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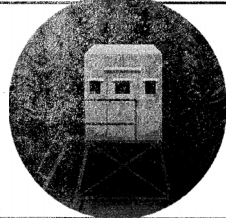
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'Tis the deer season. Read up to hunt.

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Ladies Night takes over downtown

See events



City signs letter of support for barrier

Replacement of Manistique Dam will reduce sea lamprey

MANISTIQUE — The Manistique City Council has taken the next step forward in supporting a collaborative effort to construct a replacement structure for the Manistique Dam. The project, first announced in 2016 as part of a sea lamprey control effort, was discussed during Monday's regular meeting.

According to City Manager Sheila Aldrich, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Great Lakes Fishery Commission are partnering to pursue a grant opportunity to fund the removal of the flume wall and construct a new structure or the Manistique

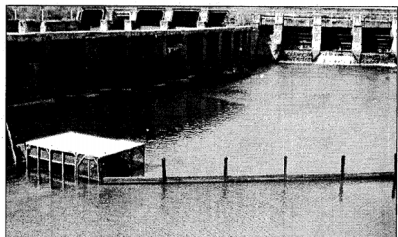
River. During Monday's meeting the group requested that Manistique sign on as the fifth "project cooperator" and sign a letter of support to accompany the grant application.

The Manistique Dam, constructed in 1920 for the purpose of generating power for the former Manistique Papers, Inc., is currently located on the Manistique River, north of the historic water tower. According to a briefing paper submitted by Jessica Barber, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sea Lamprey Control Program and project manager for the Manistique project, the decommissioning of the dam in 1991 caused issues. Since that decommissioning, pieces of the barrier have been removed, leading to the formation of cracks and holes allowing sea lamprey to swim through and infest the upper watershed.

The number of adult sea lamprey in the Manistique River have grown significantly over time, and the adult lamprey, which can consume 40 pounds of fish annually, travel down the river and into Lake Michigan to feed. The briefing points out that since the dam's deterioration, chemicals — lampricide — and traps have been relied upon to control the sea lamprey population in the area. The Great Lakes Fishery Commission Spends nearly \$21 million annually on these control methods.

The Manistique River has seen seven lampricide treatments since 2003. An eighth treatment, scheduled for 2019, is anticipated to cost \$920,000.

Sea lamprey barrier continued on A7



Above, the Manistique Dam, flume wall, and a sea lamprey trap area shown in the spring months. Photo courtesy UFWs



Serving up gratitude

The Schoolcraft County All Vets Organization presented Veterans Day programs in area schools Friday, giving local veterans the opportunity to be recognized among students, faculty, and the public. At left, Emerald Elementary students shake the hands of veterans following the program. Below, local veteran Dick Ketok emceed each presentation. At right, Emerald students were happily surprised to see first grade teacher Karin Sylvia standing among the veterans being honored.



Upcoming Events

- Nov. 13-19** — Schoolcraft County Operation Christmas Child Collection Week, drop-off at First Baptist Church Manistique, 4-7 p.m.
- Nov. 16** — Ladies Night, downtown Manistique, 4-7 p.m.
- Nov. 18** — Bazaar and Bake Sale, Manistique Senior Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Nov. 17, 18, 19** — Open Skate, Little Bear West Arena, Friday and Saturday 6-9 p.m., Sunday 5-8 p.m.
- Nov. 24** — Manistique Merchants Association's Christmas Parade, downtown Manistique, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 1, 2** — MHS Drama presents "The Beverly Hillsbillies", Manistique High School Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 2** — Community Kids Christmas Party, the Elks Lodge, 12-2 p.m.

Commissioners tackle jail, Gulliver Lake Dam issues

\$19K feasibility study could determine fate of county jail

MANISTIQUE — The county is moving ahead with a jail feasibility study — the first step in possibly replacing the current facility. The study was discussed during last week's meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners.

According to Commissioner Dan Hoholik, also part of the board's jail committee, the current goal is creating what will serve as a county jail and mental health diversion facility. He made a motion for commissioners to accept a proposal from Byce and Associates, an engineering and architecture firm out of Kalamazoo, Mich., along with Securitecture, LLC, Noblesville, Ind., to complete the study for a total of \$19,500. Hoholik explained the scope of the feasi-

bility study includes the short and long term protective needs of jail capacity, the needs associated with the mental health diversion portion of the jail, current state-sponsored opportunities, preliminary programming for the jail and Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Office, evaluation of existing and potential sites and cost data associated with these sites, and staffing and operational cost projections. The current jail was built in 1957 as a home for the sheriff and a small lock-up. Since that time, it has deteriorated significantly.

Commissioner Larry Mersnick took the time to thank his fellow commissioners for taking the time to focus on the jail.

"We're up against it in regard to the jail," explained Mersnick. "The state is asking for us to show that our intentions are well. This study is not going to hurt — this is going to clarify a lot of things. I appreciate the work that's been done.

"We've got to, as a board, do all of our homework ... on what it's going to cost to close our jail, how many people we're going to lose in regard to income and ... full-time jobs in our community," he added. "It's not just as easy as closing it down. When you lose your jail, you lose your jail probably for good."

Mersnick pointed out that if the jail closes, the county would face difficulty in finding placement for its inmates, as many of the jails already have agreements in place to offer open beds to other counties in need.

"There's just not a lot of beds available out there to be able to get under contract with somebody," he said, even if beds are available. The cost to house inmates in other jails may be prohibitive. "It's going to cost us

Jail, dam issues

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News Brief

Area man sentenced to jail time for assault

MANISTIQUE — A Manistique man has been sentenced for an assault that occurred in August.

Jordan Thomas Ramey, 20, of 222 New Delta Ave., was sentenced in 11th Judicial Circuit Court Nov. 9 after pleading guilty to one count of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, and one count of domestic violence.

Three other charges were dismissed as part of Ramey's plea agreement.

He was ordered by Judge William W. Carmody to serve 24 months in jail — 12 months to be served immediately and 12 months held in abeyance pending successful completion of 24 months of probation. He was given credit for 93 days served.

Ramey was also ordered to pay \$1,208 in court costs and fees, with a restitution amount to be determined within 30 days of sentencing.



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It's beginning to look a little like Christmas

A city crew was out Monday morning to hang the Christmas decor on Manistique's decorative light poles. The decorations are just in time for the annual Manistique Merchants Association's Christmas Parade, which is slated to take place the day after Thanksgiving, Nov. 24, at 6 p.m.

MSP begins roadside drug testing pilot

LANSING — Last week, in an effort to combat the dangers of drugged driving, five Michigan counties will participate in a one-year oral fluid roadside drug testing pilot program established by the Michigan State Police. The counties include Berrien, Delta, Kent, St. Clair, and Washtenaw counties.

The Preliminary Oral Fluid Analysis pilot program was established by Public Acts 242 and 243 of 2016. The pilot program will establish policies for the administration of roadside drug testing to determine whether an individual is operating a vehicle

while under the influence of a controlled substance in violation of Michigan law.

Over the last several years, Michigan has seen a steady increase in fatal crashes involving drivers impaired by drugs. In 2016, there were 236 drug-involved traffic fatalities, which is an increase of 32 percent from 179 drug-involved traffic fatalities in 2015.

"Motorists under the influence of drugs pose a risk to themselves and others on the road," said Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, director of the MSP. "With drugged driving on the rise, law enforcement officers need

an effective tool to assist in making these determinations during a traffic stop."

The pilot counties were chosen based on several criteria, including the number of impaired driving crashes, impaired drivers arrested and trained Drug Recognition Experts in the county.

DREs are police officers who have received highly specified training that allows them to identify drivers impaired by drugs. Although the pilot program is being organized and managed by the MSP, DREs employed by county, township and municipal police agencies are

involved. Under the pilot program, a DRE may require a person to submit to a preliminary oral fluid analysis to detect controlled substances in the person's body if they suspect the driver is impaired by drugs. The preliminary oral fluid analysis will be conducted by a DRE on the person's oral fluid, obtained by mouth swab, and will be administered along with the drug recognition 12-step evaluation currently used by DREs. Results to submit to a preliminary oral fluid analysis upon lawful demand of a police officer is a civil infraction.

Enbridge told to make full account of Line 5 condition to Pipeline Safety Advisory Board

Action comes after more coating gaps discovered

LANSING — The State of Michigan has called on Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P. to give the Pipeline Safety Advisory Board a full accounting of the status of the Line 5 pipeline in light of new information released today by Enbridge that additional coating gaps were discovered during the company's most recent inspection of the dual pipelines in the Straits of Mackinac.

Enbridge must give the presentation at the PSAB's meeting Dec. 11 in Lansing about all the findings it has made about the pipeline's condition, that of its protective coating and anchors, and the results of its video inspections, automated in-line tests, and recent hydrostat and biota testing.

The new information comes after the State requested inspections of each of the anchor locations following initial reports of coating gaps. Those inspections have been completed at 48 of 128 locations, and a majority of those 48 areas have gaps, Enbridge told the state today.

"This is very troubling and points out exactly why the state has been vigilant about getting information from Enbridge," said Heidi Grether, Director of the Department of Environmental Quality and co-chair of the PSAB. "It is essential that we get adequate and accurate information from Enbridge to allow the State to continue our pursuit of protecting the Great Lakes."

Besides ordering the presentation, the State said it will bring on additional technical expertise to evaluate the information Enbridge is to provide about the condition of the pipeline that was built in 1953. A 4.5-mile section of the line from Superior, Wisconsin, to Sarnia, Ontario, runs beneath the Straits of Mackinac within an easement issued in 1953 by the State of Michigan.

"A year ago, Enbridge said there were no coating gaps in the Straits pipeline. Now, there are dozens. When will we know the full accounting of what Enbridge knows about Line 5?" said Valerie Brader, executive director of the Michigan Agency for Energy and co-chair of the PSAB. "I sincerely hope there are no more surprises when Enbridge gives their presentation to the Pipeline Safety Advisory Board in December. We and the people of Michigan deserve nothing less, and the State will be bringing on additional experts to examine Enbridge's information and challenge it where necessary."

The latest Enbridge information comes just a week before the State is to release on Nov. 20 the final version of the Line 5 Alternatives Analysis report. Developed by independent contractor Dynamic Risk, the report studies what options are available for transporting the 540,000 barrels a day of light crude oil and natural gas liquids that run through Line 5.

Three public feedback sessions have been scheduled after the Alternatives Analysis release: Dec. 6, in Taylor, beginning at

6 p.m., at the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center, Wayne County Community College District, Downriver Campus, 21000 Northline Road.

Dec. 12, in St. Ignace, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Little Bear Arena & Community Center, 275 Marquette St.

Dec. 13, in Traverse City, beginning at 6 p.m., West Bay Beach Holiday Inn Resort, Leelanau Banquet Rooms, 615 E. Front St.

The report will be posted on the PSAB website and the public will have 30 days to make comments online about what the State should do regarding the future of Line 5. The Dec. 22 deadline for comments includes two additional days to account for the Thanksgiving state holidays during the comment period. Comments can also be mailed to: Department of

Environmental Quality, Attn: Line 5 Alternatives Analysis, P.O. Box 30473, Lansing, MI 48909-7973.

Dr. Guy Meadows, a professor at Michigan Technological University who is in talks with the state to perform a risk analysis of the pipeline, will also be asked to include information contained in today's revelations in his report, which is expected to be completed next summer.

The PSAB's next quarterly meeting is from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Causeway Bay Lansing Hotel and Convention Center, Ballrooms F-J, 6820 S. Cedar St., Lansing.

The State will use the information from the Enbridge presentation, the Alternatives and Risk studies, and the outside expert review to ensure the informational basis for any decision about the future of Line 5 is robust and complete.

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The Pioneer Tribune reserves the right to refuse letters and to edit letters for accuracy, concision, appropriateness, and according to AP guidelines.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
Seeing that I am sending in my subscription money for the paper I decided to make a comment at the same time.

I was interested and followed the make Manistique more beautiful program (Dress It Up). It says a lot for the people of Manistique.

However, I was shocked when I read in the paper some of the choices made. The one location I thought was beautiful got an honorable mention.

That location was the path between the two St. Vincent de Paul buildings. They did a great job there, painted the buildings, put in a block walkway, a nice

brick flower planter the length of the building, beautiful flowers, quilt blocks were hung on the side of the building, planters with seats made by the vocational education students, and table and chairs painted bright colors for the convenience of the people to rest.

They also put black top in back of the building.
Had I been a judge, they would have won first place. They did an awesome job.

And everyone parking out back can use this to go to the main street. Maybe next year things will be different.

**Kay Cousineau
Garden Corners**

The Archives

This week in the Pioneer Tribune...

50 Years Ago November 17, 1967

• Fire towers are becoming obsolete on the Hiawatha National Forest. Last month the U.S. Forest Service began scheduled airplane flights to aid in the detection of forest fires. The air detection system requires eight fire towers, two of which are near Manistique. One is the Cocks tower, located in the farming country north of Cocks. The other is the Steuben tower, located near the small community of Steuben. Fires burning west and north of Manistique could quickly be located by these towers and crews dispatched to them. The U.S. Forest Service has utilized the Cocks tower since 1952. Prior to that time the State Conservation Department operated and maintained it. The Steuben tower has been in longer service. Its use by the Forest Service dates back to 1937. It too was state property before being released to the Forest Service. The U.S. Weather Bureau also used Steuben tower for gathering weather information. This operation was discontinued five years ago.

• The City of Manistique will apply to the Michigan Waterways Commission for a \$90,000 grant to make major improvements to the local harbor. City Council decided at their regular meeting Monday night. City Manager Robert Noe told the council that engineering plans for the project have been delayed, but that the project would include 800 feet of metal bin wall dockage capped with concrete, primarily for the use of pleasure craft. Council also agreed to renew a lease on the Go-Kart track by the Manistique River for five years, transferring it from the Jaycees to the Emerald City Motor Club. The lease can be cancelled in 60 days by the city, however. Mr. Noe reported that Public Safety Officer William Reno had achieved a score of 93.13 percent on his examination while attending the basic police training program at Northern Michigan University.

• The annual Lincoln School carnival sponsored by the PTA was held Friday evening in the school with Mrs. Earl Johnson as chairman. Special attractions featured in the "Festival of Color" theme were Mrs. Carl Marsh and her Wednesday night guitar students, who entertained during the festivities; a variety show with banjo twirlers Cheryl Kanerva, Sally Bonifas, Patti Flodin, Kathy Hill and Phyllis Wood, dancers Wendy Zellner and Ginger Elliott; and colorful downs Rebecca Johnson and Herbert Cahoun. Mr. Louis Rogers was master of ceremonies.

• A prelude to deer season seemed to be taking place on Schoolcraft County roads this week with deer being involved in five of the six accidents reported.

35 Years Ago November 18, 1982

• Seasonal motif was the object of the lesson for Hiawatha School fourth graders in Bette Jahns class, as they made their own pilgrims for Thanksgiving. Students are Kim Wood, Amy Jasmin, Jennifer Perry, Kathie Gould, Denise Barton, Scott Evans, Lonny Young, Jenny Hyland, Kathy Whitman, Cindy Henry, Michelle Olsen, Mia Young, Tom Andrews, Barbara Jasmin, Dana Gwallney, Christa Tennant, Tammy Marks, Patty Reid Nicole Ayoite and Nancy Burge.

• A princely thank you was sent to Coral LeBlanc of Manistique and Newaygo after she sent a baby gift to England's Prince William, son of Prince Charles and Princess Diana. LeBlanc sent a pair of hand crocheted baby booties to London after the prince was born in July and received a thank-you note on royal stationery last month.

• A Dramatics Club has been formed at Manistique High School. Officers include president, Amy Walters; vice-president, Paul Bosen; secretary, Kim Mercier; and treasurer, LeAnn Tyler. The club's advisor is Michelle Burley, a teacher at Lincoln School. The club boasts a thirty-plus membership and hopes to produce some plays and variety shows in addition to a spring musical. Another possibility is a presentation of a dinner theater for the community. The club will offer a variety of "arts" for the students as well as opportunities for area residents.

• After two years' absence, the Manistique Area Chamber of Commerce is again planning a winter carnival. Featuring such seasonal activities as dog sled, three-wheeler and snowmobile races, the carnival will be held Friday and Saturday, January 21 and 22. The Manistique Merchants will once again sponsor an ice sculpture contest to coincide with the festive festivities. A winter carnival dance Saturday night will close out the carnival.

20 Years Ago November 20, 1997

• After more than two years of planning and negotiating, construction will begin next month on condominiums and a retail shopping area on the west side of the Manistique Harbor. The Manistique City Council approved a rezoning request from the Manistique Industrial Development Corporation for the old ferry dock site at a special meeting Friday morning, Nov. 14.

• The management of Mineral Technologies Inc. is in the process of trying to sell Specialty Minerals' Fort Inland operation in Gulliver, company officials said. A statement issued by Mineral Technologies Inc. said the company is considering the sale because the Gulliver facility does not fit in its "long-term strategic direction." Specialty Minerals Inc. President Paul Saueracker said the company is looking to sell the operation as a "complete business unit," which means both the facility and the work force are part of the sale.

• The City of Manistique put up its Christmas decorations last week throughout the downtown area, including the new snowman, which was purchased for \$1,827.50 by the Downtown Development Authority Board.

• Catherine Kasun of Manistique and Bob Ritter of Cocks both won firearms in the annual fundraising raffle for the Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School District's vocational education scholarships.

10 Years Ago November 22, 2007

• Students in Mr. Ziemba's physics class had the opportunity to put their buoyancy and water displacement theories to the test Monday during a "regatta" held in the Manistique High School pool. Dividing up into teams, students raced their unique crafts built out of cardboard and duct tape across the calm pool waters. Some fared better than others. The boat navigated by Steve Young is sure to pull an A on the assignment as his craft came in first place. Pepe Renteria came in a close second, with the boats powered by Jessica Neddow and Alan Sims battled it out for third place. Meanwhile, Breanna Yurk and her team might want to go back to the drawing board and make a few adjustments to their theories.

• The Emerald girls junior varsity basketball team will kick-off their 2007-08 season against Munising Tuesday night in the Richard Bonifas Gymnasium. Members of the team are Mindy Miller, Alicia Couckas, Nichole Tanuta, Samantha Bryant, Carle Kangas, Brandt Albright, Milicent Weber, Ashlee Henry, Marcy Hoholik, Emilee Hepler, Chandy Colod, Abbey Wood and Kim Schuetter. The team is coached by Craig Hepler.

News Brief

MMA seeks volunteers for annual car show

MANISTIQUE - Several holidays appear on the calendar before it, so for many, Labor Day is in the distant future. That's not the case for those organizing the annual Manistique Merchants Association's Car Show.

Early preparations are underway for next year's event - set to be held Sept. 1, 2018. At this time, the Association is looking for individuals who would like to be involved in the planning process. There is no requirement to be car enthusiast in order to participate and a volunteer's involvement can be large or small as they choose.

The car show includes family-friendly entertainment, including children's tractor pulls, a car "blow-up" contest, bounce houses for children, a craft show, and much more.

For further information or to be added to the contact list, stop in at the Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce Welcome Center, which is located near across from Trader's Point Drive on U.S. Highway 2, or by phone at 341-5010.

Elks Foundation announces deadline for scholarships

MANISTIQUE - U.P. District Elks Scholarship Chairman Jason Siik is reminding area High School seniors that the deadline to turn in Elks Scholarship Applications is fast approaching.

Again this year, the Elks National Foundation is investing in the nation's future by awarding \$3.74 million in college scholarships.

The MVS scholarship is available to all high school seniors who are United States citizens. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks.

Males and females compete separately, and are judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

The Most Valuable Student scholarship will help 500 deserving students attend college. The ENF will award 20 top scholarships ranging from \$20,000 to \$50,000.

The remaining 480 runners-up will receive \$4,000 scholarships. Completed applications must be turned in on line no later than Nov. 27.

Quick facts

- The Elks National Foundation is offering scholarships to any high school senior.
The deadline to apply for the scholarship, which will be awarded to 500 students, is Nov. 27.
There is also a scholarship for children of Elks members.

Each year, the Elks National Foundation and local Elks Lodges provide millions of dollars in college scholarships to high school seniors like those in the community.

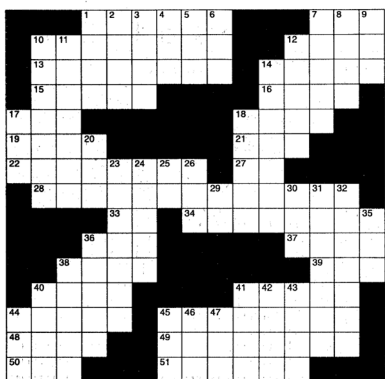
To learn more about Elks National Foundation scholarship opportunities, contact U.P. District Chairman Scholarship Chairman Jason Siik by calling (734) 890-2732, by writing 921 Pine Street, Negaunee, MI 49866 or by emailing jason.siik@negauneeschools.org.

Applications must be completed and submitted online only. For more details and eligibility requirements, and to start the application process, visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars.

Sept. 1, awards 400, \$4,000 scholarships to children and grandchildren of Elks members. The contest is open to any high school senior who is the child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of an Elks member who has been a member in good standing for at least two years.

Applications must be submitted online to the Foundation by Noon on Feb. 2, 2018. Children and grandchildren compete separately against other children and grandchildren from their sponsoring Lodge's state.

Applications must be completed and submitted online only. For more details and eligibility requirements, and to start the application process, visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars.



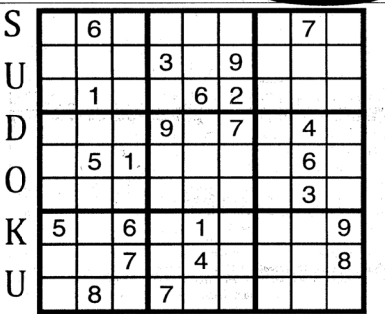
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7. In possession of
10. Rodents
12. Type of cofactor (Brit. sp.)
13. Hard candy on a stick
14. Animal of the weasel family
15. Things that should not be overlooked
16. 'Silence' author
17. Dried, split lentils
18. People native to Ghana
19. Barros and Gasteyer are two
21. British thorn unit
22. Large oblong hall
27. Ethnic group in Asia
28. Holiday decoration
33. Millimeter
34. Open
36. Health physics concept (abbr.)
37. Tactic meditation
38. Where golf games begin
39. Birth swine
40. Rip

CLUES DOWN

- 1. 'Smoke Tails' cartoonist
2. Religious group
3. Singer Redding
4. ... and tuck
5. Head honcho
6. Second sight
7. Composer
8. About aviation
9. Senior officer
10. Forecasts weather
11. Seasoned Hungarian soup
12. Town in Hesse, Germany
14. Thought to derive from medicines
17. Hit lightly
18. Seemingly bottomless chasm
20. Title of respect
23. Warm up
24. Man and Wight are two
25. Type of scan
26. Atomic mass unit
29. Article
30. Incriminate
31. Passes by
32. Most nerve-inducing sitcom
36. Achieve
38. Freshwater fish
40. Beginner
41. Dark brown or black
42. A newlywed wears one
43. Difrancio and Vardanyan are two
44. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
45. Ancient Egyptian King
46. Old name (abbr.)
47. Brazilian city (slang)

All puzzle answers are on page B3



Level: Intermediate

Word Search

ON THE FIELD WORD SEARCH



- ADVANTAGE GOALKEEPER PERIOD SOCCER
AGGREGATE GOALMOUTH PITCH STATISTICS
BALL GUARD PLAYERS TACKLE
BOX HEAD PUNT TEND
CLEAR KICK REFEREE THREAT
CYCLE KICKER RUNNING TIMEOUT
DEAD NATIONAL SCISSOR TRANSFER
DEFENDER OFFENDER SCORE UNIFORM
FIELD PENALTY SCORELINES SHUTOUT

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Solve the code to discover words related to soccer. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = O)
A. 12 3 3 14
B. 16 26 5 16
C. 2 21 13 13
D. 1 3 21 19

Online map outlines local government funding levels for retiree healthcare

MIDLAND - The Mackinac Center for Public Policy released an interactive map showing which local governments have saved responsibly for the benefits they offer retirees and which have not.

Some local governments offer retired employees "other post-employment benefits," or OPEB, in addition to a pension. Unlike pensions, however, municipalities aren't required to set any money aside to pay for OPEB and many have chosen not to. The difference between what local governments have saved and the projected cost of these benefits amounts to billions in underfunding. Also unlike pensions, local governments can trim these retiree health benefits at any time.

According to data from the Michigan Department of Treasury, about half of local governments that offer retiree health insurance have saved little or nothing to pay these costs. For the cities and counties in Michigan that offer OPEB, the median amount citizens currently owe is \$392 per person. "There are no mandates for local governments to offer retiree medical insurance benefits, and few firms in the private sector do," said James Hohman, director of fiscal policy at the Mackinac Center.

"Yet local governments have continued to offer them and kick the costs to future taxpayers."

The map shows how much each person living in a county or city would have to pay to fully fund their local government's retiree health care benefits. The numbers can be stark: The Upper Peninsula's Iron County doesn't offer OPEB to retirees, but Crystal Falls, a city in the county, does and city residents would need to pay \$4,157.69 per person to fully fund them.

The problem is especially pronounced in southeastern Michigan. In Taylor, for example, it would cost residents \$5,410.67 per person to pay for benefits the city has promised, in addition to \$265.75 per person to fund benefits for Wayne County government retirees. Taylor has underfunded these benefits more than almost any other municipality. "This is self-inflicted fiscal malpractice," Hohman said. "Most retirees, from local government and former private sector workers don't get these benefits. But for those municipalities that continue to offer them, it has stretched resources far thinner than the revenue sharing cuts that local government officials are constantly complaining

about." The Legislature is currently debating how to tackle this problem and is expected to consider bills on

the issue before the end of the year. Look at the map to see how responsible your local governments have been.

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Obituaries



A pizza the recognition

Courtesy photo
The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners recently thanked county departments with a pizza lunch following a successful fiscal year. The 2017 fiscal year was the first time the county has used a "real" budget - calculating the average of the past three years' expenditures in each department and using that as a working budget. In the past, commissioners typically set an estimated budget and required department heads to request additional funds as needed. This year, all departments stayed within their real budgets, allowing the county to put an additional \$50,000 toward the county's underfunded Municipal Employees Retirement System account and add approximately \$40,000 to the county's general fund. Pictured at left are, from left to right: Tracy Berg and Greg Schultz from the 93rd District Court, Penny Carlson from the Veterans Administration Office, and Michelle Nelson from the County Clerk's office.

Faye E. Musselman

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



Faye E. Musselman

Faye was born in Hermansville, Mich., Sept. 25, 1935, to Ed and Mary Roland. She travelled to many different places in the U.S. and Okinawa, 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 (Kan-

arak) of Chandler, Ariz., Gary (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 Blaney Park, Mich., in the spring.

Gail Morrow

SHERWOOD, Wis. - Gail Lundstrom Morrow, 84, of Sherwood, Wis., passed away Monday, Oct. 9, 2017. She was born Aug. 1, 1933, in Manistique, Mich., the daughter of Elmer T. and Lucille (Campbell) Lundstrom.



Gail Morrow

Gail was a dance and fitness instructor, massage therapist, equestrian, breeder of Rhodesian Ridgebacks, volunteer, athlete and gardener. She was also an enthusiastic and dedicated lifelong learner and teacher.

Gail graduated from the University of Michigan. She married John Melville Morrow in 1956.

Amongst her survivors are her husband, John; daughter Johanna; and brother, Charles Lundstrom.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Dorothy Bays and Patricia Davis.

A memorial service for Gail will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in her honor.

The family is being assisted by Wichmann-Fargo Funeral Homes in Appleton, Wis. Her obituary can be viewed at www.ohcremation.com.

Public can give Line 5 feedback in St. Ignace

LANSING - Three public feedback sessions have been scheduled in December so the public can suggest the next steps the State should take regarding Line 5, based on information in the final version of the independent Alternatives Analysis. The report is scheduled to be released publicly on Nov. 20, and comments will be accepted online or by mail until Dec. 22.

The report by independent contractor Dynamic Risk Assessment Systems, Inc. analyzed alternatives to using Line 5, owned by Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P., to transport light crude oil and natural gas liquids from Superior, Wisconsin, through the Straits of Mackinac to Sarnia, Ontario, Canada.

The draft report was released in July, followed by one public information meeting, three public feedback sessions, and a 45-day period where the public could offer comments and replies to comments on the report. All comments and replies to comments were considered for inclusion into the final report.

After the State completes its review of the alternatives report, Enbridge has five business days beginning on Nov. 13 to review the report ahead of its public release a week later. Under Enbridge's formal agreement with the state to provide funding for the Alternatives Analysis report, the company cannot ask for or have any changes made to the document.

Details about the area public feedback opportunity: Tuesday, Dec. 12, in St. Ignace, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Little Bear Arena & Community Center, 275 Marquette St.

With the report's release Nov. 20 on the Pipeline Safety Advisory Board website, a 30-day window opens for online comments about what the State should do regarding the future of Line 5. The Dec. 22 deadline for comments includes two additional days to account for the Thanksgiving state holidays during the comment period. Comments can also be mailed to: Department of Environmental Quality, Attn: Line 5 Alternatives Analysis, P.O. Box 30473, Lansing, MI 48909-7973.

The Michigan Agency for Energy, Michigan Attorney General's Office, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and Michigan Department of Natural Resources will use the Alternatives Analysis and a pending independent Risk Analysis to ensure the informational basis for any decision about the future of Line 5 is robust and complete.

The State of Michigan in August 2016 commissioned independent contractors to complete an alternatives analysis and risk analysis. Built in 1953, Line 5 is 645 miles long and transports up to 540,000 barrels a day of light crude oil and natural gas liquids. A 4.5-mile section runs beneath the Straits of Mackinac.

MDS schedules emergency food distributions

ESCANABA - The Menominee-Delta-Schoolcraft Community Action Agency Emergency Food Assistance Program (quarterly distribution) has been scheduled for early December.

The program is for residents who qualify with household income below 200 percent (one person-\$2,010/month, two people-\$2,707/month) of the federal

poverty guidelines. Residents do not have to pre-register, but must self-declare their income at the time of receiving commodities. There is no age limit.

All food items are available on a first come, first serve basis. A list of items to be distributed is not available.

For more information, contact the Manistique Senior Center at

341-5923 or Community Action at (906) 786-7080, or visit www.mdscaa.org.

Delta County distributions are scheduled for:

- Garden (341-2452) - Wednesday, Dec. 6, Garden Community Center, 2-3 p.m.

Schoolcraft County distributions are scheduled for:

- Manistique (341-2452) - Thursday, Dec. 7, Manistique VFW Hall, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

- Gernfask (586-9697) - Thursday, Dec. 7, Gernfask Township Hall, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

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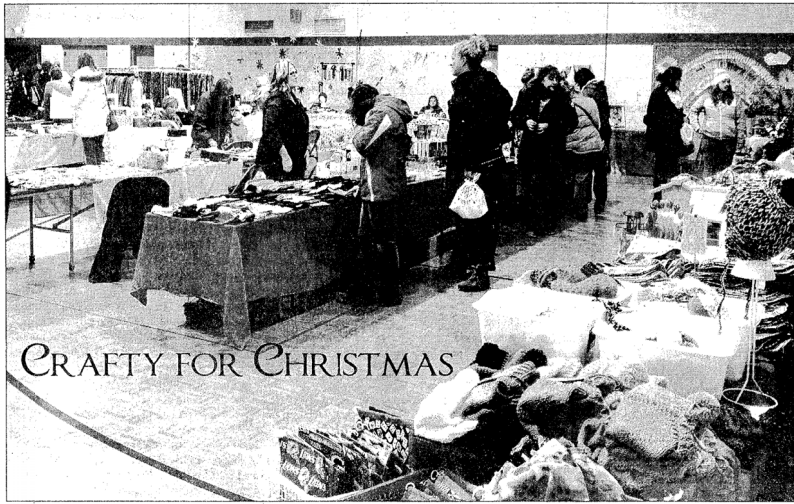
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CRAFTY FOR CHRISTMAS
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On Saturday, while some were off prepping camp for the opening of deer season, others took advantage of an opportunity to shop at the Catholic Women's Society Craft Fair. Those in attendance had a wide selection of handcrafted items to select from, including soy candles, custom "Yooper" wear, jewelry, photography, and more. Also participating in the event were home business lines, including Young Living Essential Oils and LuLaRoe. For those unable to attend, many of the same vendors will be participating in the craft fair being held at the Manistique Senior Center Saturday. Some may also be featured as "Pop Up" vendors at area businesses during Ladies Night in downtown Manistique tonight from 4-7 p.m.

Lifestyles Brief

Operation Christmas Child organizers announce drop-off times, location for area participants

MANISTIQUE – Drop off times have been announced for area residents preparing boxes for the Operation Christmas Child collection season. The collection drive is the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, and has a goal of collecting enough gift-filled shoeboxes to reach 12 million children in 2017.

Items can be dropped off at the First Baptist Church on Walnut Street Nov. 16-19 using the following schedule:
Thursday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Friday 4-8 p.m.
Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday 1-4 p.m.
Participants can donate \$9 per

shoebox gift online through "Follow Your Box" and receive a tracking label to discover its destination. Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by add-

ing a photo and note.
For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child or to view gift suggestions, call Sara Giles at (906) 450-7350 or visit samaritanspurse.org/occ.

This weekend we had a bunch of friends over for a dinner party. There was tons of great food on the menu—grass fed steak, pork loin with apples, onions and bourbon and of course, lots of green things—salads, Brussels sprouts and a wonderful fermented slaw that my friend Izabella brought.

I love mushrooms – sautéed with ghee, garlic and some fresh thyme – so wonderful! Pile those babies all over my steak please!
But cutting mushrooms for a crowd can get tedious... enter the egg slicer! We washed and sliced those mushrooms using the aforementioned egg slicer in nothing flat—seriously! That egg slicer was handy! That egg slicer was dandy! And it literally cut the prep time in more than half!

There's so much more I could say about the deliciousness of mushrooms, but how about I give you a recipe instead?

Here's a crowd pleasing soup with mushrooms that you'll love!

Beefy Mushroom Soup
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Total Time: 1 hour 35 minutes
Ingredients:
1 1/2 pounds 95 percent lean ground beef
1/2 cup diced onion
12 ounces sliced mushrooms
1 clove garlic, pressed
1 1/4 cups low sodium beef

broth, chicken broth and canned pumpkin are gluten free.
PS: If you want crowd pleasing recipes 365 days a week, you really should become a Dinner Answers PRIME member! You get access to Dinner Answers of course, our proprietary menu software that easily creates custom, menus, recipes and shopping lists for you and send them to your phone, every single week, plus you get a private Facebook group to keep up with the latest cooking and nutrition hacks, and so much more! Check it out at www.savingdinner.com



Leanne Ely

In a large saucepan with a tight-fitting lid, brown ground beef, onion, mushrooms and garlic over medium-high heat; drain off any excess fat. Add broths, water and pumpkin; stir until well blended, thinning with additional water if needed. Season with thyme, salt and pepper. Bring mixture to a boil then reduce heat, cover and simmer for 20 to 30 minutes. Add cream or coconut milk and simmer for 10 to 15 minutes longer.

Nutrition per serving: 352 Calories; 9g Fat; 18g Protein; 10g Carbohydrate; 3g Dietary Fiber; 31mg Cholesterol; 340mg Sodium.
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Leanne Ely is a NYT bestselling author and the creator of <http://SavingDinner.com>, the original menu planning website, bringing families back to the dinner table for over 15 years.

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Tips for essential oil use during holidays

Ease into the hectic holiday season with the help of aromatherapy. The fragrances of plant-derived essential oils have long been used to improve the health of our mind, body and spirit.

Boost your energy and increase your focus as you work to balance work, family and holiday fun. Peppermint has long been prized for this and so much more. You'll find it also helps relieve headaches and indigestion.

Freshen your home with the scent of grapefruit. It's the perfect solution when unexpected guests drop by for a visit. You may also find the grapefruit aroma, along with your company, help to lighten your mood.

Use eucalyptus essential oil in the fight against colds and flu this winter. Just place a few drops into a diffuser on your desk at work, in your bedroom or family room. The diffusers come in a wide array of shapes and sizes. Some use heat, ultrasonic vibrations, fans or wood wicks to disperse the fragrance throughout the room. Others, like the Eden Aroma Diffuser, allow the fragrance to seep through the porous portion of the diffuser pot and into the room.

Or use a eucalyptus eye mask to help relieve sinus pressure and soothe tired eyes. Just gently heat or cool the mask, cover your eyes and relax into a bit of relief.

End your day with relaxing lavender. It helps reduce anxiety,

relieves headaches and improves sleep. Turn up the heat and fragrance with the Ultimate Lavender Wrap (gardeners.com). Simply pop the flax, rice and lavender infused insert into the microwave. Place it back into the cloth cover and drape it over your neck and shoulders. This can provide relief for those suffering from tense or aching muscles and winter chills.

Encourage a good night's sleep by tucking a lavender-filled sachet under your pillow. Or set a bundle of dried lavender stems in the bathroom, bedroom or anywhere you want to enjoy the fragrance of a summer garden and a bit of relaxation.

When you incorporate some aromatherapy into your routine you'll find yourself smiling and more relaxed. The boost in energy and reduced stress will help you navigate the many gatherings, rich food and busy schedules ahead. And considering giving the gift of aromatherapy to someone you love, so too can you enjoy improved harmony and health into the New Year.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by *Gardener's Supply* for her expertise to write this article. Myers's web site is www.melindamyers.com.

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Sea lamprey barrier

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The city's letter of support states that the "proposed construction of a new Manistique River sea lamprey barrier includes removal of 1,060 feet of the downstream center flume wall and that the DNR is interested in obtaining funding to remove the remaining 2,240 feet of the center flume wall."

"Removal of the entire center flume wall will improve aquatic habitat and recreational fishing, and reduce environmental impacts associated with leaving the center flume wall in place," the letter reads. "Removal of the entire center flume wall will lower the necessary height of the proposed sea lamprey barrier and, as a result, contribute to a reduction in upstream wetland impacts ... removal of the entire center flume wall will also reduce total project impacts to the local community by contributing to decreased flooding potential on residential properties within the city of Manistique."

As part of its letter of support, the city committed to serve as a project coordinator by "providing meeting space and Wi-Fi for the project team". No financial contribution by the city is required.

The project is estimated to cost approximately \$9 million. The cooperative group will be submitting a grant application to the State of Michigan Aquatic Habitat Grant Program to fund the non-federal portion of the flume wall removal.

A design revision to a fixed-crest steel pile barrier decreased the expected upstream wetland area impact from 466 to 121 acres. This area includes what is commonly referred to as the Jamestown Slough.

Council members voted unanimously to allow Mayor Jan Jeffcott to sign the letter of support.

Council member Rick Hollister expressed concern about the impact the new structure will have on the city's water front.

City Manager Sheila Aldrich said she too has concerns - including whether the amount of sand traveling down the river once the flume wall is removed will cause issues. She noted that council and the public will have an opportunity to discuss any potential issues concerning the project during an upcoming meeting.

"This is a big deal for our community," she said.

Community Foundation awards grants to science class, Eva Burrell shelter

MANISTIQUE - The Schoolcraft County Community Foundation Board of Directors approved two grant awards in its recent fall grant round. The total amount awarded \$1,790.

Approved was one recommendation to be paid from the Kellogg Fund: \$600 to a Manistique Area Schools science class to offset travel costs for 29 students to attend an Inland Seas Education Association field trip to Suttons Bay, Mich.

The board also approved a request for \$1,190 from the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter to help pay for its spay/neuter program.

That money came from the SCCF Humane Society Fund. In addition to 15 designated, or "donor advised", funds, the community foundation may provide mini-grants from an unrestricted fund.

The Schoolcraft County Community Foundation awards grants twice a year, in May and November. Deadlines for applications are March 31 and Sept. 30 of each year.

Applicants are asked to use the SCCF application form, which can be downloaded from the Foundation's website at www.schoolcraft-countycommunityfoundation.com or from their Facebook page. Forms may also be obtained at the Pioneer Tribune office, located at 212 Walnut St. in Manistique.

Over the past decade, the Foundation has given more than \$134,000 to local organizations. For more information on contributing to the Schoolcraft County Community Foundation or applying for a mini-grant, write to the foundation at P.O. Box 452, Manistique, MI 49854 or email at sccmunityfoundation@gmail.com.

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MDOT wraps first phase of Cut River Bridge work

NEWBERRY - Structural steel work on the U.S. Highway 2 Heath M. Robinson Memorial Cut River Bridge in Mackinac County finished for the season Friday afternoon. A detour, which had been in place since August, has been removed.

"We really want to thank motorists on U.S. 2 for their patience this summer during a lengthy detour period," said Dawn Gustafson, manager of the Michigan Department of Transportation's Newberry Transportation Service Center.

"This important project, along with work planned for next year, will help keep this iconic Upper Peninsula bridge in good condition."

MDOT is investing \$1.3 million to repair the bridge. Work on the bridge involves structural steel repairs, painting, substructure patching, stone facing repair, and approach work. The project includes a three-year performance warranty. Structural steel work and painting will continue in late April 2018

for approximately one month to complete the current project. The contractor, Davis Construction, plans to close and detour the US-2 Cut River Bridge again at that time.

A second project slated for 2018 will include additional structural

steel work and painting. That project, to be let this winter, will also require closing the bridge and implementing the same detour route as this year's. That work is expected to start in June and be complete in October.

Jail, dam issues

more money to not operate a jail and transport these people around."

The fact that the county ended the 2017 fiscal year in the black makes spending nearly \$20,000 on a feasibility study difficult, Mersnick said, but the need to address the jail is immediate.

"That's how committed we are," he added.

Commissioners voted to unanimously approve Hoholik's motion to accept the jail feasibility proposal in the amount of \$19,500.

In other business, the board also addressed the Gulliver Lake Dam easement. Currently, the dam is in need of repairs, but access and ownership of the structure has been in question since an April commission meeting.

According to Commissioner Craig Reiter, John Wood, an attorney from local law firm Herbert and Wood, reviewed the easements on the two properties with access to the Gulliver Lake Dam.

"It did not include easements large enough for the equipment that is going to be required repair the dam," Reiter said. "He (Wood) drew up contracts and had both people (landowners) sign it ... these are just one-time easements for construction of the dam."

Commissioner Chris Rantanen questioned why Reiter did not obtain permission from the board to have the board chairperson, Alan Ott, sign the contracts.

"We didn't authorize the chair-

man of the board to sign anything - this is the first (document) we've seen from John Wood," she said.

Reiter contended that the board had previously approved a grant application to be compiled for repairing the dam, and that the easement document was part of the application process.

Ott pointed out that he was "called" to sign the contract and that "was wrong, and I'm sorry."

Rantanen also noted that the board hasn't received a bill from the local law firm yet, which is also troubling.

"Quiet the deed - that was what he (Wood) was supposed to do," she explained, adding that when the work went beyond that, the case should have been transferred to the attorney generally used by the county.

Rantanen also said that the original motion regarding the dam, "made in April, included only the quieting of the deed and applying for a grant through Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission.

"For you to call him (Ott) and say ... 'Get down there and sign paperwork' - that none of us know about - you're not a one-man show," she said to Reiter. "Why couldn't it be brought to the board first?"

Reiter again claimed the action of having Ott sign a document without first bringing it in front of the board was allowed as part of the grant application process.

Rantanen countered that the action was comparable to Reiter instructing Steve Videtch, the county's building and grounds supervisor, to allow CUPPAD to have access to the county's files.

"You don't have the right to do that," she said.

Mersnick interjected to say that he believes the dam needs to be repaired and that the county needs to take advantage of the nearly \$90,000 CUPPAD grant opportunity to cover the cost of that repair.

"I want to clarify that it doesn't mean we are taking ownership for it (the dam)," he said. "The expense on this can, at any time, be passed on to the Gulliver Lake Association."

The grant requires a 10 percent, or \$8,500 match, Mersnick said, and he questioned what the monetary commitment of Doyle Township would be to the project.

County Clerk Beth Edwards pointed out that before a motion could be made to continue with the grant application process and project, the board would need to make a motion to retroactively allow Ott to sign the easement documents.

The motion was unanimously approved by commissioners.

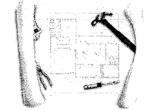
Mersnick then made a motion to pursue the grant from CUPPAD, while not allowing the county to assume ownership of the dam, and that the board request a bill from Herbert and Wood.

The motion was unanimously approved.

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Following the vote, Reiter apologized for the "quickness" of things and said that the county will not need to assume ownership of the dam in order to make the repairs, as ownership is not required as part of the CUPPAD grant. He also noted that while Doyle Township offered to pay \$2,500 of the grant match, the board has two options - to pay the remaining \$6,000 or to impose a special assessment tax on Gulliver Lake property owners to cover the \$6,000 and any legal fees incurred from Herbert and Wood.

He added these decisions could be made when the county receives the grant.



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Innovative mile markers appear on Haywire Grade

Michigan's first rail trail boasts innovative mile markers ahead of 50th

LANSING — Nearly a half-century ago, a group of public and private partners saw the potential of an abandoned railroad corridor in the central Upper Peninsula to become a multiuse recreational trail. Today, supporters are enhancing the value of Michigan's first rail trail by installing innovative mile markers along the Haywire Grade's 32-mile route.

A new partnership between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Hiawatha National Forest, the city of Manistique, the Hiawathaland Trail Association and the Schoolcraft County Motorized Trail Association has kicked off plans for a grand 50th-anniversary celebration of the Haywire Grade in 2020 with the installation of mile markers that combine function and historical references along Michigan's pioneer rail trail.

"Centuries of natural and cultural history are embedded within the landscape that trails pass through," said Dan Spiegel, heritage trail coordinator with the DNR's Michigan History Center. "Uncovering and interpreting this heritage provides context for the surroundings and a greater sense of place, which, in turn, creates a more enriching trail experience."

Beginning at Intake Park in Manistique, markers have been installed every mile to Shingleton on the east side of the trail. The tall markers each feature the mile number and the historic Manistique and Lake Superior Railroad logo.

"Standing several feet above the trail, the markers are located safely above average snow depth so they don't get buried in winter," said Gerry Reese, a longtime volunteer for the Schoolcraft County Motorized Trail Association and Hiawathaland Trail Association.

Few motorized trails in the Upper Peninsula have mile markers. Representatives of other area rail trails have taken note that the Haywire Grade markers — which meet Michigan Department of Transportation standards for nighttime visibility — have improved the trail's safety by offering important location information for maintenance operations, first responders and others.

Spiegel said that work to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Haywire Grade now turns to the development of 12 interpretive stations that will be placed along the rail trail.

"We want Haywire Grade's 50th anniversary to acknowledge and celebrate the important milestone



The Haywire Grade — Michigan's first rail trail, established in the Central Upper Peninsula in 1970 — now features innovative mile markers that combine function and historical references.

for Michigan's trail network and, at the same time, help trail users interact for years to come with the heritage of this beautiful area," he said.

Plans are for the interpretive stations to be installed before the first of four commemorative rides in 2020 — snowmobile (winter), equestrian (late spring), bicycle (late summer) and ORV/ATV (autumn).

"The U.S. Forest Service is excited to partner with such an enthusiastic team to encourage enjoyment of the national forest and the natural environment," said Cid Morgan, forest supervisor for Hiawatha National Forest. "This is a great way to promote the historical significance of the area."

The Haywire Grade rail trail began as the Manistique and Lake Superior Railroad, which operated for almost 60 years between Manistique and the Shingleton-Doty area, until the line was abandoned in 1968. Although converting railroad corridors into trails was a novel concept at the time, Schoolcraft and Alger counties, the Hamam Min-

ing Company, the U.S. Forest Service and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources partnered to make the necessary land acquisitions and Michigan's first rail trail, the Haywire Grade, debuted in 1970.

Now rail trails are the backbone of Michigan's ever-expanding trail network, the largest in the nation. They are seen as more than just places to enjoy the outdoors — they also are catalysts for economic growth and valuable transportation corridors.

As a unit of the U.S. Forest Service, Hiawatha National Forest is dedicated to sustaining our Nation's forests while delivering a wide array of benefits to the public. For more information about the Hiawatha National Forest and its recreation program, visit www.fs.usda.gov/hiawatha.

The Michigan Heritage Trail Program works with communities and organizations to ignite pride, inspire learning and promote preservation by combining local heritage and trails. Learn more at www.michigan.gov/michiganhistory.



Courtesy photo
With the start of firearm deer season Wednesday, before entering the woods, depending where you go, it would be prudent to make sure you are aware of the regulations regarding the property on which you're hunting.

Hunting on National Forest lands

GLADSTONE — The following should be taken into consideration when hunting on National Forest land. All state laws apply; however, additional federal regulations also apply.

Wheeled motor vehicle use:

- A free Motor Vehicle Use Map that shows designated roads and trails open for motorized travel, including off-road vehicles, is available at Forest Service offices as well as online at www.fs.usda.gov.
- Leaving equipment unattended for more than 24 hours is prohibited.
- Cross-country travel off designated routes is prohibited.

- Driving a motorized vehicle cross-country to blinds or to retrieve game is illegal. Exception: Personal assisted mobility devices.
- Both state and federal laws governing off-road vehicle use must be followed.

Camping:

- Camping in developed recreation areas is limited to 14 consecutive days, and camping in dispersed areas is limited to 16 consecutive days.
- Leaving camping equipment unattended for more than 24 hours in a developed recreation area is prohibited.

- Campfires must be attended at all times and extinguished completely when you leave.
- Campers/trailers on National Forest land must be properly licensed or registered.

Blinds:

- The Michigan law regarding hunting blinds, tree stands, and raised platforms applies on National Forest lands. Failure to remove any type of blind, structure, equipment or trash will result in a fine and removal, destruction, impoundment and/or seizure of any abandoned or illegally placed item.
- Cutting of branches or limbs for shooting lanes or to construct blinds is also prohibited.

Additional Information:

- Constructing or maintaining any food plot or any artificial garden to attract wildlife is prohibited.
- Blocking gates or road access is prohibited.
- Dragging forest roads is prohibited.
- Discharging a weapon within 150 yards of a building, campsite or occupied area or across or on a National Forest road or body of water is prohibited.
- Guiding on National Forest land requires a federal special use permit.

For questions or additional information, contact the Hiawatha National Forest office at (906) 786-4062.

Hunters needed to help the hungry

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Director Keith Crayth and Dr. Phillip Knight, executive director of the Food Bank Council of Michigan, recently issued a joint release urging hunters and others to donate venison or hanks to Sportsmen Against Hunger.

MARQUETTE — Michigan's hunters know firsthand the pride and satisfaction of being able to bring home a nutritious meal of wild game to the family supper table. They also know how hard it can be sometimes to provide that food. Imagine trying to feed your family without the

available means.

That struggle — with its stress, disappointment and anxiety — becomes particularly tough on families during the holiday season each year, with increased demands on a household budget. Nearly 1.5 million Michigan residents — 15 percent of our residents and 18 percent of our children — live with the stress of not knowing when they will eat again of not having a secure food source.

As we head toward the holidays and into the firearm deer hunting season, hunters can help make a

positive impact on this problem by donating venison to a family in need through Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger. Since 1991, this group has helped connect donors, wild game processors and charities that feed people in need.

The board of this all-volunteer, unpaid organization sportsmen and women concerned about making a positive difference in their

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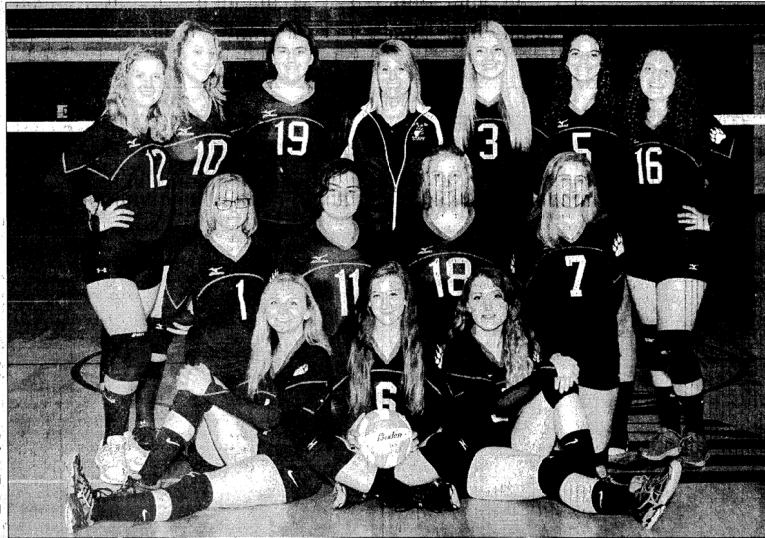
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2017 Big Bay de Noc Black Bears

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The Big Bay de Noc Black Bears recently wrapped up their 2017 volleyball season. The varsity squad roster consisted of, front row, from left: Madison McPhee, Meagan Yonker, Rylie Lawrence. Middle row, Larissa Jones, Abby Matheny, Lily Johnson, and Emma Fiegel. Back row: Rachel Ross, Kaitlyn Massengill, Lexi Mercier, Head Coach Angie Paulson, Hollie Stapleton, Brooke Dalgord, and Kaitlin Halvorson.



Venison donation

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Keith Creagh



Dr. Phillip Knight

communities — works to coordinate processing of deer harvested by hunters with local, licensed game processors throughout Michigan.

Over the past quarter century, food banks, pantries and shelters have distributed an estimated 608,000 pounds of venison donated by hunters. This translates to more than three million meals provided to struggling families.

Hunter donations of venison add up to over 20,000 pounds each year, providing over 100,000 meals.

Hunters can donate a whole deer, or a portion, by visiting a participating game processor. A list of processors involved in the program is available by calling the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger hotline at (586) 552-6517 or by visiting www.sportsmenagainsthunger.org.

Game processors are reimbursed by the pound for the meat they process. They also work with local food banks

or soup kitchens to distribute ground venison.

Monetary donations can be made to the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger program when purchasing a hunting or fishing license or by making a Help Feed the Hungry donation at www.michigan.gov/estore. These funds help cover the costs of processing, packaging and transporting donated venison.

This year, with the generosity of hunters — and the financial support of hunters and non-hunters — 32 different community agencies have received a total of over 20,000 pounds of ground venison. This significant donation is from just 16 different processors working with the organization.

The Food Bank Council of Michigan (FBCM) is an important partner in the Sportsmen Against Hunger program, working to distribute donated venison across the state.

This annual initiative aligns with the council's mission to create a food-secure Michigan, where each person has access to proper nutrition acquired by dignified means.

The council is uniquely positioned to help distribute the donated venison. Last year, the FBCM's seven partner food banks, distributed more than 181 million pounds of food to over 2,800 food pantries in every Michigan county.

Michigan food banks work with Sportsmen Against Hunger to help bring quality meat to the tables of people in need. Meat contains protein which ranks among the food items most needed by those without regular access to food.

The FBCM looks forward to working with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Sportsmen Against Hunger to grow this program, so more people have access to wholesome food. In addition to the DNR and the Food

Bank Council of Michigan, the program is sponsored by several organizations, including Safari Club International, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Michigan Bow Hunters Association, Ted Nugent World Bowhunters and the United Methodist Men's Club.

Michigan is home to a proud, longstanding hunting tradition.

Last year, more than half a million hunters in Michigan took to the woods during the firearm deer season. They brought home roughly 165,000 deer.

With the firearm deer season again upon us, we urge hunters to consider donating to Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger. It's a gratifying way to help friends and neighbors by providing healthy venison meals to families who need food.

Struggling families across Michigan will deeply appreciate your generosity, especially during the holiday season.

Permit needed to hunt from standing vehicle

LANSING — A person, who, due to injury, disease, amputation or paralysis, is permanently disabled and unable to walk in a hunting situation, may apply for a permit to hunt from a standing vehicle. This permit allows a person to hunt, and shoot from, a parked motor vehicle or ORV.

A physician or a licensed physical or occupational therapist may certify the applicant through a coordination assessment, to assess the ability of muscles or groups of muscles to work together to walk in a hunting situation. In addition, a physician may certify a hunter as an amputee with the loss of a lower limb, paraplegic, spiral cord injury resulting in permanent wheelchair restrictions, or other disabilities that prevent a hunter from walking in a hunting situation, as diagnosed by the physician.

Subject to all other regulations including buck limits and antler-point restrictions, this permit also entitles the holder to take a deer of either sex under any valid deer license.

NFL standings

NFL STATS as of 11-14-17

AFC East	W	L	T
1. NE Patriots	7	2	0
2. Buffalo Bills	5	4	0
3. Miami Dolphins	4	5	0
4. New York Jets	4	6	0

North	W	L	T
1. Pittsburgh Steelers	7	2	0
2. Baltimore Ravens	4	5	0
3. Cincinnati Bengals	3	6	0
4. Cleveland Browns	0	9	0

South	W	L	T
1. Tennessee Titans	6	3	0
2. Jacksonville Jaguars	6	3	0
3. Houston Texans	3	6	0
4. Indianapolis Colts	3	7	0

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

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

North	W	L	T
1. Minnesota Vikings	7	2	0
2. Detroit Lions	5	4	0
3. G.B. Packers	5	4	0
4. Chicago Bears	3	6	0

South	W	L	T
1. New Orleans Saints	7	2	0
2. Carolina Panthers	7	3	0
3. Atlanta Falcons	5	4	0
4. TB Buccaneers	3	6	0

West	W	L	T
1. L.A. Rams	7	2	0
2. Seattle Seahawks	6	3	0
3. Arizona Cardinals	4	5	0
4. San Francisco 49ers	1	9	0

Coming Up in the NFC North Sun., Nov. 19

- Detroit Lions at Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., FOX
- Baltimore Ravens at Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., CBS
- L.A. Rams at Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., FOX

Fish Report

Ret. Sgt. John Walker

Ned Yost, manager of the Kansas City Royal's baseball team, was working on his deer blind when he fell, breaking four ribs and smashing his pelvis. So needless to say you can never be too careful while you are out on a hunt.

Of course there is always the other side of a hunting tale and this one was told to me by a "little bird". It seems one of the locals known for his hunting adventures was off on another one. It seems as he was sitting in his blind watching that big buck we always want to get and the opposite happened in his case. It seems as he watched and waited for his trophy buck to get where he could have that perfect shot he didn't fall from his blind, but his blind collapsed on him ruining his hunt and his chance at his big buck. So one never really can make plans for unexpected things that can always pop up that can affect the way your hunt turns out.

Have a great deer season and build up all those family memories.

Salvage permit required to possess wildlife killed by vehicle

LANSING — The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires a person to obtain a free salvage permit to possess wildlife killed in vehicular collisions. The permit cannot be used to possess badger, bobcat, brant, coot, crow, bear cub, duck, elk, fisher, Florida gallinule, goose, marten, moose, otter, snipe, sora rail, spotted fawn deer, Virginia rail, wild turkey, wolf, or woodcock.

The driver of the vehicle has first choice to take possession of the game. If the driver leaves it, another

individual make take it for salvage. This permit does not apply to an individual who uses a motor vehicle to kill or injure game intentionally.

To apply for a salvage permit, complete the online application form on the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/dnr. Before beginning the application, you need to know the date and location where the salvaged animal was collected.

For questions regarding the registration process, contact the Wildlife Division Permit Specialist at (517) 284-6210.

Well, by the time this article is in the Tribune, the 2017 Michigan firearm deer season will be open, so needless to say ready or not here it is. I have been saying for some time this season should be a whole lot better than the last few have been.

Of course there are a lot of factors hunters have no control over when hunting season arrives.

I say this because if it is a wet, rainy, windy day for the opening of the season it really can affect what kind of opening we have. Up north there is a good four inches of snow on the ground and there is a lot of snow hanging from the trees. If you are out in the woods it is unreal how much noise snow falling off the spruce trees can make when you are trying to listen for deer movement. All these factors of nature can make your deer season rather interesting.

Not only does falling snow and a noisy woods make it hard for the hunters, but if you were to watch deer they too get real jumpy when snow falls thru the trees. Deer do not like any smell or sound they are not used too.

I will say one thing, from my observations there seems to be quite a few more hunters on the move across the U.P. into their secret hunting spot than there has been for the last number of years. If what I see is true, it is good to see more people getting out in the woods again.

I was sitting at camp before season opened this year thinking about those "good old days" before we had a camp of our own when we all got together out at Ollie Rehn's camp. With Ollie's boys, my two boys, Clare Steele and Darrel Carlson we had quite a crew. If you could vacuum pack and sell all the stories and can all the laughs, you would make a million dollars selling these good times. It always seems when you think back all the memories are good ones because for some reason those good times just seem to block out any bad times.

Back then, needless to say, I had to work so when my boys wanted

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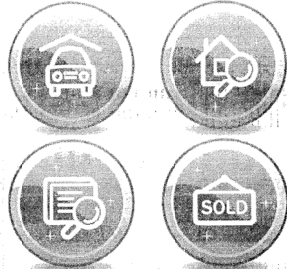
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case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue. Front steps of the Courthouse in Manistique, Schoolcraft County, Michigan at 10:30 AM o'clock, on December 15, 2017. Said premises are located in Schoolcraft County, Michigan and are described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 22, Township 42 North, Range 15 West, described as commencing at the southwest corner of said Section 22; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 46 seconds East, along the West line of said Section 22, 627.13 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein being described; thence continue North 00 degrees 18 minutes 46 seconds East, along

the West line of said Section 22, 248.93 feet; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 45 seconds East, parallel with the North line of said Section 22, 114.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 18 minutes 46 seconds West, parallel with the West line of said Section 22, 248.93 feet; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 45 seconds West, parallel with the North line of said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, 300 feet to said point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of

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To promote safer driving conditions this winter season the Schoolcraft County Road Commission has installed green lights alongside its amber light to improve the visibility of maintenance vehicles like snow plows and foreman pickups.

The green cone in the human eye is the most sensitive, and has the longest wavelength. This means green lights appear brighter and can be seen from farther away than other color lights, making them suitable for enhanced visibility in inclement conditions.

Currently 75 percent of the maintenance vehicles for Schoolcraft County have green lights. The County Road Association (CRA) of Michigan expects at least 85 percent of counties will be using green lights.

Schoolcraft County Road Commission is reminding motorists that traffic lights do not blink green. If you see blinking green lights they are coming from a county road maintenance vehicle. Motorists are advised to slow down, be vigilant and steer clear of the roadway, but stay on the roadway.

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ARIES - Mar 21-Apr 20
Aries, you may be tempted to be up late this week, but there is a lot to finish so expect things to take longer than you hoped. Focus only on one project at a time.
TAURUS - Apr 21-May 21
Taurus, your words and actions may not be reaching or right now. This may be confusing to others. It may be better to just lead by example.
GEMINI - May 22-Jun 21
Gemini, things have been moving along quite nicely for you and you are enjoying the results. Take all the deep breaths you can during this period of recovery.
CANCER - Jun 22-Jul 22
Time has been passing quite rapidly. Cancer, you may be feeling like you aren't quite catching up to the clock. As long as some work is getting done, you are completely fine.
LEO - Jul 23-Aug 23
Leo, you are anxious to go on an adventure, but you simply can't find time in your schedule. You may just have to make it happen by turning off your device and heading out.
VIRGO - Aug 24-Sept 22
Virgo, even if you are sure that your perspective will be over the crowd, you have to accept there will be some who don't agree with you. Be gracious and don't step on anyone's toes.
LIBRA - Sept 23-Oct 23
Libra, although you might not realize it, someone is making a concerted effort to get to know you this week. Be open to new relationships and you may make a lifelong friend.
SCORPIO - Oct 24-Nov 22
Scorpio, you have worked hard and are now beginning to enjoy the fruits of your labor. Treat yourself to whatever you would like. Be proud of your efforts.
SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23-Dec 21
Conversations with others should be kept light and easy this week to avoid drama. Sagittarius, diving deeper into others' lives is the furthest thing from your mind.
CAPRICORN - Dec 22-Jan 20
Capricorn, are your achievements looking for you from others? You may have to let someone else get some of the glory this week, if only to show your vulnerability and accommodating nature.
AQUARIUS - Jan 21-Feb 18
Do not avoid others to escape conflict. Aquarius, otherwise, you are only delaying the inevitable. Speak your mind and address the situation with tact and professionalism.
PISCES - Feb 19-Mar 20
Pisces, your self-esteem can soar this week if you surround yourself with the right people. Fill your days with fun and many activities.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS: NOV. 19
Adam Driver, Actor (34); NOV. 20, Derek Bentley Singer (42); NOV. 21, Jenna Malone, Actress (33); NOV. 22, Auli'i Cravalho, Actress (17); NOV. 23, Justin Turner, Athlete (33); NOV. 24, Katherine Heigl, Actress (33); NOV. 25, Billy Burke, Actor (51)

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Schoolcraft County Road Commission seeks Wheel Loader Bid

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Schoolcraft County Road Commission will receive bids until 3:30 p.m. on November 17, 2017. Bids will be opened and read on November 20, 2017 at 7 a.m. at office located at 332N East Road Manistique, Michigan 49854 for furnishing the following item.

2017 or 2018 Wheel Loader

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Schoolcraft County Road Commission at the above address or website at schoolcraftcountyroads.org. Bid must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked as "Loader Bid" also include any additional specification sheets on the Wheel Loader.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Manistique will hold a public hearing to consider approval of a Commercial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Treasure City, Inc. This is a new facility certificate as outlined in Public Act 255 of 1978. The application is for property located in Commercial Redevelopment District Number 16 for Treasure City, Inc. Parcel Number 05-1-705-022-00, as established by the Manistique City Council on November 28, 2016. The property address for the application is 375 E Harborview Drive Unit #2, Manistique, MI 49854. On Monday November 27, 2017, a public hearing will be held at 300 N. Maple St., City Hall, City Council Chambers, Manistique, MI at 7:00 p.m. and the applicant, assessor and all residents and taxpayers of the City of Manistique will be afforded an opportunity to be heard thereon. Any person wishing to comment on the proposed Commercial Facilities Exemption Certificate may do so at any time. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk's office prior to the meeting. If you require assistance to participate in this hearing, please provide advance notice to the office of the City Clerk.

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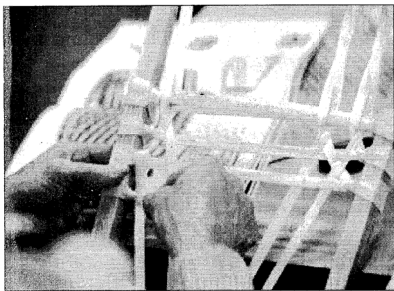


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Learn how to weave your own traditional wood-framed snowshoes during a workshop at Tahquamenon Falls State Park Saturday, Dec. 16.

Snowshoe building workshop date set

NEWBERRY – The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will offer a snowshoe-building workshop at Tahquamenon Falls State Park Saturday, Dec. 16, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This all-day workshop, for ages 16 and older, will take participants step by step through the process of weaving their own traditional wood-framed snowshoes.

The cost for the workshop is \$180 per person, which includes one pair of wood frames, tubular nylon lacing, boot bindings and personalized instruction.

Participants can choose from three styles of snowshoes: Bearpaw, Gijbwa and Alaskan (examples of these styles are available at www.snowshoe.com).

The class will meet at the Upper Falls Tahquamenon Brewery and

Restaurant, located inside the park at 24109 Falls Road in Newberry.

Sign up on the Michigan e-store by Nov. 27. Cancellations must be made by Dec. 2 to ensure a full refund. Participation is limited to 12.

For more information, and to select a snowshoe style and size, please contact Theresa Neal at 906-492-3415 or neal1@michigan.gov. A Recreation Passport is required for entry into Tahquamenon Falls State Park and can be purchased at the park entrance.

The snowshoe-building workshop is part of the DNR's Outdoor Skills Academy, which offers in-depth, expert instruction, gear and hands-on learning for a range of outdoor activities at locations around the state. Learn more about the Outdoor Skills Academy at michigan.gov/outdoorskills.

Outdoors Brief

DNR sets up new check stations near border

MARQUETTE – As part of its stepped-up chronic wasting disease monitoring efforts along the Michigan-Wisconsin border, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will be operating new deer check stations in Wakefield and Watersmeet during the upcoming firearm deer hunting season.

The DNR's Wakefield deer check station is located at 1405 East U.S. 2, while the Watersmeet check station will be a temporary station set up at

the Ottawa National Forest Visitors Center. Each of the stations will be open during some days during firearm deer hunting season, Nov. 15-30.

Additional DNR deer check stations are located along the border at the DNR's Crystal Falls and Norway field offices and Kubler's Feed Mill, located 912 41st Avenue in Monominee. For a complete listing and map of Michigan's DNR deer check stations visit www.dnr.gov/deercheck.

DNR seeks input on Lake Michigan stocking, plans Manistique meeting

LANSING – The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will host three public meetings this month along the Lake Michigan coast – Nov. 28 in Manistique, Nov. 29 in Traverse City and Nov. 30 in Grand Haven – to hear from the public on two issues that will affect the lake: a draft management plan and future stocking activities.

Draft Lake Michigan management plan
This draft plan sets long-term vision and goals for the Lake Michigan fishery. It also outlines the process for ensuring the public is involved and is aligned with short-term strategies and tactics. The draft plan was developed through engagement with focus groups, advisory committees and DNR staff. A copy of the draft plan is available for public feedback and can be found online at <https://mndr.michigan.gov/stocking>.

Stocking options
The DNR, together with other state natural resource agencies and tribal fishery managers, is working to balance predators in Lake Michigan with available prey.

Last year, Chinook salmon stocking in Michigan waters was reduced by 41 percent as part of that effort. Throughout 2017, stakeholders provided the DNR with considerable feedback to consider reducing other predators (rather than just Chinook salmon) to seek a predator and prey balance.

Future stocking options now are available on the DNR's salmon website for public feedback. These options propose reductions and movement of brown trout to southern Lake Michigan, and reductions in second-priority lake trout stocking sites in northern Lake Michigan. (These options follow a new concept that emerged from focus group discussions while developing the draft Lake Michigan management plan.)

all re-think how we do some new things on Lake Michigan, yet still meet the needs of anglers and the resource."

Public meeting dates, locations
Tuesday, Nov. 28 – Manistique 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Comfort Inn Conference Room, 617 E. Lake Shore Drive
Wednesday, Nov. 29 – Traverse City 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Boardman River Nature Center, 450 Cass Road
Thursday, Nov. 30 – Grand Haven 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Loutit District Library, 407 Columbus Ave.
For more information, contact Jay Wesley at 269-685-6851, ext. 117 or wesley@michigan.gov.

Riparian zones are those transition areas between waterways and uplands. The boundaries are commonly defined by bank and shoreline characteristics, which can be quite variable and not always distinct.

Riparian management zones have a variety of vegetation types, but the ones of concern, here, are the forested RMZs in a forested landscape. This definition excludes the many RMZs which lie in agricultural or urban/residential landscapes.

In addition to the usual mix of benefits, RMZ woodlands are largely responsible for supplying nutrients to the adjacent aquatic systems, protecting them from excessive run-off, and occasionally dropping trees into the water to help provide structure for fish habitat. The canopy that shades trout streams helps keep water temperatures low enough to support the high oxygen-demanding fish. RMZs are also the source of most of the nutrients that support the aquatic life.

Many water quality measures are influenced by forested RMZs. Forests and fish are closely-linked. Forestry has more influence on fisheries than fisheries management. Forests are integral elements of healthy watersheds and the production of clean water.

RMZ woodlands often have saturated soils that require special precaution during manage-

ment operations. Riverine RMZs commonly accumulate silt and sediments from annual high flows. The physical structure of trees and shrubs helps mitigate flooding and high water flows. Vernal pools (temporary spring ponds) are common and particularly valuable in RMZs.

These woodlands have high levels of biological diversity and serve as important wildlife travel corridors. The cozone between the upland and aquatic habitats will have wildlife species from both habitats. Otters, bats, beaver, amphibians, turtles, mink, fishers, a host of birds, and many other species find critical or preferred habitat conditions within RMZs.

Timber management can enhance all of these values, but special precautions must be considered. Treating RMZs as "set aside" areas may not provide the same level of ecological quality as those that are managed, similar to other kinds of forests.

Forested RMZs in forested landscapes have highly variable characteristics. These characteristics change along different stretches of the RMZ. Therefore, each RMZ needs to be evaluated. Boilerplate guidelines typically do not take into account this di-

iversity and are poor substitutes for professional assessment. Timber management is appropriate in forested RMZs. Long-lived conifer species should be encouraged. Progress towards later successional forest types can be accelerated. Highly-stocked RMZs provide better services when thinned, allowing more light into the system. Tree snags, big "wooly" trees, and large downed logs can be created.

Similar to other forested systems, disturbance is the key to regeneration and maintaining productivity. However, operators need to take special care to avoid damaging sensitive soils. Tree harvesting in RMZs also may provide sufficient light to encourage certain exotic species. This is an increasing risk in most forest management systems, but can be especially harmful within RMZs.

Properly-applied forest management practices outside the RMZ, including clearcutting, have little impact on water quality measures when healthy RMZ woodlands are in place. Timber harvests can leave more canopy closer to water than farther away (called variable retention), assuming the forest type responds to this type of practice.

From the Forrester

Bill Cook

Good RMZ management cannot replace best management practices outside the RMZ. These water and soil quality best management practices are explained in a manual available from the Michigan DNR.

Some less-than-optimum practices include no-cut buffers, arbitrary RMZ widths, and soil rutting and compaction.

Tree tops (slash) should not be randomly left in water, although in some cases larger diameter wood can enhance and rehabilitate stream habitat. Vernal pools should not be disturbed.

Lastly, human habitation often frequents RMZs in the form of homes, camps, lawns, and resorts. Drastic changes occur to woodland structure and composition. Maintaining undeveloped RMZs is becoming increasingly important, as well as better managing those developed RMZs.

As an MSU Extension forester, Cook provides educational programming for the entire Upper Peninsula. His office is located at the MSU Forest Biomass Innovation Center near Escanaba. The Center is the headquarters for three MSU Forestry properties in the U.P., with a combined area of about 8,000 acres.

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