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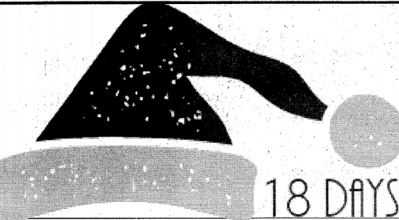
Manistique, Michigan

Thursday, December 7, 2017

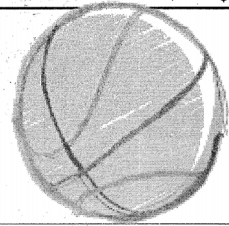
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Quick facts

- A group of landowners in Hiawatha Township will likely be "swapping" land with the state of Michigan.
- The DNR recently wrote the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners to inform them of the impending exchange.

State to 'swap' land locally

Landowners in Hiawatha Township built on state land

MANISTIQUE — A group of area landowners will likely be "swapping" acreage with the state in order to retain their structure after inadvertently building on state land. The swap was discussed during a recent meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners.

According to a letter written by Bob Burnham, unit manager for the DNR Forest Resources Division in Shingleton, to the board, the state "has been reaching out to local units of government in an effort to talk strategically about land ownership and planning in the communities where state-owned land is present." Burnham pointed out that in the summer of 2013, the DNR determined that a private building in Hiawatha Township was encroaching on state land.

"The building, which is owned by a group of owners termed 'The Shack' in the plat book, is quite old," Burnham explained. "Since the discovery, we have been working with the group to resolve the issue. We have agreed in principle on a resolution which we feel benefits both parties."

This resolution would involve an exchange of land between the state and The Shack owners.

"The state is going to trade 6.4 acres of state land to The Shack owners that will encompass their entire building, as well as provide them direct ownership all the way to the Big Ditch," Burnham said. "In return, the state will get the eastern half (20 acres) of their parcel. The trade favors the state roughly three to one in acreage. However, the parcel we are trading is water frontage; therefore the monetary value of the trade is similar."

He added that the DNR staff is supportive of the proposed land exchange and have recommended that it be approved by the DNR director. Burnham requested that a written response, with any questions or concerns, be submitted to the DNR by Dec. 1.

According to Commissioner Craig Reiter, the county may benefit from the exchange.

"The state's acquiring more land than it's giving, however, it's giving lakefront

Land swap

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Time to make it

The Grind coffee shop prepares to open to public

MANISTIQUE — It's an idea that had been brewing for more than two years, and now it's ready to serve. A local, student-run coffee shop will officially open to the public Monday, and those behind its inception are beaming with pride.

The Grind is the product of a continuously evolving group of Manistique High School students and the Limestone Federal Credit Union. In September, 2015, Limestone Federal Credit Union applied for and received a Michigan Credit Union Community Reinvestment Grant. The \$20,000 grant helped with getting the student-run coffee shop going, but more was needed.

Students split into three groups — the design group, in charge of interior and exterior details; the financial group — in charge of assessing start-up costs and projected profit; and the business planning group — responsible for outlining the plan and work out the logistics for running a business. Community groups assisted along the way — such as the Schoolcraft County Economic Development Corporation, the LMAS Health Department, and others.

The building being used for the coffee shop is the former Secretary of State office located adjacent to LFCU. While the coffee shop will open to the public Dec. 11, the actual Grand Opening celebration will be Jan. 17. Current hours of operation are 8 a.m.-3 p.m. each day, though an earlier start time may be implemented in the future.

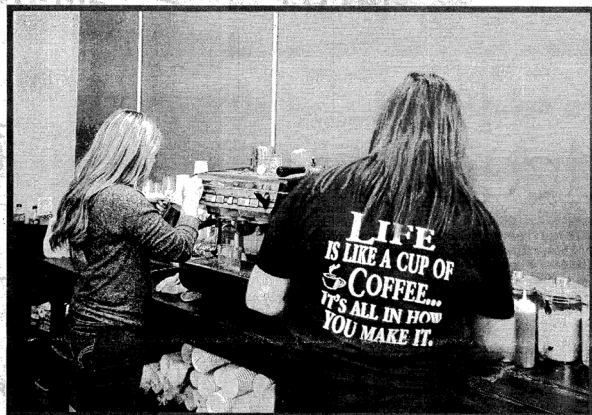
Stephanie LaFoille, an LFCU employee, has actually been involved with The Grind since it was first pitched to students. A sophomore at the time, she went on to assist with the business plan, market analysis, building décor, and more. LaFoille is currently enrolled in online course at Bay College while working full time at LFCU and assisting students at The Grind.

The students currently involved in the coffee shop, LaFoille explained, are adapting quickly to the business.

"Everyone's doing well," said LaFoille. "They're so comfortable with everything — I think it's good that we've had the public in here because of that. It gives them practice."

She added that both positive and negative feedback received within the first couple weeks of being open has proven beneficial to the students.

"We get to work on those things before we're officially open," she said. "I think we're getting the hang of it."



Pioneer Tribune photo
A student, left, works on an order at The Grind coffee shop while Limestone Federal Credit Union employee and former MHS student Stephanie LaFoille assists.

The students have even experienced an influx of patronage during the recent Ladies Night and Small Business Saturday.

"The whole building was full!" LaFoille said. "Currently, there are 12 students who rotate in groups or individually to cover shifts each hour of the school day. The students work for approximately 50 minutes and then leave to attend their next MHS class. While the students currently work on a volunteer basis, paid positions will eventually be offered."

LFCU staff covers the coffee shop during the breaks while students are changing classes. The LFCU Student Education Coordinator Alicia Kaiser maintains an office at The Grind and is often the one assisting and guiding the students in the operation of the shop each day.

According to Jennifer Watson, CEO of LFCU, the Dec. 11 opening will be considered a "soft opening."

"We're still learning things and we want the public to be a little bit forgiving right now," she said. "The students are here for such a short period of time. They're doing a really great job, but I think the menu

is still pretty limited."

Ahead of the grand opening in January, the students will continue to focus on the development and mastery of the menu.

"Making sure that the drinks are consistent no matter which hour of the day you come in," Watson explained. "We have to make sure that they each make the drink in the same way, and that every time you come in, you get the same thing, rather than my version of what I'm making."

LaFoille added that those involved with the development of The Grind hadn't taken into consideration the skills needed to master the machines used to make the drinks.

"There's a bad espresso shot and a good one. If it's too slow, it's going to be too strong. If it's too fast, it's going to be too watery," she explained. "Most students have kind of learned from the sound of it and from the looks and color of it."

The Grind

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News Briefs

Woman arraigned on felony charge

MANISTIQUE — A Manistique woman is facing a felony drug charge.

Angie Jean Gwaltney, 26, of 1174 Zhagag, was arraigned Nov. 21 in 93rd District Court on one count of controlled substance — deliver/manufacture (Schedule 1,2,3), a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$25,000.

She was scheduled to appear

for a preliminary examination Dec. 6.

Manistique woman faces drug charge

MANISTIQUE — A Manistique woman is facing a felony drug charge.

Jacquelyn Monon Gregurash, 56, of 513 Michigan Ave., was arraigned Nov. 4 in 93rd District Court on one count of controlled substance — deliver/manufacture (narcotic or cocaine), less than

50 grams, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$25,000.

She is scheduled to appear for a preliminary examination Dec. 20 at 10 a.m.

MHS Glee Club will perform Saturday

MANISTIQUE — The MHS Glee Club will be presenting "At the Bandstand!" at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 9. The event will take place in the Manistique High School

auditorium.

Sixty-six Manistique Area Schools Students in third through 12th grade swing to 50s and early 60s dance tunes such as: Shake a Tailfeather, Twist and Shout, and Splish Splash.

The group will then groove into the late 60s and then to the 70s disco world with familiar hits including: Shake Your Groove Thing, Boogie Shoes, and I've Got the Music In Me.

Admission to the event is \$7 for adults, \$5 for age 18 and under.

Upcoming Events

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

Dec. 9 — All Children Santa Party, Manistique VFW Hall, 1-3 p.m.

Dec. 9 — Manistique High School Glee Club Concert, MHS auditorium, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Dec. 9 — Eva Burrell Animal Shelter Holiday Bake Sale, Shopko Hometown, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.



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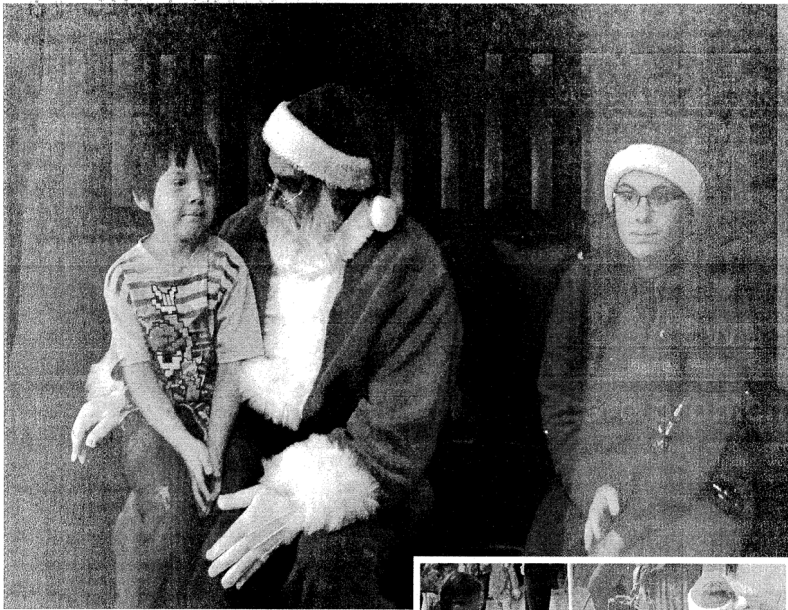
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Pioneer Tribune photos

The Community Kids Christmas Party took place Saturday at the Manistique Elks Lodge. The event welcomed a large crowd of area children and parents and boasted games, food, presents, as well as a visit from "Santa Claus." The party is sponsored yearly by the Manistique Elks Lodge, the Manistique Moose Lodge, and the Manistique Eagles Club. Above, one lucky boy contemplates his Christmas requests before sharing with Santa. At right, children participate in a "Plinko"-inspired Christmas game in an effort to win prizes.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

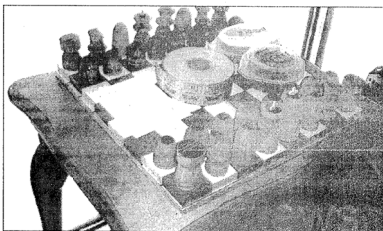
One of my elves working at my workshop created a wood-working masterpiece - a wood chess set, a wood board, and a wood table with two drawers. This piece of fine art will be used as a fundraiser to pay for a Feeding America Food Truck for Manistique in the spring of 2018.

The hope is to sell 160, \$10 tickets to pay for the Feeding America Food Truck in the spring. This fine example of craftsmanship may be found at Good Neighbor Services, located at 331 Deer St. in Manistique. The drawing of the winning ticket will be held at Good Neighbor Services Dec. 14 at 12 p.m.

For more information, call Good Neighbor Services at 341-3927.

It is my sincere hope that the fine folks of Manistique and Schoolcraft County will support this holiday endeavor.

Sincerely,
Santa Claus
Christmas, Mich.



MLPP sees solution to child welfare problem

By Mona Shand

LANSING — As Michigan continues to slide toward the bottom of the nation when it comes to education and child poverty, a new report offers a blueprint for policymakers to begin to turn things around.

According to the 2017 Kids Count report, Michigan ranks 32nd in the country for overall child well-being, and lags well behind surrounding states.

After crunching all the data, the Michigan League for Public Policy's Alicia Guevara Warren said they've developed a series of concrete steps lawmakers can

take to improve opportunities for kids statewide. But, she said it all comes down to the state budget.

"It really is our single largest expression of our priorities," Guevara Warren said.

"And if we're going to prioritize making Michigan a place where kids and families thrive, we really need to make families and communities and kids a priority in where we put our money and our investments."

The report recommends the state take a comprehensive, multi-generational approach to lifting families out of poverty. For example, Guevara Warren said revamping the state's

childcare system would allow more parents to work, which would also increase productivity for employers, while giving kids critical early learning experiences.

The full report is available on the League's website.

Guevara Warren said while there will always be a price tag that comes with investing in critical state and federal services, the ultimate cost of not investing in children is far higher.

"If we look at our education in particular, we've fallen to the bottom ten, and we know that education is one of those keys to economic security in the long

run," she said. "So if we don't start really prioritizing, we're just going to continue to see that lag for Michigan kids nationally."

She added that Michigan has made progress in some areas, including state-funded preschool for 4-year-olds.

The report also recommends restoring the Earned Income Tax Credit and reforming the state's criminal justice system so that 17-year-olds are not automatically prosecuted as adults.

Both issues are measures currently before the state Legislature.

Cloverland sells 'Lighthouse.net'

SAULT STE MARIE — In 1997, Cloverland Electric purchased Lighthouse Computers as a wholly-owned, for-profit subsidiary.

The company provided dial-up internet service, computer sales, service and training.

Through the years, much has changed in the telecommunications industry and many companies have disappeared or changed direction. The industry requires constant attention and a flexible company that can meet the changing interests of its subscribers.

"Years ago, Cloverland Electric sought to fill a need to provide local telephone access (dial-up) to the internet for residents in the Eastern Upper Peninsula," said Dan Dashio, Cloverland's president and CEO.

"The equipment and technology is always upgrading to deliver high-speed service. Cloverland Electric's board has decided it can better serve subscribers by

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The Archives

This week in the Pioneer Tribune...

50 Years Ago December 7, 1967

Because of a whopping 80 percent increase in the number of retail merchants participating in this year's annual Christmas shopping promotion, additional prizes will be offered to area shoppers, it was announced this week by Raymond Hughson, chairman of the promotion committee of the Retail Division of the Top of Lake Michigan Chamber of Commerce. So far, a total of 75 merchants has signed up for the sales event, compared to only 46 last year, he said. "I feel this is a reflection of the merchants' interest in promoting this area, and in thanking the customers for shopping at home," he said.

Manistique parking meters are being moved this week, and area motorists were warned to be alert for the change. The meters are being shifted from the curb to new locations adjacent to buildings, at the inner side of the sidewalk. Shifting the meters will greatly ease the problem of snow removal slowdown during the winter, City Manager Robert Noe said. He urged drivers to be sure and check for their meter location when they park, in order to avoid being ticketed.

Smoke coming from the shop part of Mark Motors garage at 204 Deer Street was noticed by Public Safety officer John Blomquist at 10:30 p.m. last Thursday and the fire truck reported to extinguish a blaze started by an overheated furnace. Some damage was reported.

How can you explain a \$4 fee to a group of unhappy women volleyball players? That's the problem Community School Director Richard Bonifas will face tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 when he meets with a group of women protesting the charging of fees by the school for the use of the building. The fees were approved by the board of education several months ago in an attempt to help defray the cost of providing extra services to the community. In previous years the women... and other users of the school facilities... were charged no fee, but a cutback in services due to the austerity budget adopted by the board included the provision that the facilities could be used only if there was no cost to the general fund.

St. Francis de Sales of Manistique defeated Sacre Heart of Munising last Wednesday night in a 28-24 basketball contest at the Parish Center here. Leading 17-4 at the half, coach Seb Rubick used 18 men in the contest, as each played at least one quarter. Nick Beaudrie and Jack Roemer led the St. Francis scoring with seven each, while Paul Messier and Mike Green had five each. Gero of Munising was high for the night with 11.

35 Years Ago December 9, 1982

Saluting 16 years of service is no easy thing, but over 200 people turned out at the Fireside Inn near Manistique to laud State Rep. Charlie Varnum, who has championed the cause of the 107th District since 1966. Most of the "U.P. Mafia" legislative delegation was there, along with local civic leaders. Congressman Bob Davis attended and entertained the crowd with humorous stories about the early days when he and Varnum first ran for office. Numerous congratulatory letters were read, including one from President Ronald Reagan. Varnum also received an emotional special presentation from his son.

Teachers at the Bay de Noc school district ended their two-day strike Wednesday after agreeing to a new contract which will give them a 22.2 percent wage increase package over the next three years. The pact is expected to cost the school district around \$100,000 extra over that period.

"Seeing with sound" is the latest medical development to be put into practice at the Schoolcraft County Memorial Hospital. The hospital's new ultrasound scanner uses high frequency sound waves to make X-ray type pictures without radiation risks. The \$44,000 machine sends out sound waves in the megahertz range, the same part of the spectrum FM radio uses. These pass through a hand held unit called a transducer and reflect off body tissues. The signals return to the machine and are displayed on a small TV screen. Permanent negatives can also be made for examination.

When Mike Godlewski didn't have the ball in his hands at Ishpeming last Friday, he was usually sending it through the hoop. The tough senior netted 35 points in Manistique's 80-72 victory over the Hematites.

Larry Koski helped pass out helmets, shin guards and other equipment last Monday as junior hockey players got ready for the upcoming season. The 100 kids in the league will be selling Tombstone pizzas this weekend as a fundraiser.

20 Years Ago December 11, 1997

Manistique High School students helped to load a trailer with about 600 pounds of canned food for the county's Christmas Basket Program. "Can Wars" organizer Mike Powers said the seventh grade won the Middle School competition while the 12th grade brought in the most among high school classes. The Can Wars were sponsored by the National Honor Society, Youth Organization, the Manistique Education Association, Lakeside School, the Student Council and each of the individual classes.

Santa Claus had a busy time Sunday, Dec. 7, as 80 pet owners brought over 100 animals to have their pictures taken by Petals and many excited children. Dan White. The event raised \$950 for the Schoolcraft County Humane Society.

Manistique Area Schools students Heather Maddox, Sara Johnson, Robin Messenger, Steve Larson, Tara Demers, Nancy Yang and Mary Wood have been named Students of the Month for November.

If nothing else, new Manistique varsity basketball coach Gary Iwinski hopes he can bring two things to the Emeralds this season: a good work ethic and a winning attitude. The coach believes these two attributes, plus the luxury of having several talented players at each position, can help the Emeralds improve upon last year's 2-22 record.

10 Years Ago December 13, 2007

On Tuesday, third and fourth grade students at St. Francis de Sales School had the opportunity to carry out a special project-making gingerbread houses with their school principal, Kitty Lovell. In years past, the houses turned out so well that it was decided to auction off this year's creations. The money raised will be given to a local charity.

It may be closed for the season, but the Seul Choix Point Lighthouse and Museum is always a busy place around the Christmas holidays. On Dec. 1 and 2, the Gulliver Historical Society hosted its annual "Christmas from the Past" event, with tours, refreshments, gift shop sales and more, including the traditional visit from Santa Claus, who arrived with great fanfare and met with many excited children. Local members of the annual Elks Hoop Shoot showed off the trophies they earned by winning their age groups at last weekend's event in Manistique. The local champs were: Briann Richey, Ashley Vaughn, Connor Selling, Zach Powers and James Casey. They will compete next in the district finals Dec. 22 at Escanaba.

News Briefs

Manistique Amity group plans Dec. 13 meeting

MANISTIQUE — The Manistique Amity Group will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 13 at the Presbyterian Church to hear Steven Bosen speak on personal safety and self-defense.

This will be the last meeting

until March 14, 2018. Details for the March meeting will be announced prior to that date.

If interested in the Amity Group, call 341-5081.

Eva Burrell Animal Shelter hosting bake sale

MANISTIQUE — The Eva Burrell Animal Shelter is hosting a bake sale Dec. 9 at Shopko Hemetown.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will be used to benefit the shelter.

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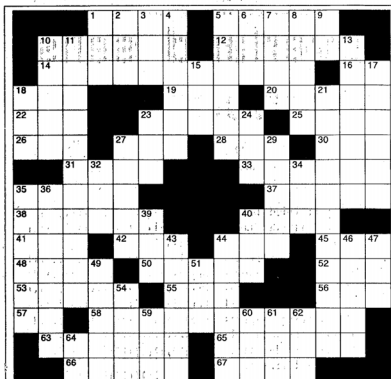
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Large jug
5. Awar... Egyptian
10. Punjab province (capital)
12. Evolve
14. Data
16. Exits
18. Supervises flying
19. Having eight
20. Right-handed page
22. NHL great Bobby
23. German municipality
25. Negotiate
26. Keyboard key
27. Youngstar
28. Medical decision (abbr.)
30. Ribonucleic acid
31. One-time Levi's chairman Walter
33. Cold region
35. Type of plywood
37. A way to unfreeze
38. Winter melon
40. Dispute
41. An expression of imagination
42. Human gene
44. Touch lightly
45. Computer giant

CLUES DOWN

1. Extremely high frequency
2. Court
3. Make a mistake
4. Change the appearance of
5. Long-haired dog
6. The Greatest of All Time
7. Designer Christian
8. Blended
9. Atlanta-based rapper
10. Deceivers
11. One who supports
12. Disorder
13. Colossal
15. A team's best pitcher
17. Comfort in a time of sadness
18. Opponent
21. Professionals might need one
23. Captures geographical data (abbr.)
24. Senior officer
27. Sacred Islamic site
29. Egyptian unit of capacity
32. Comedienne Gaster
34. Performer Lo Green
35. Having only magnitude, not direction
36. Cleft lip
39. Payroll company
40. Prohibit
43. Stroke
44. Does not acknowledge
46. Hillsides
47. Austrian river
49. Passover feast and ceremony
51. Golf score
54. Hair-like structure
59. Check
60. Extract meat from this
61. Tell on
62. Powdery residue
64. A part of the mind

All puzzle answers are on page D1

Feeding America Truck returns Dec. 13

MANISTIQUE – The Schoolcraft County Feeding America Mobile Food Truck will visit Manistique Dec. 13 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., thanks to grant funding from Feeding America West Michigan. The location for pick up is Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, located on U.S. Highway 2.

Anyone residing in Schoolcraft County may participate.

Residents picking up a box for another family, are asked to bring a signed note with that family's address and permission to issue

the box. It is not necessary to bring a box to this distribution. This will be the last distribution until the spring and there is no place to store the empty boxes.

Distribution is set up drive-through style. All cars must enter on Southtown Drive and follow signs. Vehicles will be directed to SMH exits after pick up.

Residents may also have a box of food delivered to their door, by calling Schoolcraft County Public Transit at 341-2111 at least 24 hours in advance.

The cost for delivery is \$1 per box for a delivery to housing complexes and \$2 per box to residential homes.

If interested in volunteering, contact Sara Giles, marketing coordinator at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, at 341-3293.

Feeding America is the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization. They feed 46 million people at risk of hunger, including 12 million children and 7 million seniors.

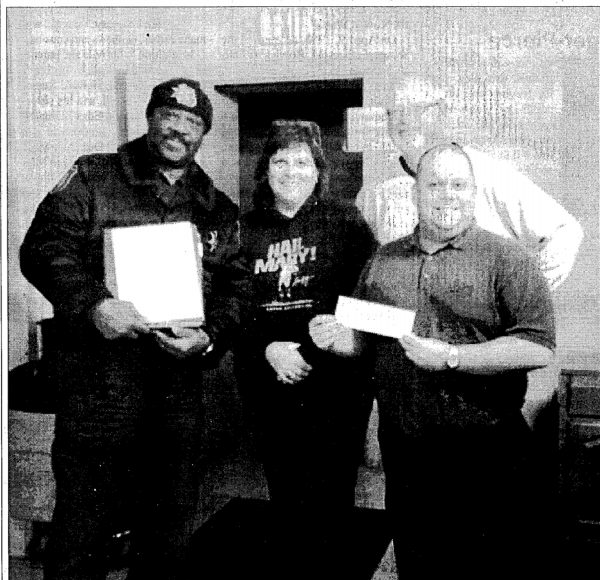
In 2016, Feeding America West

Michigan provided 24 million meals across 40 Michigan counties which equates to an estimated 492,100 people each year.

Locally, the 20,000-pound trucks help feed 400 households in Schoolcraft County monthly.

If interested in sponsoring a food truck, contact Giles for more information.

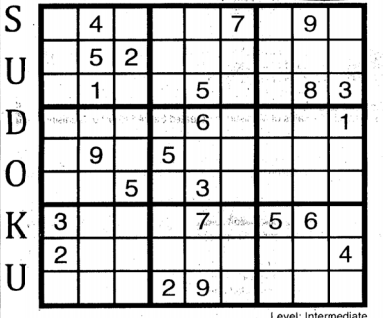
Information on food assistance services in Schoolcraft County can be obtained by contacting Good Neighbor Services at 341-3927.



On 'Trak' to help others

Courtesy photo

The Care Trak program, run by the Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department, recently received a generous \$500 donation from the Manistique Elks Lodge No. 632. The program assists with the challenge of locating those with Alzheimer's disease, down syndrome, autism, and others at risk of wandering from the safety of their homes. Those participating in the program are outfitted with a device which allows law enforcement or first responders to quickly locate them if missing.



Word Search

ON THE ICE WORD SEARCH

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

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| ASSIST | CHECKED | FIGHTING | OFFSIDE |
| ATTACK | CHIPPY | FORE CHECKING | PASS |
| BACKHANDER | CROSSBAR | FULL STRENGTH | PENALTY |
| BENDER | CROSS-CHECK | GATE | POSSESSION |
| BLOCKER | DEFENDER | GOAL | PUCK |
| BUCKET | DEFENSE | GOALTENDER | STICK |
| BUTTERFLY | DELAY | HAT TRICK | ZONE |
| CAGE | DIVE | HELMET | |
| | | NET | |

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to hockey. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 4-4-K)

A. 21 3 8 4
Clue: Venue

B. 17 22 5 4
Clue: Small dip

C. 15 23 8 26
Clue: Enthusiasts

D. 26 25 14 6
Clue: Try on goal

Cloverland sale

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transferring Lighthouse.net to a true telecommunications company that has a history of delivering high-quality broadband, cable TV and phone service.

On Jan. 1, Lighthouse.net will shift ownership to CCI Systems, Inc., headquartered in Iron Mountain and will be managed under CCI's cable operator, Packerland Broadband. Serving over 7,000 subscribers in Wisconsin and the South Central Upper Michigan communities.

Packerland Broadband offers video, data, voice, and security services to homes and businesses in nearly 60 rural communities.

"We are excited to welcome the customers and employees of Lighthouse.net to the CCI Systems family," explains Cory Heigl, vice president and general manager of Packerland Broadband. "We have the knowledge, tools, and a vision to invest in the

future of Lighthouse.net and look forward to helping make the Upper Peninsula even more attractive to businesses and residents by offering high-tech communication services."

CCI plans to keep the name Lighthouse.net, but will integrate the Lighthouse team with Packerland Broadband leadership and culture.

Over the next year CCI, via Packerland Broadband, has committed to investing in a variety of products and services, focusing heavily on increasing broadband speeds, including gigabit Internet, which Packerland plans to release in about half of its communities.

"Big companies largely invest in the big cities, many times leaving the rural communities behind," says Heigl. "We believe that our communities deserve more."

As CCI Systems and Packerland Broadband move forward together

with their vision to bridge the digital divide, enabling rural areas to prosper, the duo intends to continue building and upgrading systems in underserved communities throughout the Northwoods.

ATTENTION PARENTS

The Manistique Area Schools will be having an Early Dismissal on Friday, December 15, 2017. School will be dismissed at 11:05 a.m.

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If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-855-954-6546 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.

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Obituaries

News Brief

Burton Carley

NAHMA JUNCTION, Mich. — Burton Carley, 58, of Nahma Junction, Mich., died suddenly on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017.

He was born to Harold and Zephirine (Loritz) Carley on Nov. 7, 1959, in Manistique, Mich., the youngest of eight children.

He enjoyed being outside and working with his family out in the woods. He was proud of his career as a logger, loved running his power saw, and would boast "I'm the best there ever was!"

The thing he loved most was spending time at the lake with his

family and friends.

Burt was happily married to Suzanne (Frey) Carley and enjoyed 24 loving years together raising their three children, Andrew (23), Ryan (21) and Abigail (13).

In addition to his children, he is survived by his sisters, Jacqueline, Carolyn, Theresa (Jim), Rosalie; and brothers, Gilbert and John.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Joyce (Ron).

There will be a party to celebrate his life at Foote Lake on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m.

Herbert J. Russell



Herbert J. Russell

MANISTIQUE — Herbert J. Russell, 86, of Manistique, Mich., passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017, at his home in Manistique surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Jan. 28, 1931, in Curtis, Mich., the son of Irwin and Jessie (Wheeler) Russell and attended Munising area schools.

He proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

On April 9, 1955, he married the former Frances M. Bowles in Bellville, Mich. Frances preceded him in death on Dec. 25, 1993.

Herbert worked various jobs throughout his life including both in automotive manufacturing and as an aircraft riveter in Ypsilanti, Mich. He was later employed as a heavy equipment operator eventually becoming the owner/proprietor of his own logging company which delivered wood to Mead Paper for the past 35 years.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and vegetable gardening. He was also a member of the United Methodist Church in Munising, Mich.

Herbert is survived by his loving

partner, Katie Putman of Manistique; sons, Rick (Karla) Russell of Germfask, Mich., and Randall (Violet) Russell of Newberry, Mich.; grandchildren, Kurt (Jamie) Russell of Fond du Lac, Wis., Mark (Nicole) Russell of Manistique, Erica Massey of Engadine, Mich., and Chris Massey of Savannah, Ga.; great-grandchildren, Jaron Russell, Mylah Russell, Dawson Massey, Chrissy Massey and Sam Massey; along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers, Lester Russell, Howard Russell and Harvey Russell; and his sisters, Pearl Patterson and Ethel Stamper.

Visitation was held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Messier-Broulliere Funeral Home in Manistique, at the funeral home, with Reverend Sandra J. Kolder officiating. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery at Germfask.

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

MSU Extension offers beginning farmer webinar

CHATHAM — People exploring new farm businesses will benefit from participating in the MSU Extension 2018 Beginning Farmer Webinar Series. From January-April, MSU Extension will offer 15 on-line, evening programs that provide valuable start-up information on general and more specific farming topics, including:

- Jan 17, Seed starting and transplant production
- Jan 24, Reduced tillage vegetable growing
- Jan 31, Managing your farm woodland
- Feb 7, Choosing apple varieties and rootstocks for your new orchard
- Feb 14, Organic matter basics
- Feb 21, Fertilizer basics
- Feb 28, Livestock basics
- March 7, Raising rabbits
- March 14, Food Safety Modernization Act: Am I covered?
- March 21, USDA and SARE programs for beginning farmers
- March 28, Pest management systems compared
- April 4, U-Pick farming
- April 11, Farm business basics No. 1: Simple essentials of farm accounting
- April 18, Farm business basics No. 2: Develop a balance sheet
- April 25, Farm business basics No. 3: Calculate farm profitability

A fee of \$5 per webinar is required, or those interested may register for the entire series for \$37.50. Webinar recordings will be provided to all registered participants.

Participate from the comfort and convenience of home or the office.

Registration, a brochure containing details on each individual program, and online or mailed payment options can be found at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/BegFrmWeb2018/>.

Participants may register for all or some of the courses at any time, even if the session has already taken place. In that case, participants will be provided a link to the recorded program.

Each webinar begins at 7 p.m. eastern time. A high-speed internet connection is required.

Participants will receive webinar connection information after registering.

Contact the Alger County MSU Extension office at (906) 387-2530 or islcibj@anr.msu.edu for more information.

Karen L. Krueger-Pierce



Karen L. Krueger-Pierce

TOMAHAWK, Wis. — Karen L. Krueger-Pierce passed on to the other side on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017, after having cancer since 2011.

Life passes by fast and the older you get the faster it goes. No time to sit around, get moving to those who can. I've gone through life doing things my way (and sometimes getting in trouble for it) and in the end this is my way!

To my husband, who has always been by my side, I love you with all my heart. So sorry we can't grow old together. In spirit I will be there. Remember my father warned you about me! To my kids and grandson, I'll be watching you when you least expect it and trying to figure out how to change your mind. I love you and please love each other through thick and thin. Look for me in subtle ways outdoors because I will be around, maybe a breeze kicks up or a butterfly lands on you.

I loved being outside gardening, walking, boating, picking agates. In the winter I loved to bake. If you were lucky you would get some of the goods.

To my great friends that stuck

by me, you are still my friends. (Monkey, sorry for leaving you on the porch by yourself.) I love you all, stick up for yourselves and live life. All in all, every person I have ever met has taught me something, whether it be a good lesson or a disappointing lesson, I've learned and I believe that is why we were put on this earth.

I was preceded in death by my parents Lee R. Krueger and Ilene E. Krueger. I am survived by my wonderful husband Thomas E. Pierce; daughter, Ashley A. Warekois; son, Jason L. Warekois; and grandson, Draven X. Warekois; my sister, Paula J. Eades (Randy); brother, Steven J. Krueger (Lenny); nieces, Samantha Eades and Aurora Krueger; cousin Lynn and her family.

Please send no flowers as I have gardens full that bloom every year and I believe I will see them from my vantage point, although no one will see me. I will have no services, just a private party in the future.

Don't take life so seriously, as much of it is hilarious. Carry on and be yourself, never be someone you are not.

Arlene B. Rodman



Arlene B. Rodman

MCMILLAN, Mich. — Arlene Betty Rodman, 99, of McMillan, Mich., died Tuesday morning Nov. 28, 2017, at Heten Newberry Joy Hospital in Newberry, Mich.

Born March 10, 1918, in Canton, Ohio, daughter of the late Evert and Margaret (Arndt) Beck, she married Joseph L. Rodman on Dec. 17, 1950, in Marinette, Wis.

A resident of McMillan since 1968, Arlene was a devoted homemaker raising her family. She was a charter member of the Northstar Baptist Church and a volunteer at Northstar Christian Academy for several years. Arlene enjoyed knitting, gardening, reading and crossword puzzles.

In addition to her parents, Arlene was preceded in death by her husband Joseph on Oct. 28, 2001; son, James Reed; grandson, Carl Reed; siblings, Janice Tressell, Dorothy Rohall, Virginia Howell, Blaine Beck, Richard Beck and William Beck.

Survivors include her children

Margaret Childress of Milton, Fla., Rochelle "Shelly" Campbell of McMillan, Bruce Reed of Owosso, Mich., David Reed of Paradise, Mich., Russell (Mary) Rodman of High River, Alberta, Canada and Rodney (Janice) Rodman of Cologne, Minn.; 26 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren; siblings Raymond Beck of Paris, Ohio and Robert Beck of Rock Hill, S.C.

Friends called at the Northstar Baptist Church on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 10-11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 4. Funeral services celebrating the life of Arlene followed at 11 a.m. at the church with Pastor Paul Williams officiating. Interment will take place at the East Lakefield Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Northstar Christian Academy in her memory.

Beaulieu funeral Home in Newberry assisted the family. Condolences may be expressed at www.beaulieufuneralhome.com.

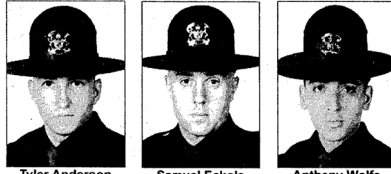
MSP St. Ignace post welcomes 3 troopers

ST IGNACE — The Michigan State Police, St. Ignace Post has added three new troopers to the ranks.

Troopers Tyler Anderson, Samuel Eckola, and Anthony Wolfe graduated as members of the 133rd Trooper Recruit School on Nov. 30.

These troopers will be continuing their law enforcement training, working with field training officers at the St. Ignace Post for the next 18 weeks.

The new troopers will spend the next 18 weeks learning the geographical post area as well



Tyler Anderson Samuel Eckola Anthony Wolfe

as familiarizing themselves with the local court systems and law enforcement agencies. Additionally, they will hone their

investigative skills under the supervision of a senior officer.

The 133rd Trooper Recruit School began on June 4, when 160 prospective troopers reported to the MSP Training Academy in Lansing.

For the past 26 weeks, recruits received training in firearms, water safety, defensive tactics, patrol techniques, report writing, ethics, first aid, criminal law, crime scene processing and precision driving.

The MSP is actively recruiting; interested candidates should visit www.michigan.gov/mspsjbs to obtain more information on how to apply.

The next trooper recruit school is anticipated to begin in January, 2018.

US Forest Service seeks committee members

MILWAUKEE — The U.S. Forest Service is seeking volunteer committee members to advise the agency on recreation fee changes at national forest sites throughout the northeastern United States. Vacancies exist for four current positions and four "back-up" replacement positions on the Eastern Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee.

Committee members provide recommendations on new or changing recreation site fees for national forests and grasslands in 13 northeastern states. Committee members receive travel and per diem expenses for regularly scheduled meetings, but do not receive pay or other compensation.

Nominated committee members must represent one of the following interests:

- Winter Motorized Recreation
- Summer Non-Motorized Recreation
- Winter Non-Motorized Recreation

Local Environmental Groups
American Indian Tribes

Members will be appointed for three-year terms based on the following criteria:

- Qualifications to represent the desired interest group
- Rationale for committee service and desired contributions
- Experience working successfully as part of a collaborative group

Nominees' demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women and persons with disabilities will also be considered in membership selections. U.S. Department of Agriculture policies regarding equal opportunity will be followed.

The committee's jurisdiction includes national forests in Minnesota, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Recreation use fees have been in place for many years and are

collected at many recreation sites such as campgrounds, trailheads, day-use areas and boat ramps. Ninety-five percent of fees

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Packed with love

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The Foster Grandparent Program and the Senior Companion Program packed 20 boxes for Operation Christmas Child this year. Volunteers included: Lois Thill, FGP, Lois Robbert, SCP, Lee Robbert, SCP, Margaret Leonard, SCP, Marilyn Pitts, FGP, Judy Cousino, SCP, Peggy Ramsden, FGP director, Connie Maule SCP director, Robin Marchand, SCP, Pam Kleeman, FGP, Beverly Marks, FGP, Judy Parrish, FGP, Cheryl Casteel, FGP, Tammy Vincent, SCP, Linda Paulin, SCP coordinator, and Donelle Robitaille, FGP coordinator.

Here's the biggest and best trick (or hack - call it what you want) I have ever learned and it applies to anything - food, exercise, goals, relationships, business, name that tune... everything.

Ready?
Planning.

Now don't you go rolling your eyes at me! This is something that needs to be discussed-and implemented, because the simple act of planning can completely change your life.

And no, that's not hyperbolic babble, it's the Truth, capital T. When you plan for your day, you do things differently than the guy who just lets life happen.

You don't hit the snooze on your alarm. You don't neglect to get some exercise in. You don't eat haphazardly and all the wrong foods.

You live life on purpose. With a plan and with some very definite goals.

For example, let's talk food for a minute.

It's no secret that drive-thrus, processed foods and sugar cause disease, malaise and make you feel like garbage.

But if you haven't planned your day well, you could find yourself at the mercy of fast and easy instead of planned and healthy.

Multiply that by days, weeks and years, and chances are you're dealing with weight, health and

even depression issues.

Because food is medicine and the bedrock of health.

You cannot move the health needle in your life without making sure the food you're eating is truly giving your body the exact nutrients it needs.

I've said it before and I'll likely say it again - but we have this tendency to treat our cars better than ourselves.

We'd never dream of filling our gas tanks with soft drinks--cars can't run on that.

We'd never neglect the oil light on the dashboard or pretend the nearly flat tire doesn't need air if we want to get anywhere.

Yet we do that with ourselves - eating whatever (even though that isn't the fuel we require), neglecting the flashing lights on our personal dashboards (achy joints, weight out of control, blemishes, bloating and more) and running on absolute fumes till we drop.

And here's the rub - that car can be replaced but our bodies? That's all we get; we can't trade it in for a new and better version.

But what we can do is become



Leanne Ely

a better version of ourselves!

Yes, now. Not Jan. 1. Now.

Start today - plan! I'm going to give you my best, save-your-bacon tip to help you with your plan that will up-level your health and energy.

Make soup. Not just any soup, but Mighty Mitochondria Soup.

This soup will not only give you something to fall back on when you're super busy during the holidays, but it makes a great and satisfying snack, meal (just add some leftover protein) and will keep your nutrient levels from falling off.

This is my secret weapon - I use this soup all the time.

But right now? During the holidays? It's even more important.

Dinner Diva

Leanne Ely

Take care of yourself and eat your soup - you're way more valuable than a car.

Love,

F.S. speaking of achy joints and depression, my number one go-to that I take daily is SAM-e. I've taken it for almost 30 years when a doctor friend told me about it. It works like nothing else I've ever tried and for that reason, I've found the best quality formula out there and made it available to you. Check it out at http://savingdinner.com/sam-e?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11_28_17

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.

Lifestyles Briefs

MARSP members to host Christmas gathering

MANISTIQUE - A Christmas gathering for MARSP members from Schoolcraft and Eastern Delta counties will take place at the Comfort Inn in Manistique Dec. 13.

The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items or paper products for area food banks.

Counseling center: 10 ways to beat the blues

LANSING - We see it on television, magazine ads and movies - a table covered with delicious food, a perfectly decorated house, and family and friends laughing together in the glow of a warm fire. Unrealistic expectations can lead to the "holiday blues," which often begins before Thanksgiving and lasts until after the first of the year, according to Ellen Lucas, associate director of Ball State's Counseling Center.

So what can you do? Lucas has 10 ideas:

1. Set realistic expectations and accept that no holiday gathering is perfect.
2. Make a holiday budget and stick to it.
3. Express your feelings. Write in a journal or talk to someone you trust.
4. Make a plan and realistically structure your time.
5. Reach out to other people. Volunteer through your community or church.
6. Watch your alcohol consumption; alcohol is a depressant.
7. Exercise. Take a walk, do resistance training or do yoga. This will help release endorphins, the natural opiates in our brains.
8. Stick to your usual eating habits. Plan what you will eat before going to gatherings so you don't overeat.
9. Don't compare yourself to others. You don't need to have the best light display in the neighborhood or the best party or give the most expensive presents.
10. Think about what is the most important part of the holidays for you and focus on what the holidays mean to you.

Former MHS student graduates basic training

LAKE COUNTY, Ill. - Airman E3 Samantha Kay Marie Mae Walters successfully completed eight weeks of basic training at Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois.

During the graduation ceremony Walters had the honor of carrying her divisions military drill flag. She and Ellen Walters of Manistique.

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LAKE COUNTY, Ill. - Airman E3 Samantha Kay Marie Mae Walters successfully completed eight weeks of basic training at Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois.

Walters is a graduate of St. Francis de Sales school in 2011 and Manistique High School in 2015. Her parents are Sam and Ellen Walters of Manistique.



Samantha Walters

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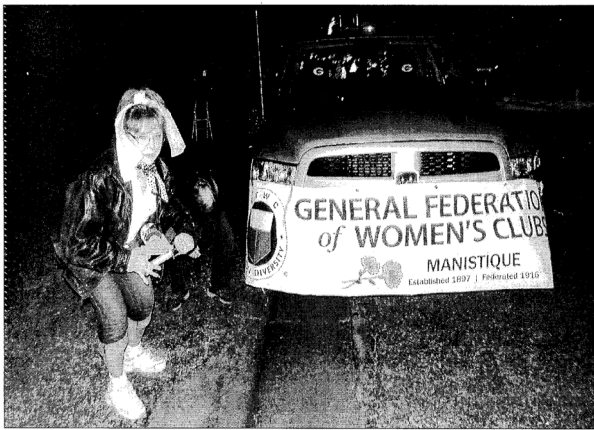
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Hop Around Parade

Courtesy photo. The GFWC Manistique Club participated in the Christmas Parade Nov. 24. Their theme depicted the 'Rock n Roll Sock Hop'...

Whoa! December is here already. Our annual Christmas Party is fast approaching. We have set the date for Dec. 14. We are asking for a \$10 donation per person.

Social time will begin at 3:30 p.m. Pictures with Santa and gift exchanges follow at 4:15 p.m., both being optional. If you want to be included, we ask that you purchase a gift and tag it stating if it is for a lady or man. Also include who it is from on the tag.

Pictures are taken with Santa as a complimentary gift from the Senior Center Board. Our entertainment this year is Darrell Dixon. He alone is worth coming to the party for, as he always puts everyone into the Christmas spirit. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

are returned to us with a fee. The center's phone number is 341-5923, email is seniors@secc.co or mail changes to Manistique Senior Center, 101 Main St., Manistique, MI 49854-1219.

For those who have already given us addresses, please call the center at 341-5923 with any changes. Unfortunately, we have had packages returned at a cost of \$17.90 each.

We sincerely wish to thank the many supporters that have donated items and money that make this project possible. Feel free to drop by the center for a list of items that goes into our packages. Donations were recently received from the Amity Group, Karl and Tammy Schurrer and Debbi St. Pierre.

Hamilton, St Vincents, Carol Weichert, Peggy Ruggles, Bea O'Connor, Bill Lipford and Amy Johnson. Medical Loan Closet items were given by Jim and Ginger Stark, Barb Pollis and Darla Garvin.

A great big "thank you" to Doris Lee and Sally Strazny for taking on the project of decorating the Center. Also to Karen Meston for decorating the tree. You girls are great.

Our newsletter helpers included: William Cones, Arleta and Harless Clemens and Vera Cones. The senior center gave a large donation to SMH for the chemo baskets. We sincerely wish to thank Kim Chartier for making and donating all the items. We hope we haven't missed anyone, as every donation is greatly appreciated!

Senior Center

Connie Frønette

Monetary donations have been received in memory of: Betty Heinzman from Guy and Cheryl Weinman, Mary Ann Demers, Lori Flodin, Bonnie Dyer, Ed and Mary Leonard, Don and Kathy Schuetter, Jason and Trisha McEvors, George and Kathy Gustafson, Nancy Walter from Wesley and Arleen Turan.

Birthdays this week: Dec. 11- Marlyn Noffke, Dec. 12- Anne Kaiser and Christine Keener, Dec. 13- Elizabeth LaTulip and Linda Ghandanis. Happy birthday wishes to all.

Minimum wage set to hit \$9.25 in planned hike

LANSING — Effective Jan. 1, the minimum hourly wage will increase to \$9.25 an hour. This is the final scheduled increase provided for in Public Act 138, the Workforce Opportunity Wage Act of 2014.

Quick facts: The state's minimum wage will rise from \$8.90 to \$9.25 in a planned increase.

Public Act 138 (WOWA), took effect on May 27, 2014, replacing the Michigan Minimum Wage and Overtime Act (Act 154). WOWA is enforced by the Wage and Hour Division — an agency within the Bureau of Employment Relations.

Training Wage: The training wage remains at \$4.25 an hour for newly hired employees aged 16 to 19 for the first 90 days of employment. Tipped Employees: WOWA allows employers to take a tip credit on the state minimum wage rate under certain conditions for employees who customarily and regularly receive tips.

The following conditions apply to taking a tip credit on the state minimum wage rate: The employee must be in a position that customarily and regularly receives gratuities from

a guest, patron or customer for services rendered to that guest, patron, or customer. If the gratuities plus the minimum hourly wage rate do not equal or exceed the minimum hourly wage, that is otherwise established, the employer must pay any shortfall to the employee.

If a credit is taken for gratuities received by an employee, then the employment records for each pay period shall contain the credit taken along with a written statement of the amount of gratuities received by the employee. The statement shall be signed by the employee and dated prior to the date on which the paycheck was received.

Over time Requirements: Employees covered by the overtime provisions of WOWA must be paid one and a half times their regular rate of pay for hours worked exceeding 40 hours in a work week. For further information, call the toll-free telephone number of the Wage and Hour Division at (855) 464-9243 or visit the agency's website at www.michigan.gov/wagehour.

Contribution Form: Make checks payable to: Schoolcraft County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 452, Manistique, MI 49854. Includes a list of fund options like Library Fund, Environmental Fund, Medical Care Facility Fund, etc.

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Worship Directory: THESE LOCAL HOUSES OF WORSHIP WELCOME YOU. Lists various churches including First Baptist Church, Bethel Baptist Church, Zion Lutheran Church, etc., with their respective services and contact info.

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News Brief

Caregiver Support to host meeting Dec. 13

MANISTIQUE – The Caregivers Support Group will meet in the conference room of Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Dec. 13 at 3 p.m.

The group is open to anyone in the area who is involved with the care giving of someone with Alzheimer's disease or other types of dementia.

For more information, call 341-1863.

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to the local national forest or grassland to maintain and enhance the recreation sites.

Interested individuals must complete an application and provide background information supporting their qualifications to represent at least one of the identified interest groups.

Applications are available at <https://www.ocio.usda.gov/document/ad-755>. Completed applications are due by Feb. 1, 2018 and must be mailed to: USFS Region 9- Recreation RAC Nomination Attn: Jennifer Wright, 231 North Main Street, Rutland, VT 05701.

For more information, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mair/r9/recreation/racs>. Residents may also contact Joanna Wilson at (801) 423-7724, jwilson08@fs.fed.us.

The Grind

Watson pointed out that coffee-making is more of an "art".

"I don't think that was something that we really looked ahead and thought training would be the most difficult," she said. "Most people don't realize how technical it really is."

In addition to learning the ins and outs of a good coffee drink, Watson said the students have also been diligently training in customer service and register operation. Since the business is new, students also have input on the atmosphere at The Grind – including temperature, music, etc.

"That's been really interesting – giving them the ability to make those decisions," Watson explained. "To me, that's very interesting that they're getting the opportunity to work through the simple things."

Beside the easier decisions, students are also dabbling in profit margins, cost of goods sold, what products are moving, and how to stock the store. Currently, the shop offers items for sale, including creations by the MHS CAD class. In the future, there are also plans to display student art.

The Grind will also be offering goods from the area and from MHS alumni. These items will either be purchased at wholesale or on consignment by the business to avoid spending a large sum of money to have inventory, Watson explained.

As far as the aesthetic of the shop, a sign, featuring The Grind logo designed by former MHS student Georgia Johnson, will be installed soon. Watson said the students are also waiting for

the menu boards to be delivered as well as additional tables to be constructed.

LaFollette pointed out that the MHS building trades class spends approximately two hours each day adding finishing touches to the building.

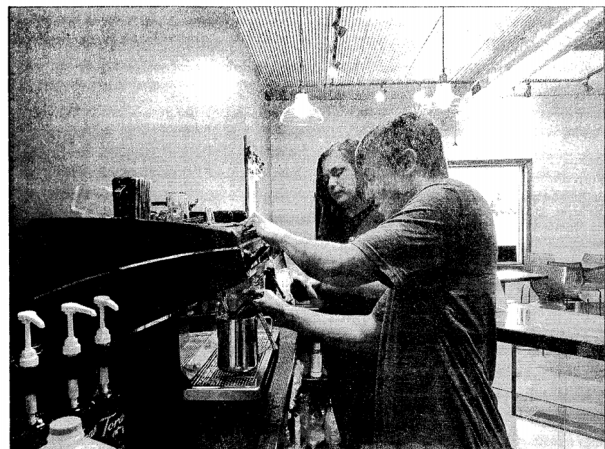
"It's just little things here and there now – the big things are pretty much done," she said.

Watson noted that the creation of The Grind eventually evolved into a community project – with Hoholik Enterprises donating all the heating, electrical, and plumbing; Jake Rivard donated and installed the stamped concrete flooring; and Alison Edwards is working on burning the names of donors onto a wood accent wall in the shop.

"We're just really grateful to those people who came forward," she said. "In the very beginning it felt like this really big project with just a couple of people and over the last two years, it's really expanded... it's a project of hundreds of students, school administrators, and random people out of the community just willing to get behind something and really make it happen."

The total invested in The Grind, to date, is \$95,500, including: \$12,940 in cash donations and from The Limestone Ladle cookbook sales; \$53,160 from in-kind donations; a \$1,400 grant from the Community Foundation; \$5,000 from The Ranzetta Family Charitable Fund; \$1,500 from Cloverland Electric Cooperative; \$1,500 in matching Cloverland Funds from CoBank.

The students, in particular, de-




Above, MHS student Zach Matchinski prepares a coffee drink with the help of Stephanie LaFollette (background).

serve recognition, Watson said.

"I think it's just impressive – they're fully able to run this place without a lot of support," she explained. "I remember the first meeting that was total chaos and so much fun, and here we are, operating a coffee shop. I think everyone should be really proud for their contributions to the project."

For more information about The Grind, find them on Facebook by searching "The Grind" or call 286-1137.



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Land swap

property," he explained. "So the tax implications are higher than what we had... the county is coming out a little ahead on this."

Commissioner Dan Hoholik moved to accept the DNR's land trade proposal.

Commissioner Larry Mersnick questioned how the DNR found out about the structure being located on state property.

Reiter noted that the DNR didn't explain how they made the discovery, only that they had made it.

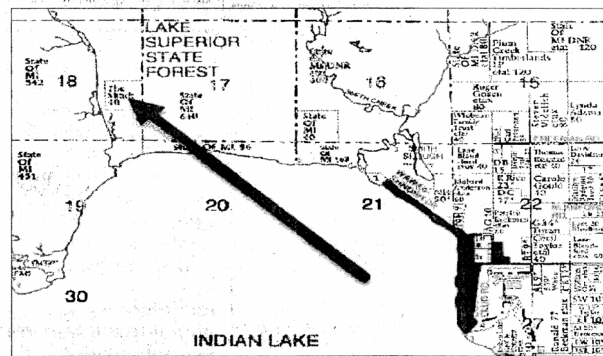
Commissioner Chris Rantanen said the state has been re-mapping land and that is likely why the discovery was made.

"They've (the landowners) been here a long time, thinking they were on their property because that's what, years ago, it said," she explained. "Actually, since they (the state) GPS-mapped it, they found out the cabin is actually on state property."

Mersnick pointed out that the landowners were "lucky" the state had proposed the swap. He added that landowners will have to be careful about where they build so they do not have to "ask for forgiveness later".

The motion was unanimously approved by commissioners. Board Chairperson Allan Ott was absent.

In other business, the board also agreed to accept an approximately \$17,500 grant to pay for the train-



Above, the property in question is pointed out.

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ing of five Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department employees. According to Sheriff Paul Furman,

the grant will fund the travel costs and training supplies – essentially the entire training.

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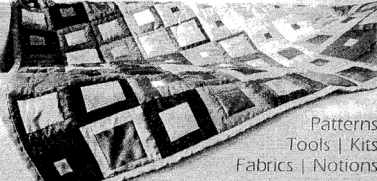
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MANISTIQUE – The Selective Service System wants to hear from men and women in Mecosta, Newaygo, Muskegon, Calhoun, Saint Joseph, Eaton, Ingham, Jackson, Livingston, Schoolcraft, and Shiawassee counties. They are looking for individuals who might be willing to serve as members of

local draft boards in their county of residence.

A prospective board member must be citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old, registered with the Selective Service (if male), and not be an employee in any law enforcement occupation, nor be an active or retired member of

the Armed Forces, and not have been convicted for any criminal offense. Once identified as qualified candidates for appointment, they are recommended by the governor and appointed by the Director of Selective Service, who acts on behalf of the president in making the appointments.

Each new member receives five hours of initial training after appointment, followed by two hours of annual training for as long as he or she remains in the position. They may serve in board member positions up to a total of 20 years, if desired.

Local board members are uncompensated volunteers who play an important community role closely connected with the nation's defense. If a military draft becomes necessary, approximately 2,000 Local and Appeal Boards throughout America would decide which young men in each community receive deferments, postponements or

exemptions from military service, based on federal guidelines. For those who meet the standards for Selective Service Board Membership, and wish to be considered for appointment, contact: Major Robert LaPointe: rlapointe@hahobps.org or (231) 838-0776.

Ezekiel Jeremiah Lee, 18, U.S. 2, Gulliver, charged with expired plate over three days and no proof of insurance (11/17). Assessed \$310.

Peter Victor Thelander III, 69, County Road 445, Cooks, charged with no helmet on an ORV (11/17). Assessed \$100.

Brittany Lee-Esther Gustafson, 25, Stephenson Avenue, Escanaba, charged with speeding 1-5 over (10/17). Assessed \$115.

Ricky Allen Granger, 41, M-123, Newberry, charged with using a handheld device or texting while operating a commercial motor vehicle (10/17). Assessed \$200.

Billy John Burns, 61, Lakeside Road, Manistique, charged with railroad trespassing (11/17). Assessed \$210.

Mitchell Robert Barron, 23, 21st Road, Gladstone, charged with no proof of insurance (11/17). Assessed \$175.

Dalaine Joy Waybrant, 54, Portage Street, Saint Ignace, charged with violation of the basic speed law-too fast (11/17). Assessed \$115.

Ralph Edwin Bjorne, 63, County Road 441, Manistique, charged with over bait and operating in a closed area (11/17). Assessed \$350.

Giannine Diane Perigo, 78, Smith Street, Gulliver, charged with speed 1-5 over (11/17). Assessed \$115.

Frank Joseph Neitling, 60, Cornell Road, Gernfask, charged with operating an ORV in a closed

area (11/17). Assessed \$120.

Ray Henry Gage, 65, Edge Road, Gernfask, charged with improper or no rear lights (9/17). Assessed \$100.

Elizabeth Megan Moberg, 18, 24th Road, Rapid River, charged with driving 70 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone (11/17). Assessed \$115.

Jerry Michael Bouty-Feuerbach, 40, Lakeshore Drive, Escanaba, charged with speed 1-5 over (11/17). Assessed \$115.

Alissa Mae Kainrahl, 18, M-95, Iron Mountain, charged with driving 70 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone (11/17). Assessed \$115.

Adam Joseph Stewart, 37, M-35, Menominee, charged with hunting over excess bait (11/17). Assessed \$250.

Collin Clark Place, 23, County Road 550, Marquette, charged with driving 70 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone (11/17). Assessed \$115.

Jane Kay Laux, 56, JJ Road, Garden, charged with driving 40 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone (10/17). Assessed \$115.

Russell John-Ralph Kinne, 26, Railroad Street, Michigamme, charged with driving 70 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone (10/17). Assessed \$115.

Heather Marie Weaver, 29, Gulliver Road, Gulliver, charged with driving 70 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone (11/17). Assessed

District Court

93rd District
Zachary Scott Boucher, 24, Anthony Drive, Munising, charged with driving 45 miles per hour in a 40 mph zone (11/17). Assessed \$115.

Hartman Excavating, County Road 442, Manistique, charged with cause/allow vehicle to be operated overweight (11/17). Assessed \$1,032.

Zachary Allen Warren, 20, U.S. 2, Manistique, charged with no proof of insurance (11/17). Assessed \$25.

Megan Ashley Miron, 20, Manistique Avenue, Manistique, charged with driving 70 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone and no proof of insurance (11/17). Assessed \$140.

Joshua Don Musch, 36, Roosevelt Avenue, Iron River, charged with expired plates and defective equipment (10/17). Assessed \$135.

Madison Elizabeth McPhee, 17, 00.25 Road, Garden, charged with driving 70 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone (11/17). Assessed \$115.

Zellar Forest Products, Lustia Road, Gernfask, charged with no controlled substance/alcohol testing program and maintenance files (11/17). Assessed \$300.

Audrey Jo Hutchinson, 32, LL.25 Lane, Garden, charged with speed 1-5 over (11/17). Assessed \$115.

According to the website Attendance Matters (www.attendancematters.org), across the country, more than 7 million students are missing so many days of school that they are academically at risk. Chronic absence – missing 10 percent or more of school days due to absence for any reason – excused, unexcused absences and suspensions, can translate into third-graders unable to master reading, sixth-graders failing subjects and ninth-graders dropping out of high school.

Just last week Michigan's Every Student Succeeds Act application was accepted by Education Secretary, Betsy DeVos. With the complete rollout of the ESSA this school year, states have been presented with the task of submitting accountability plans to the U.S. Department of Education that must include four academic indicators and a fifth that measures school quality or student success.

Michigan will be using attendance as the fifth measure. The Michigan revised school code recognizes an educational value in regular attendance at

school. The code states that classroom attendance instills a concept of self-discipline, exposes a student to group interactions with teachers and fellow students, and enables a student to hear and participate in class discussion and other related learning experiences.

So why is all of this important? Among other things, Michigan is one of the 15 states plus the District of Columbia to have adopted a Third-Grade Reading Retention Law. Starting in 2020, a third-grader who doesn't meet a certain reading proficiency level will have to repeat that grade.

There is a great deal of research and data that supports the importance of regular school attendance. To that end, Manistique Area Schools has gone to great lengths to initiate automated phone calls to parents when children are absent from school and that absence is not verified with the school.

Parents of students in grades K-12 are also notified of chronic absences via office generated attendance letters which are sent out on a regular basis.

Families of students attending Manistique Area Schools need to understand that school attendance is required and parents of students who do not attend school regularly are at risk of being referred to law enforcement for allowing their children to be truant.

The guidance that the district will be using to refer families for truancy is those who miss more than 10 percent of the school year or 10 days per semester - 20 days per school year.

If you have concerns about your child's attendance we encourage you to be proactive and contact the school offices to discuss your concerns.

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Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017

11:30 a.m., safety hazard, N. Maple Street.

11:30 a.m., blight, Oak Street.

11:49 a.m., incorrigible youth, Oak Street.

12:30 p.m., harassment, River Street.

2:09 p.m., suicidal subject, N. Maple Street.

11:30 p.m., barking dog, Oak Street.

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017

9:38 a.m., harassment, within the city.

11:56 a.m., lock out, Deer Street.

3:20 p.m., citizen assist, Cherry Street.

3:51 p.m., two car PDA, Delta Avenue.

Police Log

Manistique Public Safety

8:00 p.m., VCSA/warrant arrest, N. Third and Badger Streets.

Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017

11:40 a.m., permission to burn, N. Houghton Avenue.

6:45 p.m., suspicious subject, U.S. 2.

Monday, Dec. 4, 2017

11:03 a.m., loose dog, U.S. 2/Chippewa Avenue.

12:45 p.m., lock out, E. Lakeshore Drive.

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Sports Brief

Varsity volleyball acknowledged for GPA

MANISTIQUE — Beside their successes throughout the season on the court, Head Coach Amy Nixon can also be pleased with her squad's performance in the classroom.

The Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association has released the 2017 Team Academic list. The Manistique volleyball team was awarded Team Academic All-State recognition for their grade point average of 3.77. The association honors over 250 teams yearly with this prestigious award. The teams must have at least a 3.30 GPA.

Manistique's team average of 3.77 ranked them 68th in the state and fourth overall in the Upper Peninsula.

Athletes included on this year's roster was: McKenna Chartier, Jolyn Muth, Madison Berry, Madison Kraatz, Lenna Smith, Sydney Peterson, Renae Schueter, Emilee McDaniel, Abby Burnham, Ashley McDonald, Katelyn Arnold, and Kayla Muth.

NFL Standings

NFL STATS as of 12-5-17

AFC	East	West	L	T	
1.	NE Patriots		10	2	0
2.	Buffalo Bills		6	6	0
3.	New York Jets		5	7	0
4.	Miami Dolphins		5	7	0
North					
1.	Pittsburgh Steelers		10	2	0
2.	Baltimore Ravens		7	5	0
3.	Cincinnati Bengals		5	7	0
4.	Cleveland Browns		0	12	0
South					
1.	Tennessee Titans		8	4	0
2.	Jacksonville Jaguars		8	4	0
3.	Houston Texans		4	8	0
4.	Indianapolis Colts		3	9	0
West					
1.	K.C. Chiefs		6	6	0
2.	L.A. Chargers		6	6	0
3.	Oakland Raiders		6	6	0
4.	Denver Broncos		3	9	0
NFC					
East					
1.	Philadelphia Eagles		10	2	0
2.	Dallas Cowboys		6	6	0
3.	Washington Redskins		5	7	0
4.	N.Y. Giants		2	10	0
North					
1.	Minnesota Vikings		10	2	0
2.	Detroit Lions		6	6	0
3.	G.B. Packers		6	6	0
4.	Chicago Bears		3	9	0
South					
1.	New Orleans Saints		9	3	0
2.	Carolina Panthers		8	4	0
3.	Atlanta Falcons		7	5	0
4.	TB Buccaneers		4	8	0
West					
1.	L.A. Rams		9	3	0
2.	Seattle Seahawks		8	4	0
3.	Arizona Cardinals		5	7	0
4.	San Francisco 49ers		2	10	0

Coming Up in the NFC North
Sun., Dec. 10, 2017
• Chicago Bears at Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., FOX
• Green Bay Packers at Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., FOX
• Detroit Lions at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 1 p.m., FOX
• Minnesota Vikings at Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., CBS.



The Manistique Emeralds held their first swim meet of the 2017-18 season hosting Marquette Tuesday evening. The girls 200 freestyle relay teams stand on deck waiting further instruction from the referee.

Hoenske and Burns take the lead

MANISTIQUE — It was an exciting night for the Manistique swim team Tuesday. They hosted their first home meet, took circulation from a new coaching staff, and were fortunate enough to have years of MHS swim coaching staff participate in the meet from the sidelines.

At the helm of this year's boys and girls teams are Gwen Hoenske and Jackie Burns. Although they may be new to the coaching scene, they both have valued experience in the pool.

For the newly appointed, their concerns overseeing their first meet was calmed by knowing they had years of experience at their disposal on deck working meet from the sidelines.

Diane Stimac, who coached the girls when the program started at MHS in 1976, was at the score table taking stats, as well as Bonnie Hoedel, who took over the program when Stimac transferred to the athletic director position.

Refereeing the meet was long-

time coach Barb Landis who filled Hoedel's shoes after her tenure.

Landis went on to coach the Emeralds through the 2005 season and has returned to ref home meets when her schedule allows.

From 2005-07, the Emeralds were led by Lindsey Yates.

The final previous coach, also in attendance helping at the score

Emerald swim continued on B2



It may have been Gwen Hoenske and Jackie Burns first home swim meet of the season, but there was plenty of support and past experience on hand to assist. Seated from left are former coaches: Bonnie Hoedel and Diane Stimac. Standing from left are Gwen Hoenske and Jackie Burns, along with former coaches Beth Aldrich and Barb Landis.

New coach new system for Bears

COOKS — Devin Lawrence's debut at the helm of the Big Bay de Noc boy's basketball team was overshadowed by Superior Central's Joe Heinonen Monday night in Big Bay de Noc. After scoring the game's first two points and hitting from in and outside the paint, the Cougars' senior finished the night with 21 points to lead his team to a 54-33 win over the Bears.

Following a slow start and trailing 6-0, Big Bay found their rhythm and got on the board when Lucas Sundling scored the Bears' first two points of the new season. Trailing by four points, Chris Chapron pulled down an offensive rebound and put it back in. A triple by Chapron gave Big Bay a 7-6 lead with under two minutes left in the opening period. Responding, Wade Krysiak hit from outside the arc to put Superior Central back out front

by two points with a 9-7 lead at the end of the quarter.

"They have good players, but it was more on us tonight," Lawrence said. "Our defense was insufficient and we got killed on the board which allowed them to get two or three opportunities to score on each shot."

After scoring nine points in the first quarter, the Cougars picked up the pace, jumping out to a 20-10 lead off a three-point basket by DJ Johns midway through the second quarter. A triple by Kellen Thill and two by Liam McKeage got Big Bay within five with 1:30 seconds left in the half.

Holding on to a five-point lead, Heinonen scored from under the net

Big Bay boys continued on B2

Johnson drops 27 in win over Emeralds

IRON MOUNTAIN — Opening the season on the road and playing in a different time zone proved to be more than the Manistique Emerald boys' varsity basketball team could overcome Tuesday night. Behind a 27 point performance by Marcus Johnson, the Iron Mountain Mountaineers defeated Manistique 71-29.

After trading baskets early, Iron Mountain put together a 7-0 run, controlling a 10-point advantage at the end of the first quarter. Up 19 to nine, Iron Mountain added 24 more points in the second period to control a 43-17 lead at the half.

"Not totally unexpected," Coach Ed Marietti said of his team's first contest.

Marietti kick off the season with nine players at his disposal — none of which started for him last season.

"We are young, we are inexperienced and we have sophomore guards running the offense," he said. "I was somewhat happy with our play in the first half. We were able to break their press, move the ball and get layups off of it, but things changed in the third."

Ahead 43-17 at the break and following a slow start by both teams, the Mountaineers took advantage of turnovers by Manistique in the third

Emerald boys continued on B2

Dalgord and Stapleton combine for 36 in win

COOKS — Following a season opening loss to Carme, Coach Brad McPhee and his Lady Bears got their first win of the new season, defeating Superior Central 47-35 in front of a hometown crowd last Friday night.

Big Bay jumped out front early and never looked back. Behind a five-point quarter by Maddie McPhee, the Lady Bears controlled a 14-8 lead at the end of the first eight minutes of play. After a fast

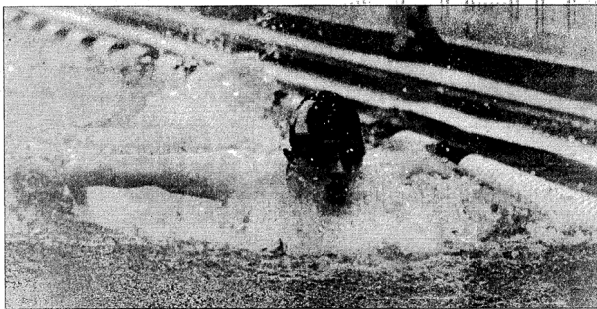
start, the tempo cooled in the second period with Big Bay out-scoring Superior 9-7 in the stretch with Hollie Stapleton scoring five and Brooke Dalgord four.

Trailing 23-15 at the half, Superior Central came out strong dropping 16 third quarter points to cut

Big Bay girls continued on B2

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Above, Joe Barr competes in the 100 butterfly. Below, Abby Burnham on the diving board.

able, was Beth Aldrich who was at the Emerald held for the last 10 seasons.

Although the squad for the 2017-18 season is small, both Burns and Hoenke agree this will be a growing year for both them and the athletes.

They don't look to take meets with points collectively as a team, but they are confident they have swimmers who will be posting records as individuals.

For the Emerald boys, they fell to the Redmen 44-93.

Filling every available empty lane on the girls' side, the Redmen also out-scored the Lady Emeralds 105-68.

Taking first place in the 50 freestyle for the Emeralds was Joe Barr, with a time of 27:30 and 100 butterfly with a time of 1:06:25.

Barr also took a first in the 400 free relay with teammates Darren Hicks, Joey VanDyck, and Darren McCaffrey.

Placing first for the girls was Abby Burnham in the 50 freestyle with a time of 31:95 and in diving with a score of 144.75.

Megan Espinosa took a first in the 500 freestyle with a time of 8:47:23.

The 200 girls freestyle relay team of Burnham, Erica LaBar, Anna VanDyck, and Shelby Mismakiewicz took first with a time of 2:29:35.

The final first place achieved by the Emeralds in their season opener was by VanDyck in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:30:55.

Second place finishes boys: 200 medley relay, McCaffrey, Barr, Hicks, VanDyck, 2:37:02; 50 freestyle, Joey VanDyck, 40:15; 500 freestyle, Mathers Alcono Matos, 8:36:39; 100 breaststroke, Hicks, 1:28:70.

Second place finishes girls: 200 medley relay, Melania Jones, Mismakiewicz, Maddie Schwartz, Espinosa, 2:50:21; 100 backstroke, Jones, 1:33:13; 100 breaststroke, Schwartz, 1:38:73.

Third place finishes boys: 100 freestyle, Darren Hicks, 1:12:29.

Third place finishes girls: 200 freestyle, LaBar,



3:11:06; 200 IM, Jones, 3:33:97; 100 free style, LaBar, 1:23:55; 400 free relay, 7:22:78.

Looking forward, the Emeralds are scheduled to compete in Kingsford Dec. 12 and will not return to compete in the pool until after the new year.

Big Bay boys

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Newly appointed Big Bay de Noc Head Coach Devin Lawrence and the Black Bears debuted in their season opener at home against Superior Central Monday night. The Bears lost to their visitors 54-33.

then hit a triple at the buzzer to push Superior Central's lead to 25-15 at the half.

Coming off the break, the Cougars went on a 5-2 run to open the third and held a 13-point lead off a basket by Levi Charlebois at the end of three quarters.

Running the court, Superior Central jumped out to a 22-point lead late in the fourth quarter when Heinenon went to the line and scored two then followed that up with an easy basket under the net late in the quarter.

Given his first opportunity to see his squad in a game situation, Lawrence said he likes the attitude of his

squad.

"Mostly positive, they want to learn and get it done on the court," he said. "It is just a difference concept from what they are previously used to. They are used to slowly moving the ball down court and setting up an offense while I am more of a push the ball up the court coach. It is just a different concept. I told them at the beginning of the season, I run an offense that will put you in position to get the shot, but it is your job to make the shots."

The concept installed by Lawrence worked as the Bears threw up 51 attempts, hitting just 14 shots from the floor. Big Bay was led by

Alex LaLonde with nine points.

The Bears travel to Crystal Falls-Forest Park tonight and will return home to take on North Dickinson Dec. 12. Without a junior varsity team, all games start at 6 p.m. Forest Park is coming off a 58-41 win over Mid-Peninsula.

Big Bay de Noc 7 - 8 - 9 - 9 - 33: McKeage 4, LaLonde 9, Thill 8, Cahpron 5, LeFebvre 2, Raredon 1, Sundling 4.

Superior Central 9 - 16 - 12 - 17 - 54: Johns 8, Krysiak 7, Seaberg 3, Heinenon 21, Fink 8, Charlebois 7

Coming Up in Sports

MANISTIQUE EMERALDS

Boys Varsity Basketball
Fri., Dec. 8 vs. Gladstone at Gladstone, 7:15 p.m.

Girls Varsity Basketball
Mon., Dec. 11 vs. Engadine at HOME, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 14 vs. Westwood at Westwood, 7:30 p.m.

Varsity Wrestling
Sat., Dec. 9 vs. St. Ignace Invitational at St. Ignace, 10 a.m.

Varsity Swim
Tues., Dec. 12 vs. Gladstone/Kingsford at Kingsford, 5 p.m.

Varsity Cheer
Sat., Dec. 9 vs. CCCAM at HOME, 12 p.m.

BIG BAY DE NOC BLACK BEARS
Boys Varsity Basketball
Thurs., Dec. 7 vs. Forest Park at Forest Park, 6 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 2 vs. North Dickinson at HOME, 6 p.m.

Girls Varsity Basketball
Fri., Dec. 8 vs. Norway at Norway, 6:30 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 12 vs. Bark River at Bark River, 5 p.m.

Big Bay girls

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the Bears lead to 34-31 going into the final period. Like in the second period, Dalgordi and Stapleton combined for all the scoring by Big Bay in the period with Stapleton scoring seven and Dalgord four.

Watching their lead diminish, the duo went at it again combining for

13 fourth quarter points to lead the Bears to the win. Dalgord led the charge, scoring nine, Stapleton four.

Stapleton finished the night with 19 points to lead Big Bay in scoring; Dalgord 17, McPhee added five including a triple in the first quarter, Alexia Mercier 4 and Magan Yonker 2.

After starting the season with a pair of home games, Big Bay hits the road for their next four outings starting with Norway (1-1) this Friday.

Big Bay: 14, 9, 11, 13 - 47

Superior Central: 8, 7, 16, 4 - 35

Emerald boys

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quarter to go on a 19-2 run, forcing a running clock late in the quarter. Trying to deal with the press, the Emeralds managed just one bucket from the floor in the period.

"At the start of the quarter we probably had the ball five times and stopped them four, but did not get anything in return," said Marietti. "We went about three minutes without either team scoring, then they pressed us again and this time we threw the ball away which led to a bunch of easy buckets and a big lead for them."

Despite the loss, Marietti said he sees potential in this year's squad.

"Number wise I only have one junior and three sophomores. If

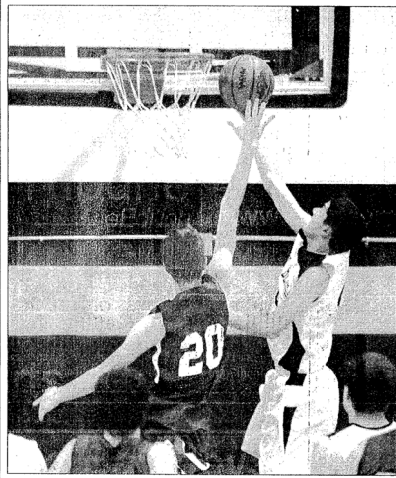
I did not bring them up we would have only had a junior varsity team this season. They will learn, they are athletic and have decent size which is a good thing. Our intensity wasn't there tonight. On every loose ball they dove and went after it or knocked it out of our hands."

Marietti went on to say that the opener was a "learning experience" as he expects the Mid-Peninsula Conference to be extremely competitive again this season. Manistique travels to Gladstone today and will play their home opener Dec. 15 against Gwin. The Braves opened their season with a 77-67 win over Ishpeming.

Manistique: 9, 8, 3, 9 - 29; Block

2, Hoholik 7, Jenerou 1, Lauzon 2, Hagenson 2, Anderson 9, Smith 2, Seelley 4

IM: 19, 24, 19, 9 - 71; Caudell 3, Kulas 2, Johnson 27, Birazza 2, Celcilo 6, Tucker 6, Feira 3, Vicenzi 13, Gerhard 9



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Under pressure from Superior Central's Nathan Frusti, Alex LaLonde attempts to lay one up on the glass. LaLonde finished the season opener leading the Bears with nine.

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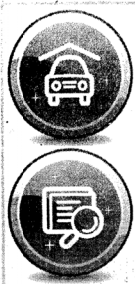
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November 30, 2017
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any part of the debt, which is now
\$37,988.35.
The Mortgage will be foreclosed
by a sale of the mortgaged property
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der, on Friday, January 5, 2018, at
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thouse, in the City of Manistique,
Schoolcraft County, Michigan, and
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in said County. The property will be
sold to pay the amount then due on
the mortgage, together with inter-
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The property address is 1776N W.
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The regularly scheduled Manistique City Council meeting of December 26th has been rescheduled to December 18th at 7PM at City Hall, 300 N Maple St.
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We would like to thank so many people for their help at a recent fire at Bill's Automotive. A big thanks to the City of Manistique Fire Department and Hiawatha Fire Department. We are grateful to all the volunteers and that nobody was hurt.
Thanks goes to Desjardens Excavating and all of our 30 years of customers and friends for all their memories.
We hope to rebuild and we will be stronger than ever. We ask for your patience during the next year because of this fire. This has been my second home since I was about 4 years old with my dad. I must now make lots of decisions and I will return as a greater service center.
Thanks, Greg Reed

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF MANISTIQUE
Posted November 28, 2017
Manistique City Hall
There will be a public information hearing held during the regular Manistique City Council meeting on Monday, December 11, 2017, at 7:00 PM regarding the City of Manistique application for a United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$22,000 for the purchase of a new patrol vehicle for the Manistique Public Safety Department. This application will be on the Council's agenda that evening and anyone seeking information or wishing to make comments on this grant application should attend. This meeting will be held at the Manistique City Hall, 300 North Maple Street, Manistique, Michigan 49854.
Sheila Aldrich, City Manager
City of Manistique, Michigan

CITY OF MANISTIQUE ATTENTION CITIZENS

The City of Manistique has openings on the following Boards and Commissions:
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• Planning and Zoning Commission - 1 Regular Member, 2 Alternate Members
• Downtown Development Authority - 2 Regular Members
• Recreation Board - 3 Regular Members, 1 Alternate Member
Any individuals interested in serving on any of these Boards are encouraged to submit a letter of interest to City Hall by Friday December 15th by 3:00 p.m.
Please call City Hall at (906) 341-2290 with any questions.

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Posted December 5, 2017
Manistique City Hall
There will be a public information hearing held during the regular Manistique City Council meeting on Monday, December 18, 2017, at 7:00 PM regarding the City of Manistique application for a United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$19,000 for the purchase of a new patrol vehicle for the Manistique Public Safety Department. The public should note that this is an additional patrol vehicle and a separate grant than the one discussed during the City Council meeting held December 11, 2017. This application will be on the Council's agenda that evening and anyone seeking information or wishing to make comments on this grant application should attend. This meeting will be held at the Manistique City Hall, 300 North Maple Street, Manistique, Michigan 49854.
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CITY OF MANISTIQUE PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE: This public hearing has been moved to the Monday, December 11, 2017 meeting at 7:00pm from Monday November 27, 2017 meeting. Call City Hall with any questions.
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 051-705-002-00, 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 December 11, 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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300 N. Maple St., Manistique, MI 49854

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS: DEC 10, Kenneth Branagh, Director (87); DEC 11, Mo'Nique, Actress (50); DEC 12, Taylor Swift, Singer (27); DEC 14, Vanessa Hudgens, Singer/Actress (29); DEC 15, Don Johnson, Actor (68); DEC 16, Nya Lee, Reality Star (28)

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From the Forester

Bill Cook

Michigan forests are growing older, with larger trees, and covering more acres. Inventory statistics reveal a dynamic and ever-changing resource.

The forestry community continually monitors and inventories the forests of Michigan. The federal inventory units collect data across the entire State. The DNR constantly updates the state forest land inventory and status. Other tools are used by different public and private forest holdings on their respective woodlands. A lot of tree counting is going on "out there".

Sometimes, we think that forests are static resources, the same from year to year. In the short-term, in some ways, this may seem true. Yet, by reading the forest, most anyone will see constant change. Trees grow, die, reproduce, and are harvested. In some places, woodlands are converted to other land uses, while in other places new forest, once again, grows trees.

Michigan has about 20 million acres of forest, more than at any time over the past few decades. The many characteristics vary widely across Michigan. The sets of changes in the western U.P. are quite different than the changes that most people see in the southern Lower Peninsula.

The amount of data, and definitions is rather mind-boggling and can be challenging to sort through. Definite discernible trends can be winnowed-out. However, for every trend there are exceptions, especially when drawn from the statewide pool of data. These trends and rankings change over time, as the forests change. With that in mind, here are a few highlights, mostly from the 2017 U.S. Forest Service publication "Michigan Forests 2014" (NRS-110), which focuses primarily on the changes from 2009-2014.

- Michigan has the 12th largest forest among U.S. States, 20.3 million acres, covering about 54 percent of the State.

- The southern LP has the least amount of forest but is experiencing the most amount of change.

- Michigan is growing about 14 billion trees (over one inch in diameter).

- Most tree species volumes are increasing. Notable exceptions are paper birch, jack pine, quaking

aspen, balsam poplar, and balsam fir.

- Considering growth, natural mortality, timber harvest, and other forest removals, Michigan's forest inventory is increasing every year. Using the average volume per acre, the equivalent volume of over 330,000 "acres" were added each year.

- Almost two-thirds of Michigan forest is privately-owned, with 45 percent of the total forest area owned by families and individuals. About 190,000 family parcels are at least ten acres in size.

- Most family / individual ownerships have not participated in forestry programs over the five-year period (2006-2010) and less than 10 percent have management plans.

- Over half of the primary owners of family / individual ownerships are at least 65 years old.

- Forests are growing older, with larger diameters, and composed predominantly of "hardwoods" (broad-leaved trees).

- Northern hardwood (sugar maple forests) and aspen forest types cover about a third of the forest. Northern hardwoods are increasing, aspen is declining.

- The most common tree by volume is sugar maple, by tree count is balsam fir (at least one inch in diameter).

- The least fragmented forests are in the U.P., especially the western U.P.

- Two-thirds of the forest carbon resides in the organic components of soils. Wood in standing trees accounts for about a quarter of forest carbon.

- Forest industries directly employ nearly 35,000 people, with a direct product value of \$10.2 billion per year. Indirectly and directly, the numbers are nearly 100,000 people and \$20 billion dollars.

Wood, water, habitat, and recreation are key values of Michigan forests. Forest ecology is highly variable and increasingly complicated. Managing forests will provide more of all the characteristics we value and offers the best alternatives for forest health and protection.

Bill Cook is an MSU Extension forester. His office is located at the MSU Forest Biomass Innovation Center near Escanaba.

DNR: West Nile Virus found in state's ruffed grouse population

LANSING – For the first time, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources recently confirmed the presence of West Nile Virus in the state's ruffed grouse population.

Five birds collected from August through October, including two found dead and three that were shot by hunters, were submitted for testing to the DNR's Wildlife Disease Laboratory in Lansing, where the confirmation of West Nile Virus was made.

West Nile Virus is primarily transmitted to humans through the bite of infected mosquitoes. Most people infected with the virus do not show symptoms.

There is no evidence of human infection from eating properly cooked game that has been infected with West Nile Virus. As a general precaution, wild game meat should be cooked thoroughly, to an internal temperature of 170-180 degrees. Hunters should wear gloves when handling or cleaning game.

"We've had West Nile Virus in Michigan since 2002," said Thomas Cooley, a DNR wildlife biologist and pathologist at the Wildlife Disease Laboratory. "It's the first year that we've seen it in grouse."

In addition to five ruffed grouse testing positive for West Nile Virus at the disease lab, five grouse were tested that did not have the virus.

This year, just over 200 animals have been confirmed with West Nile Virus from 60 of Michigan's 83 counties – including all 15 counties in the Upper Peninsula. The ruffed grouse testing positive for the virus included two from Iron County and one each from Delta, Rosconmon and Missaukee counties.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services said there have been 39 human cases of West Nile Virus reported in Michigan this year.

"We have received several inquiries from hunters about West Nile Virus and ruffed grouse," said John Pepin, DNR deputy public information officer. "We want to provide information on the virus to help everyone better understand its presence in Michigan and its connection to ruffed grouse populations."

Other states, including Pennsylvania, have been studying the effects of West Nile Virus on ruffed grouse populations. No clear consensus has been reached among researchers.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission began conducting research in 2014.

"The commission began the West Nile Virus research to better understand the impact of the virus on ruffed grouse by first conducting an experimental infection trial on chicks hatched from wild-collected grouse eggs in Pennsylvania," Cooley said.

The experimentally-infected ruffed grouse chicks hatched from eggs collected in the wild showed West Nile Virus had caused many infected chicks to die or suffer organ damage.

"The recent Pennsylvania Game Commission research, with partners including the Ruffed



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A necropsy is conducted to determine whether this ruffed grouse was infected with the West Nile Virus.

Grouse Society, on the effect of West Nile Virus on ruffed grouse populations is a call to action to create more high-quality young forest habitat at a landscape scale," the Society said in a post on its website. "Although West Nile Virus is an additional stressor, ruffed grouse have a higher rate of survival in regions with high-quality, abundant habitat."

Michigan has a great deal of high-value ruffed grouse habitat.

Al Stewart, DNR upland game bird specialist, said the primary question related to West Nile Virus and grouse is what can we do to reduce the impact of this disease on grouse should we discover that it is a problem for Michigan grouse populations?

"The most important activity that can be done is to maintain and create vigorous young forest habitat (primarily aspen) that is composed of multiple age-classes," Stewart said. "Michigan has high-value ruffed grouse habitat within areas of the state, especially in the Upper Peninsula. With West Nile Virus on the horizon, it will be even more paramount that we continue to focus on early successional forest management."

Stewart said the DNR is very focused on maintaining healthy sustainable populations of wildlife.

"We are fortunate to be able to work through a variety of partnerships to achieve this goal," Stewart said.

Significant questions remain surrounding the connections between ruffed grouse and the virus. "Some researchers think West Nile Virus

is responsible for ruffed grouse population declines," Cooley said. "However, not every infected bird dies."

In the grouse testing positive for West Nile Virus in Michigan, heart lesions were discovered. Some of the birds appeared malnourished and reportedly acted strangely, allowing hunters to approach closely.

Cooley suggests hunters submit grouse for testing if they are concerned a bird might be infected. He said the blood feathers of the birds are the best for analysis, those soft tissues at the base of feathers.

"If hunters want to take the breast to eat, take that and submit the rest of the bird," Cooley said.

In birds, West Nile Virus is strongly associated with ravens, crows and jays, hawks and owls and several other non-game species. Game species in Michigan testing positive for the virus, beyond ruffed grouse, include wild turkeys and mallards.

"Ruffed grouse hunting in Michigan is a long-standing tradition and our state is home to some of the best grouse hunting anywhere," said Terry Minzey, DNR Upper Peninsula regional wildlife supervisor. "While we will continue to explore any effects of West Nile Virus as a stressor on ruffed grouse populations, with Michigan's significant reserve of high-quality grouse habitat, and our continued work with partners to sustain wildlife populations, we fully expect grouse hunting to remain a spectacular experience in the state far into the future."

For more information, visit the DNR's website or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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