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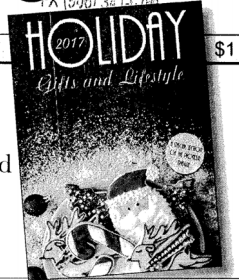
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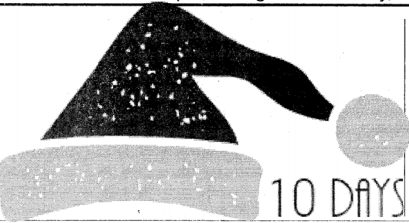
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More Christmas events come to town
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News Briefs

CBC seeks volunteers for annual spring fundraiser

MANISTIQUE – The 51st annual CBC Radio-Television is scheduled to take place March 25. The annual fundraising event will be set at Manistique High School.

The three chairs for the 2018 event are Alan Barr, with Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce, first chair; Bob Crumbly, with Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, second chair; and Lisa Holmberg, with Carneuse Lime and Stone, third chair.

They are looking to build a team of people willing to take on various aspects of this important community effort. In particular, they need a team to lead the basketball tournament.

For those interested in volunteering in CBC, contact Alan Barr at 341-5010 or 286-1922.

Visitor restrictions now in place at UP Health System

MARQUETTE – Due to the high numbers of respiratory illness and influenza, UP Health System – Marquette and Bell have implemented visitor restrictions. The visitor restrictions will remain in effect until further notice.

In an effort to protect our patients, the following restrictions apply:

Visitors who are ill with cough, fever, runny nose, sore throat, vomiting and/or diarrhea are not permitted.

In the Family Birthing Center, visitors are limited to parents, labor coaches, and grandparents; and in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, visitors are limited to parents.

'Little Elves Workshop' set for Saturday downtown

MANISTIQUE – A "Little Elves Workshop" will be held at The Downtowner restaurant in downtown Manistique Saturday. The event will take place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The "workshop" will be set up with 53 stations that include: cookie decorating, scented slime, bath bombs, clay diffuser ornaments, sugar scrubs, and an "Elf lunch". There will be make-n-take gift options for family members, teachers, etc. There will also be free gift wrapping.

For parents, numerous on-site pop up stores will be available, as well as samples of fresh bakery, soups, and coffee.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 14 – Free Family Night "How to Catch an Elf", Manistique School and Public Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Dec. 15 – Preschool story time, Manistique School and Public Library, 10-11 a.m.

Dec. 15, 16, 17 – Open Skate, Little Bear West Arena, Friday and Saturday 6-9 p.m., Sunday 5-8 p.m.

Dec. 15 – Children's Christmas Party, Manistique Tribal Center, 5-8 p.m.

Dec. 14-23 – Eva Burrell Animal Shelter Giving Tree, Petique in Manistique

Dec. 16 – Little Elves Workshop, The Downtowner, 53 stations, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Public safety looks to update fleet

Department to seek grant funding for new patrol cars

MANISTIQUE – The Manistique Public Safety Department is looking to replace its aging patrol vehicles. Grant opportunities to fund the replacements were discussed during Monday's meeting of the Manistique City Council.

According to Manistique Public Safety Department Director Ken Golat, the department is currently awaiting its 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe, which was purchased using grant money from November 2016. He noted this vehicle, likely arriving before Christmas, will replace the department's 2002 Ford Expedition.

"At the same time, we still have three aging Crown Victorias, all with approximate-

ly 150,000 miles on them – all with major repair issues," he explained.

For this reason, the department is seeking another U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Development grant in the amount of \$22,000 for the purchase of a new patrol vehicle. The total amount of the expenditure for the vehicle is \$39,805 – the city's match will be \$17,805.

"The match will be met with a loan from a local financial institution," Golat said. "It's a very good rate and it will be for 48 months."

With this funding assistance, the department will purchase a 2018 Ford Interceptor. The all-wheel drive SUV will be outfitted as a police utility vehicle. It will replace the department's Ford Crown Victoria four-door sedan, which now has 144,657 miles on it.

"It has 144,000 miles, age, rust, no air

conditioning, and we cannot get a part for it," Golat explained.

He noted that the department will also be seeking additional grant assistance in the near future to replace the two other Ford Crown Victorias in their fleet, both of which have high mileage and significant repair issues.

The public hearing held Monday is part of the USDA grant requirements. Golat informed council members that there will be another public hearing Dec. 18.

"This will be for a Ford (police) Taurus," he said. "That's another federal grant, similar to this one. That will get us well down the road in replacing our aging fleet."

Golat went on to explain that each replacement vehicle is a necessity.

"We do need every one of them," he said.

"We do put on a lot of major events throughout the year, and for some of the things that

happen, we just don't have enough cars." Councilperson Paul Walker questioned if it will take as long to secure the other patrol vehicles as it has the Tahoe, which is going on 13 months.

"I would be very surprised," Golat said. "This was our first Chevrolet Tahoe in our department – I talked to some other departments that also purchased them and they ran into the same thing. These things are apparently made in Texas... Texas had two major hurricanes this year – that screwed up the logistics of everything."

In the Ford vehicles we've bought before, we've never had this kind of an issue," he added.

Councilperson Liz Hill made a motion to accept the grant request for a new patrol vehicle. The motion was approved unanimously. Councilperson Kimberly Shiner was absent.



Courtesy photos
Area children and law enforcement gathered Saturday to take part in the annual Christmas with a Cop. The day included a special pick-up, shopping, and a movie and snacks. While the children enjoyed the movie, law enforcement officers and volunteers wrapped the presents purchased for each child's family members. Participating agencies included Manistique Public Safety, Michigan State Police, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department, and the Sault Tribe Police. Above, the group poses for a photo at Cedar Street Cinemas. At right and left, participating officers and children dine and shop.



A (holi)day with a cop

Former pharmacist sentenced for drug charges

Local man given probation, will continue treatment

MANISTIQUE – A former local pharmacist has been sentenced for illegal possession and use of narcotics.

Daniel Joel Michalik, 48, of 938N County Road 440, was sentenced Dec. 7 in 11th Judicial Circuit Court to serve 12 months of probation on one count of controlled substance – possession. He was also sentenced to serve 90 days in jail for one count of controlled substance use.

The jail sentence will be held in abeyance, pending Michalik's successful completion

of his probation under Michigan Compiled Law 333.7411. Section 7411 states that when an individual has not previously been convicted of an offense relating to narcotic drugs and pleads guilty to or is found guilty of possession of a controlled substance, the court may proceed without entering a judgment of guilt and may defer further proceedings and place the individual on probation. Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions, the court may discharge the individual and dismiss the proceedings.

Michalik was also ordered to pay \$946 in court fines and costs. Following his arraignment on the charges in September, Michalik was terminated from his position

at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital.

According to Schoolcraft County Prosecuting Attorney Tim Noble, Michalik will be required to submit to random drug testing, pay fines and costs, and complete other terms of 12-month probation – all while obtaining assistance for his substance use problem.

"As was noted in court, there was no evidence provided to my office that Mr. Michalik ever illegally delivered controlled substances," explained Noble. "All of the evidence collected in this case indicates that the substances discovered during the investigation were for personal use only. This case serves as a reminder that addiction knows no boundaries. Addiction

can afflict anyone, regardless of race, age, gender, religion, socio-economic status, or profession."

Noble added that he has seen the effects of narcotics of individuals, families, and the community first-hand, as he has prosecuted 93 controlled substance cases this year.

"Furthermore, I am actively investigating approximately eight more delivery of controlled substances cases, and I have three cases awaiting a decision on what charges are appropriate," he explained.

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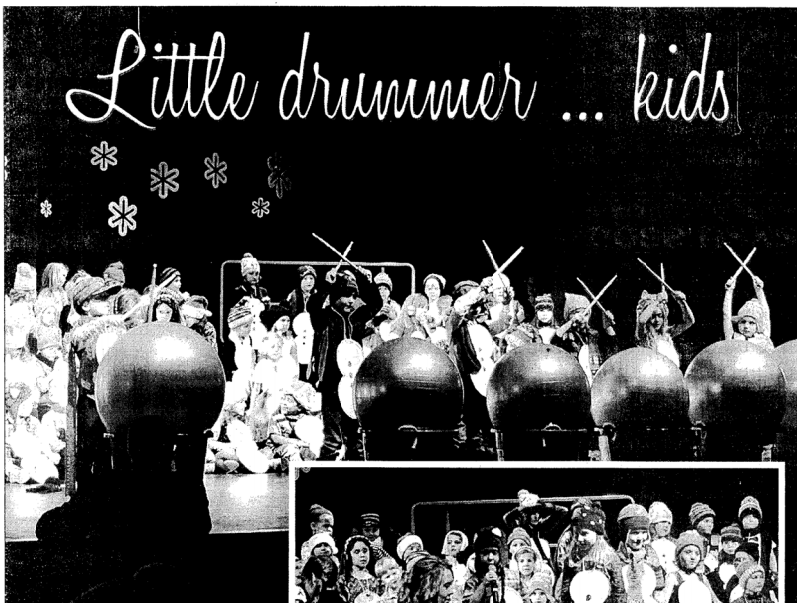
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Pioneer Tribune photos
The Emerald Elementary kindergarten and first grade classes recently performed in their annual Christmas program. The performance included plenty of "snowy" songs, snowman skits, and improvised "drumming". Above, one set of drummers ready for their debut. At right, students line up near the front of the stage to hear about one snowman's attempts, and failures, at staying warm.



Dear Editor,
On behalf of the U.P. Regional Blood Center, I would like to thank Kristen Demers - Manistique High School, Phyllis Burge, Ruth Annclin, and the Amity Group, as well as the many community members who took the time to give the "gift of life."
As a result we collected an outstanding 75 pints of blood. These pints collected have the potential to save up to 225 lives.
When donating to the U.P. Regional Blood Center, you are

helping your areas patients in need of this precious gift.
Thank you for supporting your community blood center.
Thank you,
Sallie Coron
coordinator of Blood Collections
U.P. Regional Blood Center
Dear Editor,

To the citizens of Manistique:
Your Christmas parade this year was the best ever.
Our families just wanted you all to know how much we appreciate the time spent decorating the floats, the trucks with lights, the kids and even Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Good job!
It is a tradition in our family to watch this event every year.

We have a cabin we come up to (since 1967) and it wouldn't be Christmas if we didn't start the celebration starting in Manistique with your Christmas event.
Thanks to all.
Sincerely,
the Wacker families
George, Lois, Tim and Lauren and Cody and Jacy

Letters to the Editor

Holiday hazards: Some toys pose risks

By Mona Strand
LANSING — Now that the holiday shopping season is in full swing, anyone buying presents for kids is urged to do some homework before purchasing toys, particularly those with technology components.
The U.S. Public Interest Research Group has released its "Trouble in Toyland" report. The list of toy-safety hazards includes some of the usual concerns over small parts and lead content, but

today's high-tech toys raise new issues.
The doll "My Friend Cayla" is on the list; it has Bluetooth capability that PIRG's Kristen Carver says is cause for concern.
"Your child can ask it questions, and it talks back to you," she says. "It has an unsecured Bluetooth connection. Anybody could really access it and could potentially listen in on things that are going on in your home."
The FBI recently issued a warning against toys that include

unsecured technology, and the doll is banned in Germany. The company has insisted in public statements the doll is safe.
PIRG also found high levels of lead in some fidget spinners sold at Target, although the retailer says it has since removed them from its shelves.
Carver cites problems with toys found in dollar stores that had conflicting information on their packaging.
"They had misleading labels," she notes. "So, they had labels

that said they're 'not for children under 8,' however they also had a '3-plus' label."
She adds magnets and button batteries present extra concerns as choking hazards since they can cause severe damage to a child's digestive system and take extra time to be discovered in their bodies.
To make sure smaller toys don't present a choking hazard to young children, Carver recommends using a toilet paper roll. Any toy or part that fits inside the roll could get lodged in a child's throat.

Food co-op implements 'liveable wage' model

MARQUETTE — The Marquette Food Co-op recently announced that a Liveable Wage has been implemented for all employees, bumping up the entry level wage to \$11.56 per hour.
Liveable Wage is a model of compensation that considers the actual costs of living in a specific area, such as housing, energy, transportation, savings, etc. The model is formulaic, and determines a specific wage to meet these costs, based on a 30-hour work week. The model the Co-op used has determined that \$11.56 per hour is a Liveable Wage in Marquette County, and so it's been adopted as the new entry level wage. All staff currently earning less than that wage made the jump to \$11.56 Oct. 1. Staff members earning more received an increase in their wage to honor their longevity.
The Co-op is guided by Global Ends Policies, one of which is "Model Workplace." It reads, "The MFC fosters a workplace in which there is a professional culture of mutual support and open

communication, while balancing personal and organizational needs." Implicit in this policy is that decisions must be made, and plans must be carried out, that make the Co-op a good place to work — one that meets both the needs of the organization and its employees. Throughout the past 18 months, the Co-op has made several changes to become a more productive business. We've gone from 97 employees to 83, and have a much higher ratio of full-time to part-time staff. Improving internal systems and creating more efficiencies has also had a desirable effect on store operations overall, as the Co-op is seeing more consistent months of increased sales and profitability this year.
"This change will increase staff retention, attract highly qualified applicants and create a better work environment, which will translate into a better experience for Co-op shoppers," said MFC General Manager Matt Gougeon. "But mostly, it's just the right

thing to do during a time in this country, and in this community, when making ends meet becomes more difficult with each passing year. The Co-op is proud to be one of the first organizations in the Marquette community to step forward and recognize the value of paying people a better wage to improve their quality of life and in turn, improve the quality of the Co-op experience for everyone."
While the implementation of Liveable Wage comes with costs, it is important to note that the Co-op does not have to raise store prices in order to pay for it — now or in the future.

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News Brief

Bay College to host 'Learn to Weld' workshops

ESCANABA — Bay College is offering a new workshop series — Learn to Weld. These introductory welding workshops are designed for the person who has limited or no previous welding experience. The focus will be on basic practical welding for the hobbyist and homeowner.
The Learn to Weld workshop series is broken down into four sessions and will be held monthly beginning January 2018. Oxy-Fuel Welding and Cutting will run Jan. 12 and 13, Metal Arc (Stick) Welding is scheduled for Feb. 9 and 10, Metal Inert Gas Welding is set for March 9 and 10, and Tungsten Inert Gas Welding is scheduled for April 13 and 14.
Each workshop will be held at the Bay College welding lab Friday from 6-10 p.m. and Saturday from 5 a.m.-4 p.m.
Bay College's Learn to Weld workshops are non-credit and no industry certifications will be earned. Safety will be emphasized and participants will be required to wear the proper protective gear — safety glasses, jeans, long sleeved-shirt and closed toe shoes. Bay College will provide welding jackets, gloves and helmets, but participants are encouraged to bring their own.
Workshop fee is \$114 or register for all sessions for only \$349. Pre-registration is required and must be received one week prior to each workshop.
For more information, call (906) 217-4200 or visit www.baycollege.edu/mtec.

The Archives

This week in the Pioneer Tribune...

50 Years Ago December 14, 1967

- Two new Gomco aspirating pumps to be used in the surgical recovery room at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital have been purchased by the Hospital Auxiliary and are now in use. "These are very necessary pieces of equipment for surgical patients, and were badly needed by the hospital," Administrator Carlton Hubbard said this week. Total cost of the two pumps was \$380, covered entirely by the appropriation from the Auxiliary.
- Motor sled enthusiasts in Michigan are cautioned by the State Police to guide their participation in this increasingly popular winter activity with due regard for legal and safe use. The generally accepted view is that the powered sleds, more commonly known as snowmobiles, do not qualify by design or construction as motor vehicles eligible for licensing and hence cannot be legally operated on roadways or shoulders of public streets and highways. Violators can be subject to arrest for operating an unlicensed vehicle on a public thoroughfare. State Police enforcement attitude toward illegal power sledding, however, takes into account that there can be legitimate need at times for operators to cross a road or highway. It is pointed out at the same time that there are many trail type roads, especially in the northern sections of the state, that are not open to normal vehicle travel in the winter which then can provide good routes for motor sledding.
- One of the latest shipping seasons in years should be recorded at Port Inland this week as the last cargos of stone for the season are loaded. John Moffat, vice president and general manager of the Inland Line and Stone Co., said Wednesday that one more boat was definitely scheduled for loading late this week, and there was the possibility of still another boat even later. The Detroit Edison is due at Port Inland at midnight Thursday to take on what could be the last load of the season.
- "Dear Santa, I like you. You make people happy. Please bring me some toys, that are strong! (Because I am, and you know what happens to weak ones.) Bring my sister Kathy a bug record, (or was it a Beatie record she wanted?) My brother Danny would like some games (he has me, that should be enough). Bring Mama some ear-plugs for the football games on T.V. and my Daddy some, so he can't hear my Mom. Thanks for the things from last year. Hopefuly yours, Tommy Lee Selling (Age 3 1/2), P.S. Please help Mr. Bonifas get some new nets for the volleyball girls. O.K.?"

35 Years Ago December 16, 1982

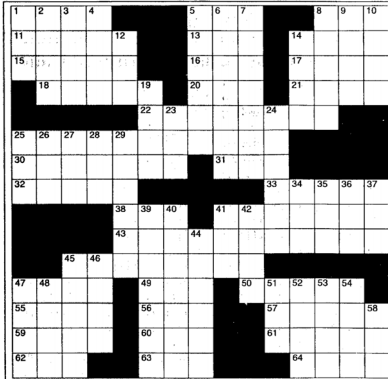
- There has been much talk in town recently about a new paper mill which may be built in Manistique, but it will be six months to a year at the earliest before any company is ready to lay out a proposal on new construction, according to a state economic development expert. If a paper company does decide to expand in the Upper Peninsula, it will be a close contest between sites in Schoolcraft and Baraga counties, according to another man who represents a council of U.P. industry backers. The Baraga County location has the advantage of more available clean water and an abundance of private land upon which to build and harvest lumber.
- It was like a two ring circus last weekend in Manistique, as over 200 boxers came to fight in the big invitational tournament staged by the Manistique Boxing Club. Half a dozen Manistique pugilists won championships in their classes as the local boys put on a good showing. The Bosanic brothers, 90-pound Gub and 85-pound Gregg, both took cups for their efforts. Boxers from 24 clubs all over the Upper Peninsula, lower Michigan, Ontario and northern Wisconsin came to fight it out over the two-day event.
- The latest winners of the Elks Student of the Month awards are Laurie Boyer, a senior at Manistique High School, and Evelyn Dalgood, a Big Bay de Noc High School senior. Presenting the awards was Phil Ott of the State Savings Bank. Evelyn is president of the Big Bay Student Council, a track, cross country and basketball player. She also raises a-H livestock as a hobby. Laurie is an accomplished musician with three MHS bands who has also won awards for her math prowess.
- Theresa Gray was all smiles after County Commissioner Bill Tenyson presented her with a watch commemorating her 28 years of service as matron and cook at the Schoolcraft County Jail. Gray, the sheriff's wife will retire at the end of the year.

20 Years Ago December 18, 1997

- A ribbon-cutting ceremony and open skating night are planned at the Manistique multi-purpose building, Friday, Dec. 19. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. inside the new facility, located just north of the high school football stadium on Maple Street. Ice was made inside the building for the first time this week, and the Manistique youth hockey association already has used the facility for practice.
- The Manistique office of the Great Lakes Home Medical supply store will hold an open house Friday, Dec. 19. Manager and clinician Scott Chartier said the business opened earlier this month and will offer medical equipment, oxygen, beds and other supplies to area residents.
- Manistique High School students in Tony Williams' college prep biology class are applying the knowledge gained from a recent unit on nucleic acids toward DNA fingerprinting. The students load the DNA samples into a gel bed so electrophoresis can separate the DNA profile or "fingerprint."
- Manistique Public Safety Department officials believe boxes stacked too close to the incinerator sparked a fire at Jack's SuperValu Store Thursday night, Dec. 11. Officers were called to the store at 6:57 p.m. and found a fire burning in the back store room of the building.

10 Years Ago December 20, 2007

- The Western Lime Plant in Schoolcraft County was recently honored by Michigan Works! The Job Force Board as Business of the Year for the "Hire Vets First" program. Jon Johnson of Manistique, a member of the Job Force board, presented the award to Plant Manager P.J. Stoll.
- Two teams of seventh and eighth graders from the Manistique Middle School recently competed in the U.P. Junior High Quiz Tournament, hosted by Consolidated Community School Services in Newberry. A total of 24 teams from schools around the U.P. faced off in the round-robin event. Students participating were Zach Lindemuth, Nicole Lawrence, Kenner Broullier, Carolyn Mooi, Trevor Thill, Ryan Gardapee, Sarah Casey, Adam Nagy, Shayna Morrison and Noah Bauer.
- The students in Kathy Bowen's fifth grade class at Emerald Elementary School had a special treat last Friday, when they enjoyed a pizza party—their reward for collecting the most in their building during a recent food drive. The project was part of the annual TV 6 Canathon, spearheaded by Good Neighbor Services and sponsored at MAS by the high school YO and YETI groups.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Member of a Semitic people
 5. Certified public accountant
 8. Residue
 11. Sayings attributed to Christ
 13. The products of human creativity
 14. Listen to
 15. Longed
 16. No (Scottish)
 17. Descriptor
 18. Yankee's sensation
 20. Zero
 21. Comics legend Lee
 22. Honorary title holder
 25. "Uncle Joey"
 30. Graceful and stylish
 31. Pitching term
 32. Former Mets outfielder Jones
 33. One who avoids animal products
 38. Quick to learn
 41. Mechanism in an organ
 43. Redo with new materials

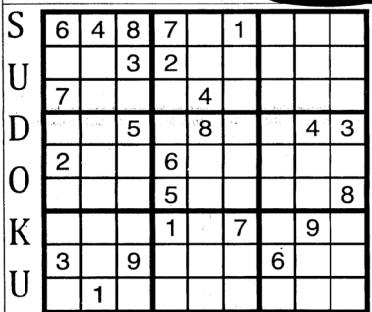
45. Epics
 47. Wings
 49. Extraneous perception
 50. Cavalry sword
 55. Bangladeshi monetary unit
 56. Not the bottom
 57. Affidavit
 59. Board
 60. One who is highly skilled
 61. Jewish spiritual leader
 62. Tall, rounded vase
 63. Liturgical language of Hinduism (abbr.)
 64. Cheek

CLUES DOWN

1. Pie ___ mode
 2. Portuguese cape
 3. Ottoman military title
 4. Movable frame used in burials
 5. Type of coal
 6. A treeless grassy plain
 7. Artist's workshop
 8. Assists
 9. Protein-rich liquids
 10. A song of praise to God
 12. Much ___ about nothing

14. Japanese city
 19. Atomic number 10
 23. Egyptian goddess
 24. Go places
 25. Having tar
 26. Complete
 27. Automotive belt
 28. Psyche
 29. Melodious bird
 34. Medical personnel
 35. Acquired
 36. Type of beverage
 37. Neither
 39. Spanish monetary units
 40. Small area of grass
 41. Your
 42. Diana ___ singer
 44. Salt's partner
 45. Made of wood
 46. No longer alive
 47. Alaskan island
 48. Wild animal's resting place
 51. Swiss river
 52. Partially
 53. Luther's actor Idris
 54. UNLV's "Funnin' ___"
 58. Criticize

All puzzle answers are on page B3.



Level: Intermediate

Word Search

FAR AND AWAY WORD SEARCH

L G U G N E R U T N E G V D A D Y R U C O R A
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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| ACCOMMODATION | BOOKING | ESTABLISHMENT | MERCHANT |
| ADD-ON | CHARTER | EVENTS | OVERBOOKING |
| ADVENTURE | COMMISSION | EXCURSION | PASSENGER |
| AFFILIATE | CONCIERGE | FARE | SIGHTSEE |
| AGENT | CRUISE | GUIDE | SUITE |
| AGGREGATOR | CURRENCY | HOSTEL | TOUR |
| BARGAIN | CUSTOMER | INDUSTRY | TRIP |
| BED AND BREAKFAST | DEALS | INVOICE | VACATION |
| BLACKOUT | DESTINATION | KEYCARD | LEISURE |

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

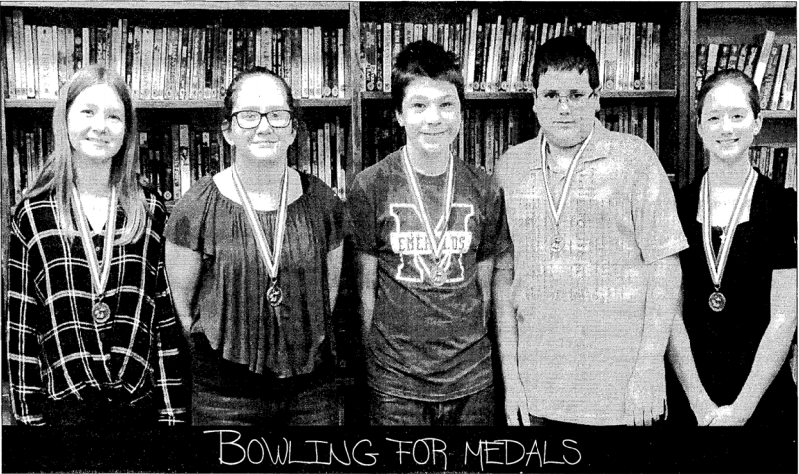
Solve the code to discover words related to travel.
 Each number corresponds to a letter.
 (Hint: 23 = A)

A. 15 1 5 17 11 15 6 23
 Clue: Mode of travel

B. 19 1 16 12 23 19
 Clue: Proof of purchase

C. 21 14 1 19 16 15 21 23
 Clue: Hotels' bedding

D. 8 3 19 23 11
 Clue: Place to stay



These teams represented Manistiquette Area Schools at the Upper Peninsula Jr. High Quiz Bowl Finals held in Bark River Dec. 2. The meet hosted 24 teams from across the U.P. in a round robin competition of play. Shown with their medals above, from left to right, are: Maddy Maline, Hannah Brewster, Alex Ziembra, Joshua Kozlowski, and Jenna Jack. Below are, from left to right: Nora Cunningham, Elmer Zellar, Ross Pugh, Duncan MacKinnon, and Kyla Partain.



Kids Count report offers solutions

LANSING – The well-being of Michigan's kids has continued to decline and lag behind other states in recent years, hurting Michigan's ability to be a competitive state and attract and retain talent, families and businesses. But there are many opportunities and bills before the Michigan Legislature right now to better support kids in the state, according to a new Kids Count report, *Enhancing Child Well-Being in Michigan: A Guide to Improving Kids Count Outcomes and Rankings*, released by the Michigan League for Public Policy.

The report was made possible by support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, an ongoing supporter of the League's work in Michigan. For the report released today, the League looked at Michigan's rankings in the 2017 Kids Count Data Book produced in June by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, crunched and compared numbers, connected the child well-being indicators to policies that can improve them, and set tangible data goals for legislators to strive for. Michigan's national ranking of 41st in education (with 1st being the best) raised particular concern, but child poverty is also a major problem in the state.

"While we include policy recommendations in all of our work, this report goes a step further and sets concrete, data-driven measurable goals to support our kids and improve our national standing," said Alicia Guevara Warren, Kids Count in Michigan project director at the Michigan League for Public Policy. "Many

Kids Count continued on A4

ATTENTION PARENTS

The Manistiquette 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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A 'ROSIE' DAY

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At the November meeting of the GFWC Manistique Women's Club, Betty Briggs and Muriel Whitman (at left) received special awards for their special service to the country during WWII. They were part of the "Rosies", who helped to keep the country running while men were away at war. The ladies were entertained with a skit about the Rosies, performed by several of the club members. Also at this meeting, Betty Briggs (below) was honored for 50 years of membership in the GFWC Manistique Club. The next meeting will be Dec. 12 at the Comfort Inn at 12 p.m. It includes the Christmas Scholarship Auction. Tickets may be purchased at the People's Store until 12 p.m. Dec. 11. For more information about the club, contact Susan Hattas-Krumrey at (906) 235-9843.



Lifestyles Brief

Secretary of State planning holiday closures

LANSING — Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds residents that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.
All offices will be closed:
Dec. 22, and SUPER!Centers will be closed on Dec. 23 and Dec. 25 for Christmas.
Dec. 29, and SUPER!Centers will be closed on Dec. 30 and Jan. 1 for New Year's.
The Secretary of State's Office mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.
Most people renewing license plates, driver's licenses and ID cards can do business online at www.ExpressSOS.com or by mail.

Tis the season ... for tax prep

LANSING — It's not the most festive topic, but experts are urging Michiganders to use this time of year to get ready for tax season, and to know what resources are available to help.
Ross Vednock, program director of the Michigan Economic Impact Coalition at the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan, says when it comes to both federal and state taxes, many people are leaving money on the table by not claiming all the credits and deductions they're due.
"That's why he recommends getting some help, but he says that doesn't necessarily mean paying someone to do your taxes. "You don't always know what you're going to get, particularly at shops that pop up just at tax season and close down," he points out. "Michigan is one of many states across the country that does not require any certification for paid tax preparers."
"Vednock says it's important to make sure any tax preparer has proper training and credentials.
Free tax help by IRS certified volunteers is available at hundreds of sites across the state for low-to-moderate income Michiganders.
More information can be found at MichiganFreeTaxHelp.Org or by dialing 211.
Vednock says those free tax preparation sites also offer the chance for people to give back to their communities, and that there's a particular need for people who speak more than one language.
"From greeters to people who are certified to do taxes at either the basic or advanced level, if you're a retiree, if you're a college student or even a high school student interested in an accounting career, this is a great opportunity," he states.
Explanations about the different volunteer positions and the training involved is also at MichiganFreeTaxHelp.Org.
Vednock adds that with so much discussion about tax reform right now, it's important to note the changes being negotiated will not have an impact on 2017 filings.

Paleo versus Keto. I get asked this question. All the time!
So I thought I would spend a little time giving you the major differences, plus a recipe to help you see (and taste) a great recipe.
First of all, a ketogenic diet is a diet that is higher in fat, lower in carbs and protein. The paleo diet is a grain free, dairy free and concentrates on higher volumes of vegetables and as much protein as you need.
Keto doesn't mean dairy free—there's a ton of cheese and heavy cream in traditional keto diets (which can be inflammatory).
Keto also doesn't mean nutrient rich (which by the way, is a sticking point with me).
What keto does is help your body turn into a fat burner vs a sugar burner, giving your body the ability to shed weight nearly effortlessly and without hunger—once you get into ketosis (which is simply the mechanism the body uses to tell you "mission accomplished" you've turned into a fat burner).
And being a fat burner vs a sugar burner is better for brain function, regulating hormonal fluctuations (including PCOS), perhaps overcoming blood sugar issues, lowering triglycerides, improving autoimmune conditions, calming IBS and giving a sense of well-being and increased energy.
So that's the easy differentiation between the traditional two types of eating.
Both can be anti-inflammatory. Both have the ability to shift your body's chemistry and help you achieve weight loss goals, health goals (i.e., lower blood sugar, bring down inflammatory markers, etc.) and help you feel great as mentioned above.

But, traditional keto diets may not give you enough nutrients and if you're going the full dairy route with keto, you could actually be defeating yourself.
That's why I created the Hot Melt Diet — the plan that gets you into ketosis fast, gives you the nutrients you need, and it's anti-inflammatory so you get the maximum health benefits associated with keto. It has everything you need—amazing smoothies, fabulous lunches and dinners to make you drool.
Suzanne said, "The brain smoothie is so darn good. I am in heaven!"
Yes, that was about a smoothie. Now how about a recipe? This one is from Volume 3 of our Hot Melt Diet that I know you'll love. Plus it's a slow cooker recipe, yahoo!



Leanne Ely

- 2 plum (Roma) tomatoes, cored and diced
 - 2 cups bone broth
 - 2 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- Directions:**
Place the diced onions, red pepper, zucchini, and eggplant in the slow cooker.
Next, place the chicken. Then add

the thyme, bay leaves, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Then add the diced tomatoes and the bone broth. Set the temperature of the slow cooker to low and allow to cook for 5 to 6 hours, until the chicken is fork tender and cooked through, and the vegetables are

done. Before serving, remove the bay leaves and thyme sprigs, and set aside half of the chicken for lunch the following day. Fold in the fresh chopped parsley.
Look, I get it, it's the holidays. But if you take 15 minutes in the morning to load your crockpot with this type of meal, you're going to be busting the norm and not gaining weight this time of year. Go to www.savingdinner.com and let us help with the meal planning.

Leanne Ely is a NYT bestselling author and the creator of <http://http://SavingDinner.com>, the original menu planning website, bringing families back to the dinner table for over 13 years.

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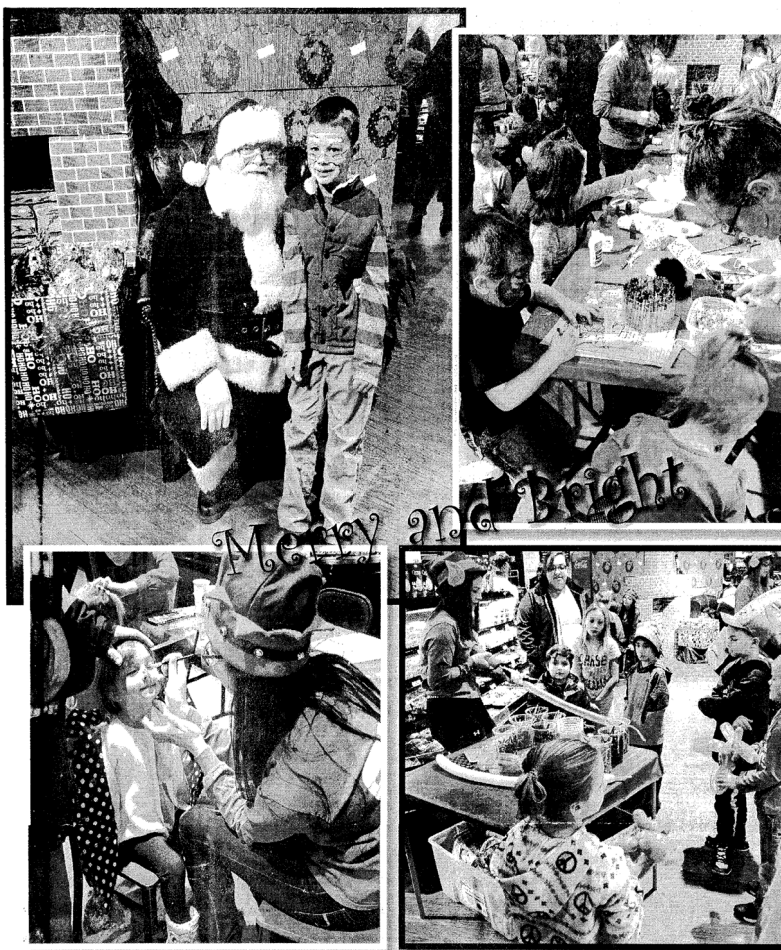
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Everything was "Merry and Bright" at Jack's Fresh Market Sunday as they hosted their annual Christmas Extravaganza. Area families had the opportunity to stop in and make Christmas decorations, have their face painted, visit with the Santa and more.

Pharmacist sentenced

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"Because of the damage these substances cause, my office will continue to work with the users and addicts of substances in an attempt to break their cycle of abuse, using the power of the criminal justice system when necessary. My office is an active participant with the local substance abuse court, mental health court, and veteran's treatment court.

It is my belief that, while they are not a magical cure, these treatment-oriented courts are making a differ-

ence within Schoolcraft County," Noble continued. "I have seen firsthand the difference they make in participants lives, including reducing crime as a result of addiction."

Those accused of distributing controlled substances, however, will not be granted the same leniency, Noble pointed out.

"My office remains committed to prosecution to the fullest extent those who distribute narcotics in this community. The State of Michigan has made it difficult to send con-

trolled substance defendants to prison," he said. "I believe the best way to fight the growing epidemic of narcotics, and their use, is by the treatment of users and prosecution of dealers."

Noble emphasized that he encourages those with information regarding the illegal distribution of narcotics to contact a local law enforcement agency.

"Only with the help of the community can we effectively address this epidemic," he added.

News Briefs

Attorney general warns of fraudulent charities

LANSING — The Michigan Nonprofit Association, Council of Michigan Foundations, Michigan Association of United Ways, and Attorney General Bill Schuette recently announced the release of the annual Giving Wisely brochure, a resource to help Michigan donors make wise charitable gifts this holiday season.

Over the holidays, charitable giving increases and many charities begin their end of the year fundraising appeals. The free Giving Wisely handout provides timely and critical advice to anyone considering a

donation. The resource informs Michigan citizens on protecting personal and financial information and donating safely online; and it cautions citizens to be wary of aggressive or misleading fundraising phone calls.

The Giving Wisely handout is available for download at www.michigan.gov/AG. Before writing a check, call the Attorney General's Charitable Trust Section at (517) 373-1152 to inquire about a charity, or search for registered charities at www.mi.gov/agcharitysearch or learn more by visiting www.mi.gov/charity.

UP unemployment dips, Schoolcraft increases

LANSING — The Upper Peninsula jobless rate was little changed in October, notching lower by 0.2 percentage points to 4.9 percent. This was very similar to the -0.3 percentage point rate cut in Michigan in October. Despite the monthly jobless rate decline, the number of employed and unemployed U.P. residents both fell in October, as the area labor force moves below the seasonal peaks of the summer months.

October unemployment rates decreased in 10 of the Upper Peninsula's 15 counties. Most rate cuts were minimal, with the largest rate declines in Houghton and Ontonagon counties (0.6 percentage points) and Keweenaw and Menominee (0.4 percentage points). The jobless rate remained unchanged in Delta County and edged up in Luce and Schoolcraft (0.2 percentage points each), Alger County (0.3 percentage points), and Mackinac County (+0.4 percentage points).

During October, Mackinac County had the lowest jobless rate in the Upper Peninsula at 3.6 percent. Dickinson County (4.4 percent), Menominee County (4.4 percent), Marquette County (4.6 percent), and Houghton County (4.7 percent) also registered unemployment rates below the regional average. The remaining U.P. counties had higher jobless

rates, ranging from 5.1 percent in Delta and Iron counties to 6.8 percent in Schoolcraft County.

Since October 2016, jobless rate changes have been muted. The Upper Peninsula unemployment rate inched down over the year by 0.3 percentage points. Eight counties reported decreases in the percent jobless that ranged from -0.1 percentage points in Dickinson and Gogebic counties to -0.6 percentage points in Baraga and Marquette counties. The counties of Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, and Mackinac reported no change in their unemployment rates, while small jobless rate advances were reported in Iron (0.2 percentage points) and Keweenaw (0.7 percentage points).

The Upper Peninsula's not seasonally adjusted October 2017 unemployment rate was quite low at 4.9 percent, but was above the Michigan rate of 4.2 percent and the national rate of 3.9 percent.

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SBA economic disaster loans available in Schoolcraft County

ATLANTA — The U.S. Small Business Administration announced Wednesday that federal Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations located in Michigan as a result of the excessive rain that began on April 1, 2017.

The SBA's disaster declaration includes the following counties: Alger, Arenac, Baraga, Bay, Chippewa, Clinton, Delta, Dickinson, Gladwin, Gogebic, Gratiot, Houghton, Huron, Ionia, Iron, Isabella, Keweenaw, Lapeer, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Midland, Montcalm, Ontonagon, Saginaw, Sanilac, Schoolcraft, Shiawassee

and Tuscola in Michigan.

"When the Secretary of Agriculture issues a disaster declaration to help farmers recover from damages and losses to crops, the Small Business Administration issues a declaration to eligible entities affected by the same disaster," said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA's Field Operations Center East in Atlanta.

Under this declaration, the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. With the exception of aquaculture enterprises, SBA cannot provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers or

ranchers.

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates of 2.50 percent for private nonprofit organizations and 3.150 percent for small businesses, with terms up to 30 years. The SBA determines eligibility based on the size of the applicant, type of activity and its financial resources. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/cla>.

Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can be downloaded from www.sba.gov/disaster. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Completed loan applications must be returned to SBA no later than Aug. 6, 2018.

Registration open for 'outdoors woman' program

MARQUETTE — The Michigan Department of Natural Resources today announced registration is open for the winter "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" program, which is set for Feb. 23-25, 2018 in Marquette County.

This winter's gathering will mark the 16th annual winter BOW program for women, ages 18 and older, who are seeking an opportunity to improve their outdoor skills in a relaxed, noncompetitive atmosphere.

"Registration for this popular program is already filling up fast,"

said Michelle Zellar, BOW program coordinator in Newberry.

Typically about 80 women attend the weekend's activities.

The BOW program is sponsored by the DNR and offers instruction in more than a dozen types of indoor and outdoor activities, including cross-country skiing, archery, winter shelter building, ice fishing, water photography, wilderness first aid, wood burning, snowshoeing and more.

Instructors provide basic and advanced teaching that is tailored to each participant's individual ability.

The program also includes special evening programs during the weekend.

BOW participants stay and take their classes at the Bay Cliff Health Camp, a universally accessible facility overlooking Lake Superior, which is situated about 30 miles north of Marquette in Big Bay.

Participants will be housed in a dorm-style facility with amenities, including a sauna and hiking trails, with access to northern hardwood forests and Lake Superior.

The \$200 registration fee includes all food and lodging, as well

as most equipment and supplies, except as noted in the registration materials. Scholarships are also available on a limited basis.

Class information and registration materials are available online to print at www.michigan.gov. Payment and registration materials should be sent to the address on the registration paperwork in Newberry.

For more information on the winter BOW program, contact Michelle Zellar at the DNR office in Newberry at 906-293-5131 or by e-mail at zellarm@michigan.gov.

Why do schools do so much fundraising?

That is a great question, and the answer is not a simple one.

Educating students goes far beyond the four walls of the classroom. There are many experiences that we offer our students that get them out into the community, on stage, visiting other communities in the U.P., and competing in athletic events. These experiences are beyond the curriculum and beyond the district budget. As a result, students raise funds and pay participation fees to help provide such extra educational experiences.

Take for example Clear Lake School Camp. For more years than I know, fifth grade students from Manistique Area Schools have had the opportunity to spend several days in the spring of the year at Clear Lake School Camp. This year, we will be sending 77 fifth grade students to camp at a cost of nearly \$10,000!

Why does it cost so much to send the fifth grade students to camp? Another great question. The cost per student to attend Clear Lake Camp is \$110, or \$8,470 in camp registration fees alone. The other costs come from the amount to

purchase food and other expenses associated with attending camp.

In the fall, parents were told they would be responsible to cover \$65 per student for their children to attend camp which is about half of the total cost. So where does the other \$5,000 come from? Fundraisers.

So far this year, the fifth grade students have done various fundraisers to raise nearly \$1,000. And now with half of the year nearly over we still need to raise approximately \$4,000 through school activity nights, additional bake sales, and other activities.

Students in middle and high school who are participating in clubs and sports are all required to pay a participation fee. These fees help with transportation, supplies and other costs that are part of offering these experiences. Participation fees, along with fundraising money, help to ensure that every student will have the opportunity to participate in all the activities they desire.

So how can you help to make sure that students at MAS will

MAS News

Maryann Boddy

continue to be able to attend school camp and have other extracurricular experiences? It's the holiday season, the season of giving, consider making a donation to support a child to participate in school camp or other activities at school.

Maybe you know a student who could use financial support to participate in Clear Lake or other school activities. Consider making a donation this holiday season to support their participation. Maybe you know a middle/high school student who would like to be involved in clubs or athletics but the participation fee is an obstacle to their participation.

Make an anonymous donation in that student's name or make a donation to benefit all students who apply for student activity scholarships to help defray the costs. Either way, you will be making a difference in a student's life.

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Emeralds to compete in new football conference

MANISTIQUE – The Manistique Emerald Football team has found a new conference to compete in next season. According to Athletic Director Rob Ryan, Manistique has agreed to join a football-only mega conference for 2018. There will be 16 schools in the conference, with eight of the largest enrollment in one division; the remaining eight will comprise a second division.

Ryan indicated there is still not a name for the conference, but Manistique is not one of the eight largest schools. The schedule will include games against each team in their respective division with two crossover games from random schools in the opposite division to make up a nine-game schedule.

While home and away games have not been decided, the proposed schedule for



Courtesy photo

Five area athletes will advance to district finals in the annual Elks Hoop Shoot competition. From left to right are Jaden Krusic, Maya Carlson, Jackson Goudreau, Landen Cougherty, and Brooke St. John.

Locals crowned in Hoop Shoot

MANISTIQUE – Three boys and two girls, ages 8-13, won the first round of competition in the Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest held at Manistique High School Dec. 2. The five have been named champions.

First place trophies were awarded to the following boys and girls: Jackson Goudreau, 8-9 year-old boys; Maya Carlson, 8-9 year-old girls; Landen Cougherty, 10-11 year-old boys; Brooke St. John, 12-13 year-old

girls; and Jaden Krusic, 12-13 year-old boys. These champions now advance to the district finals at Ishpeming High School Dec. 16 where they will compete with other winners from the U.P.



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Kellen Thill scans the court assessing his options during a Bears home game earlier in the season. Thill netted 19 on Tuesday against North Dickinson.

Fast start seals win for Nordics

COOKS – Coach Devin Lawrence got 23 points from Alex Lalonde and 19 points from Kellen Thill in a losing effort at home Tuesday night against North Dickinson.

Following a slow start by the Bears, the Nordics jumped out front 21 to nine when the first quarter came to an end. Up by 12 points, North Dickinson pushed their lead to 40-22 at the half on their way to a 72-57 win over Big Bay Dec. 11.

"We were still in a rut and it wasn't until the second half where things started to click for the guys," Lawrence said.

Trailing by 18 points, Big Bay managed to keep pace with North Dickinson in the third quarter, but a late quarter run by the Nordics pushed their lead to 59-37 going into the fourth quarter.

After putting up 15 in the third, Big Bay out-scored North Dickinson 20-13 in the final eight minutes of play. "We had a pretty good second

half," said Lawrence. "We tried some new things in the second half that I have been holding off on and it showed some promise, but we still need to improve on our shooting percentage. We played in a couple of games that we could have won. These guys have the ability to win games, they just need to get it in their heads that they can."

The Bears finished the night hitting 18-of-73 from the floor and 11-of-19 from the free throw line.

In addition to Lalonde and Thill, Liam McKeage scored six, Nolan Raredon four.

The Bears will wrap up their 2017 portion of this year's season on the road at Bark River Dec. 22.

Big Bay 9, 13, 15, 20 - 57
North Dickinson 21, 19, 19, 13-72.

Other scores-The Big Bay girls lost to Norway 42-40 last Friday and Bark River by the score of 61-25 Tuesday night.

Emeralds football continued on B2

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North					
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2.	Baltimore Ravens	7	6	0	
3.	Cincinnati Bengals	5	8	0	
4.	Cleveland Browns	0	13	0	
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2.	Tennessee Titans	8	5	0	
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West					
1.	K.C. Chiefs	7	6	0	
2.	L.A. Chargers	7	6	0	
3.	Oakland Raiders	6	7	0	
4.	Denver Broncos	4	9	0	
NFC					
East					
1.	Philadelphia Eagles	11	2	0	
2.	Dallas Cowboys	7	6	0	
3.	Washington Redskins	5	8	0	
4.	N.Y. Giants	2	11	0	
North					
1.	Minnesota Vikings	10	3	0	
2.	Detroit Lions	7	6	0	
3.	G.B. Packers	7	6	0	
4.	Chicago Bears	4	9	0	
South					
1.	New Orleans Saints	9	4	0	
2.	Carolina Panthers	9	4	0	
3.	Atlanta Falcons	8	5	0	
4.	TB Buccaneers	4	9	0	
West					
1.	L.A. Rams	9	4	0	
2.	Seattle Seahawks	8	5	0	
3.	Arizona Cardinals	6	7	0	
4.	San Francisco 49ers	3	10	0	

Coming Up in the NFC North

- Chicago Bears at Detroit Lions, 4:30 p.m., NFL, Sun., Dec. 17, 2017
- Cincinnati Bengals at Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., CBS
- Green Bay Packers at Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., FOX

Eagles hold on to defeat the Emeralds

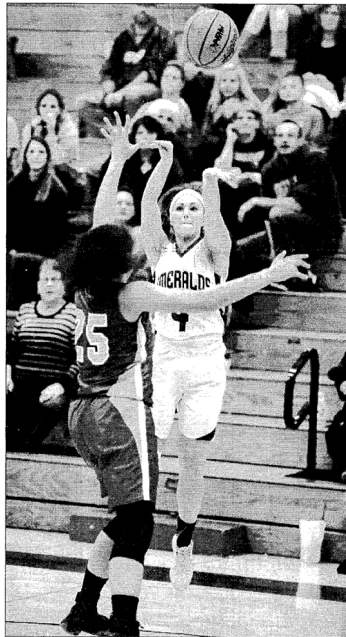
MANISTIQUE – The Lady Emeralds recently found out first-hand how quickly things can change over the course of an eight minute period.

Looking for that first win of the season, Manistique came out strong against the Engadine Eagles Monday, jumping out to a 5-0 lead off a bucket from the floor by Madison Berry. Taking advantage of a turnover, Madison Kraatz followed that nailing one of her four three-point baskets on the night.

After trading baskets and hitting three-of-four from the free throw line, Manistique held a 10-8 lead at the end of the first quarter in a contest that looked like Coach Dave Winkel had the right game plan in place.

That quickly came to an end in the second period. Up by two, Manistique was shut out from the floor in the second period, their lone two points came off a pair from the line by Kraatz.

Taking advantage, sophomore Sophia Vaughn and senior Aubrey Simmons combined for 17 of the



Joe LeBlanc photo

At the edge of the arc, Madison Kraatz fires up a three-point attempt in the Emerald's 50-46 loss to the Engadine Eagles. Kraatz finished the night with a high of 16, which included four three-point shots.

Emeralds girls continued on B2

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The Emerald competitive cheer team had the opportunity to get the first season iters out of the way Saturday when they hosted the CCCAM meet. Iron Mountain took first with a 619.43, Manistique second with 574.76, and Munising third with a 502.50. The squad will not compete again until after the New Year when they host their annual Emerald Invitational Jan. 9.

Burnham breaks Rudyard dive record

RUDYARD — With only a couple of meets under their belts, the pin-size Emerald swim team is already setting the mark.

On the road in Rudyard last week, Abby Burnham broke the pool diving record for Rudyard High School with a score of 156.85, placing first in girls' diving. She also won the 50-yard freestyle.



Abby Burnham

quite difficult to do, but our team was up to the task, with many best times and very solid swims."

First place finishes:

Boys: Joe Barr, 200 freestyle, 2:21; Darren McCaffrey, 100 butterfly, 2:28; Barr 100 backstroke, 1:11.85; Barr, Darren Hicks; Joey VanDyck, McCaffrey, 400 freestyle relay, 5:04.7.

Girls: Abigail Burnham, 50 freestyle, 30.26; Burnham, diving, 6.00.

Second place finishes:

Boys: McCaffrey, Barr, Hicks, VanDyck, 200 medley relay, 2:37.08; Hicks, 200 individual medley, 3:00.03; VanDyck, diving, 5.00; Mathews Aleno Matos, 100 freestyle, 1:09.03; Hicks, 100 breaststroke, 1:28.73.

Girls: Melanie Jones, Meg Espinoza, Erica LaBar, Burnham, 400 freestyle relay, 5:37.73.

Third place finishes:

Boys: VanDyck, 50 freestyle, 31.26; Mathews, 200 individual

medley, 3:34.03.

Girls: LaBar, 100 freestyle, 1:21; Burnham, LaBar, Anna VanDyck, Espinoza, 200 freestyle relay, 2:25.77.

Fourth place finishes:

Boys: McCaffrey, 50 freestyle, 37.55;

Girls: Espinoza, 200 freestyle, 3:20.37; Elle Pugh, 100 butterfly, 1:42.42; Jones, 100 backstroke, 1:33.34; Madison Schwartz, 100 breaststroke, 1:39.33.

Fifth place finishes:

Boys: Bradley Haggerty, 100 freestyle, 2:01.54.

Girls: Espinoza, 100 freestyle, 1:26.47; Van Dyck, 200 individual medley, 3:46.57; Van Dyck, 500 freestyle, 8:20.03; Pugh, 100 backstroke, 1:40.23; Shelby Misniakiewicz, 100 breaststroke, 1:45.85.

The team will continue to train and improve their times over the course of the next few weeks as the will not compete again until after the New Year Jan. 3. They will be on the road in Negaunee and return to their home pool Jan 8 against Ishpeming/Negaunee.

Emerald girls

Eagles 19 second quarter points to put Engadine out front 27-12 at the end of the period on their way to a 50-46 win over Manistique.

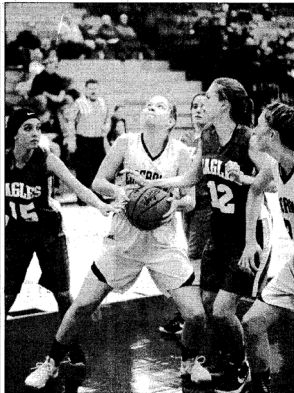
"The second quarter was our undoing tonight," stated Winkel. "We played three really good quarters of basketball, but a poor second quarter put us behind the eight ball. Our defense softened up a little on the inside and our offense was a bit of a disaster for most of the quarter."

Coming off the break and trailing by 15 points, Manistique cut the Eagles' lead to five points when the buzzer went off at the end of the third period. With a triple in the books, Kraatz nailed two from three-point range and one from the floor. Renae Schuetter added seven points to lead the comeback.

"I have to give the girls credit. After the beating we took in the second quarter, they could have given up. But the run we went on in the third quarter was pretty special. We just got back to the basics and made the game simple — play good defense, head them to one shot, and execute on the offensive end," said Winkel.

Tied at 44 points with three minutes left, Vaughn took an in-bound pass off a time out and scored again from the corner and scored again on their next possession to put the Eagles out front by five.

"We were able to battle all the way back and tie the game, but just weren't able to get any shots to fall down the stretch," Winkel said.



At left, Madison Berry drives the lane. At right, in the paint amongst a flock of Eagles, Maddie McAlpine attempts to send two to the hoop. Additional game photos can be viewed at www.mstapiopntribune.com.

"I'm very proud of the way the girls stuck with it and battled back. We had a few girls fighting a case of the flu that gutted out some hard minutes tonight. Joslyn Muth and Emilee McDaniel only combined to score four points, but their work on the defensive end was a thing of beauty. Those two had as big an

impact on the game as anyone, even without putting many points on the board."

Kraatz finished the night with 16 points, including four three-point baskets. Schuetter added 13 points. Sydney Peterson knocked down a couple open jumpers in the second half on her way to a season high

nine points, and Berry added four. Simmons led all scorers for the Eagles with 18 points, Vaughn added 16.

"Manistique Travels to Westwood tonight (Thursday after press time) and Rudyard Dec 19.

Manistique 10, 2, 19, 15 - 46
Engadine 8, 19, 9, 14 - 50

Fish Report

Ret. Sgt. John Walker

wearing one. Maybe they have not made it to Yooper land yet. So if your hubby is a "twisp" and you cannot figure what to get him, type in "heated jackets" on the internet and see what they look like. Some of the best I saw were from DeWalt and Milwaukee Tools.

Maybe I should put a copy of the Fish Report by Wifec's coffee cup.



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Academic achievers

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The Manistique volleyball team was recently awarded Team Academic All-State recognition for their grade point average. Two individuals, Madison Kraatz and Renae Schuetter played an important role in that feat as they both received an Individual Academic All State Athlete Award as seniors who have achieved a grade point average of 3.70 throughout their high school career. Kraatz (left) received the award with a GPA of 4.1019 and Schuetter with a 4.0.

Emeralds football

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Manistique is as follows: Ishpeming, Gwin, West Iron County, Negaunee (out of division), Westwood (out of division), Munising, Bark River, Norway, and Lake Linden.

Ryan went on to say that the future of the Mid-Peninsula Conference is still being discussed.

"Nothing is final yet, there is a chance that Westwood, Ishpeming, Negaunee, Gwin, and Iron Mountain may have dual conference af-

iliation, in both the West-Pac and the MPC," he said. "We are hopeful for that, as a couple years ago, coaches and the community expressed they wanted to stay in the MPC."

Last fall, Westwood, Iron Mountain, Gwin, Ishpeming and Negaunee left the MPC and joined the West-Pac Conference.

Gladstone, who was only in the MPC for one season, returned to the Great Northern Conference.

Coming up in Sports

MANISTIQUE EMERALDS

Boys Varsity Basketball
Fri., Dec. 15 vs. Gwin, Home, 7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 21 vs. Engadine at Engadine, 7:30 p.m.

Girls Varsity Basketball
Thurs., Dec. 14 vs. Westwood at Westwood, 7:30 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 19 vs. Rudyard at Rudyard, 7:30 p.m.

Varsity Wrestling

Fri., Dec. 15 vs. Rudyard Bridge Brawl at Rudyard, 2:30 p.m.

Varsity Swim
Mon., Dec. 18 vs. Gladstone at Gladstone, 4 p.m.

BIG BAY DE NOC BLACK BEARS
Girls Varsity Basketball
Fri., Dec. 15 vs. Mid Pen at Mid Pen, 6 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 19 vs. North Dickinson at North Dickinson, 6 p.m.

"Well, the way the weather has been this week I guess I will take a chance and go out on the preverbal limb and predict a white Christmas for Yoopers this year. In fact, I told Wifec with the way the weather tuned I am going to get comfortable in my recliner and she should let me know when the grass needs mowing. I have come to the conclusion that a bear has the right idea! When it gets cold and it's time for the snow to fly, find a nice warm hole, crawl into it, curl up and wait the winter out until spring arrives.

This falls under, "So you think you have had an interesting day!" In my travels I have run into this a number of times where a young guy raised by his mom wants to go out deer hunting. As luck would have it he manages to get him a nice buck and is as proud as can be as he hauls it home, where as I said, he has been raised by a single mom and now the fun really begins.

Here we are with our successful deer hunter, his trophy, and only his mom, so now what do we do. Now according to youtube you are supposed to hang your buck up and leave it for a couple of days so it can drain out and cure the meat. Now this is a great plan but there is nowhere to hang it outside so their only choice is to hang it in the garage.

Plan A is to hang it from a cross member in the garage from the boy's bicycle hook. Sounds like a great plan right? Really! Now un-

derstand most bicycle hooks are meant to hold your bicycle on not a big buck. But the theory is good so they place a rope through the bicycle hook around the deer's neck and up we go. Well almost up or at least until the bicycle hook is no longer a hook but a straight piece of something hanging down from the piece of wood it was screwed into.

So having went to college and being proficient on the theory of relativity, (whatever that is but it sounds good) if my big buck cannot be held up by one bicycle hook I guess just maybe you should estimate the weight of the buck divided by three, seeing one hook could not hold it and figure if one will hold it three hooks should. Right, Mom?

So three bicycle hooks are screwed in close together to divide the deer's weight factor by three, the rope is put through the now three hooks, and up we go. Success, the bucks head is pulled up to the bicycle hooks and tied off there, but there is only one problem! The board that the three hooks are screwed into is not high enough off the floor to get the buck completely hung up.

Now plan E or is it F seeing you cannot raise the garage roof so we have to come up with something

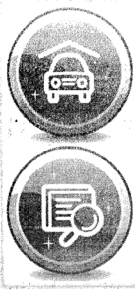
mom and son can work out to get the bottom half of his buck off the floor. It is no secret when you put a couple of good minds together you can always solve a problem and this was a classic.

I wish you could see the pictures they showed me but you will just have to picture this in your mind, [this] would have been a '10-12 point buck if one side had not been messed up] hanging from their garage roof with both his front and back legs put through the rungs on a step ladder which made the buck look like he had walked up the ladder and been hung on the bicycle hooks.

Talk about laugh when Wifec and I saw the pictures and heard the story of this single mom and her son's project. It sure made for a time with stories and pictures that will live on for years as they are retold and laughed about.

I have always said there is nothing like that first deer, but when even after getting it, the story keeps getting better; life sure is a blast so get out there and enjoy it.

Besides this story I learned something else I was not aware of and that is they now make "heated jackets" to keep old fossils like me warm. I had no idea they even made these until my son-in-law who works outdoors a lot was



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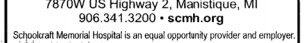
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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
 Aries, if this email can't justify the means, then guess and wait for a better plan and opportunity. It's not worth the risk or effort to get yourself involved in such a volatile situation.
TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
 Taurus, your emotions will get a much-needed boost from people around you. Just do not let all this extra energy go to your head. Channel it productively.
GEMINI - May 22/June 21
 Participating in some spontaneous activities will add some spice to your life, Gemini. Explore those things that you wouldn't normally think to try.
CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
 Cancer, if you put things into perspective the emotional strain and tension in your world can be dramatically reduced. Focus on the things that are working out well for you.
LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
 Leo, even though people around you may be beating down you, you are able to think on your feet and come through the situation. You'll rebound stronger than ever.
VIRGO - Aug 24/Sep 23
 This is a great week for you, Virgo. You may feel like you can exercise more freedom at work or in your personal life, and overcome any obstacles that are holding you back.
LIBRA - Sep 24/Oct 23
 Libra, a situation in your life is getting testy. This is based on a misunderstanding, and things will ultimately work their way out. Take a deep breath and be patient.
SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 23
 Scorpio, friendships go well for you during the next few days. Look to companions to provide the support you seek. Don't worry about future plans just yet.
SAGITTARIUS - Nov 24/Dec 23
 Lessons come in all shapes and sizes. Sagittarius, so open your eyes to all possibilities. Don't feel you need to make sense of every little thing. Just be aware of your surroundings.
CAPRICORN - Dec 24/Jan 20
 There are some unexpected surprises coming your way, Capricorn. But don't worry too much about them. Simply go with the flow and everything will fall into place.
AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
 Aquarius, life may seem as if you were driving on a multi-lane highway and from all the lanes merge into one. Veer off your usual path for a while to get away from it all.
PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
 Pisces, if you can learn to distance yourself from the emotional side of situations and focus on the practical, it will be smooth sailing this week.

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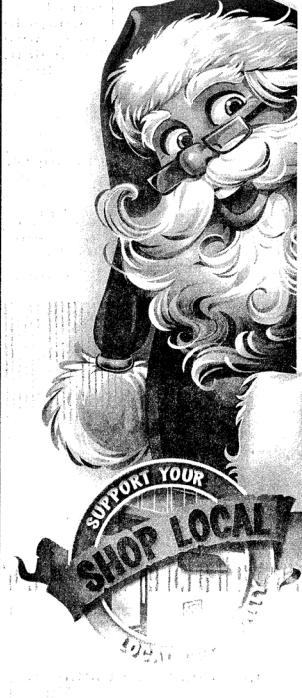
CITY OF MANISTIQUE

ATTENTION CITIZENS
 The regularly scheduled Manistique City Council meeting of December 20th has been rescheduled to December 18th at 7PM at City Hall, 300 N Maple St.
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Outdoors Brief

Additional deer suspected of chronic wasting

LANSING — With the firearm deer season complete, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has now identified a total of 30 free-ranging white-tailed deer that are confirmed or suspected to have chronic wasting disease. Several thousand additional samples are awaiting testing by Michigan State University, so numbers for this deer season could still change.

Since May 2015 when the first CWD deer was found, the DNR has tested approximately 23,000 deer. Of those tested, 30 cases of CWD have been suspected or confirmed in deer from Clinton, Ingham, Kent and Montcalm counties. "CWD suspect" means that the deer tested positive on an initial screening test, but has not yet been confirmed through additional testing. It is very rare that a CWD suspect will not be confirmed as a CWD-positive animal, but it is possible.

From 2015 to 2016, a total of four deer (in DeWitt, Eagle and Watertown townships) in Clinton County tested positive. So far in 2017, a single CWD suspect has been identified in Westphalia Township, also in Clinton County. In Ingham County, five deer from Meridian Township tested positive from 2015 to 2016; since then, no deer from Ingham County have tested positive for CWD.

In Montcalm County, a total of 17 deer from the following townships are suspected or confirmed to be positive for CWD: Cato, Douglass, Fairplain, Maple Valley, Montcalm, Pine, Reynolds, Sidney and Winfield. In Kent County, three CWD-positive deer were found in Nelson and Spencer townships. This is the first year a CWD-suspect free-ranging deer were found in Montcalm or Kent counties.

"The fact that we have likely found so many additional CWD-positive deer is a major concern for Michigan's deer population," said Chad Stewart, DNR deer specialist. "However, Michigan has a comprehensive CWD surveillance and surveillance plan to guide our actions, and we will continue working with hunters and taking proactive measures to contain this disease."

To date, the DNR has: Established a CWD Core and Management Zone where CWD has been detected.

Implemented deer feeding and baiting bans throughout entire

CWD Core and Management Zones.

Intensified surveillance of free-ranging deer in CWD Management Zones, including mandatory check and testing of all hunter-harvested deer within Core CWD Areas.

Opened and staffed additional deer check stations to better accommodate hunters within Core CWD Areas.

The DNR encourages hunters throughout the state to continue to hunt responsibly and submit their deer for CWD surveillance and testing. "Hunters are our best ally in understanding the magnitude of chronic wasting disease in Michigan," said Stewart. "It's vital for hunters throughout the state to continue to bring in their deer for testing, and to talk to one another about the seriousness of the situation and the actions they can take right now to help limit the spread of CWD."

High rates of CWD in a deer population could significantly affect the number of deer, and also could significantly depress the potential for older age classes, especially the more mature bucks.

Michigan welcomes approximately 600,000 deer hunters each year who, over the past decade, harvest an average of 340,000 deer. Overall, hunting generates more than \$2.3 billion a year for Michigan's economy, with approximately \$1.9 billion of that stemming from deer hunting.

"There's no question that a healthy deer herd across the state is critical to Michigan's economy and to a thriving hunting tradition that spans generations of friends and family," Stewart said.

Hunters who have submitted their deer heads for CWD testing should process their deer as needed, but wait for test results before consumption.

To date, there have been no reported cases of CWD infection in humans. However, as a precaution, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization recommend that infected animals not be consumed as food by either humans or domestic animals.

Chronic wasting disease is a fatal neurological disease that affects white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk and moose. It is caused by the transmission of infectious, self-multiplying proteins (prions) contained in saliva and other body fluids of infected animals.

December grouse season offers opportunity to keep on hunting

By Katie Keen
Michigan Department of
Natural Resources

LANSING — With Michigan's most popular hunting season — firearm deer — now put to bed, some hunters might not be ready to call it a day just yet.

The December ruffed grouse season, Dec. 1 to Jan. 1, offers an entirely different hunting experience for deer hunters who just can't stay still, are always second-guessing the blind they chose or just want to get a few more miles out of their base license.

The base license — which all Michigan hunters already have, as it's required to purchase other hunting licenses — is the only license needed to hunt ruffed grouse. "I go because I'm crazy, I guess," said Michigan Ruffed Grouse Society member Aaron VanderWall.

"I would religiously go out on New Year's Day, despite conditions, in hope of killing what would be both the last grouse of the season and the first grouse of the next year."

Deer hunters who have never tried bird hunting might consider calling that friend or family member who's always talking about his hunting dog, suggested Al Stewart, Michigan Department of Natural Resources upland game bird specialist.

"During the December hunt, it's helpful to use a dog," said Stewart. "Not everyone has a dog, but several hunters can work together with one."

Stewart added that the December season is a great time for grouse hunters to introduce their deer-hunting friends and family to the sport.

"Now is your time to invite your favorite deer hunter, set a date and go," he said. "Imagine if each bird hunter took just one person new to the sport out."

"Just like other hunting pursuits, bird hunting isn't seeing an upward trend in new hunters. Fresh blood is needed, and a great way to get someone hooked can be taking them from the field to the table. Cook and enjoy your harvest or grab some game from a previous hunt from your freezer if you didn't get a bird. Share the bounty."

The late grouse season is a prime time for hunters to get out and walk

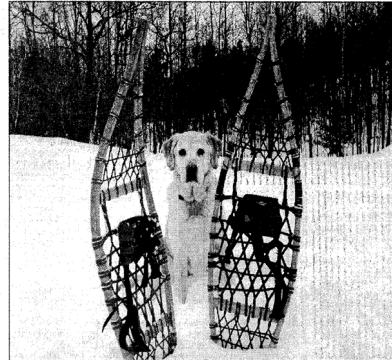


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A dog can be helpful in the late season, when birds are grouped up. You may have to look harder, but when you find one you should find several.

without the worry of busting their deer season by traipsing through areas where the deer were hanging out during late November.

"The late season hunt is about getting outside with your dogs," said avid grouse hunter Fritz Heller from northwest Michigan. "Birds can be a bit unpredictable this time of year, so double it up with some scouting for the next deer season."

Providing an additional opportunity for hunters without impacting the grouse population was the reason behind the season.

"We haven't always had a December season," said Stewart. "Michigan opened by zones, with southern Michigan opening first in 1969, and then the Upper Peninsula most recently in 2003."

For many, the December grouse season is a tradition. Michigan Ruffed Grouse Society member Brian Sneller hunts every December to celebrate his birthday, reflect on the season and plan for the next year.

"I have a December birthday and go grouse hunting for my birthday," said Michigan Ruffed Grouse Society member Brian Sneller. "A December hunt is also a time for me to contemplate the

grouse tracks in the snow, which look like turkey tracks but are much smaller, are hard to miss. They can be found in thick wooded areas with trees smaller around than your wrist.

Find an area that shrubs or small berries on bushes, catkins on tag alder or even crabapples. These little jacksops offer a great chance at finding the small grouse tracks.

In December, forests look different than they do earlier in the season, so identifying tree types may be a little more challenging.

Using a program like Mi-HUNT — an interactive mapping application with millions of acres of public land available to hunt labeled by stand type and age, with road names — can help hunters scout locations from the comfort of their couch.

Hunters harvest about 260,000 grouse in Michigan annually, during all seasons.

"This puts Michigan on the podium, but not at the top. Minnesota and Wisconsin, respectively, have us beat," said Stewart.

Although Michigan's grouse and their habitat are found primarily in the northern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula, they are still within a day's drive of states to the south. This makes Michigan a destination for around 17,000 nonresident hunters.

The DNR gets valuable information about the hunting season and population of ruffed grouse and American woodcock from hunter cooperators surveys, which have been conducted since the 1950s.

Hundreds of hunters each year tally up and send in the details of their season. Hunters can help in monitoring grouse and woodcock populations by becoming cooperators and reporting on their season.

Fritz Heller, an avid northwest Michigan grouse hunter, finds success in the late season.

The late grouse season also offers deer hunters a great opportunity to extend their time in the field, take on a new outdoor challenge and add another variety of game meat to their table fare.

"Nothing gets better than a ruffed grouse," said Heller.

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Tips to simplify... Holiday hosting

Hosting family and friends for the holidays is a tall task. According to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, during the Christmas/New Year holiday period, the number of long-distance trips (to and from a destination 50 miles or more away) increases by 23 percent compared to the rest of the year. While many of those traveling will stay in hotels, many more will enjoy the hospitality of loved ones.

Holiday hosting can make an already hectic time of year that much busier, as hosts must prepare their homes for guests in the midst of holiday shopping excursions, office Christmas parties and social engagements around the neighborhood and at kids' schools.

Holiday hosting does not have to run hosts ragged in the days leading up to guests' arrival. The following are a handful of ways to simplify holiday hosting.

Plan menus well in advance of guests' arrival. One of the more time-consuming tasks associated with holiday hosting is cooking. Hosts who plan their holiday menus in advance can get started on prep work several weeks before guests arrive. Choose dishes that can be prepared in advance and then frozen, so dishes need

only be defrosted and cooked once guests arrive.

Let guests pitch in. Some hosts may feel obligated to cater to all of their guests' needs during the holiday season. But many guests want to pitch in any way they can. If guests offer to do some holiday baking or take the family out for dinner during their visits, allow them to do so. This takes a little responsibility away from hosts while also allowing guests to show how much they appreciate the hospitality of their hosts.

Plan a night out. Another way to make hosting friends and family for the holidays less taxing is to plan a night out for everyone. In lieu of cooking at home, dine out at an affordable, family-friendly restaurant before taking everyone to a local holiday light display or bazaar. This gets everyone out of the house and allows hosts to showcase their hometown pride.

Rotate hosting duties. The holiday season is full of tradition, and some hosts may feel beholden to tradition and offer to host each year. But family traditions are about getting together, not about

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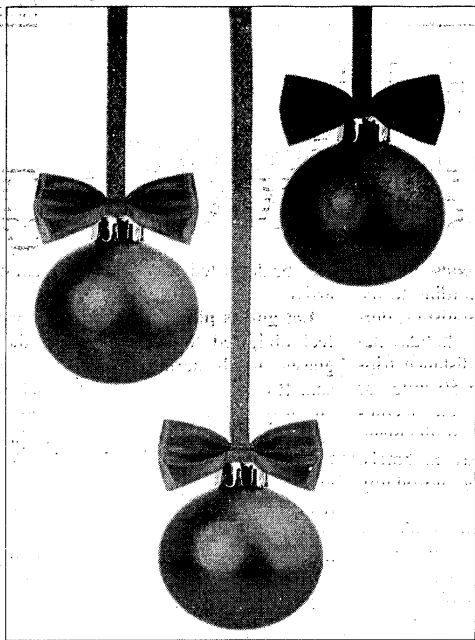
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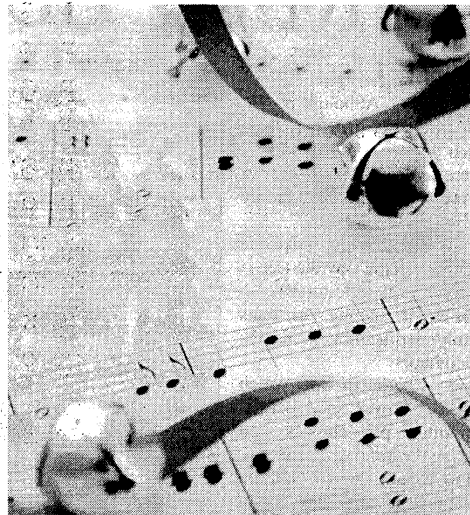
The origins of... Beloved holiday traditions

Christmastime is here. The presents are being purchased and wrapped. The stockings will soon be hung on the fireplace mantle. Mistletoe is pinned above the front entryway, and poinsettias add rich color to home decor.

Tradition is integral come the holiday season. Throughout the month of December, traditions fill people's days and comprise the many reasons why individuals decorate, celebrate and dine the way they do this time of year. But few may know the origins of some of the more beloved holiday traditions.

Christmas stockings

The Christmas stockings of today may be a byproduct of various traditions. One such tradition dates back to a Dutch custom in which children would leave shoes full of



be traced to the twelfth century, when nuns would leave socks full of nuts, fruit and tangerines for the poor. This is why some people still put tangerines in Christmas stockings.

Christmas tree

Christmas Trees are everywhere this time of year. The use of evergreen trees predates Christmas and is associated with the pagan festival of Saturnalia, which celebrated the agricultural god Saturn with partying and gift-giving. During the winter solstice, green branches served as a reminder that spring would arrive anew. Germans are credited with first bringing evergreens into their homes and deco-

food to feed St. Nicholas' donkeys, and then St. Nicholas would leave

small gifts in return.

Another origin story of Christmas stockings can

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getting together in a particular place each year. Families who rotate hosting duties each year can ensure one member of the family does not feel overwhelmed time and again. And sharing hosting duties means someone new gets

to avoid the hectic holiday traveling season each year.

Holiday hosting is an enjoyable yet sometimes difficult task. Fortunately, hosts can take steps to simplify holiday hosting without sacrificing tradition.

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For making holiday memories

Counting down to Christmas Day means many different things to people across the globe. Although people likely have several different traditions they anticipate each year, it can be fun to incorporate some new merry-makers into the festivities. Here are some festive ideas to include in the days up until Christmas — a special family calendar of fun finds.

1. **Annual memento:** Have the kids or adults make one new handmade ornament each year. This way the tree is always evolving and everyone can track milestones.
2. **Cookie day:** Devote one day to making Christmas cookies. Invite friends or family members over. Distribute some cookies to elderly neighbors.
3. **Holiday classic:** Spend a night in and watch a classic Christmas flick you've never seen before. Streaming movie services often put classics and obscure titles into rotation during the holiday season.
4. **Christmas concert:** Host a gathering of children where they can sing or perform their favorite tunes for an audience. Take it on the road to a nearby nursing home.
5. **Dine out:** Take a break from cooking, shopping and



hosting and stop into a restaurant you've been meaning to try. Keep it local to support nearby businesses.

6. **Adopt a child/family:** Volunteer with a chari-

table organization that provides for less fortunate families. Answer the Christmas desires of a needy child or family by purchasing an item on their wish lists.

7. **See the sights:** Pack the children into the family car to tour nearby areas and look at Christmas lights displays. Bring along cookies and hot chocolate.
8. **Trim a tree:** Get together with adult friends at a tree-trimming party. Rotate the hosting house each year.
9. **Play dress-up:** A gentleman can dress up as the man in red and pop into a friend's holiday gathering.
10. **Wilderness walk:** Enjoy the crisp air and snow to see a local park from a winter perspective.
11. **Acts of kindness:** Choose any act of kindness and make it happen this Christmas. It can include feeding the hungry or helping a disabled person shop for the season.
12. **Kids' Secret Santa:** Spread the joy of giving by having the kids choose a sibling or friend's name from a hat and purchasing/making a gift for that person.

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rating them.

Santa Claus

Santa Claus' origin story can be traced to St. Nicholas, a Christian bishop who lived during the fourth century. St. Nicholas was very generous and gave away his fortune to help the needy. He also did various other good deeds. St. Nicholas' became infamous and began to be known by various names around the world. The Dutch called him Sinter Klaas, which was eventually transformed to Santa Claus. The jolly persona

came later when 20th century advertisers — especially the artists responsible for Coca-Cola ads — portrayed Santa in a red suit with a big smile.

Mistletoe

Mistletoe is hung in doorways and couples who stand beneath are encouraged to share a kiss. The tradition of hanging it in the house goes back to the times of the ancient Druids. Mistletoe was thought to bring good luck to a household and ward off evil spirits. The custom of kissing under mistletoe can

be traced to England. Originally, a berry was picked from the sprig of mistletoe before the person could be kissed. When all the berries had gone, there could be no more kissing.

Christmas bells

Church bells ring for many special services, in-

cluding Christmas mass. During Christmas midnight mass in the Catholic church, the altar bells may be rung while the priest says the "Gloria." Bells are part of caroling, and jingling bells are associated with sleighs and Santa's reindeer.

Christmas is rife

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13. Hand out hot chocolate: Make a big thermos of hot chocolate and give it out to shoppers or workers who have been out in the cold.

14. Read religious stories: Understand the true meaning of the season by reading Biblical passages.

15. Camp-in: The first night the tree is decorated, allow the kids to sleep beside it under the glow of Christmas lights.

16. Scavenger hunt: Plan holiday-themed trivia questions and hide small trinkets for children to find.

17. Surprise box: Put a gender and age non-specific gift into a box. On

Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, the person who finds a hidden gift tag under their chair at dinner gets to open the box.

18. Family portrait: Wear your holiday finery and pose for a portrait that actually will be printed and framed.



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Tips for... Fresh Christmas tree care

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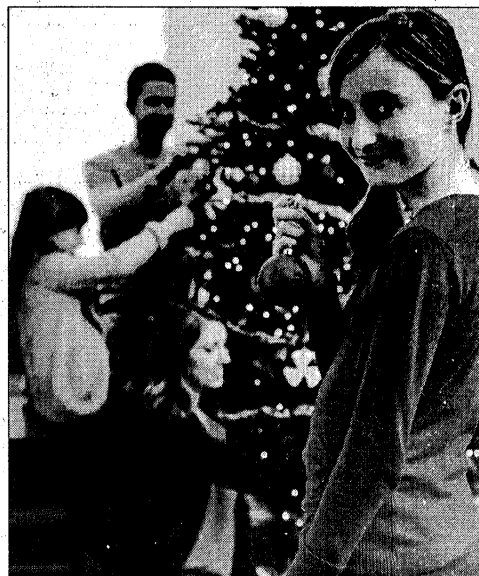
The National Christmas Tree Association states that there are approximately 25 to 30 million real Christmas trees sold each year in the United States, where there are close to 350 million currently growing on Christmas tree farms. The NCTA also notes that, when a Christmas tree is cut, more than half of its weight is water. To maintain its quality and appearance, keeping the tree hydrated is of utmost importance. There are other steps to take as well to minimize needle loss and help ensure the tree lasts through the holiday season.

Buy a quality tree. It's advisable to buy a freshly cut tree from a local nursery or cut one down yourself. Trees available at tree lots may have been cut down weeks prior and may have already started to deteriorate. Some needle loss is to be expected, but if the tree you're considering loses lots of needles when shaken, go elsewhere.

Fit the stand to the tree. Rather than whittling down the trunk to fit the stand, choose a stand with an adequate reservoir to fit the trunk and water. Stands should provide one quart of water per inch of stem diameter.

Make a fresh cut in the trunk before putting the tree in the stand. Be careful to cut perpendicular to the stem axis, not at an angle or v-shape. The outer layers of wood are the most efficient in absorbing water, and should not be removed.

Keep it cool. Trees are used to being outdoors and not inside. Therefore, inside the home, place the tree away from a heat source to prolong its life. Avoid drafts from heating vents, radiators and fireplaces as well.



Consider a living tree. Living trees can be planted in the yard after the season, ensuring the beauty of the evergreen can be enjoyed year-round. Select a tree that is hardy to your planting zone. Live trees often need to be transitioned from the outdoors to a garage and then into

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The history... Of the famous Christmas stocking

Just when the excitement of opening presents abates after the last of the packages under the Christmas tree have been torn open, children and adults alike may discover that there are more treats to be had nestled inside of stockings hung on the mantle.

The hanging of Christmas stockings is a familiar tradition with an extensive history. Several legends attribute the hanging of stockings to different people or events. Here is a look at some of the stories that have made Christmas stockings so popular.

St. Nicholas Day

Rather than hanging stockings on Christmas, many countries celebrate Saint Nicholas Day on December 6, and this is when stockings are proudly left out for treats. The small, inexpensive trinkets are later unwrapped and enjoyed on Christmas Day.

Dutch heritage

One tradition says that, in 16th century Holland, children kept their clogs filled with straw in front of the hearth for Santa's reindeer to find. They also left treats for Santa Claus. In return, Santa would leave gifts in the clogs. Over time, stockings were swapped out for clogs.

Merchant's family story

A popular tale tells the story of a merchant, his wife and three daughters. After the wife falls ill and dies, the man becomes devastated and squanders all of his wealth on frivolous things to mask his sadness. When it comes time for the daughters to marry, the man does

not have money for a dowry. St. Nicholas hears of the plight and knows the man would be too proud to accept charity. Therefore, St. Nicholas anonymously tosses three bags of gold coins down the chimney. The man's daughters had done the laundry prior and left their stockings hanging by the fireplace to dry. The gold landed in the stockings, thus starting the Christmas stocking tradition.

Italian good witch

One stocking story does not attribute the tradition to Santa, but to a kind-hearted Italian

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the house so they will not be shocked. Reverse this process when returning the tree to the outdoors. Do not keep the tree inside longer than 10 days, advises HGTV.

Monitor any tree's condition daily, keeping it watered regularly. Select lights

that use low heat. Remove the tree if it has dried out to avoid a fire risk.

Following these suggestions can help trees last the entire holiday season as they serve as the centerpiece of holiday decorations.

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Recipe



The holiday season is synonymous with many things, including delicious foods. While Thanksgiving turkeys or Christmas geese will be found on many a table this holiday season, baked goods and desserts are what many people look forward to this time of year.

Holiday hosts with a lot on their plates might not have the time to prepare homemade baked goods for their guests. Thankfully, the following recipe for Chocolate-Strawberry Pie from Addie Gundry's "No-Bake Desserts" (St. Martin's Press) can be prepared in just 15 minutes, all without turning on the oven.

Chocolate-Strawberry Pie

Yields 1 pie

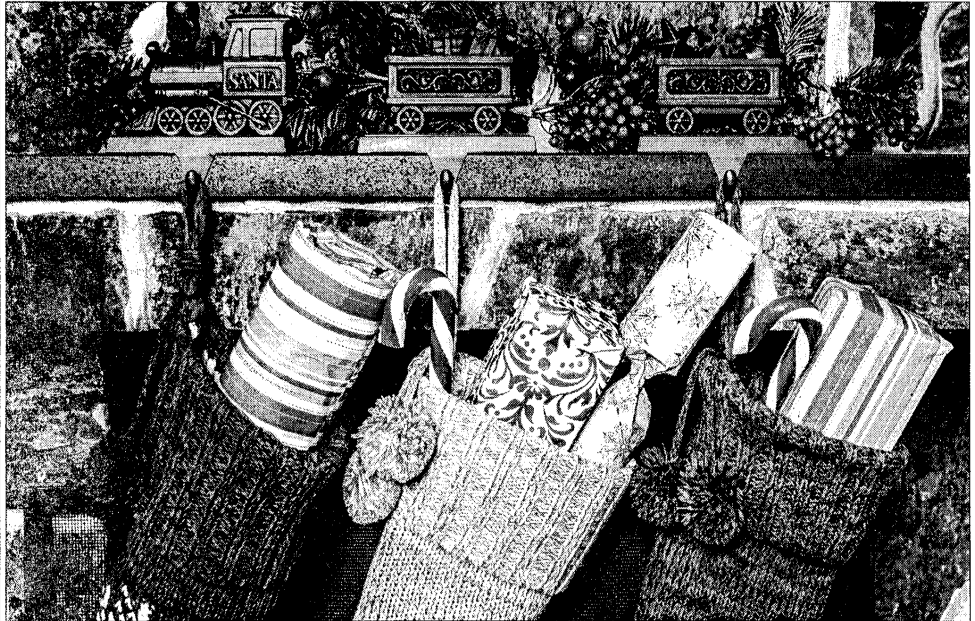
- 1 pint fresh strawberries, washed, trimmed and halved
- 1 store-bought (or homemade) chocolate cookie pie crust
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/4 teaspoon minced crystallized ginger
- 1/8 teaspoon ground

nutmeg Pinch of kosher or sea salt

- 6 large egg yolks
- 2 1/2 cups half-and-half
- 6 ounces bitter-sweet or semisweet chocolate, chopped
- 1/2 tablespoon rum extract
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Additional strawberries for garnish (optional)

1. Place the strawberry halves in a single layer in the bottom of the pie crust.
2. In a medium saucepan, whisk together the sugar, cornstarch, cocoa powder, ginger, nutmeg, and salt over medium heat.
3. Whisk in the egg yolks to create a thick paste. Gradually whisk in the half-and-half until the mixture thickens, about 5 minutes. Bring to a boil and cook for 1 minute. Remove from the heat.
4. Add the chocolate and whisk until combined. Add the rum and vanilla extracts. Cool the mixture for 4 minutes.
5. Pour the filling over the strawberries and up to the top of the crust. Chill the pie for 2 hours or until set.
6. Garnish with additional strawberries, if desired.



witch named "La Befana." La Befana arrives on a broomstick the night of January 5 and fills the stockings of good children with sweet treats and toys. Bad children are awarded lumps of coal. La Befana is also credited with being the old woman who the wise men ask for directions to Christ's manger in the Christ child's story. After turning down an offer to accompany them, La Befana later carried gifts in search of Christ.

Christmas stockings have become part of holiday traditions, and this beloved tradition has its own unique history.

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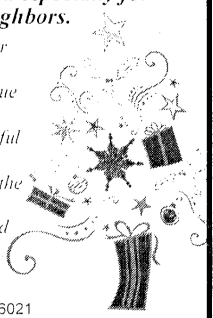
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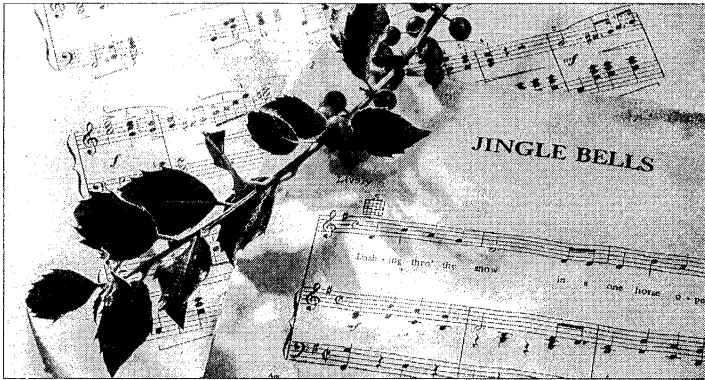
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The storied... Past of your favorite Christmas songs



The holiday season is not complete without music. Holiday hits play in shopping malls, and families often trim the tree to their favorite albums.

Even if Elvis' "Blue Christmas" or Johnny Mathis' "Do You Hear What I Hear" reigns supreme in your household, it can be interesting to learn about some of the other songs made famous this time of year.

Modern classics

Classic carols may be the first Christmas songs that come to mind. However, less than a quarter century ago a pop singer managed to contribute to the holiday music pantheon. Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas is You," released in 1994, is considered to be the most popular modern Christmas standard. With global sales exceeding 16 million copies, the song is one of Carey's biggest hits.

Sad Origins

"Santa Claus is Coming to Town," with its warning to children to be nice since Santa is keeping tabs on kids' behavior, has helped children tow the line for decades. Songwriter James "Haven" Gillespie was asked to pen the tune during one of the darker times in his life. Gillespie was jobless, poor and his brother had just passed away — hardly inspiration for a Christmas tune. However, after thinking about the memories he shared with his brother, Gillespie was able to pull together an upbeat and catchy classic, changing his life for the good.

Bestseller

Even though "Silent Night" is the most recorded Christmas song in history, another tune holds the title of the best-selling holiday standard of all time. "White Christmas" was written in 1942, and reminisces about an old-fashioned Christmas

celebration. The version recorded by Bing Crosby has estimated sales in excess of 100 million copies worldwide, according to "The Guinness Book of World Records." There are various accounts as to when and where Berlin wrote the song. Some state he did so at a hotel in Hollywood, while others say it was the Arizona Biltmore. Wherever Berlin happened to be when

writing the tune, there's no doubt he was pining for the quintessential white Christmas.

The song was written for the 1942 movie "Holiday Inn," starring

Crosby and Fred Astaire. It became an instant classic and remains Crosby's best-selling recording.

Some of the most recent versions of the song have been recorded by Pentato-

nix, Sara McLachlan and Laura Pusini.

Christmas songs remain near and dear to people's hearts, and a few of these beloved songs have interesting back stories.



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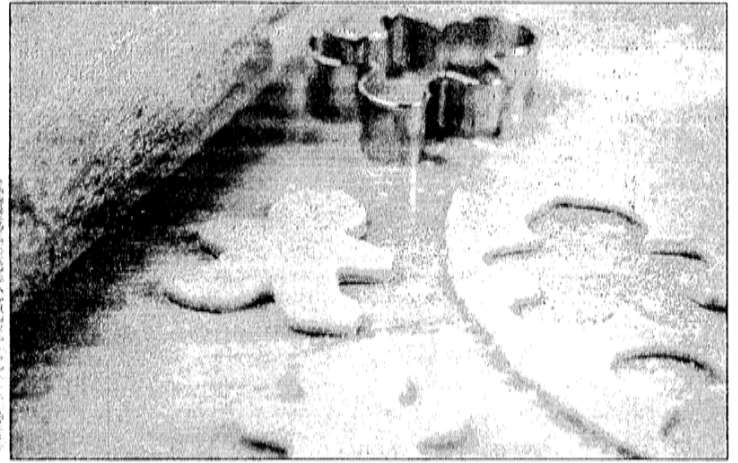


Baking... Cookies made simple

Baking cookies is a holiday tradition for many families. Some the holiday season, many homes are bathed in the inviting scents of vanilla, cinnamon and melting chocolate.

Baking cookies can be a social occasion in which family members and friends gather to create recipes passed down through generations. Or baking can be a solitary venture in which cookies are prepared and packaged as holiday gifts. Either way, people who bake during the holiday season understand that making Christmas cookies can be a time-consuming, yet rewarding process.

This year, holiday bakers can embrace a number of time-saving tips and tricks to reduce the amount of time they spend in the kitchen and possibly



even improve upon existing recipes.

Use a cookie mix. Who says you have to toil

and make cookies from that counts, and any number of creative recipes can

scratch? It's the thought of creative recipes can

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Ruldolph's history...

Adults and children alike are familiar with the tale of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." As the lyrics of the song illustrate:

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer had a very shiny nose / And if you ever saw it, you would even say it glows.

Popularized by the song written by Johnny Marks and sung by Gene Autry, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer dates back to 1939. A copywriter named Robert L. May created the story of the misfit reindeer in 1939 when working for Montgomery Ward. The retail giant was producing marketing holiday coloring books for children and wanted to come up with a clever character.

Although Rudolph is now beloved, May's original ideas included Rollo and Reginald. Also, Rudolph's famed red nose

almost didn't come to be. Because a red nose at the time was viewed as a sign of alcoholism, Montgomery Ward was hesitant to be on board with the bulbous, red snoot. A blue nose was considered, but later changed. In its first year of publication, Montgomery Ward had distributed 2.4 million copies of Rudolph's story.

The catchy tune came thereafter and a cartoon short in 1948. In 1964, the stop-motion animated television special further propelled Rudolph to celebrity, and became the most recognizable Rudolph adaptation.

Today, Rudolph is known across the globe as the reindeer responsible for navigating Santa's sleigh through tricky weather on Christmas Eve. He continues to be loved by many young and old.



Celebrate the season with friends old and new!

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The... Origins of the Christmas music we sing

Scores of artists have released Christmas albums or holiday-infused singles during their careers. Christmas music can be broken down into two distinct categories: traditional hymns and carols and popular secular songs.

Some believe that the religious standards have been passed down since the earliest days of Christianity. However, that is not so. Before the 12th century, music wasn't typically included in religious services, and even then music was included only sporadically. In present day, religious tunes identified as Christmas music

typically are not sung until Christmas Eve and thereafter until the Epiphany.

Many of the oldest Christmas songs are not old at all. Many popular carols sung today are less than 200 years old. The world's most popular Christmas carol was originally a poem penned in 1816 by Austrian Catholic priest Josef Mohr. Two years later, Mohr asked Franz Xaver Gruber, an organist and local schoolteacher, to put his words to music. The resulting song, "Silent Night," was not translated into English for 40 years.

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" also

originated from a poem and had the original opening line of, "Hark how all the welkin rings." The subsequent version was more catchy, and the faster-paced accompaniment was courtesy of Felix Mendelssohn, added 100 years after the poem was written.

"Jingle Bells," a nonreligious tune that

has become synonymous with Christmas, was not originally written as a Christmas tune. In fact, the song was intended to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Christmas music is diverse, with lively tunes, modern interpretations and religious classics enjoyed through the years.

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begin by utilizing a pre-made baking mix. These mixes already have most of the dry cookie ingredients sifted together, including flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, and sugar. All you have to do is add the wet ingredients and any extra embellishments to make the mix your own. If mixes are too much work, purchase refrigerated or frozen cookie dough. Include your own add-ins, such as nuts, white chocolate chips, bits of dried fruit, or crumbled candy canes, to give the premade dough a unique flavor.

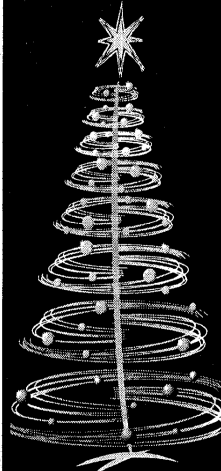
Prepare ahead. Many cookie dough recipes can be made and stored for later use. In fact, refrigerating a log of cookie dough can make it easier to cut or handle later on. Spread out the bulk of your baking over two days and you might feel less taxed.

Try a no-bake recipe. Creative culinary experts continually reveal their clever tricks, and many of these include no-bake versions of favorite desserts. No bake cookies come together in a matter of minutes, but still employ a host of delicious ingredients. Recipes frequently feature similar ingredients to traditional cookies, but rely on chocolate, honey or peanut butter as the setting agent to keep them together. Bakers may also like having no need to turn on their ovens.

Recycle leftover cookies. If you have a fair amount of cookies remaining or several that broke apart that do not look good enough to serve, never fear. Such cookies can be used as part of another delicious dessert. Grind cookies into crumbs that can serve as a pie crust for pudding pies or no-bake

cheesecakes, or mix cookie crumbs with cake frosting or a nut butter and roll into balls. Dunk the balls into melted chocolate, add a lollipop stick and make delicious cookie pops.

Cookies may be holiday traditions, but there are ways to reduce the amount of work and time required of holiday baking.



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Baking... Shortcuts for time-pressed entertainers

'Tis the season for baking cookies, cakes and other treats. However, during the holiday rush it's easy to get side-tracked or tired, and perhaps even a little bit overwhelmed at all the things to do in such a short period of time. Holiday baking doesn't have to add to seasonal stress. With these several tips and shortcuts, there will be plenty of sweet treats for the family.

Stick with tested recipes

Although holiday bakers may want to branch out a bit with their culinary creativity, recipes that have previously been prepared with great success can take some of the work out of holiday baking. Preparing recipes you recall preparing in the past is much easier than trying something new. If you'd like, add sparkle to old standards, such as oatmeal or chocolate chip cookies with colored sprinkles.

Cookies are fast-baking

Did you know that cookies were originally made to test oven temperatures? Culinary historians say that cookies were first made to test whether an oven was hot enough to bake other goods. Today, cookies can be whipped up in mere minutes. Make a batch of dough and then freeze or refrigerate it, thawing it when the time comes to bake. Also, think about baking one day and decorating the next if pressed for time.



Embrace colored candy melts

Icing can be tricky to master. Simply heating colored candy melts and pouring over cakes or painting onto cookies can add festive appeal to desserts. Candy melts even come in many different colors and can be combined to achieve the tint desired.

Keep ingredients in top form

Don't let poorly performing ingredients or lack of supplies be your undoing. Butter can be softened quickly in the microwave when needed for recipes. Eggs can be brought to room temperature by allowing them to sit in a

bowl of warm water. Ensure that brown sugar stays soft by putting a piece of sliced bread in the container. Don't forget to stock up on other baking staples,

such as vanilla and almond extracts, baking powder/soda, molasses, and confectioner's sugar.

Don't bake from scratch

Every recipe does not need to be made from scratch. Boxed cake mixes can be embellished and turned into delicious desserts without much fuss. Substitute melted butter for oil, buttermilk for water, and add an extra egg for a rich cake. Mix in chocolate chips or nuts, or experiment with garnishes for a festive look.

Parchment paper is key

Line cookie sheets or cake pans with parchment paper for easy dessert release and quick cleanup. Parchment paper and even foil can help lift cakes or cookie bars out so they look neat and do not stick.

Holiday baking can be made much easier with a few tricks of the trade.

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Make... Holiday travel more enjoyable, affordable

For many people, no holiday season is complete without traveling. While traveling might not be as enjoyable a holiday tradition as decking the halls or exchanging gifts with loved ones, there are ways for travelers to make their Christmastime excursions more enjoyable and affordable.

Don't go it alone. According to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 91 percent of holiday travel is done by personal vehicle, such as a car. College students driving home for semester holiday breaks can invite fellow students heading to the same area to share a ride home. Traveling in pairs or groups can make long trips less monotonous and more affordable, as drivers and their passengers can split the cost of fuel and tolls. Men and women can offer to pick up rela-



tives who live along the way to their destinations necessarily. **Book early.** Travelers so no one has to drive un- taking to the air or rail-

ways for their holiday traveling should try to book their plans as early as possible. The earlier travelers try to book, the more likely they are to get a favorable itinerary.

Travel experts vary with regard to when is the best time to book a flight, but travelers who try to book early and are willing to

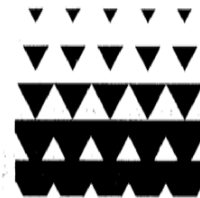
book indirect flights might find the most affordable deals, regardless of how far away from their desired travel date they book

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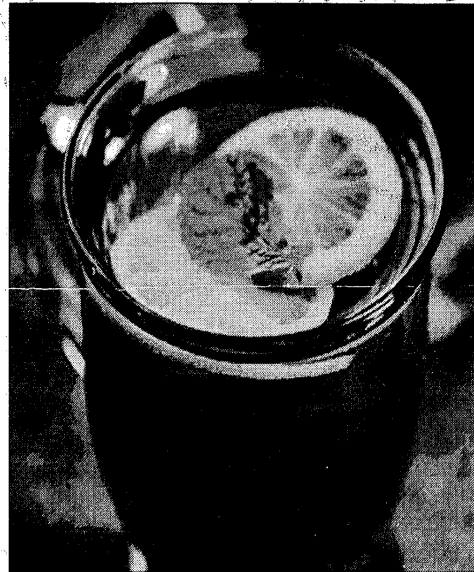
Espresso Martini

Many people love coffee, and martinis have their devotees as well. Those who love both can now combine their passions thanks to this recipe for an "Espresso Martini" from W. Park Kerr's Viva Vodka: Colorful Cocktails with a Kick (Chronicle Books).



Espresso Martini
 1 1/2 ounces good-quality vodka or vanilla vodka, homemade (see below) or commercial
 1/2 ounce espresso or strong coffee
 1/2 ounce Kahlua
 1/2 ounce creme de cacao
Garnish:
 3 espresso beans
 In a cocktail shaker, shake the liquid ingredients vigorously with ice. Strain into a chilled cocktail glass. Drop in the espresso beans.
 Vanilla Vodka
 3 to 4 vanilla beans, broken into small pieces
 1 750-ml. bottle good-quality vodka
 Add the vanilla bean pieces to the bottle of vodka and cap tightly. Let stand for at least 1 week, shaking gently every couple of days. Leave the vanilla in the bottle to infuse indefinitely and refrigerate. When ready to use, slowly strain the vanilla-infused vodka through a fine-mesh wire strainer into the jigger or glass.

Classic Hot Toddy



Come the holiday season, hot toddies are ideal for entertaining, providing spirited fun and a means to chasing away the winter chill.

Hot toddies have been around for centuries. Usually a mix of a spirit — either whiskey, rum or brandy — hot water, honey and spices, some believe the word "toddy" comes from an Indian drink of the same name that is produced by fermenting the sap of palm trees. Other sources say the hot toddy was created by Dr. Robert Bentley Todd, an Irish physician who prescribed a drink made of brandy, white cinnamon, sugar syrup, and water. The drink was dubbed the "hot toddy."

Hot drinks embellished with alcohol were long used for medicinal purposes. While alcoholic beverages are no longer used as medicine, hot toddies can still chase away a chill. "Grog" is another name given to hot alco-

holic drinks, or any drink in which unmeasured amounts of spirits are mixed with other ingredients. Grog may also refer to a water-and-rum mixture that sea merchants once drank. The water kept the merchants hydrated, while the rum prevented the water from spoiling

during voyages. The classic hot toddy can be a versatile drink used to keep guests comfortable and cheerful. This warm libation is soothing and savory, mixing citrus, honey and spices, which

each have their various health benefits.

Although hot toddy recipes vary, the following is the recipe for a classic hot toddy, as culled by recipes from Wine Enthusiast, Imbibe and PBS Food.

Classic Hot Toddy
 1 1/2 ounces bourbon, whiskey or another brown liquor
 1 tablespoon honey
 1/2 ounce fresh lemon juice
 1 cup boiling water
 Cinnamon stick
 Lemon wedge
 Cloves or star anise

Combine liquor, lemon juice, honey, and boiling water together in a mug or Irish coffee glass. Push cloves or star anise into the lemon wedge. Add the cinnamon stick and lemon wedge to the mug. Allow lemon and cinnamon stick to steep in the beverage for a few minutes. Stir and enjoy.

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their trips. **Pack meals.** Drivers can save time and money by packing their own meals when traveling for the holidays. Rest stop eateries tend to be overcrowded during the busy holiday traveling season, and such restaurants may not provide many choices for health-conscious travelers. Bringing along their own meals allows drivers to adhere to their personal diets and eat foods that won't make them drowsy

on the road. Simply eat in the car during stops to assuage hunger. **Travel during off-peak hours.** Drivers who can muster the energy to begin their trips before sunrise can get a head start on the millions of others heading home for the holidays. Kids can sleep in the backseat during early morning hours, making the trips less taxing on youngsters. Less time spent in traffic can also conserve fuel, saving drivers money.



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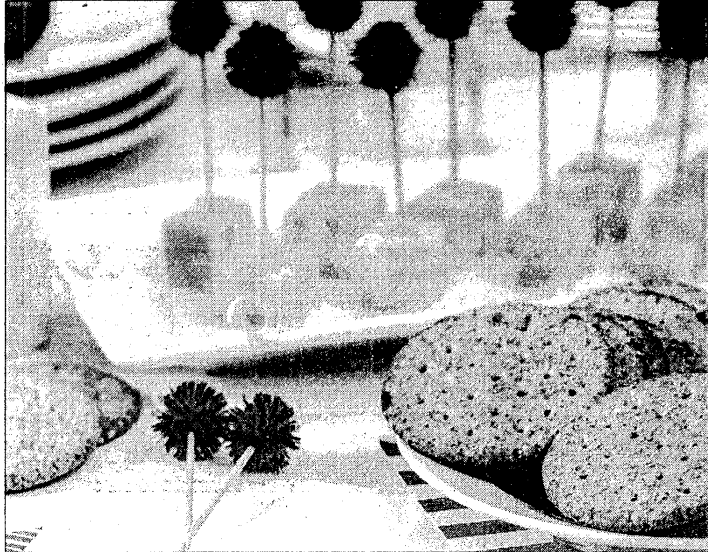
Be prepared... To entertain unexpected company

The latter part of the year is full of social engagements with family and friends. Pew Research Center says 92 percent of all Americans plan to celebrate Christmas as a holiday, with 69 percent using it as an opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

While many social occasions surrounding Christmas are anticipated for months in advance, unexpected pop-ins are also the norm this time of year. Rather than being caught off guard, individuals can take steps to prepare for unexpected guests.

Have food available. Even if guests pop in for a little while, it's nice to be able to offer them something to eat. Keep cheese and crackers, fresh fruit, pretzels, and other snacks on hand. Make-ahead, crowd-friendly foods can be prepared and frozen. Casseroles, pasta dishes and stews are hearty and can serve in a pinch when unexpected visitors arrive. Simply take out to defrost and heat up. Keep cookies in air-tight tins and purchase a premade frozen pie to serve, if necessary. In a pinch, you can always order out, but over time the cost of having food delivered can add up.

Keep the bar stocked. Toasting to a happy holiday season is the norm during



this time of year. Toasting requires hosts have some spirits on hand. Stock the bar with a few staples, such as red and white wine, vodka, rum, whiskey, and mixers. Also, you may just want to create a signature or seasonal cocktail that can be served when guests arrive, such as a spiced punch or a holiday eggnog.

Cue the musical playlist. Put together a playlist of favorite holiday music that will provide the ideal ambiance should guests ring your doorbell. Thanks to services like Spotify, Amazon Music and Pandora, holiday music that fills a home with the sweet sounds of the season is now

always accessible.

Keep things neat. Set aside a closet or space that can serve as a catch-all where errant items can

quickly be stored should guests arrive. Gather loose toys, books or stray papers in a basket and then stash the basket in the closet un-

til guests depart. Routinely empty the dishwasher so dirty dishes left in the sink can be quickly loaded before guests arrive.

Create an aromatic atmosphere. Scented candles that evoke the aromas of the season can refresh stale indoor air. Butter cookie,

apple pie and cinnamon scented candles can make it seem like you just finished some holiday baking.

Guests tend to drop by on a moment's notice come the holidays. Preparing for the unexpected can make such visits more enjoyable.

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Celebrating... This Christmas as a blended family

Emotions run deep come the holiday season. Holiday planning can be hectic, especially for blended families.

Today's families are increasingly blended, meaning they're a combination of families due to divorce or death. Even though the holidays are meant to be joyous, navigating traditions and accommodating the unique needs of all involved – including cultural traditions, visitation schedules, rituals, and religious beliefs – can be challenging. But blended families need not fret as they attempt to negotiate Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, or New Years.

Logistics

The first step to holiday planning is to keep in mind pre-determined custody or visitation agreements. Although there can be hope for holiday flexibility and generosity, try to stick as close to existing arrangements as possible. Some families choose to divvy up particular holidays throughout the year in advance. Others may do it as plans get arranged. As long as the arrangement is fair to everyone, the choice is up to the families. The plans should be made known to all involved.

Discuss expectations

The Stepfamily Association of America says that communication during the holiday season is vital, especially for children so they know what to expect. Writing down specific itineraries can help alleviate the stress of not knowing where they will be at a given time.

All members of the family should vocalize how they feel about particular aspects of the holidays so that no one is disgruntled. Do not expect others to be mind readers. Perhaps one person is focusing a significant amount of



energy on trimming the tree when that isn't as important to others. Discussing expectations can make planning that much easier.

Create new traditions

The holidays without everyone under the same roof enjoying traditions that have been part of celebrations for

years can contribute to feelings of anxiety for people accustomed to these annual traditions. Draw the focus away from how things used to be done and create new traditions that all can anticipate. Host a holiday movie night if this isn't the year to have the kids for Christmas. An annual outing to see a concert or show might be a new tradition the entire blended family can enjoy.

Don't expect perfection

Putting too much emphasis on trying to make the holidays perfect can backfire. Blended families must recognize that holiday celebrations will change. It can take time to find a new celebratory rhythm, and comparisons always will be made. It's acceptable to have mixed feelings about new traditions, but each member should go into the season with a positive attitude.

Blended families may face additional challenges during the holidays. Working together, such families can restore joy to the season and create new traditions.

Yuletide Greetings

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