to active military, vets

LANSING, Mich. — With Veterans Day approaching on Nov. 11, the Michigan Department of Treasury reminds current and former military members about the special benefits they may be entitled to receive.

Current and former military members may be eligible to receive: Military Pay Tax Exemption. Military pay is exempt from Michigan tax, including military retirement benefits and exit and separation pay.

Children of Veterans Tuition Grant. This program provides undergraduate tuition assistance to the children of Michigan veterans who were totally and permanently disabled, missing in action or died while serving. Students may receive scholarship assistance for up to four academic years for a total of up to \$11,200.

Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption. A property tax exemption for real property used and owned as a homestead as outlined in state law. Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) for Active Duty Military Personnel. Property owners can retain a PRE while on active duty if their property is rented or leased. Property Tax Relief during Active Military Service. Property owned by a serviceperson cannot be sold to pay delinquent property taxes during a tour of active duty. Summer Property Tax Deferral. A serviceperson, veteran or widow or widower whose income outside of military compensation is no more than \$7,500 per year may be eligible for a summer property tax deferral.

Guilty plea

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throughout the central and eastern Upper Peninsula with the victim restrained.

On July 13, Ruska and the victim were located at the Shell Gas Station in the city of Munising. Upon observing Ruska's vehicle Michigan State Police troopers approached and made contact with Ruska and the victim. Ruska was then taken into custody and charged in the United States

District Court.

Ruska has two prior serious criminal convictions on his record — one in 2002, when he was convicted of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder; and one in 2004, when he was convicted of criminal sexual conduct in the third degree and kidnapping.

Ruska is scheduled to be sentenced in February next year.

Airport Master Plan

currently doesn't have a problem with deer crossing through the airport grounds. He added that Sandhill cranes and seagulls are, however, at times, a nuisance.

Commissioner Larry Mersnick questioned how maintenance at the

airport ground has been completed, and if it is being done in a timely manner. Videtich, who is the county's building and ground supervisor — appointed in 2015 to also serve as the airport manager position — said the work is being completed without

a problem. "We're (the building and grounds crew) doing everything," explained Videtich.

As part of the airport's Master Plan, fuel system improvements and a maintenance storage building were

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previously completed — allowing pilots to fuel up using credit cards.

The Master Plan, prepared by the C2AE architect group of Escanaba, was unanimously approved by commissioners. Commissioner Chris Rantanen was absent.

District Court

93rd District

driving 70 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone (10/17). Assessed \$115.

Joseph Virgil Ullom, 53, Garden Avenue, Manistique, charged with violation of the seatbelt law-driver (10/17). Assessed \$65.

William Keith Main IV, 27, Range Street, Manistique, charged with fishing without a license (8/17). Assessed \$210.

Rickey Ivan Schafer, 69, Wells Street, Rapid River, charged with speeding 1-5 over (10/17). Assessed \$115.

Dakota Christopher Goldi, 16, N. Third Street, Manistique, charged with failure to yield the right of way (9/17). Assessed \$125.

Chad Michael Miron, 33, Zhigag Drive, Manistique, charged with failure to wear a seatbelt child 4-15 (10/17). Assessed \$100.

Charles Craig Donald Bontekoe, 19, County Road 440, Manistique, charged with failure to wear a seatbelt (9/17). Assessed \$65.

Lauren Brandy Page, 18, Park Avenue, Manistique, charged with driving 70 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone (10/17). Assessed \$115.

Timothy Glenn Callow, 29, Elm Street, Engadine, charged with

Mylon Lynn Stockton, 48, Yager Road, Manistique, charged with no proof of insurance (10/17). Assessed \$25.

Parker Jacob Birr, 21, Kendall Road, Manistique, charged with speeding 1-5 over (10/17). Assessed \$115.

Mary Lynn Wood, Riverview Drive, Manistique, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone (10/17). Assessed \$115.

William George Clement, 69, Gulliver Lake Road, Gulliver, charged with snag/attempt to snag fish (10/17). Assessed \$210.

Darrell Wayne Williams, 61, County Road 98, McMillan, charged with cause/allow to operate overweight (9/17).

Assessed \$150.

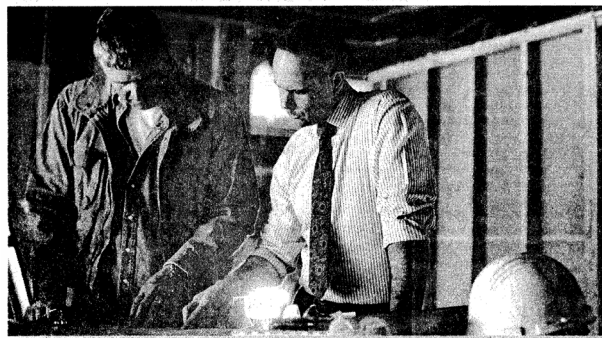
Karissa Jean Gregurash, 18, Flodin Road, Manistique, charged with driving 70 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone (8/17). Assessed \$140.

Thomas Leo Paradise, 20, M-149, M-149, Cooks, pled guilty in 93rd District Court to operated while impaired by liquor (9/17).

Assessed \$50 state costs, \$75 crime victim rights assessment, \$440 statute fine, \$660 statute costs, \$210 probation oversight fee, \$200 other costs, \$1,635 total. Sentenced to serve 93 days in the Schoolcraft County Jail with credit for one day served, balance to be held over six months probation. Optional jail 93 days.

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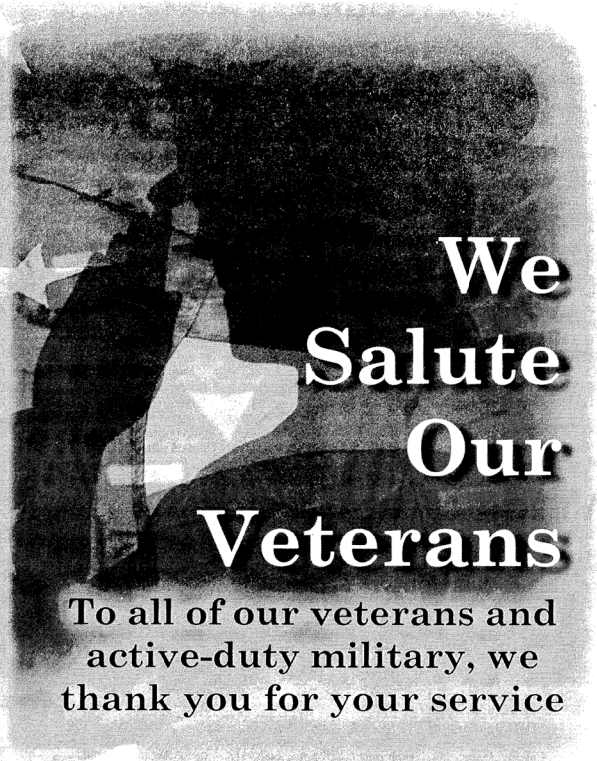
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 Representative - D.A.V. Chapter #26 James Wayne
 Mr. Richard Ketcik - Master of Ceremonies Closing Remarks

RETIRING OF COLORS: Doc Souter - Color Guard Commander

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Sports Brief

The Bears' season ends

RAPID RIVER – The Black Bears from Big Bay de Noc ended their volleyball season last Wednesday, competing in their first round of district action. Rapid River swept the match 3-0 (25-13, 25-9, 25-5) playing in Rapid River.

Competitive initially in the first match, the Rockets unfortunately widened the margin with a 21-7 lead to take the set 25-13.

Resilient, Rapid River continued the drive in the final two sets.

Big Bay de Noc — Lawrence 1 kill, 1 dig, 1 assist; McPhee 1 assist; Dalgord 1 kill, 1 block; Yonker 2 assists; Halvorson 1 ace.

The Mustangs topped Rapid River 3-0 in the final match to take the District 125 title.

On Monday, the Mustangs beat Lake Linden Hubble 3-0 in round one of Regional 32 action.

They will take on Carney Nadeau tonight (Thursday) in Westwood.



Pioneer Tribune photo

On Tuesday, Dick Ketcik, long-time Emeralds sportscaster for The Maverick WTQ 1490, presented Manistique High School senior Kyle Seeley with a certificate acknowledging his selection to the All U.P. Defense Dream Team as selected by the Upper Peninsula Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association. From left to right are Ketcik, Kyle Seeley, and Emerald varsity football Head Coach Todd Kangas.

Seeley makes Dream Team

MANISTIQUE – The Upper Peninsula Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association recently acknowledged Emerald senior Kyle Seeley for his dedication and efforts on the field. Seeley was named to the All U.P. Defense Dream Team as a tackle for the year 2017.

Although the Emeralds did not have a winning season, they did have many successes on the field at the individual level, one of which was Seeley's play.

Seeley also received a First

Team selection as a lineman for the Mid-Peninsula Conference.

According to sportscaster Dick Ketcik, a member of the selection committee and who faithfully covers Emeralds sports on the Maverick WTQ 1490, Seeley received 15 out of the possible 20 votes when his name was suggested for the position.

"Kyle's name was brought up when we were discussing the large school Dream Team," stated Ketcik. "They

wanted to see individual stats on him and there were none. Selections have been made in the past without any also. I told them the Emeralds did not have a winning season as far as wins and losses, but it says something about Seeley as a player when the coaches select him for the First Team in the Mid-Peninsula Conference.

When it came time for us to cast the vote, Kyle received 15 out of the 20 votes cast," Ketcik added.

End of the road for Emeralds

MANISTIQUE – After a successful regular season, the Emerald volleyball team was hoping to continue the momentum going into districts, especially having home court advantage.

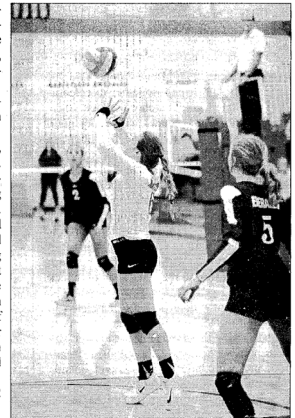
On Oct. 30, they hosted the Newberry Indians, sweeping the match 3-0 (25-14, 25-15, 25-21).

Then, on the evening of Nov. 1, the team did not progress as hoped. Losing the first set by two, the Emeralds struggled in the final two, losing the match 3-0 (23-25, 14-25, 19-25).

"We were prepared and played well against Newberry," Head Coach Amy Nixon stated. "During the Inland Lakes' match our effort and intensity was good, but we gave too many free balls to the other team which put us on the defense most of the match. It's unfortunate that our season has come to an end. The team showed a lot of improvement and I'm proud to have coached them."

St. Ignace beat Indian River 3-2 for the District 93 title.

On Monday, St. Ignace lost to Calumet 0-3 in round one of regional action. Calumet will take on West Iron County tonight in L'Anse.



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Sydney Peterson in game two of district action against Indian River Inland Lakes. The Emeralds lost to the downstate team 3-0.

NFL standings

NFL STATS as of 11-07-17

AFC

East	W	L	T
1. NE Patriots	6	2	0
2. Buffalo Bills	5	3	0
3. Miami Dolphins	4	4	0
4. New York Jets	4	5	0

North

1. Pittsburgh Steelers	6	2	0
2. Baltimore Ravens	4	5	0
3. Cincinnati Bengals	3	5	0
4. Cleveland Browns	0	8	0

South

1. Tennessee Titans	5	3	0
2. Jacksonville Jaguars	5	3	0
3. Houston Texans	3	5	0
4. Indianapolis Colts	3	6	0

West

1. K.C. Chiefs	6	3	0
2. Oakland Raiders	4	5	0
3. L.A. Chargers	3	5	0
4. Denver Broncos	3	5	0

NFC

East	W	L	T
1. Philadelphia Eagles	8	1	0
2. Dallas Cowboys	5	3	0
3. Washington Redskins	4	4	0
4. N.Y. Giants	1	7	0

North

1. Minnesota Vikings	6	2	0
2. Detroit Lions	4	4	0
3. G.B. Packers	4	4	0
4. Chicago Bears	3	5	0

South

1. New Orleans Saints	6	2	0
2. Carolina Panthers	6	3	0
3. Atlanta Falcons	4	4	0
4. TB Buccaneers	2	6	0

West

1. L.A. Rams	6	2	0
2. Seattle Seahawks	5	3	0
3. Arizona Cardinals	4	4	0
4. San Francisco 49ers	0	9	0

Coming Up in the NFC North Sun., Nov. 12

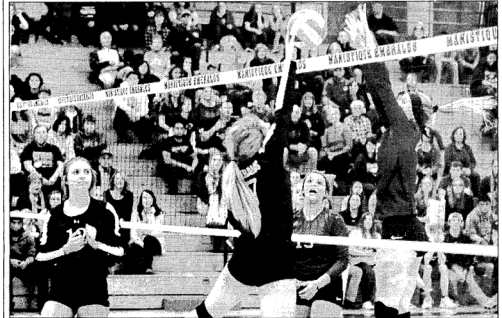
- Green Bay Packers at Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., FOX.
- Cleveland Browns at Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., CBS.
- Minnesota Vikings at Washington Redskins, 1 p.m., FOX.

2017 All-U.P. Football Selections Dream Team and Small School

(As selected by the U.P. Sportswriters and Sportscasters)

DREAM TEAM OFFENSE				SMALL SCHOOL OFFENSE			
Position	Player	School	Yr	Position	Player	School	Yr
Center	Zack Albright	Marquette	12	Center	Wyatt Garrett	Newberry	12
Guard	Johnathan Schlienvogt	Escanaba	12	Guard	Logan Kujik	Gwinn	11
Guard	John Sturm	Kingsford	12	Guard	Dante Pedrotti	Norway	12
Tackle	John Fratchin	Hancock	12	Tackle	Eric Heiselberger	Ishpeming	12
Tackle	Bryant Schram	West Iron	11	Tackle	David Carlson	Newberry	12
End	Jeff Rahilly	Newberry	12	End	Tucker Taylor	Gwinn	11
End	Ethan Martysz	Marquette	11	End	Connor Orman	Norway	12
QB	Sawyer Parrish	Kingsford	12	QB	George Sevarns	Newberry	12
RB	Logan Carroll	Escanaba	12	RB	Foster Miller	L'Anse	12
RB	Drew Gale	Marquette	12	RB	Michal Wilson	Norway	12
RB	Jayce Brockhagen	West Iron	12	RB	Nathan Beckman	Westwood	11
K	Ethan Martysz	Marquette	11	K	Josh Plante	Norway	12
Specialist	Drew DuShane	Negaunee	10	Specialist	Carter Crouch	LL-Hubbell	11

DREAM TEAM DEFENSE				SMALL SCHOOL DEFENSE			
Position	Player	School	Yr	Position	Player	School	Yr
Tackle	Joe Rietveld	Kingsford	12	Tackle	Sena Parker	Newberry	12
Tackle	Blake Hewitt	Westwood	11	Tackle	Brandon Henschel	West Iron	12
Tackle	Kyle Seeley	Manistique	12	Tackle	Brandon Martins	Norway	11
End	Sam Gilles	Westwood	12	End	Miko Hall	BF-Harris	12
End	Gooper Iwardzik	Calumet	12	End	Austin Persson	West Iron	12
Linebacker	Alex Chouinard	Gladstone	12	Linebacker	Matthew Revord	Munising	11
Linebacker	Peter Heikkinen	LL-Hubbell	12	Linebacker	Tyler Blakely	Newberry	12
Linebacker	Ethan Homola	Westwood	12	Linebacker	Donald Donofre	Ishpeming	12
Back	Darin Johnson	Gladstone	12	Back	Neil Tomascak	West Iron	12
Back	Ethan Mieski	Menominee	12	Back	Josh Plante	Norway	12
Back	Scout Wunder	Escanaba	12	Back	Mason Gustafson	St. Ignace	12
Punter	Parker Wilson	Gogebic	11	Punter	George Sevarns	Newberry	12



Joe LeBlanc photos

Above, with a two-finger tap, Renae Schuetter sends the ball over during Wednesday night's loss to Inland Lakes. Below, the success of a team is always due to the hard work and dedication of its team members, but also due to the encouragement they receive from the sidelines from family and friends. All were in attendance last Wednesday in support of the Emeralds as they continued their quest for a district title. Additional photos may be viewed at www.mstapioneertribune.smugmug.com/sports-photos.



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DNR offers tips for hunters ahead of firearm deer season

LANSING — As the Nov. 15 firearm deer season opener nears, Michigan Department of Natural Resources conservation officers encourage hunters to brush up on safety tips and hunting regulations to ensure a safe, enjoyable experience.

"Firearm deer season is a special time of year in Michigan," Cpl. Dave Painter said. "It brings family and friends together in celebration of our state's great outdoor heritage. Staying safe, knowing the laws and being good stewards of our resources will help hunters have a memorable outing."

Painter reminds hunters that a mandatory deer check is in place within certain areas of the state due to the confirmation of chronic wasting disease, a fatal neurological disease found in deer, elk and moose. Hunters harvesting a deer in these CWD areas must bring it to a DNR check station within 72 hours. Visit mi.gov/deercheck for a map and list of check stations.

Regardless of where deer are harvested in Michigan, the DNR encourages all hunters to voluntarily take them to the nearest check station to help with disease surveillance. In addition, big-game hunters who travel outside of Michigan should be aware of new regulations restricting the importation of harvested cervids.

Painter also offered the following general safety tips:

- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
- Keep your finger away from the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you are ready to fire.
- Keep the safety on until you are ready to fire. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction. Be certain of your target, and what's beyond it, before firing.
- Know the identifying features of the game you hunt.
- Make sure you have an adequate backpack. Don't shoot at a flat, hard surface or water.
- Unload the firearm before running, climbing a fence or tree, or jumping a ditch.
- Wear a safety harness when hunting from



The DNR is offering tips to hunters in preparation for the opening day of firearm deer season Nov. 15. Photo courtesy DNR

an elevated platform. Use a haul line to bring the unloaded firearm up and down the raised platform.

Avoid alcoholic beverages or behavior-altering medicines or drugs before or during a hunt. Always wear a hat, cap, vest or jacket of hunter orange, visible from all sides, during daylight hunting hours, even if hunting on private land. The law also applies to archery hunters during firearm season.

Make sure at least 50 percent of any camouflage pattern being worn is in hunter orange. Always let someone know where you are hunting and when you plan to return. This information helps conservation officers and others locate you if you become injured or lost.

Carry a cell phone into the woods. Not only does it let you call for help if necessary, but newer phones emit a signal that can help rescuers locate you. Also consider downloading a compass or flashlight app.

Program the DNR's Report All Poaching (RAP) line (800-292-7800) in your phone contacts so you can alert conservation officers to any natural resources violations you may witness.

"These are simple, common-sense tips that can help prevent accidents and save lives," Painter said. "The DNR encourages all hunters to review the Michigan Hunting and Trapping Digest for other essential information before taking to the field."

Outdoors Brief

Hiawatha National Forest welcomes hunters

GLADSTONE — The Hiawatha National Forest is open to hunting in the pursuit of fowl and game according to the current season schedule and hunting regulations set by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In addition to making sure to have a hunting license from the DNR, there are a few things to remember when hunting on National Forest System lands:

Maps — Don't forget to download a current Motor Vehicle Use Map before you go.

On all National Forests, motor vehicles can only be used on roads, trails or areas that are designated as open for that particular vehicle. This includes all motorized wheeled vehicles from ATVs to street-legal vehicles.

To make sure you know where you are and where you are going, stop at any Forest Service office and get the map for the area you where you will be hunting.

Maps are also available online at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/hiawatha/mvum.

Off-road vehicles — It is illegal to operate an ORV on National Forest lands except on designated trails. All cross-country ORV travel is prohibited on the Hiawatha. It is illegal to drive an ORV cross-country to blinds or to retrieve game.

Camping — For information on Dispersed Campgrounds that are open during hunting season visit the website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/hiawatha/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD521379>. These campgrounds will remain open until the snow doesn't allow you to drive in.

Leaving camping equipment unattended for more than 24 hours is prohibited, and your equipment will be removed. Dispersed

camping is also allowed anywhere that isn't posted "No Camping". You do not need a permit to dispersed camp, however you can camp for no more than 16 consecutive days at any one location.

Permanent camping structures and damaging trees by placing nails or anchors into the tree is prohibited.

Parking — When camping, or stopping somewhere to hunt for a few hours, vehicles may be parked no more than 25 feet off the road.

Firewood — Please purchase or gather firewood locally to reduce the spread of invasive species such as emerald ash borer and gypsy moth. Campfires or warming fires must be attended at all times. You do not need a firewood permit to gather wood for a campfire or cooking fire.

Food Plots — It is illegal to create food plots on National Forest System lands.

Blinds — Hunters may not erect permanent blinds on National Forest lands, and all blinds, shelters and other personal property must be removed at the conclusion of this season.

Blinds must meet the Michigan DNR's requirements as described in the Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide.

No trespassing — It is illegal to post areas of the National Forest as private property in order to discourage other hunters. Also, National Forest System lands are interspersed with private land; make sure you are on National Forest during your hunting trip.

Remember to download a motor vehicle use map to know before you go.

For more information on the Hiawatha National Forest visit www.fs.usda.gov/hiawatha.

Rules for baiting and feeding deer

LANSING — The DNR recently reminded hunters of the regulations regarding baiting and feeding deer.

"Bait" means a substance composed of grains, minerals, salt, fruits, vegetables, hay or other food materials, which may lure, entice or attract deer as an aid in hunting.

Baiting is illegal in Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency, Oscoda, Ingham, Clinton, Shiawassee, Eaton and Ionia counties. Feeding of any kind is not allowed in all of DMU 487, or in Ingham, Clinton, Shiawassee, Eaton and Ionia counties.

In the rest of Michigan, the following rules apply:

- Baiting may occur only from Sept. 15-Jan. 1.
- Bait volume at any hunting site cannot exceed two gallons:
- Bait dispersal must be over a minimum 10-foot by 10-foot area.
- Bait must be scattered directly on the ground. It can be scattered by any means, including mechanical spin-cast feeders, as long as it does not distribute more than allowed.
- To minimize exposure of deer to diseases that may be present, the DNR recommends not placing bait or food repeatedly at the same point

on the ground, and only baiting when actively hunting.

In the rest of Michigan, the following rules apply to feeding for recreational viewing:

"Feed" means a substance composed of grain, mineral, salt, fruit, vegetable, hay or other food material, that may attract deer or elk for any reason other than hunting.

- Feed volume at any residence cannot exceed two gallons.
- Feed may be no more than 100 yards from a residence on land owned or possessed by that person.
- Feed must be scattered on the ground. It can be scattered by any means, including mechanical spin-cast feeders, as long as it does not distribute more than allowed.
- Feed must be at least 100 yards from any area accessible to cattle, goats, sheep, new world camelids, bison, swine, horses or captive cervids.
- Food plots, naturally occurring foods, standing agricultural crops or food placed as a result of using normal agricultural practices are not considered to be bait or feed. Food plots may not be planted on public land.

Well, it is getting closer every day and the weather we have been having kind of reminds you of the time of year it is. In a perfect world we would have just enough snow for tracking during deer season then it would leave only to return so we had enough for a white Christmas and then leave once again. But I figure the odds of this happening are rather slim. Please understand that this is really my age talking.

In my travels I have observed a surprising number of small bucks mostly spikes but a few small forks too. It is a good sign if we have a mild winter, and hunters will go so they can mature for next year. If you stop and think about it, there are enough that get hit by cars that it would be a big help to let some of the smaller bucks go.

In talking to hunters it seems this deer season will prove to be a lot better than we have had the last few years. To a lot of hunters it does not only count when you get your buck, but it does a lot for their frame of mind when they just see deer. Hunters have told me they seem to have five to six deer at least working their blind area and this fact does wonders in how they feel about their upcoming firearm deer

season

Switching gears it seems there is an increase in the number of fishermen down at the river hitting the Black Bass Hole this year. It is nothing like those "good-olddays" but an increase just the same.

It seems this old game warden for some reason cannot go across the river without looking for fishermen and checking to see how many vehicles are parked at the river. Some things in life just never change.

Speaking of hunters and fishermen it still totally amazes me how many people out there get caught taking part in these activities without buying a license or worse yet get caught out in the field using someone else's license. It can be an expensive chance you take if you end up getting caught.

"Also remember to wear your "hunters orange" gear because there are very few breaks given if you do not have any, it seems to be in the same category as when you get caught without your seat belt on. Just a word of warning from this old game warden on how the game is played.

Fish Report

Ret. Sgt. John Walker

I went by one of the places that sell sugar beets to hunters and they had a mountain of sugar beets there. I tried to figure out how many ice cream buckets of sugar beets are in that mountain of beets in their parking lot. I finally gave up seeing I was not smart enough to even figure out how many ice cream buckets were in each scoop they sold to the hunters. When you stop and figure a hunter has to find a way to get some sugar beets, a few apples, some corn, and in some areas pumpkins and maybe a cabbage into an ice cream bucket to take out and bait.

I thought of writing the DNR in Lansing and asking if they had an instruction book where hunters could take lessons in how to accomplish this unreal feat. One thing I find totally amazing is for most of the summer in the areas where I travel out in the woods you have no cell service. But come fall and deer season for some reason you have good cell service. This is great because I can let Wife know what I am doing or if I will be late getting started home. I would seriously recommend all hunters have a cell phone as much as a compass whenever they go out in the woods.

One thing to remember is with your phone you also always have a good camera with you to take pictures of your trophy hunt. As this time of year rolls around that is so special to a lot of us up here in the U.P. I have one suggestion for you. Make plans to make this deer season with family and friends the best season you have ever had. I suggest you treat this deer season like it will be the last one where you all can get together and enjoy each other because none of us know whether that last deer season will be the one you just had. How many of us would give anything to be able to spend just one more deer season out at camp with dad once again. How many of us wish our children were still close enough so they could come and spend time with Wife and me at camp once again. Life always goes through changes we may never expect or cannot control, so just make plans to make this deer season your best one yet.

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Last Friday, Nov. 3, marked the end of the first marking period of the 2017-18 school year. One quarter of the school year is in the books. This is the first formal report for parents and students on the progress for the school year with report cards being distributed this week.

It is also when the school takes time out of the regular schedule to invite parents into the school for Parent Teacher Conferences. Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Nov. 9. Students will be dismissed following our regular early dismissal schedule with busses departing the middle, high school at 11:50 a.m. and the elementary school at noon.

This is the perfect time to evaluate how the school year is progressing. If changes need to be made, now is the time to do it. If grades are not meeting expectations inquire about extra academic support.

If behavior and discipline referrals are a concern talk to the building administrators, Mr. Shiner or Mrs. Boddy.

Conferences will begin at 1:30 p.m. Parents of students at Emerald are asked to schedule an appointment with their child's teacher.

Parents of students in the middle/high school can drop in at their convenience between 1:30 and 6 p.m. and visit each teacher in their classroom.

Parent Teacher Conferences should not be a one-sided

MAS News

Maryann Boddy

conversation. While the teachers will provide an overview of the student's progress and class participation, parents are encouraged to share their expectations and goals for their child.

This two-way conversation helps to get everyone on the same with goals and expectations.

Last week I talked about ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and different types of trauma and stress that impact learning, achievement and school behavior. Parent Teacher Conferences are a perfect time to share this kind of information or any concerns with your child's teacher. The more we know about your child the better we can plan support to help your child be successful.

Keep in mind that the annual Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place this week at Emerald Elementary with hours on Thursday during Parent Teacher Conferences.

In other activities this week Manistique Area Schools will be observing Veteran's Day with programs at both Emerald Elementary and the middle/high school on Friday.

The program at Emerald will be at 9:30 a.m. and the middle school program will follow at 10:30 a.m. The public is welcome to attend both programs.

News Brief

Michigan Bear Forum meeting set in Marquette

MARQUETTE - A group of individuals representing various sportsmen's clubs, the U.S. Forest Service, the agricultural community and nonaffiliated bait and round hunters throughout the state will meet Dec. 16, to discuss the future of bear management in Michigan.

"This group represents our Michigan Bear Forum," said Michigan Department of Natural Resources wildlife management specialist Kevin Swanson. "We have a very wide range of members who make up this group, each representing a slightly different view with regard to bear management in Michigan."

The Michigan Bear Forum will meet from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Little Bear East Arena, located at

275 Marquette St. in St. Ignace.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss bear management and regulations, while assessing 2017 harvest statistics.

The meeting is open to the public, and DNR staff will be available after the meeting to answer additional questions.

Swanson said the DNR also would use the Dec. 16 meeting as an opportunity to kick off its effort to update the Michigan Bear Management Plan, which was last updated in 2008.

DNR Wildlife Division staff members will provide an overview of long-term harvest statistics, population estimates, research and season updates, and trend indicators for each bear management unit.

Mackinac Financial releases third quarter results

MANISTIQUE - Mackinac Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: MFNC) (the "Corporation"), the bank holding company for mBank, recently announced third quarter 2017 net income of \$2.093 million, or \$33 per share, compared to net income of \$1.778 million or \$28 per share for the third quarter of 2016. Net income for the first nine months of 2017 totaled \$5.499 million, or \$88 per share, compared to \$2.785 million, or \$45 per share, for the same period in 2016. Total assets of the Corporation at September 30, 2017 totaled \$1.015 billion, compared to \$959.121 million at September 30, 2016. Weighted average shares for 2017 totaled 6,286,772 compared to 5,226,900 shares in the same period of 2016.

The period-to-period comparison above includes the effect of the Corporation's April 2016 acquisition of First National Bank of Eagle River ("Eagle River") and August 2016 acquisition of Niagara Bancorporation ("Niagara"). In connection with these acquisitions, the Corporation had aggregate GAAP pre-tax transaction related expenses totaling \$2.928 million recorded in the second and third quarters of 2016. These costs, largely associated with the early termination of the Eagle River data processing system in June, reduced the reported nine-month 2016 income by \$1.932 million, or \$31 per share, on an after tax basis. The adjusted 2016 nine-month net income (exclusive of the transaction related expenses) equates to \$4.718 million, or \$76 per share. The transaction expense impact in the third quarter of 2016 was \$237 thousand, or \$4 per share, the exclusion of which results in adjusted net income \$2.015 million, or \$32 per share, for the quarter.

Highlights for the first nine months of 2017 include:

• mBank, the Corporation's subsidiary bank, recorded nine-month net income of \$6.543 million compared to \$3.953 million in 2016. Excluding \$2.512 million of transaction related expenses (\$1.658 million after tax), net income was \$5.611 million for the first nine months of 2016. The adjusted year-over-year increase equates to 17%.

• Total shareholder equity increased \$4.364 million year-over-year from \$78.285 million in September 2016 to \$82.649 million in 2017.

• Total interest income was \$32.985 million through September 2017 compared to \$27.398 million for the same period in 2016, a 20% increase.

• Net interest margin remains solid, at 4.21%. Net interest income increased from \$23.980 million in 2016 to \$28.274 million in 2017, an 18%

increase. Credit quality remains strong with a Texas Ratio of 9.34% as of September 30, 2017.

Total loans at September 30, 2017 were \$808.149 million an increase from \$756.804 million at September 30, 2016. In addition to the balance sheet loan totals, the Corporation services \$204.078 million of sold mortgage loans and \$39.737 million of sold SBA and USDA loans. Total loans under management as of third quarter end were \$1.052 billion.

New loan production totaled \$211.750 million, with the Upper Peninsula contributing \$95.3 million, the Northern Lower Peninsula \$38.9 million, Southeast Michigan \$36.5 million, Wisconsin \$18.1 million and Mackinac Commercial Credit, the Bank's asset based lending division, \$22.9 million. Commercial loan production accounted for \$106.0 million of the total, with consumer loans, primarily 1-4 family mortgages, totaling \$82.8 million, inclusive of \$48.8 million of secondary market originations. Commenting on new loan production and overall lending activities, Kelly W. George, President and CEO of mBank stated, "We are pleased to have had consistent loan production thus far in 2017 compared to 2016 especially within our asset based lending division which has had its most productive year since its inception with strong growth. As expected, we have also seen good momentum and production within the markets we entered last year in Northern Wisconsin. Market pricing remains competitive in all our regions as commercial clients continually gravitate to more fixed rate lending structures."

Our mix of loans remains very good with diversification amongst industry types. We have passed on some lending opportunities for non-owner occupied commercial real estate to ensure prudent balance sheet risk management in the event of an economic downturn. As expected, our seasonal lending months throughout our northern regions saw an uptick in our mortgage lending activities and income levels from our secondary market mortgage sales along with increased SBA loans sales."

Nonperforming assets totaled \$7.478 million, or 74% of total assets at September 30, 2017 compared to \$7.938 million, or 83% of total assets at September 30, 2016. Total loan delinquencies greater than 30 days remained at a nominal .50%, or \$4.164 million. George, commenting on credit quality stated, "Our loan portfolio remains sound with no material weaknesses within any of our lines. Purchase accounting marks from dil-

gence on the loans acquired from the two 2016 acquisitions have proven sound with positive resolutions accreting to the bank's earnings. The positive trends in our nonperforming asset totals, Texas ratio, and delinquencies are the result of our steadfast underwriting requirements and focus on proactive loan administration. With further increases expected in the Prime rate and other variable rate indexes for 2018, we are actively monitoring variable rate borrowers through increasing "shock" tests on their cash flows to determine future stress in any business segment which at this point remains well controlled."

Net interest income for the first nine months of 2017 increased to \$28.274 million, a 4.21% net interest margin compared to \$23.980 million, or 4.21%, in 2016. Total deposits of \$835.203 million September 30, 2017 compared to \$807.180 at the same date in 2016. George, commenting on deposits and overall liquidity, stated "Our net interest margin continues to hold up well even with the various pricing impacts of the Fed rate movements and the flat yield curve. Focus on current and long term asset and liability pricing will remain important as we move through this rate cycle to protect our margin. As we have stated in the past, the Corporation maintains a strong short-term liquidity position made up of various components of core and wholesale funding sources, as well as unpledged investments to support loan growth and operations. Our funding mix and liquidity will shift slightly throughout the year with the seasonality of some business clients, but the other sources allow for numerous funding instruments to help prudently manage long term interest rate risk. Liability side focus will remain centered on growing our core deposit levels as these comparatively inexpensive deposits in relation to wholesale sources will continue to prove more and more valuable as rates continue to increase."

Noninterest income, at \$2.724 million, was \$287 thousand behind the September 30, 2016 level of \$3.012 million. The primary reason for the variance to 2016 was the timing of the customary sales of SBA loans which are anticipated to normalize for the year. Noninterest expense was \$22.418 million for the first three quarters of 2017 compared to \$22.376 million for the same period of 2016. The 2016 total included \$2.928 million of transaction-related expenses. Excluding these charges, noninterest expense totaled \$19.448 million in the first nine months of 2016. The largest increase in operating expenses compared to 2016 were salaries,

benefits and occupancy expense; areas that are directly impacted by increased operating scale primarily related to the acquisitions of Eagle River and Niagara. The Bank was able to achieve the expected level of cost efficiencies contemplated with the 2016 acquisitions with noninterest expense to total average assets of 2.85% at September 30, 2017 improving from 2.95%, net of transaction expenses, at September 30, 2016 which ratio remains in-line with peer averages.

Total assets of the Corporation at September 30, 2017 were \$1.015 billion, up \$56.0 million from the \$959.121 million of total assets at September 30, 2016. Total common shareholders' equity at September 30, 2017 was \$82.649 million, or \$13.13 per share, compared to \$78.285 million, or \$12.50 per share at September 30, 2016. Capital levels remain consistent with past periods as Tier 1 Common Equity resided at 6.82% of average assets at the Corporation and 8.88% at mBank.

In closure, Chairman and CEO of the Corporation Paul D. Tobias stated, "We are very pleased with the consistency of our earnings in 2017 after acquiring and integrating two banks in 2016. Our diligence on expense efficiencies and the respective loan portfolios has proven accurate. We remain mindful of our cost structure and efficiency ratio which has improved compared to 2016 adjusted levels, even with some inherent expenses of becoming a billion-dollar company. We will continue to focus the company organically through growth on our core business lines and remain opportunistic as to future accretive and strategic acquisition opportunities. We believe additional scale will positively impact efficiency and continue our progress in earnings performance, building shareholder value and increasing our dividend."

Mackinac Financial Corporation is a registered bank holding company formed under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 with assets in excess of \$1 billion and whose common stock is traded on the NASDAQ stock market as "MFNC." The principal subsidiary of the Corporation is mBank. Headquartered in Manistique, Michigan, mBank has 23 branch locations, twelve in the Upper Peninsula, four in the Northern Lower Peninsula, one in Oakland County, Michigan and seven in Northern Wisconsin. The Company's banking services include commercial lending and treasury management products and services geared toward small to mid-sized businesses, as well as a full array of personal and business deposit products and consumer loans.

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