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Bus drivers seek public's help

Motorists increasingly ignoring bus lights, placing school children at risk

MANISTIQUE – The Manistique Area Schools District is asking for the public's assistance. Bus drivers for the district were present during Monday's MAS School Board meeting to discuss ongoing issues with drivers ignoring the yellow and red lights of school buses while on roadways.

According to John Barry, a bus driver with the district, concern about the safety of students exiting and entering school buses is increasing, due to other motorists' unwillingness to yield and then stop when the bus does.

"The speed limit, going 65 mph, when you're on the highway and put your yellows (lights) on, the cars seem like they go faster," he explained. "If they pass our lights, we have to get their license plate. If a car is going 65 mph toward you, and they want you to read the license plate behind you in your mirrors. It's impossible."

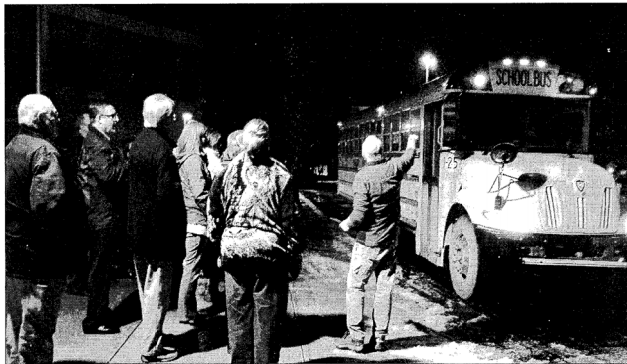
Barry noted that this running of yellow and red school bus lights is occurring on a daily basis – sometimes two to three times per day for each driver.

"We want the public to help us out ... if they see a car, maybe they can help us out in getting a license plate," he said.

Barry explained that when the driver turns on yellow lights, motorists should be slowing to a stop, as the red lights on each bus are only activated once the bus door is open – allowing students to exit.

"As soon as a student sees our red flashing sign come out, they think it's safe to cross, and that's the problem we're having," said Barry.

He pointed out that once the children exit the bus, only a few of the district's buses have a five-foot bar that swings out to prompt the children to walk further out in front of



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Above, MAS Bus Driver John Barry (at far right) informs the MAS Board of Education and audience members about the operation of the yellow and red lights on school buses. Barry and other bus drivers have expressed ongoing concern about motorists ignoring the warning lights and possibly putting the lives of children in danger.

the bus, which allows the driver to maintain visual contact with students as the cross the road or highway.

Each bus driver present during the meeting highlighted at least one incident where a child was placed in immediate danger after other drivers ignored the bus lights.

Superintendent Maryann Boddy noted that the district has attempted to spread awareness about bus safety.

"Despite all those communications, we still have this

happening on pretty much a regular basis," she said. "Just look for support and people who are educated that know what the rules are."

Boddy added that she has been working with Michigan

Busing concerns

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Quick facts

- The Manistique City Council spent Monday agreeing to pursue two USDA – Rural Development grants.
- The grants will be used to fund a new patrol vehicle and infrastructure improvements.
- Council also said farewell to three members and approved a new city clerk.

City to pursue USDA grants

Funding will allow for new patrol car, CSO project

MANISTIQUE – The Manistique City Council had a full agenda Monday, appointing a new city clerk and moving forward with two USDA – Rural Development grants. Council also bid adieu to three council members, as their recently elected replacements will take their seats in the first January meeting.

According to Manistique City Manager Sheila Aldrich, former City Clerk Jeff King has taken position out of the city, prompting the search for a replacement.

"We've been interviewing for the open position," she said. "The interview committee has met with several potential applicants over the past week."

That committee, she noted, had brought to council a recommendation to fill the position – Janell Irie, who has been employed as the city's utility clerk. Councilperson Paul Walker made a motion promote Irie to the position of city clerk.

The motion was unanimously approved by council members.

Council also held a public hearing for the Manistique Department of Public Safety Department's second USDA – Rural Development grant for a new patrol vehicle. The department is currently seeking two grants to replace two of its patrol vehicles. A public hearing for the first grant was held earlier this month.

According to MPS Director Ken Gola, the grant will be used toward the purchase

News Briefs

Manistiquian man faces felony drug charge

MANISTIQUE – A Manistiquian man is headed to a higher court after waiving his preliminary examination on a felony drug charge.

Michael Rodney Hobbs, 69, of 110 N. Mackinac Ave., was arraigned in 93rd District Court Dec. 6 on one count of controlled substance – delivery/manufacture (narcotic or cocaine) less than 50 grams, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$25,000.

A cash or surety bond of \$25,000 was set by Judge Mark E. Luoma.

On Dec. 13, Hobbs waived his preliminary examination and was subsequently bound over to 11th Judicial Circuit Court. His pretrial is set for Dec. 21 at 10 a.m.

Area woman bound over on drug charge

MANISTIQUE – A Manistiquian woman is headed to a higher court for a felony drug charge.

Angie Jean Gwaltney, 26, of 1174 Zhagag, waived her preliminary hearing Dec. 6 in 93rd District Court. She is charged with one count of controlled substance – deliver/manufacture (Schedule 1,2,3), a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$25,000.

Gwaltney was subsequently bound over to 11th Judicial Circuit Court. She is scheduled for a pre-trial hearing Dec. 21 at 10 a.m.



Rockin' around Christmas trees

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The Emerald Elementary preschoolers (four-year-old) dressed as Christmas trees and entered the spotlight Tuesday afternoon, singing and performing Christmas selections for families and friends. Above, students rock out to "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree". Below, mimicking saxophones, students "play" toy candy canes.



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Courtesy photos
The MHS Glee Club recently presented "At the Bandstand" in the Manistique High School auditorium. Sixty-six Manistique Area Schools students in third through 12th grade danced and sang their way through the decades - including the 60s, 60s, and 70s. Above, the high school group poses for a picture. At right, the elementary students ready for the show. Below, performers strike a 70s pose.



Dear Editor,
Recently, Michigan's Representatives had the tremendous opportunity to vote to reform Michigan's auto insurance. I say tremendous because it has been decades since the last vote to overhaul and changes are so desperately needed.

Reforms would have allowed seniors to avoid purchasing personal injury protection if they have similar coverage through retirement benefits or Medicare, potentially saving seniors hundreds to thousands of dollars a year. Also, increased fraud protection and guaranteed savings to all Michigan residents in a three tiered, choice system: 10 percent average PIP savings for those choosing the same unlimited coverage we all have now, 20 percent average PIP savings for \$500,000 coverage, and an average of 40 percent PIP savings for those taking \$250,000 in coverage.

This lowest coverage would still be more than five times the next highest mandated coverage in the U.S. - New York at \$50,000.

Unfortunately, the effort failed to get enough votes. Rep. Scott Dianda voted no and has tried to justify his vote to UP residents by claiming the plan would have reduced coverage; provided no savings except for Detroit. This just isn't true, as I have detailed above. Even the insurance industry complained the savings were too high. And the \$500,000 coverage would cover over 99 percent of annual claims.

The bills Rep. Dianda is plugging do little to address

insurance costs and possibly would have made them even more expensive. These bills have a few merits that appear to have been mirrored in the first plan, but savings for seniors required significantly more expensive supplemental insurance and fraud reform that would cost more and take significant time before savings materialized.

The bills do nothing to control the costs charged for PIP. These bills are being pushed by the same lobbyists and trial attorneys that have stifled any changes for more than 20 years and have little substance.

The House Democratic caucus demanded a no vote for any changes to PIP, even though it is the largest driver of auto insurance costs. Only four of their members broke ranks to support saving their constituents money. However, even though the bill failed a few weeks ago, members can, as the representative should, change their minds and let the chairwoman know they are ready to vote for their people and not their party; their citizens' money, not hospitals' or insurance companies' money.

Ed McBroom
candidate for State Senate,
38th District

Dear Editor,
Why would Jack care?
This new year will bring some very important political issues to our area. Many residents of northern Michigan have already

begun to realize the potential damages from our present administration's policy changes.

We all cherish the natural environment we share and are proud when we hear "you are never more than six miles from a body of fresh water". As shown by his voting record, apparently Jack Bergman comes from a different mindset.

Our present congressman has not voted to protect our valuable resources. Anyone from this area would know that our business culture is dependent on the natural environment and our rural way of life differs greatly from that of the lower half of the mitt.

We need a representative who is invested in northern Michigan. One that has spent time with the residents, understands their struggles and concerns and, more

importantly, will work for their benefit. I wonder how many small business owners in northern Michigan think they will benefit from the tax bill Bergman is promoting.

Less than five percent of his campaign funding has come from people in Michigan's 1st District. So, I ask you, why would Jack Bergman vote to help Northern Michigan when his financial support comes from donors who have no connection to our area and do not share our concerns?

There is one thing I do agree with Jack Bergman about. With his campaign slogan he suggests we "Send a marine to Washington". Only the marine I want to send to represent Michigan's 1st District in Washington is Matt Morgan!

Kelli MacIntosh
Traverse City

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News Brief

Lansing seeks student designs for 2018 cover

LANSING — Michigan high school, junior high, and elementary school students are encouraged to submit designs for the cover of the 2018 Michigan State of the State program contest, Gov. Rick Snyder announced recently.

Snyder will deliver his eighth and final State of the State address to a joint session of the Michigan Legislature in the state House Chambers on Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. The winner of the student design contest will have the opportunity to meet Snyder and attend the address with one guest.

"This contest is a fantastic way for Michigan kids to showcase their talent and creativity," Snyder

said. "I encourage students of all skill levels to participate and I look forward to meeting the winner on Jan. 23."

Students can submit their designs through Jan. 5. The winning design will be announced Jan. 17.

Contest entries should be sized to fit on a 5.5 inch x 8.5 inch cover. On a separate page, students should include their submission, their name, phone number, address, and email address, as well as their parent or guardian's name, phone number, address, and email address.

Students can submit their designs by email to SOTS@Michigan.gov.

The Archives

This week in the Pioneer Tribune...

50 Years Ago December 21, 1967

Room rates at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital will be increased by an average of \$4 per day the hospital board of trustees has decided. Administrator Carleton Hubbard told of the planned increases Tuesday night when he reported to the county board of supervisors at their December meeting. The increase will be effective Jan. 1. "The raises are necessary because of the increased cost of doing business," Mr. Hubbard pointed out, citing the possibility of wage increases, a staff pension plan, and needed physical improvements at the hospital. Rates at the hospital, now \$20 per day for a semi-private room, will still be among the lowest in the Upper Peninsula, he pointed out.

Schoolcraft County's chronic deficit may be a thing of the past by another year. County Treasurer William Cowman told members of the county board of supervisors Tuesday night that unless an unusually large welfare payment was needed at the end of December, the deficit could be reduced to "around \$21,000" by the end of 1967. Last year the county ended the year \$27,431.30 in the red.

Mrs. Mercy Graves got behind the wheel of her school bus for the last time Friday afternoon as she prepared to make her final run as bus driver on one of the Upper Hiawatha route, Mrs. Graves has been hauling children on one of the more isolated bus routes for more than 30 years.

Michigan's 1967 firearm deer season produced a legal harvest of an estimated 103,400 whitetails, 13 percent above last year's total, according to first survey results of the Conservation Department. The preliminary kill estimate, up nearly 12,000 animals from 1966 and the sixth highest on the state's records, is based on deer counts made by the Department along major highways running north and south in Michigan. A final, more refined estimate on the season's harvest will be made next spring from the Department's annual postcard survey of licensed hunters.

A review of the architect's recommendations, and the probable awarding of bids for the new Lakeside School will top the agenda for a special board of education meeting planned for 9 p.m. Thursday (tonight) at the school. Architect Bruce Smith of Royal Oak has been working on revised plans for the new school since preliminary bids were \$80,000 over the \$220,000 available for the building. The revised plans will probably omit the multi-purpose room planned for the school. The board will also discuss the amount of millage to be requested for the special election in February.

35 Years Ago December 22, 1982

The Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital may move into the forefront of the computer age if it buys a \$90,000 computer system as planned, but the hospital administration may move out of its present offices in the clinic building. Although no definite plans have been made, Cal Jenerou, hospital board chairman, did raise the possibility of closing down an under utilized section of the hospital itself and transferring administrative offices there at a board meeting Dec. 15. Jenerou brought up the idea as a consortium of area doctors and a certified public accountant representing a downstate firm which is seeking to buy the clinic. Currently, the clinic is owned by a consortium of area doctors and a dentist. However, they are negotiating the clinic's sale with a company which manages numerous medical buildings in the region and uses them as tax write-offs, according to Southard.

Dick and Donna Schaeffer are giving away more than just a shopping cart of turkeys—about three times that much. When the owners of the Manistique IGA heard that city employees were not going to get Christmas turkeys because of the city's money problems, they decided to donate a bird to every full-time worker, 36 in all.

Manistique Papers, Inc. announced Tuesday that it plans to start a \$2.2 million renovation project on part of its recycled paper processing equipment early next year. The mill will replace its existing flotation tanks, called Denver cells, with new units. These devices use water to remove ink and other impurities from ground-up magazines, newspapers and other recycled material that the mill puts into its paper. The move was necessary to improve the quality of the mill's paper and make it more competitive, according to Leif Christensen, president and general manager of Manistique Papers. The current Denver cells do not clean up the recycled pulp enough.

20 Years Ago December 24, 1997

A large crowd of skaters, city officials and volunteers who helped bring about the completion of the Manistique multi-purpose building gathered Friday night, Dec. 19, at a dedication ceremony for the facility. Speeches from intern recreation superintendent Phil Hinkson, building committee chairman Dan Malloy and Mayor John Stewart decorated a ribbon cutting that opened the facility's new ice surface for a free night of public skating.

Although deer hunters in the Upper Peninsula and statewide killed fewer deer, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources reports that this year's season was one of the safest on record. The DNR's Law Enforcement Division Chief Herb Burns said the 1997 firearm deer season was the second safest on record, with two fatalities and 25 other accidents reported statewide. Last year was the safest firearm season on record, with one fatality and 15 accidents.

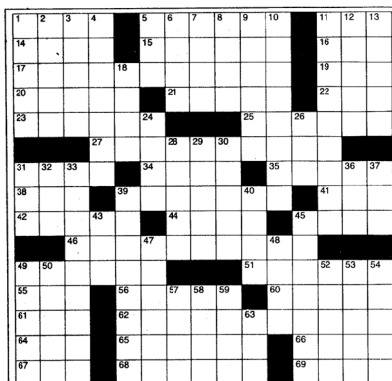
Three boys and three girls won the first round of competition in the Manistique Elks Free Throw Contest Dec. 20 at Manistique High School. Winners were Corey Gonyea (boys 8-9), Abby Wilson (girls 8-9), Steve Nagy (boys 10-11), Michelle Nelson (girls 10-11), Brett Tallman (boys 12-13), and Donna Lyntz (girls 12-13). The six champions advance to district competition at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3 at Northern Michigan University.

10 Years Ago December 27, 2007

The folks at the Manistique Panmida store helped brighten up the hallways at the new Emerald Elementary School by providing an impressive Christmas tree at a greatly reduced price. As an extra bonus for the community, the tree was easily visible through the school's tall second-story windows, providing a nice, glittery holiday sight for people passing by on Oak and Cattaraugus streets.

On Dec. 20, while back home in Manistique for the Christmas holidays, four members of local Girl Scout Troop 88 received their Gold Awards—the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting. Receiving awards were Mallory MacGregor, Amanda Olson, Ingrid Olson and Lisa Selling. The girls received their certificates, pins, congratulatory letters and other honors in a small ceremony at the 3-Mile Super Club.

Manistique resident Molly Slavinski was recently honored by the March of Dimes during an award ceremony at the Landmark Inn in Marquette. Born premature, weighing only 1 pound, 14 ounces, Slavinski has become a dedicated March of Dimes supporter.

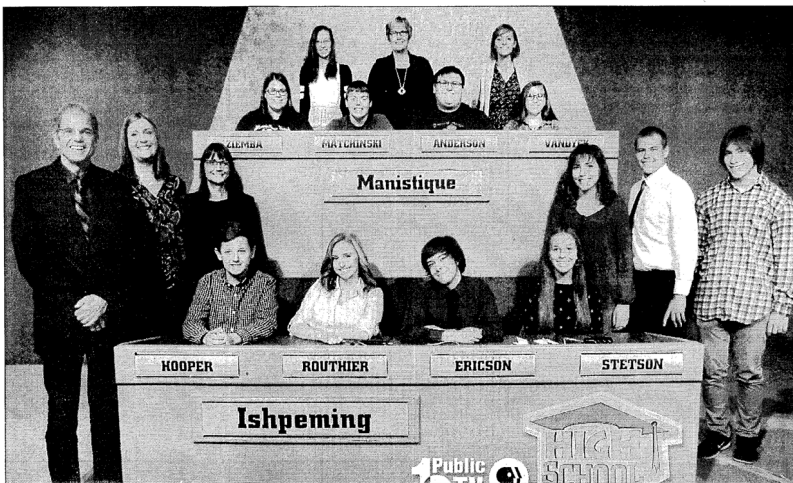


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5. Military hats
11. Software app on a network (abbr.)
14. Genus of freshwater mussels
15. Continent
16. Afghan monetary unit
17. Recovered
19. Ribonucleic acid
20. Refers to end of small intestine
21. Ethiopia's largest lake
22. Hostility
23. Defund American automaker
25. Denotes origin by birth or descent
27. Part of a watch
31. Stare with mouth open wide
34. Found in granite
35. Competing
38. Stone film ___ Given Sunday
39. Junction between two nerve cells
41. Greek goddess of the dawn
42. Fight
44. Thin, narrow piece of wood or metal

CLUES DOWN

1. Jewish festival
2. Anoint
3. More pleasant
4. Type of painting
5. Witness
6. Harm
7. Builder of Aranea (Greek myth)
8. City in India
9. Used to unlock cans
10. Induces sleep
11. More bouncy
12. A branch of Islam
13. White (French)
18. Legal term
24. Covered with frost
26. Hengyang Nanyue Airport
28. Wash
29. Disorder of the scalp
30. North American tree
31. Helps car run
32. Mandela's party
33. Aromatic plant of the daisy family
36. Negative
37. College student educator (abbr.)
39. Most rare
40. Harm with a knife
43. Folk singer DiFranco
45. Return to
47. One who repairs
48. Eastern England river
49. Hockey players need two
50. Dismay
52. Rebus
53. Plant of the arum family
54. Fish genus
57. Plant of the mallow family
58. Amounts of time
59. 11th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
63. One of Napoleon's generals



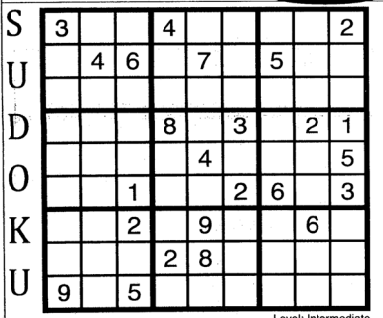
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Representing Manistique, seated from left, are players: Sophia Ziemba, Zach Matchinski, Team Captain Isaac Anderson, and Anna VanDyck. Standing are alternates Elle Pugh and Madison Schwartz with Coach Jackie Burns. Players for Ishpeming are, seated from left: Isaac Hooper, Team Captain Kelsey Routhier, Kyle Ericson, and Audrey Stetson. Standing are alternates Makenzee VanBuren, Jackson Herman, and Drake Sundberg with coaches Jodi Crist and Becky Fox. High School Bowl host Jim Koski is standing at lower left.

Emeralds win High School Bowl game

MARQUETTE — The Peninsula and Northern Wisconsin field teams for Public TV 13's High School Bowl tournament, now celebrating 40 years on the air. Manistique will advance to the third round when they play Hancock in Game 25. That game is scheduled to air Feb. 10. Running from November 2017-2018 tournament at wnmnu.edu.

Holiday depression: Real and treatable

By Mona Shand
CHEBOYGAN, Mich. — While images of joy and celebration fill storefronts, magazines and TV screens this time of year, the reality of the holidays isn't always so cheerful, and experts say avoiding holiday traps and knowing where to find help are critical. Whether it's the stress of an overlooked calendar, feelings of isolation or the financial pressures of the gifting season, the holidays take a mental and physical toll on many people in Michigan. Dr. Loretta Leja M.D., a family physician who practices in Cheboygan, says what may start as the "holiday blues" can leave people in a downward spiral if left unchecked. "They're more likely to get sick, they're more likely to have poor judgment, they will start losing sleep, it will then sometimes snowball into a worsening depression," she says. Leja recommends setting realistic expectations for the holidays, paying close attention to food and alcohol intake, and maintaining self-care routines such as exercise. She encourages anyone feeling especially overwhelmed or losing interest in activities they would normally enjoy, to contact their family physician or primary-care doctor, who can properly assess and discuss the treatment options available, many of which she stresses do not necessarily involve medication. Leja, who is the current president of the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians, says doctors like her, who are trained to treat the whole family, from infants to adults, can be very helpful during difficult times, since they have the benefit of knowing their patients' extended history and family dynamics. "Because I know them, I can help bring in social contacts and determine whether a little bit of counseling will help them pull out of it, or if it is more serious and will require medication, and then I will be there to make sure things are improving," she adds. Given Michigan's climate, people who still feel down after the holidays are over could be suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder, which Leja says should also be discussed with a physician, since treatment options are available.



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Obituaries

News Brief

Phyllis L. Arntzen

MEMONINÉE, Wis. — Phyllis Lea Arntzen, 91, of Menomonie, Wis., formerly of Sun City Center, Fla. and Chicago, Ill., died peacefully on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017, at Our House Senior Living in Menomonie.

Phyllis was born June 13, 1926, in Manistique, Mich. She was the daughter of Marcus Lindberg and Lillian Grace McNair Lindberg. After earning her bachelor's degree at Northern Michigan University she taught Family and Consumer Science at Escanaba High School.

Phyllis married Donald Matthew Arntzen in Escanaba on Dec. 19, 1949. Phyllis and Donald moved to the Chicago area in 1957, where they raised their three sons, David, Steven, and Daniel. Phyllis directed the preschool programs for the Palatine Park District for over 30 years, and loved



Phyllis L. Arntzen

working with little children throughout her life.

In her spare time, Phyllis enjoyed reading, gardening, sewing, playing golf and bridge, and traveling the world.

Phyllis is survived by her three sisters, Francis, Patricia, and Sandy, as well as her sons David (Patricia) of Salt Lake City, Utah, Steven (Cindy) of Menomonie and Daniel (Lynn) of Chicago, Illinois, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A memorial service will take place in Escanaba on March 24, 2018. In lieu of flowers please make donations to The Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

Cremation Society of Wisconsin, Altoona, is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be shared at www.cremationsociety-wi.com.

Eric G. Olson

MANISTIQUE — Eric G. Olson, 53, of Manistique (Indian Lake), Mich., passed away unexpectedly on Thursday Dec. 7, 2017, in Inwood Township.

He was born Nov. 3, 1964, in Inglewood, Calif., the son of Susan M. (Gill) and Gary L. Olson. He and his family later moved to Manistique where he attended Manistique area schools. He was a graduate of the Manistique High School.

Following high school, Eric entered the United States Navy and proudly served for 10 years.

He enjoyed golfing and most recently writing. Most importantly

he enjoyed spending time with his family.

Eric is survived by his mother, Susan "Bunny" (Byron Johnson) Olson of Manistique; and his brother, Ryan P. Olson of Milwaukee, Wis., along with several aunts, uncles and cousins.



Eric G. Olson

He was preceded in death by his father, Gary L. Olson; and his brother, Edwin L. "Eddie" Olson.

There will be no services at this time.

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

MSU Extension offers Master Gardener course

IRON MOUNTAIN — Do you enjoy gardening? Would you like to learn more about plants, how to properly grow and care for them? Are you interested in learning more about environmentally friendly practices for your yard and garden? Then the Michigan Extension Master Gardener Program is for you.

The program is being offered in Iron Mountain Jan. 18 through April 26. Scheduled for Thursday evenings from 4:30-8:30 p.m. (CT), it will be held at Bay West College. Registration is now open at: http://msae.anr.msu.edu/events/master_gardener_training_course_iron_mountain_dickinson.

If you are not familiar with the Extension Master Gardener program, it is a volunteer training

certification program consists of two components. The first component required to gain certification is to complete the 45-plus hours of classroom instruction. This runs for 14 weeks, and participants have to commit to attending the sessions. Some exceptions can be made for extenuating circumstances.

A variety of Michigan State University Extension Educators and Specialists, as well as some local professionals assist with the teaching of the sessions. One Michigan EMG stated, "I really enjoyed learning from the enthusiastic instructors."

After completing the classroom portion, participants need to complete at least a 40-hour volunteer project which focuses on teaching others more about proper gardening techniques in a community setting.

Norman Zuehlsdorf

GULLIVER — Norman "Norm" Zuehlsdorf, 86, of Gulliver, Mich., passed away Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette, Mich.

He was born Aug. 24, 1931, in Kenosha, Wis., the son of Wilmer and Lucy (Lapine) Zuehlsdorf and attended school in Kenosha. He moved to Manistique in 1955.

On Feb. 23, 1957, he married the former Gail J. Willour at the St. Francis de Sales Church in Manistique, Mich.

Norm proudly served in the United States Army for 21.5 years before retiring as a Sergeant First Class on July 31, 1969. He was also employed and retired as a postmaster for the U.S. Postal Service having served in several locations.

He was a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church of Germfask and the Schoolcraft County V.F.W. Post No. 4420 serving as Post Quartermaster. He was a former Boy Scout leader who enjoyed wildlife and golfing. He especially enjoyed watching the Patriots on television and playing cribbage with his family.

Norm is survived by his loving wife, Gail Zuehlsdorf of Gulliver; son, Allan (Lucy) Zuehlsdorf of Oconomowoc, Wis.; daughters,



Norman Zuehlsdorf

Sharon Zuehlsdorf of Milwaukee, Wis., Debra (Bill) Huebner of Gulliver, Loretta (Paul) Leinonen of Ypsilanti, Mich., and Phyllis Smith of Milwaukee; brothers, Don (Lu) Zuehlsdorf of Pewaukee, Wis. and Wayne (Evic) Zuehlsdorf of Bremerton, Wash.; sister, Renee (Tom) Krutina of Grafton, Wis.; and two great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Wilmer and Lucy Zuehlsdorf.

Visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Manistique. A prayer service will be held at the funeral home at 5 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at St. Francis de Sales Church in Manistique, with Father Ben Paris officiating.

A luncheon will be held at the V.F.W. immediately following mass.

Burial with military honors will be held during the spring in the Fairview Cemetery at Manistique.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association.

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

Mich. apples recalled for listeria risk

SPARTA, Mich. — Jack Brown Produce, Inc. of Sparta, Mich. is recalling Gala, Fuji, Honeycrisp and Golden Delicious apples processed and shipped by one of its suppliers, Nyblad Orchards, Inc., Dec. 11 through Dec. 16, because they have the potential to be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems.

Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache,

stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, Listeria infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women. No illnesses have been reported to date.

The recalled apples were distributed through retail stores in Michigan, Georgia, Missouri, Indiana, and Ohio. The product at issue consists of the following types of apples sold or distributed by Jack Brown Produce, Inc. under the brand name "Apple Ridge" including:

(1) Honeycrisp apples in two-pound clear plastic bags;

(2) Gala, Fuji, and Golden Delicious apples in 3-pound clear

plastic bags;

(3) Fuji and Gala apples in 5-pound red-netted mesh bags; and

(4) Gala, Fuji and Honeycrisp apples that were tray-packed/individually sold.

The potentially-affected product can be identified by the following lot numbers printed on the bag label and/or bag-closure clip:

Fuji: NOI 163, 165, 167, 169, 174;

Honeycrisp: NOI 159, 160, 173;

Golden Delicious: NOI 168; Gala: NOI 164, 166 on either the product labels and/or bag-closure clip.

Jack Brown Produce, Inc. has ceased the distribution of any

further products processed at Nyblad Orchards as the FDA and the Company continue their investigation as to what caused the problem.

Consumers who have purchased Gala, Fuji, Honeycrisp and Golden Delicious Apples under the brand name "Apple Ridge" on or after Dec. 11, 2017 are urged to destroy the product and contact Jack Brown Produce, Inc. for a full refund.

Consumers with questions may contact the company at (616) 887-9568 or toll-free at (800) 348-0834 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and ask for Lisa Ingalls.

UPHP ties as top scoring plan in nation

MARQUETTE — The Integrated Care Resource Center recently announced that Upper Peninsula Health Plan tied for first place in the nation for overall rating of a Medicare-Medicaid Plan. UPHP was approved by the State of Michigan and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to provide the services of a dual eligible program called MI Health Link.

The advantage of the MI Health Link program is to make member's Medicare and Michigan Medicaid benefits work better together. MI Health Link members use one plan and one card for health care, behavioral health care, home and community based services, nursing home care, and medications.

Under the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative, CMS measures consumer experience in multiple ways, including through beneficiary surveys such as the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems survey. Under the capitated financial alignment model, Medicare-Medicaid Plans are required to annually conduct the Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug CAHPS survey. The MA-PD CAHPS survey is designed to measure important aspects of an individual's health care experience including the accessibility to and quality of services.

"We are thrilled that our members have positively rated our health plan to allow us this

esteemed recognition. Managing the care for members who are dually enrolled in a Medicare-Medicaid Plan has its challenges. We do our best to keep our members satisfied with the services we provide, and it is wonderful to have their satisfaction reflected in the CAHPS score," said UPHP President and CEO, Dennis Smith.

In order to report MA-PD CAHPS in a given year, health plans, including MMPs, must have a minimum of 600 enrollees as of July 1 of the preceding calendar year. In early 2017, surveys were

sent to a sample of MMP enrollees with at least six months of continuous enrollment. Enrollees were asked to evaluate their health care experience over the previous six months. As a result, 45 MMPs participating in nine capitated model demonstrations were able to report CAHPS during the 2017 reporting cycle.

CMS anticipates making additional information regarding 2017 CAHPS results under the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative available soon.

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Counseling Corner

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During the holiday season, advertisers and the media are constantly portraying families as all having these perfectly wonderful, caring and loving relationships. Unfortunately, for most of us, our families are probably less than perfect.

When it comes to holiday gatherings with our families, there's always the chance it's going to be less than perfect times. It's not uncommon to feel stress and anxious about an upcoming family visit. But if you take the time to understand the sources of the stress that can come with a family get-together, it often can help at least minimize those feelings.

A common problem is that you've become a different person than the image of you that parents, siblings and other family members still carry with them. For them you may still be that little kid or immature teen, and they can't see how you've developed and matured. It's a source of annoyance when others can't recognize the changes that have made you who you are today.

Another source of anxiety for many is not having met family expectations. You may have faced a recent job loss, financial problems or a relationship that has ended badly. It can feel awkward and difficult to be back with family knowing you're not the success you think your family expected of you. Family visits also bring with

them family history. There may be memories of stressful times, past disagreements, awkward relationships or an unhappy childhood. It's not uncommon for family arguments or misunderstandings to rekindle once again.

One starting point in minimizing such issues is simply recognizing that the stress you're feeling is a very normal reaction. When you try to understand why an upcoming family gathering is feeling stressful, you can begin to find ways to minimize such feelings. This might mean avoiding certain situations or people, or simply accepting that you won't have a wonderful time every once.

Seek out people to see and things to do that will make your visit more enjoyable. Try to avoid the trouble spots. When cornered in an awkward situation use the cell phone excuse ("Oops I forgot I have to call Sharon by 4...") to walk away from potential problems.

And if you find that the whole trip is really going to be significantly traumatic, consider shortening, or even avoiding the visit completely. Don't let old problems ruin your current holiday enjoyment.

"Counseling Corner" is provided by the American Counseling Association. ACAcorner@counseling.org or visit the ACA website at www.counseling.org.



Courtesy photos The Schoolcraft County Courthouse recently held a Christmas decorating contest. Various offices within the courthouse did their best to amp up the festive ambiance in the building. Above, the treasurer's office (from left to right: Heather LaLond, Jane Bridges, Julie Roscioli, and Nancy Kounelis) brought in the victory with their gingerbread-themed office. Other offices decorated with the following themes: clerk's office, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"; 93rd District Court, "Lumberjack"; probate court, "Office of Mistifs"; 11th Circuit Court, "Circus Court"; Friend of Court, "A Christmas Story"; Veterans, Equalization, Protection/Parole, and Prosecuting Attorney offices, "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer" (at right). The winner received a pizza party.



Today we're not talking about food. Don't worry - as we approach the holidays, there's going to be plenty of food talk. But, there's more to the holidays than food ... like the decorations. And I don't know about you, but factory-made plastic doesn't really say Christmas to me.

Now, we all have our favorite holiday ornaments and trinkets that we take out every year, but it's also nice to get outside and forage for beautiful (free) stuff to decorate with. This is a great thing to do with kids, by the way. Much nicer to take them outside to scavenge for decorations than to haul them through crazy lineups at those big-box stores for more stuff that's going to eventually end up in a landfill.

If you haven't foraged for holiday decorations before, you're going to love this. No matter where you live, I'm sure you'll be able to find some great free stuff right outside your front door (or at least not too far away).

The following are some decorative items you may have

right outside your home that won't cost you a penny:

Pine cones. Pine cones look perfectly festive without any adornment at all, though some enjoy dipping them in glitter or spraying them with fake snow. Tie them from the Christmas tree or use as a centerpiece. Use your imagination.

Fresh tree boughs. Take some branches from the cedar, pine, or fir trees growing in your yard. This is the time to bring them inside so they're fresh for Christmas. You can use these for garlands, wreaths, swags ... whatever you like. Pound the cut ends with a hammer - they'll absorb more water this way. Then, soak them overnight in the tub to allow them to become as hydrated as possible.



Leanne Ely

Twigs. Twigs and boughs look beautiful with cut flowers, so look around for a perfect collection of twigs and slender branches. Again, you can keep them as natural or dip them in glitter.

Bark and moss. Birch bark is gorgeous, and I'm sure you'll find a use for it. If you can find some moss, bring it in the use it to top the soil in your potted plants. This will make them look all dressed up for the holidays.

Look around and see if there are some dried flowers in the yard. If you dried your hydrangeas, this fall, now would be the time to take them out and put them on display.

Maybe you're lucky enough to have a holly bush in the garden. Or some bayberry bushes - those will smell wonderful in the house.

Dinner Diva

Leanne Ely

Search for items that look and smell beautiful and haul them inside. (Caution: Do be careful with bringing berries inside if you have pets - some varieties of berries (including holly) are poisonous to dogs and cats.)

Dust off your large garden urns and start putting some arrangements together. If you have no urns, buckets wrapped in brown paper and tied with twine will do just fine.

Safety tip: No candles in the twigs and bark, okay? If you want to add lights to your fresh greens, use LED - they're not as hot as the older style lights.

Happy Holidays! For more great tips (and free recipes) visit www.savingdinner.com.

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Senior Center

Connie Frenette

Have you ever been to one of the Players de Noc plays? If not, you certainly want to check it out.

They were kind enough to share a few of their upcoming shows with us. "Curtains" will be playing in March and "Dinner with Friends" is the end of April and beginning of May.

Now all we need is to hear from you on what might interest those the most, giving us more time to advertise and get the word out.

It has already been decided to do lunch at the Ladington Grill, as the owners are from our home town.

I don't think we could have squeezed another person in at our annual Christmas Party that was held this past Thursday. What a beautiful night.

The room definitely put you in the Christmas spirit, as Heidi Troyer volunteered her time decorating. She brought her big bucket of greenery and other supplies.

The hors d'oeuvre seemed to be a hit, with several asking for the recipes. Due to this I have asked Carol to put them in the newsletter.

Once again, Bonnie Hokenson and her crew did a fabulous job on preparing and serving the meal. I am sure no one went away without a full tummy.

Santa made his grand appearance with the help of Bob Kok. Looks to me like we had a lot of good girls and boys as gift wrapping was flying everywhere.

Special thanks go out to The Pioneer Tribune and Advisor for the advertising. Board members, Joan Brown and Rosemary Sablack for donating snacks. Other donors included Bruce and Rita Rossier, and Mary Burns.

Jumping in and giving a helping hand were Sally Strazack, Kim Chartier, Gail Sobieski, Doris Lee, Deb Bland, and my staff Carol Ford and Brenda Lester.

We had Anna Van Dyck and Anthony Lemaster, who are honor students, serving the punch. Darryl Norden made sure the Christmas trees were lit.

The support from the businesses was phenomenal. This year those included: State Savings Bank, Community Home Medical, Family Pride, The Flower Cottage, Jacks Fresh Market, and North Woods Home Nursing and Hospice.

I cannot close my column without the mention of the beautiful queen size quilt that Carol Anderson made. Marilyn Dutkavich was the lucky winner. Thank you to Karen Meston, Kim Chartier, and Gail Sobieski for not only selling raffle tickets, but jumping in where needed.



Gift giveaways were given by many, including Julie Roscioli. We appreciate your generosity. Kay Hinkson donated CDs for background music and Judy Chiffonati donated the CD player.

As you can see it takes a lot to pull a party together for such a large crowd.

There are going to be smiles on, the six faces of those that received the beautiful assorted baskets made up by Liz Chartier and her elves.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity. On behalf of myself, my staff, and the Senior Center and SCCOA boards, we sincerely wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Keep in mind - it's not what's under the tree that matters, it's who is gathered around it.

The senior center offices, along with Community Action Agency Noon Meal and Home-Delivered will be closed Dec. 25 and 26 to spend time with family.

Maintenance and Support donations from Carol Carlson, Claire St. Jean and John Neu.

Bridge Dec. 15: First-Audrey Savoie, Second-Carol Carlson, Third-Judy Provo, CF-George Lowman. Hostess, Audrey Savoie.

Duplicate Bridge Nov. 20: First-Lauris Barr and Nancy Brown, Second-George and Linda Lowman, Third-Mary Leonard and Lois Hoholik.

500 Dec. 15: First-Carol Champagne, Second-Chris Keener, Third-Ruth Jones, Should a Stayed Home- Cathy Wise.

Birthdays this week: Dec. 22-Rita Rossier, Dec. 24-Ray Krall and Mike Johnson, Dec. 28-Ann Chase, Dec. 29-Peter Feyen, Dec. 30-Helen Feigel. Happy Birthday wishes to all

Lifestyles Brief

Ryan qualifies for Dean's List at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Rachel Ryan of Manistique qualified for the fall 2017 Dean's List at Belmont University. Eligibility is based on the minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Approximately 35 percent of Belmont's 8,080 students qualified for

the fall 2017 Dean's List.

Belmont Provost Dr. Thomas Burns said, "This achievement for the fall semester indicates that these students have placed a high priority on their work at Belmont and have invested time and energy in their studies. It is our strong belief that consistent application in this man-

ner will reap great benefits, which will equip them for a lifetime of learning and growth."

Ranked No. 5 in the Regional Universities South category and named as a "Most Innovative" university by U.S. News & World Report, Belmont University was founded in 1890.

Girl scouts prepare to kick off the 2018 cookie season

APPLETON, Wis. — Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes recently entered the next century of Girl Scout selling cookies. The Girl Scout Cookie Program not only teaches girls essential entrepreneurial skills, but also powers amazing experiences for them across the United States.

After last year's 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts selling cookies, troops in the area are kicking off this season with the return of Girl Scout S'mores, the most popular flavor to launch in the 101 years of Girl Scouts selling cookies. Consumers can now help fuel transformative leadership experiences and build the next generation of entrepreneurs in our community by purchasing the Girl Scout S'mores and classic favorites like Thin Mints and Caramel deLites.

During Girl Scout Cookie season, each GIRL (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader) sets out to sell delicious cookies while also building entrepreneurial and business skills that are imperative for leadership and future success. Almost 1 million Girl Scouts participate in the cookie program each year, generating nearly \$800 million in sales during the average season.

And all of the net revenue raised - 100 percent of it - stays within the area. Councils use cookie earnings to power amazing

experiences for girls through their programming, while girls and their troops decide how to invest in impactful community projects, and more.

From Troop No. 4450 completing their WOW Wonders of Water Journey and painting messages near the drains, reminding people not to dump their garbage down the drains to Gold Award Girl Scout Callista Wyles creating a Serenity Garden at Sacred Heart Hospital, incorporating pieces she rescued from the hospital's original building, Girl Scouts are doing amazing things made possible by each and every cookie sale.

However, girls' cookie earnings alone aren't enough to power the Girl Scout Movement - investing in girls is important year-round, not just during cookie season. "The Girl Scout Cookie Program is our fabulous financial literacy program. The funds generated via Girl Scout Cookies allow girls to do everything from slumber parties at the zoo to incredible Gold Award projects that change the world," said Gail McNutt, GSNWGL CEO. "But the Girl Scout Cookie Program is only one part of what we do as Girl Scouts and we need the communities' help - we need the

community to invest in girls. We know Girl Scoutings works - that girls in our program do better in school, are more likely to take age-appropriate risks, and are more likely to consider themselves leaders. So, eat our delicious cookies now and continue to invest in Girl Scouts all year long."

Last year, GSNWGL debuted Girl Scout S'mores - a crispy graham cookie double dipped in a crème icing and enrobed in a chocolate coating - which are sure to be best-sellers again. This year, girls will sell cookies door-to-door and at booth sales as well as through the Digital Cookie platform, an innovative and educational web-based addition to the cookie program that helps girls run and manage their Girl Scout Cookie businesses online.

Now in its fourth year, the Digital Cookie platform continues to bring Girl Scout programming into the future by providing girls with invaluable business and science, technology, engineering, and math skills that prepare them for 21st century leadership.

Find out when Girl Scouts are selling cookies nearby, visit gsnwgl.org/cookies or use the official Girl Scout Cookie Finder app, free on iOS and Android devices.

Advertisement for Dry Cleaners and Peoples Store. Includes text: "Drop off site for Escanaba Steam Laundry & Dry Cleaners. One week turnaround. Items dropped off before 10 am on Friday, returned the following Friday." and "Peoples STORE OPEN Monday through Friday 9-5 / Saturday 9-4".

Advertisement for Dining Directory and Jack Pine Lodge and Campground. Includes text: "DINING DIRECTORY" and "JACK PINE LODGE and CAMPGROUND 20 minute ride North of Manistique on M24. DINNER SPECIALS: MONDAY - Liver and Onions... FRIDAY - Salmon w/Cucumber Dill...".

Contribution Form for Schoolcraft County Community Foundation. Includes fields for Name, Address, Amount, and checkboxes for various funds like LIBRARY FUND, ENVIRONMENTAL FUND, MEDICAL CARE FACILITY FUND, SENIOR CENTER FUND, etc.

Worship Directory advertisement listing various churches and their services. Includes text: "THESE LOCAL HOUSES OF WORSHIP WELCOME YOU" and lists churches such as First Baptist Church, St. Andrew's Church, etc.

Advertisement for Cedar Street Cafe and Main Street Pizzeria. Includes text: "Cedar Street Cafe and coffee house" and "MAIN STREET PIZZA". Lists menu items like Pizza, Subs, Salads, Nachos, Breadsticks, etc.

Advertisement for Flower Shop and Peoples Store. Includes text: "FLOWER SHOP" and "Peoples STORE".

Advertisement for Big Spring Inn. Includes text: "Big Spring Inn" and "OPEN: NOON-7 DAYS".

City grants

of a 2018 Ford Taurus with all-wheel drive.
 "It will replace the 2009 Ford Crown Victoria - current mileage 140,926," he explained. "This vehicle was bought used from the Mackinac County Sheriff's Department."

Golat added that the vehicle is rusted and having numerous mechanical issues.

"The total expenditure for this program is \$34,744 - the USDA will provide \$19,000 in grant, with the city match \$15,744," he said, noting that the city match will be obtained via a local financial institution.

Golat point out that the department had taken its "old fleet as far as we could".

Aldrich thanked Golat for his efforts in compiling and submitting the grant paperwork.

"It's not an easy process, the paperwork that goes along with it and communication with the agencies," she said.

Councilperson Rick Hollister made a motion to approve the submittal of the USDA - Rural Development grant for the purchase of a new patrol vehicle.

The council also considered engineering and legal services agreements for its upcoming 20-8-20 Combined Sewer Overflow Project. The city's infrastructure still includes a portion of a combined sewer system - meaning that high snowmelt or a large, significant rain can cause diluted sewage overflows on the way to the wastewater treatment plant. Each overflow has to be reported to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality within 24 hours. The city has completed ap-



Above, left, three members of Manistique City Council said farewell to their seats Monday, receiving gift baskets upon their departure. From left, Liz Hill, Mayor Jan Jeffcott, and Rick Hollister. Above, left, Mayor Jan Jeffcott, left, welcomes new Manistique City Clerk Janell Irie, right, to the position.



Pioneer Tribune photos

proximately 65 percent of its CSO with past infrastructure projects. The upcoming projects will likely bring the city to 75 percent completion.

The city is currently pursuing USDA - Rural Development funding, up to \$6 million to help correct the CSO issue.

According to Aldrich, the funding for the upcoming project has been made available more quickly than anticipated, prompting USDA-RD to ask the city to expedite their end of the grant application process.

"They have asked us to put through the engineering agreements and then, right behind it, the legal services agreement with the city (bonding) attorney (Miller Canfield)," she explained. "This is part of obligating those dollars ... the \$4.5 million in grants."

Aldrich said she and Mayor Jan Jeffcott recently traveled to the USDA-RD office in Gladstone. "They told us while we were

over there that the federal dollars had not been released yet for any of these programs, just a little bit was given to each community," she explained. "They actually took everything that they got and obligated it to Manistique."

By completing the first steps in the grant process, Aldrich said the city is allowing the USDA-RD to inform the state that Manistique will accept the grant funding.

"Before it got taken away and dispersed to another community,"

she said. "So we were very, very happy."

The council unanimously approved both the engineering agreements and legal services agreements.

In other business, Mayor Jeffcott made appointments to various city boards. Appointments included: Liz Hill to the Planning Commission; Michelle Earle to the Zoning Board of Appeals; Paul Walker, Mike Powers, and David Ozanich to the Manistique Recreation Board; Allan Ott as an alternate on the Recreation Board; and Liz Hill to the Housing Commission.

Councilperson Liz Hill made a motion to appoint Dick Ketcik and Bill Hoholik to the Manistique Downtown Development Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Following all action on agenda items, Aldrich presented Hollister, Hill, and Jeffcott with baskets filled with Michigan products as a "thank you" for their service on the council. The three will be replaced in January Mike Perilloux, Cathy Rohde, and Jackie Jenerou - each winning their spots during the November election. Kimberly Shiner won back her seat during that same election.

Busing concerns

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State Police Community Service Trooper Patrick Janisse on the issue.

"He has been working with the Michigan State Police and has to go through Lansing to get a Public Service Announcement approved," she said. "He's going to be taping something that's going to be playing on the radio on a regular basis. He's also going to be coming in, talking to kids in the classroom about safety protocol."

Board member Stacy Cunningham questioned what a motorist should do if they observe a vehicle ignoring the safety lights on a bus. Barry recommended that any motorist call the MSP if the incident takes place on the highway.

If not, he advised motorists call Manistique Public Safety or the Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department.

Alan Kilar, another board

member, recommended a student group possibly run an educational campaign to educate students

and parents about the issues. No official board action was taken on the matter.

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Gallery seeks artist for series

MARQUETTE — Organizers of the Building Love: IMAGINE event series in Marquette are calling all visual artists, sculptors, photographers, sound artists, filmmakers and others to submit original works depicting an experience with hate and/or an experience of countering hate with love. Judy Kitchen, of Marquette, is spearheading the event series. She and a number of local community organizers felt inspired to create Building Love: IMAGINE after witnessing the hate, violence and death in Charlottesville, N.C. last August when a white nationalist rammed his vehicle into a crowd of people. "We wanted to create opportunities for people to come together

and raise our voices to stop this hate, to insist this is not normal, and to support those who are feeling especially targeted," said Kitchen. Works of art selected through call for submissions will be featured at a Feb. 2 showing at The Creative House art gallery in Marquette. Lali Khalid, co-owner of The Creative House, said she immediately agreed to host the showing. "I feel it is essential to address the hate happening all around us right now. It is relevant," she said. Khalid noted that she's working on a project titled "Muslim Immigrants" and she's finding it difficult getting Muslims to participate because they don't want

to draw attention to themselves. Khalid is a Pakistani Muslim and has come face-to-face with hate in Marquette while she was in an area doctor's waiting room shortly after the 2016 general election. She said a man who was also in the room loudly declared that it was time "for all the brown people to go back where they came from." Artists who submit works should be residents of Michigan's Upper Peninsula or have strong ties to the region. Deadline for submissions is Jan. 5; winner(s) will be announced Jan. 15. More details and specifications for submitting are available at www.facebook.com/buildingloveimagine.

News Brief

MANISTIQUE — The winners of the Manistique Merchants Association's Christmas drawings were recently announced. This year, businesses selected a "mystery" envelope that contained a designated cash prize. Each business then drew a name from their registration boxes on Monday, giving the recipient the opportunity to spend a little extra cash at local businesses this holiday. Winners by denomination and drawing store include: \$300 winner — Becky Maxwell, Thompson Veterinary Clinic; \$200 winners — Ken Rautiola, Main Street; Toni Rozich, Peoples Store; \$100 winners — Betty Smithson, St. Vincent de Paul, Carolyn Winter, State Savings Bank; \$75 winners — Rick Smith, Gulliver Crossroads; Elaine Cook, Jack's Fresh Market; Robin Marchand, Manistique Oil; Danna Kuhl, Mustard Seed; Veronica Henry, Schones; Rose Maryman, Superior State; \$50 winners — Joe Jasmin, Apple Barrel; Kathy Peterson, Bostique; Marie Bellville, Brazda's; Chuck Hawthorn, Hoholik's Ace Hardware; Richard Balog, Manistique Computers; Patty Dingman, Manistique Radio; Bob Fisk, mBank; \$25 winners — Kay Jarski, mBank; Frankie; Lance Lifer, Flower Cottage; Laurie Winsor, Lake Effect Aft Gallery; Dottie Holmberg, Limestone Federal Credit Union; Darin Rochefort, Nelson Shoe Store; Elisa MacGregor, Studio 906; Tammy Zamb, Wheaty's; Donna Winkler, Zello Sanitation.

MAS News

Maryann Boddy

By the time most of you sit down to read your newspaper the students from Manistique Area Schools will be on Christmas break. No school for 10 whole days. How long will it be before you hear the dreaded phrase, "I'm bored!" No worries. There are many low and no cost activities that you can do at home or in the community to keep your kids busy this holiday season. Open Skate at Little Bear Arena Dec. 22 and 29, 6-9 p.m. Admission \$4 per person. Skate rental \$2 per person. Free admission sponsored by Manistique Elks Club. Skate rental \$2 per person. Holiday Skate at Little Bear Arena Dec. 26 - 28, 1-3 p.m. each day. Special admission price \$3 per person and \$1 per person skate rentals. Prepared Township Passes, Tribal Passes, Limestone Passes, and Open Skate Passes will not be available for use for these special holiday skates.

Manistique School Public Library When was the last time you visited your public library? Spend some time browsing through the book collection or better yet, have fun working with all of the gadgets in the MakerSpace. There are hours of entertainment creating and building with circuits and gadgets. Holiday hours are: Dec 22, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec 27, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m., and Dec 28, 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Have Fun at Home Take advantage of the time away from work and school for family time. Play games that don't require any supplies like Memory. Start a game by saying, "I am going on a picnic and I am bringing an apple." The next person repeats, "I am going on a picnic and I am bringing an apple and a banana." The next person takes their turn, repeating the phrase and adding a word that begins with C, and so on through the alphabet.

Not only is it fun but it helps build memory skills. Read a book together. Choose a short book or a chapter book. If your child is old enough take turns reading a paragraph or a page at a time. Kids are never too old to enjoy a great story. Pack up the family for a winter hike in the woods. There are lots of trails to explore including Indian Lake State Park, the Cowell Lake Trail, and Rainier Wildlife Area to name a few. A winter ride on the raft at Kitch-i-kipti (Big Spring) is a great way to spend a few hours. For more ideas of things to do in and around Manistique download the "Discover Manistique" app or visit discovermanistique.com. Whatever you choose to do this holiday season, take time to celebrate family, friends and all the great things that happened in 2017. And most of all, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Police Log

Manistique Public Safety

- Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017 9:40 a.m., abandoned vehicle, W. Lakeshore Drive. 11:00 a.m., probation violation, N. Second Street. 12:30 p.m., warrant arrest, N. Mackinac Avenue. 1:45 p.m., blight, Schoolcraft Avenue. 1:15 p.m., drive while license suspended, within the city. Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017 8:17 a.m., MDOP, Deer Street. 9:45 a.m., well being check, Deer Street. 12:54 p.m., lock out, E. Lakeshore Drive. 8:00 p.m., fail to pay, W. Lakeshore Drive. Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017 10:05 a.m., citizen assist, S. Third Street. 12:55 a.m., disorderly, Deer Street. Friday, Dec. 8, 2017 9:34 a.m., found property, E. Elk Street. 11:20 a.m., incorrigible youth, Main Street. 12:50 p.m., lost property, within the city. 2:20 p.m., found property, S. Cedar Street. 2:50 p.m., harassing communication, N. Houghton Avenue. 5:50 p.m., assist, E. Elk Street. 10:05 p.m., possible 54002, Tarnery Road. 12:05 a.m., lift assist, Steuben Street. 2:16 a.m., snow ordinance violations, Oak Street. Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017 6:15 a.m., DPW request, snow covered and slippery roads within the city. 9:00 a.m., Christmas with a Cop, within the city. 3:00 p.m., warrant arrest, Main Street. 1:50 a.m., open door, Chippewa Avenue. Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017 8:07 a.m., noise complaint, Park Avenue. 10:16 a.m., animal neglect, Saginaw Street. 6:4 p.m., possible domestic, Park Avenue. 11:15 p.m., citizen assist, E. Elk Street. 3:11 a.m., citizen assist, N. Third Street. Monday, Dec. 11, 2017 1:08 p.m., animal complaint, Main Street. 3:21 p.m., one car PDA, W. Lakeshore Drive. Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017 8:15 a.m., lock out, Quarry Lane. 8:45 a.m., open door, Main Street. 11:30 a.m., two car PDA, E. Lakeshore Drive. 2:50 p.m., parking issue, Deer Street. 8:00 p.m., lock out, Chippewa Avenue. 8:45 p.m., animal complaint, within the city. 4:05 a.m., citizen assist, S. First Street. 4:15 a.m., citizen assist, E. Lakeshore Drive. Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017 8:00 a.m., drive while license suspended, within the city. 9:00 a.m., well being check, Alger Avenue. 9:30 a.m., incorrigible, Oak Street. 10:25 a.m., identity theft, turned over to MSP, outside of city limits. 4:30 p.m., department assist, N. Maple Street. 9:30 p.m., domestic violence, Cherry Street. 5:00 a.m., DPW request, snow covered and slippery roads within the city. Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017 11:15 a.m., lockdown drill, Main Street. 11:35 a.m., assault, within the city. 2:08 p.m., one car PDA/gas leak, Cherry Street. 3:31 p.m., lock out, Main Street. 3:45 p.m., child custody dispute, Delta Avenue. 4:15 a.m., DPW request, snow covered and slippery roads within the city. Friday, Dec. 15, 2017 9:10 a.m., MDOP, New Elm Street. 10:58 a.m., NSF check, River Street. 12:40 p.m., department assist, Oak Street. 12:45 p.m., civil standby, Main Street. 5:15 p.m., civil standby, Otter Street. 6:32 p.m., lock out, S. Cedar Street. 8:20 p.m., unruly patient, Thompson Township. 8:50 p.m., animal complaint, Oak Street. 10:48 p.m., domestic dispute, Thompson Township. Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017 8:30 p.m., assist, Thompson Township. Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017 10:20 a.m., lock out, N. Mackinac Avenue. 1:20 p.m., well being check, S. Second Street. Monday, Dec. 18, 2017 9:57 a.m., citizen assist, within the city. 12:30 p.m., larceny, Park Avenue. 1:30 p.m., harassment, within the city. 3:00 p.m., department assist, within the city. 6:30 p.m., VCSA, within the city.

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Sports Brief

Bay de Noc Lady Bears struggle on offensive

COOKS - Unable to produce much on the offensive side of the court, the Big Bay de Noc Lady Bears have continued to struggle on the road, dropping their last three outings.

Traveling to Bark River, Big Bay fell behind early, dropping a 61-25 contest to the Wolverines.

Back on the bus a one-point second quarter led to a 49-22 loss to the Mid-Peninsula Wolverines last Friday.

Tuesday, Big Bay came up short 43-35 against Carney.

Off until Jan 2, the Bears will look to start out the New Year with a home game against Engadine (5-2) and Manistique (0-5) Saturday Jan 6.

Big Bay 5, 6, 5, 9-25
Bark River 24, 19, 19, 4-61

Big Bay 6, 1, 9, 6-22
Mid Pen 9, 11, 11, 16-49

NFL Stats

NFL STATS as of 12-20-17

East	W	L	T
1. NE Patriots	11	3	0
2. Buffalo Bills	8	6	0
3. Miami Dolphins	6	8	0
4. New York Jets	5	9	0

North	W	L	T
1. Pittsburgh Steelers	11	3	0
2. Baltimore Ravens	8	6	0
3. Cincinnati Bengals	5	9	0
4. Cleveland Browns	0	14	0

South	W	L	T
1. Jacksonville Jaguars	10	4	0
2. Tennessee Titans	8	6	0
3. Houston Texans	4	10	0
4. Indianapolis Colts	3	11	0

West	W	L	T
1. K.C. Chiefs	8	6	0
2. L.A. Chargers	7	7	0
3. Oakland Raiders	6	8	0
4. Denver Broncos	5	9	0

NFC East	W	L	T
1. Philadelphia Eagles	12	2	0
2. Dallas Cowboys	8	6	0
3. Washington Redskins	6	8	0
4. N.Y. Giants	2	12	0

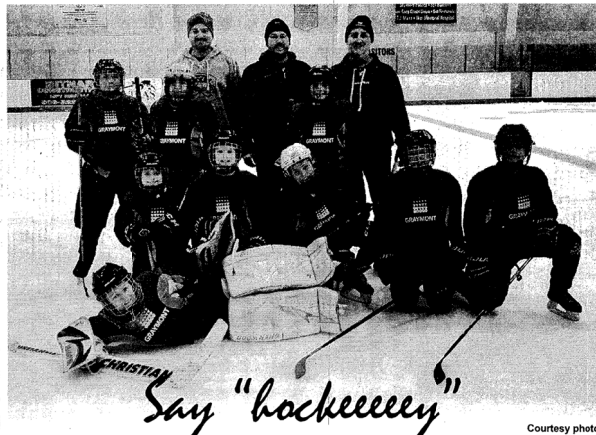
North	W	L	T
1. Minnesota Vikings	11	3	0
2. Detroit Lions	8	6	0
3. G.B. Packers	7	7	0
4. Chicago Bears	4	10	0

South	W	L	T
1. New Orleans Saints	10	4	0
2. Carolina Panthers	10	4	0
3. Atlanta Falcons	9	5	0
4. TB Buccaneers	4	10	0

West	W	L	T
1. L.A. Rams	10	4	0
2. Seattle Seahawks	8	6	0
3. Arizona Cardinals	6	8	0
4. San Francisco 49ers	4	10	0

Coming Up in the NFC North
Sat, Dec. 23, 2017

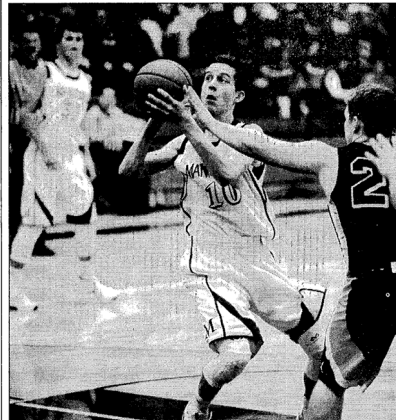
- Minnesota Vikings at Green Bay Packers, 8:30 p.m., NBC
- Sun, Dec. 24, 2017
- Cleveland Browns at Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., CBS
- Detroit Lions at Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., FOX



Courtesy photo

Say "hockeey"

Manistique Hockey season is up and running. Over the weekend, the Graymont 10U Squirt team traveled to Sault Ste. Marie to participate in the Sault Sasquatch International shoot-out tournament. Competing against an array of squirt level teams, Graymont took second place. In a unique twist, games started with a shoot-out before regular competition began. Each player had the opportunity to participate and every player scored a goal. Goalie Jackson Goudreau, pictured in front, did outstanding in the shoot-out as well. Additional team members include, middle row from left: Maya Carlson, Maddy Frazier, Ajay Berger, Dawson Bosanic, and Gavin Ziminski. Back row: Bret Ziminski, Brianna Tiglas, and Mason Dimmer. Graymont is coached by John Carlson, Nick Bosanic, and Phil Berger.



Joe LeBlanc photos

Manistique dropped their last home game of 2017 against the Modeltowners 59-46. Taking a shot from inside at the free throw line, Mark Block finished the night with 15 in the books. Below, Kanton Lauzon dribbles up top looking for an opportunity to drive the lane. Lauzon was second lead scorer with 11. Additional photos can be viewed at www.mstapioneertribune.smugmug.com

Emeralds drop two on road

MANISTIQUE - The Lady Emeralds fell to 0-5 with a recent pair of losses on the road. Manistique had no answers for the red hot Patriots last Thursday.

Hitting shots from all over the court, Westwood jumped out to a 25-5 lead in the first quarter. They then added 18 more points in the second period to hold a 43-9 half-time advantage on their way to a 69-20 win over the Emeralds.

"We just didn't have the energy we needed to compete tonight. Right out of the gate you could tell that Westwood was the more aggressive team and was more ready to play," Head Coach David Winkler said. "As the coach, I take responsibility for not having the girls as prepared as they needed to be. I told them in the locker room after the game that although they didn't play very well tonight, it was as much my fault as it was theirs. Westwood played a heck of a game. Their half court press really ate us alive and we had a hard time finding the open player when we were being trapped."

Poor play by the Emeralds' defense led to productive night for Westwood.

"They also shot the lights out, shooting almost 60 percent for the game while we couldn't get a shot to fall, only shooting 19 percent from the floor. This was a perfect example of one team clicking on all cylinders and playing an excellent all-around game and the other team constantly back on their heels trying to keep up," said Winkler.

Westwood also won the junior varsity contest: 50-35.

It was a different story for the Emeralds' trip east. Out front 10-5 at the end of the opening quarter on Tuesday night, a pair of triples by Madison Kraatz and one by Sydney McPhail helped Manistique keep pace with Rudyard in the second. Again, things quickly turned cold for Manistique, who was out-scored 17-2 in the third period, coming up short 41-34 in the end.

"A close game throughout that once again saw us have one bad stretch that proved to be the difference," Winkler said. "After coming out flat against Westwood, our focus tonight was to bring a lot of energy right out of the gate. I thought the girls did a much better job setting the tone early which resulted in a lead at the end of the first quarter. We struggled at times early on in the second quarter finding good shots against their zone defense, but two late threes by Maddy Kraatz gave us the lead back at the half."

Winkler said a change on defense in the third was a mistake on his part.

"I decided to start the third quarter in a zone to try and limit the touches of their inside players, but looking back on things, we probably would have been better off staying in our man defense. The third quarter ended up being that stretch that we go through where we lose the momentum and the energy gets sucked out of us as we struggle to right the ship."

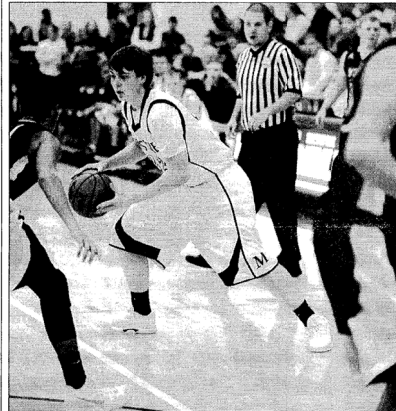
Trailing, Manistique struggled to get shots to fall late in the game and turnovers played a key role in the loss.

"Despite the poor stretch, the girls continued to fight and we gave ourselves a chance down the stretch. We couldn't get the shots to fall late and a few turnovers when we had a chance to cut deeper into their lead left us a little short in the end. Thirty turnovers is just too many to expect to win the game. I give the girls credit for continuing to fight and battle all the way to the final buzzer," Winkler added.

Manistique won the junior varsity contest 43-24.

Manistique will host the Newberry Indians tonight (Thursday) after press time, and will return to action Jan. 5 and 6 with homes games against Negaunee and Big Bay de Noc.

Manistique 5, 4, 9, 2 - 20
Westwood 25, 18, 18, 8 - 69
Manistique 10, 11, 2, 11, 34
Rudyard 5, 12, 17, 7 - 43



Forbes has big night in win over Emeralds

MANISTIQUE - The Gwinn Modeltowners spoiled the Manistique Emeralds' last home game of 2017. Trailing early, Gwinn started to connect from three-point range midway through the first quarter, closing out the period by out-scoring Manistique 20-3. They jumped out to a 23-9 advantage when the period came to an end.

Austin Forbes led the pace, scoring

10 of his game high 27 points in the first eight minutes of play.

Trips to the line helped keep Gwinn's margin intact. Hitting three-of-four attempts in the first period, Tucker Taylor hit four-of-seven in the second for Gwinn, who led by the score of 38-20 at

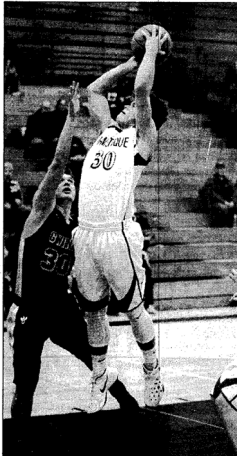
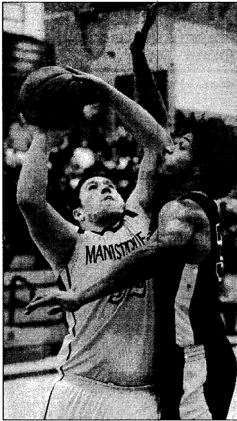
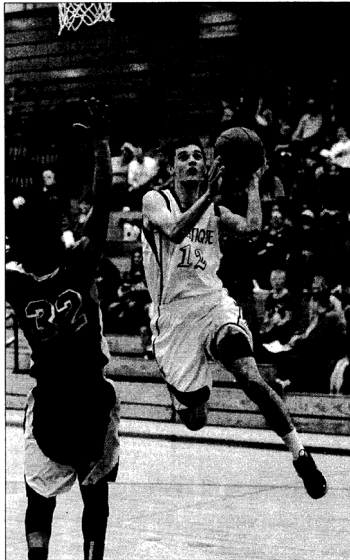
Emeralds basketball continued on B2

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Emeralds basketball

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From left, going clockwise: Grabbing some air on the way to the hoop, Joey Hoholik attempts to slide one off the glass. A force under the net, Kyle Seelye attempts two from under. Schyler Andersen attempts two from within the paint.

the half.
Up 53-30 after three quarters, Gwinn held on to down the Emeralds 59-46.

Gwinn made 26 trips to the free throw line, connecting on 11. Manistique took advantage of their trips to the charity stripe, scoring 11 of 15 attempts in the loss.

With the win over Manistique and a loss to Negaunee last Monday, Gwinn sits at 3-2 on the season. The Emeralds fall to 0-3.

Manistique travels to Engadine (3-2) tonight (Thursday) after press time and will close out 2017 with a trip to Negaunee (3-1) Dec 28.

Mark Block went five-of-six from the free throw line and set a season high 15 points to lead the Emeralds in scoring. Kanton Lauzon also set a season high adding 11 points.

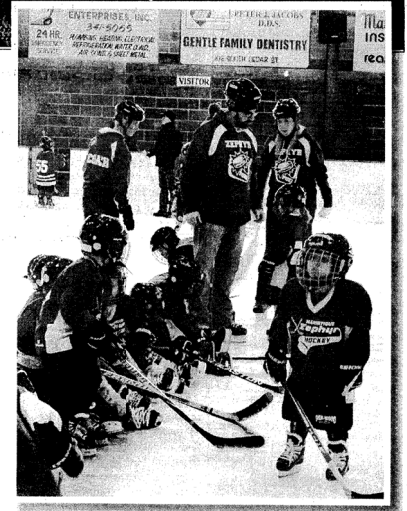
In addition to Forbes, Taylor added 19 points for Gwinn. Manistique 9, 11, 10, 16 - 46. Gwinn 23, 15, 15, 6 - 59



"Mini" mites

Courtesy photos

Little Bear West Arena was a busy facility Saturday, hosting the Manistique Hockey Association's Holiday Jamboree. Skating three rinks cross ice, 6U and 8U teams from across the Upper Peninsula faced off for a day of fun. Santa even stopped by to sit for a photo with each athlete. Some of them barely able to see over the boards, the Zephyr 6U team (a portion of which are 3 and 4 year olds) finished off their first segment competing in six 10 running clock games. No scores posted, no referees, just coaches contributing suggestions, and plenty of lifts up off the ice now and again for players. Pictured is a portion of the Zephyr team, front row from left: Charlotte, Elliot, Wesley, and Lacey. Back row: William, Gavin, Remington, Trentyn, Aubrey, Trystan, and Mason.



Coming Up in Sports

MANISTIQUE EMERALDS Boys Varsity Basketball Thurs., Dec. 21 vs. Engadine at Engadine 7:30 p.m.	Thurs., Dec. 21 vs. Newberry at HOME, 7:30 p.m. Thurs. BIG BAY DE NOC BLACK BEARS Boys Varsity Basketball Thurs., Dec. 28 vs. Negaunee at Negaunee, 6 p.m.
Girls Varsity Basketball	Fri., Dec. 22 vs. Bark River at Bark River, 6 p.m.

Fish Report

Ret. Sgt. John Walker

de Nadal, or "poop log." They then look under a blanket to discover that the log has "pooped" out a pile of presents and candies. After they collect their treats, they burn the log for warmth.

In Colorado, there is a Santa Claus university that teaches people how to become professional Santa's. Courses include media training, posing, beard shaping, dressing, and more.

A man who was legally named Santa Claus was elected to a city council in North Pole, Alaska.

The figure of Father Christmas first appeared in 1616 masque written by Ben Jonson. In the festive play, Father Christmas is accompanied by his 10 children, whose names include Wassail, Carol, Mistle, and Minceed-Pie.

So maybe Santa will come your way or maybe not, but no matter, have a wonder time with family and friends over Christmas. That is the most important gift at this time of year.

Well, here we are counting down the days until Christmas and then before we know it we are into a new year. Where in the world does all the time go?

I finally figured out what I want for Christmas so I informed Wife I wanted a paint ball gun with some bright orange paint balls. This is after much deep study and figuring there was really nothing I wanted or needed, but then the neighbor across the road helped me out in figuring what I would like.

You see our neighbor went out and bought one of these gadgets that light up your house and different objects float across your house when night comes and the lights turn on. I was sitting watching his light show when I realized that every so often a big thirty point buck would move across his front porch. When seeing this and being a true Yooper it did not take long to put my plan into action and tell the Wife about the paint ball gun.

Figured if I wanted to keep peace in the neighborhood I should tell our neighbor what I hoped to get for Christmas. In doing so I warned him to not be too surprised if orange splats started to appear on his house around Christmas when I planned to hunt his deer.

Would you believe it right after I told him about my hunting plans he changed the disk on his light show, no more thirty point buck moving across his front porch.

In planning to ask Santa for a paint ball gun I did run into some interesting facts that fall under did you know.

With over 2.1 billion children in the world and an average of 2.5 children per household, Santa must make 842 million stops on Christmas Eve.

Santa Claus must travel 218 million miles on Christmas Eve, which means he must travel 1,280 miles per second to reach everyone. Researchers calculate that if Santa is to reach every child on Christmas Eve, he has only a millisecond to go down each chimney, eat cookies, and distribute presents.

Santa's sleight would weigh over 400,000 tons if it carried enough

toys for all the children in the world. To carry that much weight, Santa would need over 360,000 reindeer.

The name Santa Claus is based on the Dutch name Sinterklaas, which is a contracted form of St. Nicholas. In the 17th century, the Dutch brought the name with them to America.

Assuming each household in the whole world leaves out two chocolate chip cookies for Santa on Christmas Eve, he would eat 374 billion calories, 33,000 tons of sugar, and 151,000 tons of fat in one night. If Santa could run an eight-minute mile, he would have to run for 109 centuries (109,000 years) to burn off all those treats.

If Santa needs presents for nearly 2 billion children globally, and if, on average, each child's presents take 31.5 inches (80 cm) of wrapping paper, Santa needs about 1.6 million miles of wrapping paper. That is enough to wrap around the world 60 times.

In Mexico and Latin America, in addition to letter writing, children will also put their letters in a helium balloon. The balloon then flies

magically to Santa Claus.

The most popular cookies left out for Mr. Claus are chocolate chip and "America's #1 Cookie," the Oreo.

Of the millions of letters sent to Santa each year, the three countries that send the most are the following: 1) 1.7 million from France, 2) 1.35 million from Canada, and 3) more than a million letters are written in the U.S.

All letters addressed to Santa in the United States go to Santa Claus, Indiana.

Santa would need to visit 2 billion children on Christmas Eve, but thanks to the different time zones and the rotation of the Earth, he would have 32 hours to work with.

If all 2 billion children Santa visits left a glass of milk (8 oz.) for him, Santa would need to drink four million gallons of milk every hour, or about 137 million gallons of milk overnight. A human stomach can hold about two to four liters of liquid.

On Christmas Eve in Spain's Catalan region, children hit a 7/6

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'Tis the season ... for bird counting

Outdoors Brief

**By Holly Vaughn
Michigan Department of Natural Resources**

This holiday season tens of thousands of Americans will fan out across the country with one goal in mind: finding and counting as many species of birds as they can find.

These observations will add to a large data set going back 117 years to Dec. 25, 1900, when the Christmas Bird Count, known then as the Christmas Bird Census, was first established.

The Christmas count remains one of the most important citizen science datasets today, helping scientists understand population declines and range shifts in North American birds.

"From beginning birdwatchers to experts, participants in Christmas counts gather to identify and census birds within 15-mile diameter count circles," said John Peppin, DNR deputy public information officer. "The Christmas counts are a great opportunity to learn more about the winter birdlife of a particular area, and for beginners to gain experience birding alongside experts. Some participants count for an hour or so, some birdwatch for the whole day, some count at their bird feeders at home."

There are now more than 2,500 Christmas Bird Counts in the U.S., Canada, the Pacific Islands, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. Michigan alone has 75 count circles, stretching from the Keweenaw Peninsula in the north, to Monroe and Berrien counties in the south.

To find the nearest count circle, the National Audubon Society maintains an informative map. Clicking on a count circle on the map shows where and when the bird counting team meets, and who the count compiler is.

Christmas Bird Counts are open to the public, family-friendly and a great way to meet local birders.

"Year after year, my wife and I participate in Christmas Bird Counts. We've counted birds in Grand Traverse County, Macomb County and Oakland County over the years," said Jeremy Joswick, a Macomb Audubon Society member. "We feel it is important to contribute to this citizen science project and are glad we can help."

Joswick said one of the most memorable Christmas Bird Count experiences he and his wife had was in Grand Traverse County, very early in the morning, before the sun rose.

"We were standing on the side of Hoosier Valley Road, listening for owls, when a great horned owl began to hoot," Joswick said. "It echoed in the quiet morning air - a really cool experience."

The Christmas Bird Count is spearheaded by Audubon, a nonprofit organization



Above, Christmas Bird Counts are a great opportunity to bird with friends. Below, Great-horned owls are found in many Christmas Bird Count circles in Michigan.



MI Birds began about one year ago, with the formation of a steering committee consisting of a dozen partner organizations from game and non-game conservation organizations, including Ducks Unlimited, Ruffed Grouse Society, Pheasants Forever, National Wild Turkey Federation, The Nature Conservancy, Michigan Audubon, Detroit Audubon, Kalamazoo Nature Center, Michigan State University Extension and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

with over 700 employees in the U.S. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources shares an employee with Audubon out of its Great Lakes office in Chicago.

Michigan bird conservation coordinator Caleb Putnam oversees a communications program called MI Birds, which is focused on bridging gaps between the hunting and birding communities and increasing understanding of the value of public lands and the need for strong funding of conservation in Michigan.

by MI Birds and determine audiences to send the messages to.

"In the beginning, we were just excited to assemble such a diverse and unique group," Putnam said. "We made important conversations happen just by getting all of these conservation groups to the same table, and it's something I haven't seen before."

Others agreed.

"Creating an environment of collaboration between birding and hunting groups is something we've been pushing for years, and this program has really made it happen," said Audubon Great Lakes' Director of Conservation Nat Miller.

Russ Mason, DNR Wildlife Division chief, said it's been a long-term challenge of the agency to engage new user groups and begin to plan for declining hunter revenues for public-lands conservation.

"MI Birds is our first big attempt at leading discussions between all of these conservation-minded groups," Mason said.

MI Birds' biggest presence is online, on a Facebook page with over 4,000 followers. The page features real-time information about Michigan's birds and their migrations, presented in a fun and engaging way for the public.

Putnam posts videos and hosts Facebook live feeds from a variety of public-lands areas. For example, one video produced earlier this year from the Murphy Lake State Game Area in Tuscola County showed Putnam investigating the nesting habitat of the Louisiana waterthrush, a state special concern songbird that lives there.

Putnam is also working to publicize the DNR's important habitat work statewide. He is leading tours to key state game areas and other lands, engaging the public in a conversation with DNR biologists about the work being done, which species it benefits and how it is funded.

"Once non-consumptive users understand how nongame species benefit from primarily game-funded work, the light bulbs immediately go off," Putnam said. "We have people asking how they can donate to the work before the tours even begin."

By elevating these discussions statewide, MI Birds stands to engage new user groups and create a broader constituency for public-lands conservation in Michigan.

Christmas Bird Counts are one of many places members of the MI Birds groups could find common interest, fun and camaraderie, paving the way for greater understanding and cooperation in the future.

The gatherings are also places new participants might find future best friends, while pursuing their personal interest in birds, nature and conservation.

For more information on MI Birds, visit the MI Birds Facebook page.

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