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4-H club plans Why You Matter' open house

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Emeralds try to escape losing streak

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MANISTIQUE - It's been a busy year for those in the area, with plenty of newsworthy events making headlines. Below is a review of the Pioneer Tribune's top 10 stories from 2017.

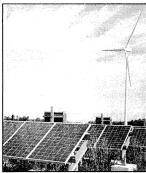
10. UP Paper gains new investor. In June, UP Paper added a new investor to its ownership team Tim Magnusson, who grew up in Germfask and grad-uated from Manistique High School, elected to join the existing investment group of local entrepreneurs who lad re-started the former FutureMark Manistique paper mill. UP Paper now operates the paper mill, which produces lightweight, unbleached Kraft papers

which produces ingulvering in uncarried what papers for the domestic market.

9. Local man victorious in U.S. Forest Service battle. On June 13, the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan issued a Judgement of Acquittal in the United States of America's case against a Roy P. Hinkson. The case stemmed back to Nov. 15, 2014 when the U.S. Forest Service charged Hinkson with constructing a camp on National Forest System land without obtaining the

Pioneer Tribune, courtesy photos

Below, from left to right, top stories of the year in-cluded the announced expansion of the Garden Wind Farm, the opening of the Manistique Lake-shore Campground, and a lawsuit centered around the former Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce building.



HEADLINES THAT CAUGHT ATTENTION THIS YEAR

necessary authorization —in violation of 36 C.F.R. 261.10(a).1. The court stated: "This case involves an individual being charged with a crime for inheriting a permanent structure that was mistakenly built – at the direction of the US Forest Service officers – on National Forest System land by a different person nearly 40 years ago." The court found that the government of the system of the syste ernment had not proven beyond reasonable doubt that Hinkson violated 36 C.F.R. 261.10(a).

8. Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital announces plans to expand. In June, the hospital said it expects construction on the project to get underway by early next year. The new hospital opened in 2013, and staff additions over time has led to the need for a 12,000 square-foot addition. The project will accom

7. Heritage Sustainable Energy enters

Phase II. Heritage Sustainable Energy's 14 turbines from Plass I herriage sustainance racegys 14 turnines from Plass I have been dotting approximately 10,000 acres of leased land throughout the Garden Peninsula since becoming fully operationa; in 2012. In May 2017, the company put into operation the first utility-scale solar energy installation in the Upper Peninsula. The facility utilizes 3,670 photovoltaic solar panels The Taciny utilizes, 5,070 photovortale solar panets and 31 string inverters. In early September, Heritage sent a letter to landowners informing them that the company would be moving forward with Phase II of the Garden Wind Farm Project. The company is currently working with Delta County officials and Garden residents to determine the number and placement of the torbine. ment of the turbines

6. Local law enforcement awarded for life-saving efforts. In January, members of local law en-forcement and emergency medical services were hon-

ored for recent lifesaving efforts. During the award ored for recent inesaving errors: During the award presentation at Manistique City Hall. Manistique Public Safety Director Ken Golat said members of his department, Manistique EMS, the Sault Tribe Police, and the Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department had and the Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department had gone above and beyond the call of duty to save the lives of those in danger in both 2011 and 2016. Both incidents involved swimmers who encountered dangerous swimming conditions off the shore of Lake Michigan. Those awarded for their lifesaving efforts in this incident included: Manistaque Public Safety Sgt. Charles Willour, Officer Kevin Smith, and Officer Eric Dombrowski; Manistique EMS Paramedic/Firefighter Kyle Levin; Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department Deputy Charity Potier and Deputy Paul Furman (now sheriff): and Sault Tribe Police Officer Furman (now sheriff); and Sault Tribe Police Officer Matthew Hunkele

5. Brunke sentenced to additional prison time. In May, Kenneth Brunke, who was serving prison time for his role in a 2015 triple homicide, was sentenced for the long-term drug dealing which the county's prosecutor says played a significant role in the demise of three people. Judge William W. Carmody ordered Brunke to serve 225 months to 360

Top 10 stories

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News Brief

Area blood drive set, need for negative blood types

MANISTIQUE - A blood drive for the U.P. Regional Blood Center is set for Jan.

10.

The drive will take place in the conference room at Schoolcraft Memorial Hos pital and will run from 1-5:15 p.m

Schedule an appointment by calling Lila Panek at 341-6447. Walk-ins are welcome. There is currently a critical need for blood types A negative, B negative, and O

peoming Dec. 28 - Holiday Skate, Little Bear West Arena, 1-3 p.m.

Dec. 29 - Open Skate, Little Bear West Arena, 6-9 p.m.

Dec. 30 – Free Skate sponsored by the Manistique Elks Club, Little Bear West Arena, 6-9 p.m.

Schoolcraft County Transit performs well on rider survey, with 95 percent 'satisfied'

Focus on riders continues, including accommodating New Year's Eve

MANISTIQUE -- The Schoolcraft County Transit Authority is keeping its customers happy - this according to a recent survey conducted by Michigan State University. On the heels of its success, the SCTA is con-

tinuing to provide in-demand services to its customers, including special hours this New Year's Eve.

According to John Stapleton, SCTA executive director, the MSU Urban and Regional Planning students, under

the MSU Orban and Regional Planning students, under the MSU School of Planning, Design, and Construction, conducted the survey this summer.

"The survey was a great way to measure our system to ensure we are getting the results we strive for," he ex-plained. "The transit system is running well."

The survey found customer satisfaction to be high, with the majority of respondents answering "very satisfied" for each survey question. Overall, 95 percent of survey respondents claimed to be either "satisfied" or "very satisfied" or "very satisfied or "very satisfie fied" with SCTA service.

"The same was true for comfort," said Stapleton.



Pioneer Tribune photo The SCTA is continuing to accommodate riders, accord-

"Nearly everyone reported that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the seats and the temperature of the vehicle."

Additionally, riders appreciated the cleanliness of the SCTA vehicles, as well as the ease of reserving rides. The SCTA drivers also received high marks – being noted for

SCHA drivers also teceved ingil intaks—being index to helpfulness, professionalism, and skill.

"We were really delighted with the outcome," Stapleton explained. "We all work very hard to provide good service to the community. It's great to know that our customers appreciate our efforts."

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The SCTA became an independent "authority" in October 2016. The transition from a county-operated transit system was made to streamline operations, as well as more flexibility and security for employees. The SCTA now operates under the Schooleraft County Transit Advisory Board.

"We are now into our economic and the schooleraft County Transit Advisory Board."

Advisory Board.

"We are now into our second year running as a transit authority," Stapleton said. "(This) has gone very well and helped us to streamline our operations."

Currently, the SCTA hours of operations are Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-6. p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m.-2:30 a.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2:30 a.m.

"We currently have 19 employees, seven of which are

Transit survey

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Throughout the year,
mBank employees hold
various luncheons and organize special days in an effort to raise funds for local organizations. Re-cently, mBank employee donations disbursed a total donations disbursed a total of \$1,700 to two entities. Staff presented the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter with a check in the amount of \$875. From left to right are: mBank VP Mortgage Lending Officer Magan Peterson, shelter representative Victoria George, and SVP Bank Administration/Training and Development Manigand Company of the Staff Shelter Persentative Victoria George, and SVP Bank Administration/Training and Development Manigand Development Man ing and Development Maning and Development Man-ager Sherry Arnold. The recipient of the remain-ing \$875 was U.P. Honor Flight. Presenting U.P. Honor flight representative Scott Knauf with the check is Arnold and VP Commer-cial Banking Officer Rick Demers.



Giving back, two ways



UP Human Trafficking Task Force to hold presentation

SAULT STE. MARIE - The recently re-established Upper Pen-insula Human Trafficking Task Force has teamed together with the Department of Justice, U.S. Homeland Security Investigations, several Upper Peninsula law enforcement opper Pennsula law enforcement agencies, and other local expens in the field to bring Human Trafficking Community Awareness to the U.P. Beginning Jan. 22, the group will

be presenting presentations across the U.P. at local colleges and universities. A presentation will be held at the Lake Superior State University Arts Center Theater Room, Jan. 23 from 10, 11-23 from 1 22 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Featured speakers include, Les-lie A. Hagen from the Department of Justice and Special Agent Todd Wilton, assigned to Immigration and Customs Enforcement/Homeland Security Investigations.

Hagen currently serves as the De-partment of Justice's first National Indian Country Training coordina-tor. In this position, she is responsible for planning, developing and co ble for planning, developing and co-ordinating training in a broad range of matters relating to the adminis-tration of justice in Indian Country, Hagen has previously served as both a federal and state prosecutor.

She has 29 years of criminal justice experience and focuses on issues related to domestic violence, child abuse and sexual assault. Every day, HSI special agents

around the globe work to uncover dismantle and disrupt human trafficking. They come face to face with the worst of humanity – traf-fickers profiting off the forced labor and commercial sex of their victims through the use of physical and sexual abuse, threats of harm and deportation, false promises, economic and psychological manipulation, and cruelty.

HSI is responsible for investi-

gating human trafficking, arresting traffickers, and protecting victims.
Victims are crucial to investigations and prosecutions; each case and every conviction changes lives. HSI understands how difficult it can be for victims to come forward and ward vard and work with law en-

forcement due to their trauma.
HSI is committed to helping victims feel stable, safe, and secure.
HSI continues to make human
trafficking cases a top investigative priority, bringing traffickers to justice and connecting victims to services to help their restore their lives. Through the Blue Cam-paign, HSI raises public awareness about human trafficking; leveraging partnerships to educate the public to recognize human traffick-

ing and report suspected instances.
Featured speakers will present
on signs to look for in both victims and traffickers, who can be

laws (both Federal and Michigan) regarding human trafficking, and previous cases that have been dis-covered both nationally and locally. There will be time for questions after each presentation and a brief

invite to any participants to join the UPHTTF by the current Task Force Group Leader/Administrator Mar-lene Mottes, victim advocate from the Department of Justice, United States Attomey's Office Western District of Michigan, Marquette Office and other Task Force mem-

a target of human trafficking, the marlene.f.mottes@usdoj.gov.

•Mrs. Lée (Vicky) Belcik of Gulliver has been named as advertising man-ager of the Pioneer-Tilbure, effective Jan. 1. A five-year veteran of both their back shop and front office of the newspaper, Mrs. Belcik will assume complete responsibility for all advertising material. The move will enable Co-Publishs James M. Tagg and David A. Rood to spend move fine in other areas. Me large will be devoting most of his time to commercial printing and production while Mr. Rood will concentrate on his duties as edor. The switch to "cole

while Mr. Rood will concentrate on his duties as eddor. The switch to "ool type" composition methods and the new quick eith engraving process, made by the newspaper this summer, was a factor in the altering of assignments, the co-publishers said! The change will allow each staff member to spend more time on his or her specialized field, and should not only aid in the production, but should also result in a better product.

Seven area men will be among 53 persons receiving certificates of completion at graduation oceramoines next Thurs, Jan. 4, no '24 radio and television repair men, 21 refrigeration mechanics and eight small gasoline engine repairmen. Edward K. LaVance and Joseph R. LaVance, Jr. of Manistique will receive certificates as radio/TV repairmen, Harry R. Frans of Manistique will be among refrigeration mechanics, and Lloyd Fitzpatrick of Germfask, Wallace Letson of Gulliver and Henry Cota and Paul Wayne of Manistique will receive certificates for small gas engine repairs. Their training program was conducted at Northern Michigian University in Marquette under a federal government grant.

conducted at Norhern Michigain University in Marquette under a rederal government grant.

*State Police Trooper Charles Patterson, 229 Range Street, was among the top winners this year at the Michigan Outdoors Big Buck contest. Patterson short his deer jon'the Garden Pehinsi, la, and the rack had a spread of 20 and 776 inches and coptained 17 aniler points. Winning racks were chosen on the basis of points, given, flor, the number of spurs on the anitiers and for the maximum inside spread on the fack. More than 450 entries were received. By placing fifth, Patterson won two sleeping bags, a Coho fish rod, Shakespeare reet, and a combination set of gaff hooks, boat pole and landing net.

*Bank debits in Manistique during November showed an increase of five percent from the same period a year ago, according to statistics released this week by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. In dollars, bank debits here totaled \$5,881,000, a seven percent increase over 1966.

35 Years Ago December 29, 1982

• Mary Nelli sees the raw drama of life and death played out in front of he many times each week, including sights that would make even the stronges men shudder. But for Nelli, it's just part of a day's work. Nelli, a 56-year-old Manistique area resident, is a surgical nurse at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital She has seen pain and emergencies, watched friends and relatives go under the knife and even stayed overnight at the hospital so she outdip perform her viital duties in a severe snowstorm. In 20 years of service at the hospital Nolli. Institute libera the viition and or wideling hear at the most provided historic in Monietraw. the Knile and even stayed overnight at the nospital so she could periorm her vital duties in a severe snowstorm. In 20 years of service at the hospital, Nelli has literally been at the cutting edge of medical history in Manistique. Although the suggeon might be the star of the show, it is Nelli who controls the (operating) theater. She sets the stage by making sure the operating room is snallary, arranges of the right props and instruments to be on hand and even snallary, arranges of the right props and instruments to be on hand and even is the backer without whom nothing could take place. "A long-running disoute that has tragged through several years and numer-ous bureaucratic battles is drawing to a close at McNamara's Mobile Home Park in Manistique. An agreement has been incred out between the state and the trailer park to bring it into compliance with new regulations which take effect Jan. 1. The McNamara park will reduce the number of trailers staying there from 16 to 13. This allows it to fall below a state size limit which would have required major modifications to its water system. . The 1983 Community School Winter Olympics will be hosted by Marquette. The three-day event will be held on Feb. 25, 65 and 27. The olympics marks the largest athletic event held in the Upper Peninsula with 2,200 youngsters from 25 U.P. communities competing in various events. The Manistique Com-munity School will be sending a maximum of 93 athletes. Si to determine which while the will be representing our community frou community for Journal the size of the presenting our community frou days are scheduled for January.

athletes will be representing our community try-outs are scheduled for Januar

20 Years Ago December 31, 1997

•The Grover's State Wide Manistique hockey team will host Houghton a noon Saturday, Jan. 3, in the first game played in the city's multi-purpose building. Team members include Brad Beckman, Shawn Anderson, Jon Wick

uluingi, leam members include brad beckman, Shawn Anderson, Jon Winkire, Craig Matton, Dave Tyrrell, Jamie Jenerou, Kevin Smith, Jon Klump,
eremiah McLeod, Brad Zerilli, Bill Tiglas, Rob Giles, Joel Norton, Ryan Rodnan, Darren Smith and Jeff Vail.

"Members of the 1998 Manistique High School varsity volleyball team intude Kylene Abram, Shannon McHugh, Sue Stram, Tera Bruggeman, Nicole
daudrie, Jenny Goudreau, Stephanie Reque, Nyan Winsor, Brandi Roberson,
Zhristean Baker, Mary Wood and Korina Terrian. The team is coached by
Joun Morrison. oug Morrison.
•A new radio station frequency created by the Federal Communications

A new radio sation inequency decrea by the reveral communications ommission for the Manistique area has attracted three bidders. Todd coordy's of Negaunes; Philip Robbins of Green Bay, and Roy Hendersou outston, Tex, were the three individuals who filed an application for a convoxion, Tex, where the three individuals who filed an application for a convoxion, the print of the Text of the Co. Eventually, if the three bidders do not not work out mong themselves who will get the permit, the TeX will conduct an auction of themselves who will get the permit, the TeX will conduct an auction of themselves who will get the permit, the TeX will conduct an auction of the permit of the TeX will conduct an auction of the permit of the TeX will be permit the

10 Years Ago December 27, 2007

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• St. Francis de Sales Catholic School has chosen "let Our Light Shine" as their theme for the 2007-2008 school year. Recently, the students did just that for a local charity organization. Students in the third and fourth grades constructed gingerbread houses to sell in a silent auction at this year's Christmes program, and their artistic talents erabled them to raise over \$500. They recently presente checks to Bonnic Garniu, who received the proceeds to behalf of the \$t. Vincen de Paul Society. Garnin said they appreciated the generosity of the students and will use the funds to continue their ongoing services to area residents.

Early in the new year, the Manistique Area Schools will tick off a brand new cood basketball program for elementary and early middle school students. The program is set to begin Monday, Jan. 7, and run through Feb. 23. According to elementary physical education teacher Chris Marana, who is serving as counted to the program, which give you do far meeting in early December that involved a dozen coaches, parents and school staff.

4-H group hosts 'Why You Matter' event

MANISTIQUE community is invited to The Friends Helping Friends 4-H Club's "#Why You Matter" open house Jan. 8. The open house will consist of the #Why You Matter poster exhibit and a keynote address, entitled "Do It for Daniel", provided by Coach Jeff Olsen from Ishpeming.

The poster exhibit will be located In the first floor gym hallways in Manistique High School from 5:30-7 p.m. and the keynote address will take place from 7-8:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Friends Helping Friends is a 4-H club comprised of caring teens and adults that work together to promote and address social-emotional health and well-being issues and programs for ongoing growth and development. The club decided they wanted their first program of the 2017-18 school

program of the 2017-18 scono.

In October, all high school students, teachers and staff members were invited to get their pictures taken holding a whiteboard where they had written why they matter. Lifetouch took

the photos and then made each photo into a 12x14-inch poster that will be displayed at the open house. There will be over 250 posters in the exhibit.

The Friends Helping Friends The Friends Helping Friends 4-H Club meets every Tuesday during the school's lunch and seminar block. Beside planning and working on campaigns, they collaborate with Michigan State University Extension to teach a

attending The Michigan 4-H Spectacular teen development conference to attend classes and teach a workshop to promote their work and encourage other teens to start a similar club in their

community.

If interested in participating in or promoting the Friends Helping Friends 4-H Club or other 4-H programs, contact Tracie Abram (906) 235-2985 or Jill Connin

bullying prevention program to (900) 239-239 of Jii Collini bullying prevention program to (906) 286-3327.

The MSU Extension office is At the end of January, some of the club members will be Manistique.

Dear Editor.

This new tax cut for the riches of the rich is not a tax reform bill.

It has done nothing to reform the

It is more complicated than ever, there will be more loop holes and gimnicks than ever. There may be a short time gain for a few. This is another bait and switch from the party of no.

While you may see a few dollars more in your weekly pay check for a short period of time, the fact that healthcare will cost more and insurance premiums will rise at an additional 10 percent on top of what they were projected will void the few dollars your pay check might increase.

The bad news those rates will

decreases and those few pennies on your pay check will be taken

away.

This legislation was passed with 4 things in mind. 1) To give huge pay outs to the richest of the rich pay outs to the richest of the rich the same people who help elect those in congress that pushed, Jammed and rammed this bill down the taxpayers throat. 2) Claim a victory for the year 2017. 3) To

back door end the ACA 4: and most importantly in my opinion to end Social Security and Medicare.

The Republican Party has already showed it cares about billionaires and millionaires over children. They have refused for more than 80 days to work on and renew CHIP the Children's Health

Insurance Program.

Senator Grassley said American
can't afford to help children, yet
he thinks we have more than
enough money to give tax cuts to billionaires.

During the last six years of the Obama presidency, Republicans controlled Senate and House voted no on transportation, infrastructure, jobs, improving the ACA and on Federal and Supreme Court judge's

Republicans said the debt and deficit was too high and we as a country had to get our spending under control. That lasted right up until they took control of only branch of government they didn't have the president's office.

Now money is no object. Spend

and ignore every creditable economics report and agencies such as the CBO.

During Reagan's tax reform than 400 expert witnesses and over 30 hearings by congress, this bill zero of either.

Seems Republicans only believe

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in hearings when they are agains

Letters to the Editor

For Republicans hearings or lack of, is not to hear facts and find out opinion or prevent facts and truths from being heard.

William L. Anderson

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Barb Lenzi was the lucky winner in the

lucky winner in the Grocery Grabber, a raffle held as a fund-raiser by the 2018 Se-mort Grad Party Com-inities. Lenzi had the lophorturity to go on a two-phanted; shopping isprae at Jack s Fresh Market with the possi-hility of grabing up to a bility of grabbing up to a \$1,000 worth of grocer-ies. Lenzil designated ies. Lenži, designated her 'daughter, Lori Tennyson, to do the shopping for her. At the end of the spree, Tennyson hat 'collected, \$613.19 worth of merchandise in her, cart. Second place in the drawing for \$100. lack's of a \$100 Jack's gift card was won by George Wood: Debbie Engelhart's rame was drawn for third place and re-ceived a \$50 Jack's gift card.

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Webinar series set for UP gardeners

MANISTIQUE - Do you want to learn more about growing your own vegetables? Would you like to learn techniques that are smart for the environment and your pocketbook? The Smart Gardening with Vegetables 101 Webirar Series is designed specifically for introductory and beginning vegetable gardeners. It focuses on important factors

It focuses on important factors to consider before beginning a vegetable garden, what is required for success and other smart gardening practices such as creating healthy soils, composting, plant selection and smart pest management.

Now in its fifth year, the Smart Gardening with Vegetables 101 Webjinar Series has reached over 600 Michigan and neighboring

600 Michigan and neighboring state residents with sustainable practices to use within their vegetable gardens.

A recent participant commented, "I enjoyed this type of format of

learning."

tearning."

Registration is open for the January through February 2018 series. It will be held on Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. Jan. 16, 23, 30, and Feb. 13, 20, 27. All you need is a computer and high speed intermet. Attend the live sessions or view recordings.

Attend the live sessions or view recordings.

The early registration fee of S30 is available if you register by Jan. 5. otherwise it is \$40 after Jan. 5. There is also a group rate for organizations who would like to host this webinar series for a group, which is \$70 by Jan. 5 and \$80 after Jan. 5.

S80 after Jan. 5.
Group coordinators are required to complete additional group information and email this to course instructors. A supplemental CD may also be purchased for

Community children invited to take part in new 'Pinewood Experience'

ESCANABA -- The Bay-Lakes Council is inviting all youth not in Cub Scouts and in grades kindergarten through fourth

not in Cub Scouts and in grades, kindergarten, through fourth grade to the Pinewood Derby Experience. Participating children will experience the building of a Pinewood Derby Car and race it.

The purpose of this event is to give families in the Upper Peninsula a chance to try one of the Cub Scouts' signature activities, the Pinewood Derby, as a way of introducing Cub Scouts to kids not currently part of the organization. currently part of the organization. This event is one of the highlights

Cub Scouts take part in each year.

Cub Scouts is the Boy Scout

Program for kindergarten through fifth graders.

The derby will take place in The derby will take place in both Marquette and Escanaba. The Escanaba event is Dec. 30, starting at 1 p.m. inside the Delta Plaza Mall. The cost for the event is \$8 and includes the Pinewood Derby

car kit and registration.

A parent or guardian is required to attend and participate in a first cereminal for the continue their scouting experience of the continue and participate in a first cereminal for the continue and participate in a first cereminal for the continue and participate in a first cereminal for the continue and participate in a first cereminal for the continue and participate in the continue and the continue

Peninsula. For those interested who miss

the online registration deadlines, contact O'Brien at patrick obrien@ scouting.org. Pre-registration is needed to ensure enough materials

for all participants.

Current Cub Scouts will get the chance to participate in their local Pinewood Derby in 2018. Participating kids will be invited to more local Cub Scout events to



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Obituaries

Cynthia J. Bens

MANISTIQUE Cynthia J. Bens, 61, of 7873W US Highway 2, Manistique, Mich., passed away peace fully on Friday, Dec. 22, 2017, at her home in Manistique with her husband and children at her side



Cynthia J. Bens

Cyndi was born April

22, 1956, in Garden, Cynthi Mich., the daughter of Victor and Mary (Michaud) Borga and moved to Iron Mountain as a child. She was a graduate of the Iron Mountain High School. She Iron Mountain High School. She continued her education at St. Scho-lastica College in Duluth, Minn., where she received her B.A. degree. On Aug. 31, 1985, the former Cynthia J. Borga married Stephen

L. Bens at the Immaculate Conception Church in Iron Mountain and they made their home in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Cyndi worked for a number of years at ERIM (Environmental Research Institute of Michigan) as a government contract special-ist. Later she worked at the Eisen-hower Center in Ann Arbor – a closed head injury facility, as an activities director

She loved helping people and lived life to its fullest. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, along with oil and acrylic painting. She and her husnd, Steve, had recently moved to Manistique 14 months ago to retire in their new dream home. Cyndi is survived by her husband, Stephen L. Bens of Manistique;

Cody Bens of Ann Archildren. bor and Stephanie Bens of Seattle, Wash.; brother, Bill Borga of Nor-way, Mich.; sisters, Celeste Hilgart of Marshfield, Wis., Rosalie Mayfield of Chelsea, Mich., Bernadette Nelson of Urbana, Ill. and Angela Gendron of Iron Mountain; along with nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister,

Marci Arnett. Visitation will be held from 1-2 p.m. Saturday. Jan. 6, 2018 at Messier-

Broullire Funeral Home in Manis-tique. A memorial service will fol-low at 2 p.m., at the funeral home, with Celebrant Carole Cooper of-

ficiating.
Online condolence may be ex-

Online condoience may be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com.
Cyndi was my Best Friend. But I don't know if I told her that enough. Sure, we always said we loved each other; but it was even more than that.

When Cyndi talked, she laughed. When she walked, she

danced.

anceu. Cyndi and I grew old together; ut when we laughed, we grew

It is my greatest hope that a few years here on Earth will be just a years here on Earth will be just a few minutes in Heaven. I asked her to go slow so that I could catch up. She said she would. Wouldn't it be grand to attend your own funeral? See all the peo-

ple who came to celebrate your life. and hear all the nice things said

about you?

Well, if Cyndi was here today, I'd a great lady, and Thank You for being a great lady, and Thank You for being my Friend!"

will always Lore You, Cyn-I will always Lore 100, C. li. Always! Your Loving Husband, Stephen

Mavis R. Wood

MANISTIQUE Longtime Manistique resident Mavis R. Wood died peacefully in hospice care at her son Stephen's home on son Stephen's home on Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017, just 16 days shy of her 94th birthday. Mavis was born Jan. 9, 1924, in Dunklin County,



Mayis R. Wood

in Dunklin County,
Mo. She grew up during the Depression in
Flint, Mich., where she attended school and graduated from Flint
Central High in 1941 at age 17. She then went to work for a CPA in Flint until she turnéd 18. She was then hired as a secretary at AC Spark Plug in Flint, where she met her future husband, who worked there, too.

On May 5, 1945, Mayis married George G. Wood in Flint, and when the war ended later that year, she and George moved to Manistique, so George could join the es tablished law practice of the late J. Joseph Herbert. Mavis was a city girl. Compared to Flint in 1945, Manistique was a tiny little town in the far-off Upper Peninsula, and when she arrived, she "didn't know a soul". But she soon did, and over the years she made many dear friends.

Mavis and George had five children, all of whom survice: John (Rosanne). Michael, Paul (Jo Anne). Stephen, and Catherine (Bob Johnson). So for many years, Mavis was a very busy homemak-er. She enabled George to concentrate on his work and her kids and randkids to begin to navigate life, the was very proud of all of them. Mavis was raised Baptist but be-

came a Catholic when she married George, She was an active member of St. Francis de Sales parish for more than 70 years, always willing to help the church any way she could. For many years, she was an active member of St. Anne's Altar Society and St. Elizabeth Circle, both of which were instrumental in building the new church in the 1950s and school in the 1960s. The importance of the parish and school to Mayis and George was George. She was an active member school to Mavis and George was demonstrated by their continual generosity to them, financial and otherwise. Indeed, the St. Francis de Sales Education Foundation and

the Imogene Herbert Trust, both of which George persuaded into existence, are still vital to the school's existence Dec. 23, 2017. She was today. To the very end of her life, Mavis would ask how things were going at the school. In addition to her commitment to the

church, Mavis was a

thurch, Mavis was a long-time member of the Manistique Woman's Club and active in the Republican Party, es-pecially during the George Rom-ney era in the 1960s. She was a member of Indian Lake Golf and member of Indian Lake Golf and Country Club for more than 60 years and continued to play well into her 80s. Over many years, her most reliable escape from both the chaos and tedium of day-to-day life was Wednesday Ladies' Night at the club, which she rarely missed. Mavis learned to ski in the 1960s; she enioved playing bridge: and she

she enjoyed playing bridge; and she liked to travel, especially to Europe and Mexico. Mavis was a marvelous cook and gracious hostess. She always tried to teach her children good manners, and at least some of her lessons were at least partially absorbed by them. Mayis rarely told or cracked jokes, but she was a good audience for those who did. She was, all in all, a most congenial, kind-hearted and conscientious person loved and respected by

Mavis was preceded in death by her husband, George G. Wood; her mother, the late Rosie'Loafman, and her stenfather. Forest Loafman, and

her stepfather, Forest Loafman; and her brother. Homer Rittenberry. In addition to her children, Ma-vis is survived by six grandchil-dren, 11 great-grandchildren, and her first cousin, LaVerne King. Visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018, at Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Manistique. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018. p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Manistique with Father Ben Paris officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials do nations may be directed to the St. Francis de Sales School or Manis-

tique Public Library.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com.

Helen L. Johnson

MANISTIQUE enly home on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2017. She was born on Sept. 5, 1925, in Manistique, the daughter of Clarence and Ina (Fox) Thorell.

(Fox) Thorell.

Helen graduated from Manistique High School in 1943, and shortly thereafter moved to Chicago, Ill. and worked as a "Rosie the Riveter" for Douglas Aircraft. After the war, she returned to Manistique and worked in the office at leand 1 ine and Stone. the office at Inland Lime and Stone On Sept. 17, 1949, she married George V. Johnson. They made their home and raised their family in Manistique. George preceded her in death in 1994.

her in death in 1994.
Helen was employed as a secretary for the Manistique Area Schools for 22 years, first in the Community Schools Program, and then as secretary to the superinten-dent. She retired in 1988, and then served as secretary to the School-craft County Chapter of the Michi-gan Association of Retired School Personnel. She was also a member of the Manistique Area Schools Scholarship Foundation Commit-tee and served as its secretary.

Helen's strength came from being

rock-solid in her faith; she shared that faith not only by teaching Sun-day School for many years, but by "walking the walk." Her First Bap-tist Church family was very im-portant to her and was a big part of her life ever since she was a young girl. She served as Sunday School Superintendent, she was a member of the Women's Missionary Society and American Baptist Women, and was a faithful member of the choir For many years Helen typed and printed the weekly church bulletin. Helen loved to cook and bake, and most of Manistique has been

the recipient of her expertise. She was our Baked Bean Queen and often made them for church fund tions, family dinners, and picnics

The holidays always found her making fudge, caramel corn, Julekake bread, and other sweets to give as gifts and to fatten up her

family. Helen was always an athlete; in fact, in high school her mother threatened to move her bed to the gym because

she spent so much time there. She enjoyed basketball, volleyball, softball, and skiing throughout her life. Being an athletic person, she was a wonderful "hands on" mom and grandma, not "nands on" mom and grandma, not just telling the kids to go play—she played with them. Helen was a de-voted Green Bay Packers and De-troit Tigers fan, and enjoyed watch-ing them on TV or listening to them on the radio.

In addition to her husband. Helen was preceded in death by her par-ents, brothers Robert Thorell and Kenneth Thorell, and son-in-law Michael Elden. She is survived by her sister Jacqueline (Moe) Fagan of Manistique; her children, Kris-tine Elden of Edgerton, Ohio, Nicki (Richard) Acker of Coleman, Mich. and Stephen Johnson of Manistique grandchildren Matthew (Mindy) El-den, Christian (Liz) Elden; Georgia Johnson, and Oscar Johnson; and great-grandchildren Parker, Mason

Owen, Grace, Addie, and Evan.
Visitation will be held from 11
a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, at the
First Baptist Church in Manistique. A memorial service will follow at 1 p.m., at the church, with Reverence Jay Martin officiating. Burial will be in the Hiawatha Township Cem-etery at Manistique.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Manistique Area Schools Scholarship Foundation or to the First Baptist Church of Man-

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

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Daniel J. Rutherford

GERMEASK - Da iel J. Rutherford, 77, of 1329 River Road, Germfask, Mich., passed away on Fri-day, Dec. 22, 2017, at his home in Germfask Township surrounded by his loving family fol-lowing a brief illness.

He was born June I. 1940, at the Shaw Hospital in Manistique, the son of William and Mary (Doran) Rutherford and attended school in Manistique. From 1963 – 1969 he served in the Michigan National Guard, seeing duty

during the Detroit riots. On Oct. 7, 1967, he married the On Oct. 7, 1967, he married the former Pannela A. Tovey at. St. Therese Catholic Church in Germ-fask. They made their home and raised their family in Germfask. Dan was employed by various construction companies during

Dan was employed by various construction companies during his younger years. He later started working as an operator for the Schoolcraft County Road Commission, retiring as foreman in 2000. Dan also worked privately as a mason, laying many bricks and pouring concrete foundations in the termfask area.

He was a member of St. Therese

Catholic Church in Germfask. He enjoyed hunting, ice fishing, farm-ing, gardening, working, and spend-ing time with his family.



Daniel J. Rutherford

Dan is survived by his wife, Pamela A. Ruther-ford of Germfask; chil-dren, Gregory (Marcie) Rutherford, Kimberly (John) Streeter, and Brett (Ann) Rutherford, all of Germfask; grandehil-dren, Troy (Sam) Street-er, Brandon Rutherford, Nicole Rutherford, Aus-

Nicole Rutherford, Austin Duszynski, Chelsea Duszynski, Pattie Wornstaff, and Sean Wornstaff, soft Sean Wornstaff, brother, William (JoAnn) Rutherford of Germfask; sister, Mary 'Betty' (Gary) Luukkonen of Gwinn, Mich.; along with several nicces and ews

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers George, Kenneth, Dwight Pat, and John Rutherford.

Visitation will be held from 11

a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, at the Germfask Christian Fellowship Church in Germfask Township. A memorial service will follow at 1 p.m., at the church, with Pastor J.D. Livermore officiating.

Dan's family would like to ex-tend their thanks and appreciation to Northwoods Home Nursing and Hospice for their care and concern. Messier-Broullire Funeral Home

of Manistique is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www mbfuneral.com.

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Treasury: Residents should update addresses prior to tax filing season

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10 tearn more, go to www. mifastfile.org. Michigan's individual income tax season beginning in late January 2018, the Michigan Department of Treasury is asking taxpayers to take a couple of actions today to ensure returns are processed

promptly.

Taxpayers are being encouraged to begin gathering tax-related documents and updating their home addresses with current and previous employers so that W-2s and other financial documents can be mailed to the appropriate address.

Incorrect addresses typically lead to information being mailed to the wrong location and could cause delays when filing tax

"State income tax filing season seems like a long time away, but

New Year's resolutions might

"Taxpayers who prepare today are less likely to face processing

delays."
Other notable items

Michigan's 2018 filing season (2017 tax year):

Beginning in January 2018, forms and instructions may be

viewed and downloaded from www.michigan.gov/taxes. In addition, commonly used forms will continue to be available torms will continue to be available at Treasury offices, most public libraries, northern Michigan post offices and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services county offices.

When tax season begins in late

January, taxpayers can e-file their

mifastfile.org.

Taxpayers may elect to use direct debit when e-filing their

2016 or 2017 tax returns.

A direct debit is a tax payment the state Treasury Department electronically withdraws from the taxpayer's bank account using the

taxpayer's bank account using the bank information provided on the electronically filed return.

State income tax filers have the option of making payments electronically using the Michigan Department of Treasury's e-Payments system. Payments can be made by using, electronic payment (eCheck), credit card or debit card.

A taxpayer must file to claim a refund with the state Treasury

from the date set for filing of the original return.
Individuals must file a 2013

Michigan Individual Income Tax Return to receive their refund for

that tax year.

Taxpayers who have been recent victims of identity theft are asked to report their circumstances to the state Treasury Department. Reporting identity theft helps thwart cybercriminals who attempt to file and steal a state tax

refunds.

To learn more about taxrelated identity theft, go to www. michigan.gov/identitytheft. To learn the latest about state of Michigan taxes, go to www.

michigan.gov/taxes

Federal tax information is available at www.irs.gov

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not seem like a great idea since few of us manage to keep them. But making a smart resolution can do a number of good things for you. Making New Year's resolutions when you fail at them, it doesn't mean that sensible resolutions are hatming flow reals a continuous that you're sure to break is a bad idea. Broken resolutions can make you feel like a failure, someone who has fallen short of his or her goals. It can seem an example of weakness and can crode selfsomething to avoid. Resolutions usually mean positive changes.
Well-planned resolutions can help improve parts of your life and provide a positive sense of accomplishment.

have a mini-goal of cutting out one

The key to successful resolutions is to set realistic goals. Usually that means breaking big tasks in confidence and self-esteem. Bad resolutions are resolving to do things that are going to be close to impossible to achieve. to smaller, more manageable units. to smaller, more manageable units. Take losing weight. Forget the total number of pounds you want to lose, and instead make your goal small changes to a healthier diet that will naturally lead to weight loss. Instead of radical dieting. You won't lose 30 pounds in one month, or won't suddenly look like an Olympic athlete just because you resolve to start—visiting the gym again. such resolutions aren't

high calorie food each week and replacing it with a healthier fruit or

replacing it with a healthier fruit or vegetable.

If getting back in shape is your goal, start slowly with things your can extrainly accomplish and then build on that as time goes by. Maybe it's just getting in a daily 15-minute walk, an easy goal and one that can be increased as your fitness imroves.

one that can be increased as your fitness inroves.

Similarly, while stopping smoking is a common resolution, trying to do it "cold turkey" is a difficult task. Instead, try an initial mini-goal of cutting by 10 percent the number of cigarettes you smoke each day. Or maybe your real is to cimple tear the progress. goal is to simply start the process

by contacting your doctor or local hospital about smoking cessation

nospital about smoking cessation programs or stop-smoking aids. Creating realistic resolutions with attainable mini-goals is a means for developing a plan to reach your final goal. As you accomplish those mini-goals, it provides reinforcement to help motivate you to move on to that next step. And that is what makes for a smart and successful New Year's resolution.

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Obituaries

Pat M. Carey

GULLIVER - Pat M. Carey, 65, of Gulliver, Mich., passed away Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017, at the Schoolcraft Med-ical Care Facility in Manistique, Mich., surrounded by his loving He was born Jan. 30.

1952, in Manistique, the son of George and Pat Carey Wave (Rosebush) Car-

from Brandon High School in Or-

tonville, Mich.
On Dec. 22, 1978, he married the former Pamela S. Wilhite in Ortonville. Pam preceded him in death on July 30, 2002.

Pat owned and operated, Pat's Auto Service in Lake Orion, Mich. and later in Ortonville, before mov-ing back to Manistique in March of 1990 where he continued to work as a heavy equipment operator for many years.

He enjoyed hunting and cooking.

He especially enjoyed camping at Milakokia Lake with the Hutchinson family. Most importantly, he loved spending time with his family and grandchildren.

Pat is survived by his daugh-

ters, Amber Carey (Jim Bever) of Old Hickory, Tenn., Korie Carey of Manistique, Jodey (Jim) Quinn of Rapid River, Mich., Jenny (Casey) Calouette of Escanaba, Mich. and Pamela O. Carey (Jim Smith) of Powers, Mich.; grandchildren, Karlene. Thomas Korie Carey

Karlene, Thomas, Emma, Samantha, Ol-He attended and graduated ivia, Ivy, Walter, Jake, and Jaidyn;

along with several nices and nephews.

In addition to his wife, Pam and

parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Georgia Carey.' A memorial gathering will be held from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, at Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Manistique. A memorial service will follow at 2 p.m., at the funeral home, with Mr. Del Alden

officiating.

Burial will be held in the Fairview Cemetery at Manistique in the spring.

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

Lifestyles Brief

Local makes Dean's List at Bob Jones school

Cedar Street Cinemas

guide

science major of Manistique, was among approximately 890 Bob Jones University students named to

the fall 2017 Dean's List.

The Dean's List recognizes students who earn a 3.00-3.74 grade point average during the semester. Located in Greenville, South Carolina, Bob Jones University provides an outstanding regionally

GREENVILLE, SC -- Robin accredited Christian liberal arts (rehbiel, a freshman computer cience major of Manistique, was inspire a lifelong pursuit of learning, loving and leading.

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Today I will feature "Ask Le-

really helpful, and possibly harmful

In my inbox today was a question from a gal who is trying our new Re-Boot Camp! She had a ques-tion regarding having a smoothie

Dear Leanne,

I just signed up for the Re-Boot Camp. I did not realize that break-fast would be a smoothie and the recipe contains your protein powder, etc... Is there something else you can have for breakfast? I didn't order these items when I first signed up because I didn't realize they were necessary for this

Becky Hey there Becky!

I use smoothies because of their ease of accomplishment and it really, really helps with weight loss from my own personal exper-

If you would prefer.



the top if you like and 1/4 of a ripe avocado—that would totally work. I'd also add some fresh berries like raspberries. strawberries blueberries or blackberries on the side; no more than

1/2 a cup. And here's the link for our new protein powder so you can give that a try

Leanne Ely is a NYT bestselling author and the creator of http:// SavingDinner.com, the original menu planning website, bringing families back to the dinner table for over 15 years.

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STAYING BUSY WITH THE LADIES OF GFWC



Courtesy photos'
GFWC Manistique Women's Club had a busy December. The club's monthly meeting started with "thank you" gifts to both Pam Weber (pictured at right, on the left) and Dennis Rumrill of the Comfort Inn for making the meeting times enjoyable each month. Jean, Curran received an award and gift for 53 years membership in the GFWC Manistique Women's Club. Curran has been active over the years and served on many committees' from selecting young writers to finance. Three students (pictured at left) from Christy Ryan's Careers in Education Class talked for a short time on their latest project which is a "Mother-Son Dance" to compliment the "Father-Daughter Dance". The GFWC then auctioned off new or slightly used items for the scholarship they give in the spring. Vonciel LeDuc, the auctioneer, was also given a special gift for her donated time. On Dec. 13, the December birthday parties were held at the Schoolcraft County Medical Care Facility. Birthdays celebvarted were Mary Weber, Roscoe Helpey, Bernita Nelson, Shirley Morroe, Russell Houseman, Dorothy Hendrichs, and Sue Lambert. John Gore provided entertainment and the ladies of GFWC volunteering included: Jeanne Guncersen, Carol Anderson, Carolyn Miller, Sandy LaFave, Pat Mickelson, Melissa White, and Irene Hinkson. 2 in the complex of the complex

My, my, what a Christmas! I watch with three different bands. My surprise was that each on don't think anything can compare to spending time with family.

to spending time with ramily.

Friday, being the last working
day before the holidays, I was
busy delivering six beautiful assorted baskets that were donated
by a group of ladies that has been
giving for several years. I was
down to the last one and couldn't down to the last one and couldn't make up my mind where it be-longed.

I drove into Jack's Fresh Market

and walked a few aisles. I spotted and walked a few aisles. I spotted the perfect person to give it to. Ås I said "This is "for you", she "replied, "Is this really for me?" I even got a big hug, What a way to start the holidays! You want to hear another spe-cial thine? Honestly there are

cial thing? Honestly, there are some really fantastic people in the world, even though we hear

I, along with a volunteer from the center, went to the Medicare Christmas party. We had the chance to chat with several that were regulars at the center at one time or another.

We watched each resident open

My surprise was that each one of these gifts had been purchased

by an employee that worked there, We all know how money gets tight near Christmas, espe-cially if you have children still at

home.

These caring workers put a smile on every resident there. Now I know that you would not find this happening elsewhere. Hats off to your generosity! To watch now excited they were, was worth a milling dellare. worth a million dollars

The center offices will be closed The center offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 1 and 2. Community Action Agericy, which leases our kitchen, will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, If you need a frozen dinner for

that day, let them know as soon as possible. They can be reached at 341-5085.

Don't forget that there will not be a potluck in January. New Medicare Cards are sched-New Medicare Cards are sched-uled to be coming in April of 2018. CMS (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services) will no longer use social security num-bers on the Medicare cards. They

made up of numbers and digits. These 11 characters will be your new Medicare Beneficiary Identi-

fier.

The change is to protect your identity and prevent fraud. Social Security numbers will be better

Protected and more secure.

Beware of the scammers!

Some will call beneficiaries claiming to be Medicare staff and say they must confirm their current Medicare numbers before sending them a new card. Others may call saying there is a charge for the new card and try to collect

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your credit card or banking inforyour credit card or banking infor-mation. Keep in mind that there is no charge for the new card and Medicare will never call you for your information. The govern-ment already has your Social Se-

curity and Medicare information!

The Manistique Senior Center sincerely wishes to thank Instructor Bill Wagner of Manistique Area Schools, along with his stu-Area schools, along with his students, for assisting the center by fixing the brakes on the strollators in our Medical Loan Closet. This isn't the first time that these students and instructor has given us a hand. We sincerely appreciate

Another teacher that goes above and beyond for the senior center is Mike Powers. Mike and this class are currently working with the center on getting names and addresses of those serving in the military, along with preparing letters/cards and assisting with packing. It is wonderful to see our

youth engaging with our elderly.

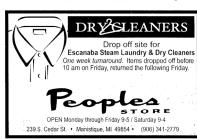
Maintenance and Support donations were received from Elaine

Senior Center

Connie Frenette

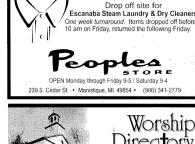
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and Darryl Norden, Beverly Miller, and Peter and Andrea Colwell.
BRIDGE Dec. 18: 1st-Audrey
Savoie, 2nd-George Lowman,
3rd-Doris DeMars, CF-Larry
Savoie, Hostess, Nancy Brown.
BRIDGE Dec. 22: 1st-Larry
Savoie, 2nd-George Lowman,
3rd-Doris DeMars, CF-Audrey
Savoie, Host: Larry Savoie.
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500 Dec. 22: 1st-Carol Shamp-ine, 2nd-Ruth Jones, 3rd-Larry Peterson, Should'a Stayed Home-Judy McEachern.





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months in prison for the first two counts, and 752 days for the third

count. He was also ordered to pay more than \$500,000 in court fines and costs. Brunke has been serv-

ing an up to five-year prison sen-tence in the Michigan Department

speed limit increases to 65 mph,

speed fillth the stretch of U.S. 2 from St. Ignace to Rapid River. Public Act 445, passed by the Legislature in late 2016, tasked the two agencies with increasing speed lim-its on some state highways and

freeways based on 85th-percen-tile speeds (the speed at or below which 85 percent of traffic is mov-

ing) and the results of engineering

and safety studies. Shortly after the new 65 mile per hour speed limit was implemented on the area's stretch of U.S. 2, residents and of-

ficials began to express concern. In

response to the complaints, MDOT

Hospital. There remain calls to re-

However, evidence soon pointed

awaiting trial.

Top 10 stories

continued from A1

Quick facts

- A review of the top news stories of the year revealed readers interests throughout 2017.
- Among the top 10 news stories was a new investor at UP Paper, a local man's legal victory, Schoolcraft Memorial Hos-pital's expansion plans, Heritage Wind Farm Phase II, life-saving award for local law enforcement, additional charges against Brunke, a speed limit change on U.S. 2, a kidnapping victim's rescue, a local legal saga, and the opening of the Manistique Lakeshore Campground.

tence in the Michigan Department of Corrections Alger Correctional Facility after pleading guilty to one count of obstruction of justice and one count of lying to a peace of-ficer in connection with the April and the connection with the April 2015 triple homicide. The plea bargain in this case was offered in exchange for his testimony against the other suspect in the murder case — Garry Cordell. Cordell is to locations throughout the central and eastern Upper Peninsula with the victim restrained. On July 13, Ruska and the victim were locatcurrently serving three life sen-tences in the MDOC Michigan ed at the Shell Gas Station in the city of Munising. Ruska was then taken into custody and charged in the United States District Court. In November, he pleaded guilty to Reformatory near Ionia, Mich. The third suspect in the case died while In November, he pleaded guilty to one count of kidnapping and three counts of aggravated sexual abuse. The felonies are punishable by up to life in prison. He is scheduled to be sentenced in February 2018.

2. Local legal saga ends with scheduled to be sentenced in February 2018. 4. New speed limit changes arrive on U.S. Highway
2. The Michigan Department of
Transportation announced in April
that there would soon be increased speed limits in the Upper Peninsula due to the passage of Public Act 445. The Michigan Department of Transportation and Michigan State Police identified 900 miles of non-freeway state highways for speed limit increases to 65 mph

2. Local legal saga ends with settlement. A series of events stemming from the attempted dissolution of the former Schooleraft County Chamber of Commerce saw the year begin in disputes and, by March, a lawsuit was filed against the city of Manistique and four current or former members of the Schooleraft County Chamber of Commerce. The lawsuit, filed by mBank and local business The Mustard Seed. local business The Mustard Seed. Inc., claimed that the city wrong-fully purchased the former chamber building. Among the claims made in the lawsuit were allegations that the city falsely stated that the chamber building was facing "imminent foreclosure" and subsequently rushed a vote to secure the building. This purchase process, the lawsuit alleged, was rife with response to the complaints, MDOI re-signed the west portion of U.S. 2, just outside of Manistique city limits, to 55 mph. The speed does not again increase to 65 mph until after passing Schoolcraft Memorial the lawsuit alleged, was rife with improper voting procedures – par-ticularly on the chamber's board. Prior to the lawsuit being filed, mBank made two attempts to of-fer the city a refund on its purchase of the chamber (approximately \$44,960 for the building and assets) – once March 7 and again March 17. The city did not respond duce the speed limit in other areas of concern, such as when passing through the town of Gulliver.

3. Kidnapping victim resto either offer. Though numerous State Police – Negaunce Post an-nounced that they were searching for an area woman who had gone missing with a Delta County man. hearings were held, the lawsuit eventually ended with a settlement in June. The settlement included stipulations that: "Plaintiffs agree to pay the city \$23,062.70. In exchange, the city will transfer the building to mBank via the attached bill of sale; mBank, as owner of the property on which the building to the missing persons case being that of a kidnapping. On July 9, Eric Scott Ruska had lured in his victim, a co-worker, under the guise of a fishing trip on Chicago Lake in Delta County. While on the heat: sits, agrees not to pursue any rent payments from the city for the period during which the city owned the boat, investigators say Ruska the building: The parties agree that announced his intention to kid-nap the victim and then traveled tutes an admission of wrongdoing,

an acknowledgment of liability, or an indication in any way of the strength of another party's claim or defenses. Rather this agreement simply resolves the pending claims immediately and without the need to incur further expenses or to ex-pend additional time or resources; Plaintiffs agree to execute a release which is attached hereto: Once this agreement, the release, and the bill of sale have been signed by all necessary parties, and the building has been properly transferred, the parties agree to dismiss the above-capioned matter with prejudice and without costs to any party." The former chamber build-ing was donated by mBank for use by the Schoolcraft Tourism and

by the Scholocital Tourism and Commerce group, which operates it as a Welcome Center.

1. New city campground opens. The end of June brought with it the grand opening of the Manistique Lakeshore Comparated The comparated The comparate of the properties of the properties of the Scholer Comparate of the Comparate Campground. The campground, which cost approximately \$2.5 mil-lion to develop, includes 60 sites with water, sewer, electric, and Wi-Fi, as well as primitive camp site offerings. The public portion of the project includes a day-use pavilion, boardwalks, and public access to the west breakwall and fishing retainers, via a boardwalk fishing stations, via a boardwalk, as well as to the beach. Additions as well as to the beach. Additions to the campground will likely in-clude walking paths so campers may easily access the Manistiques River Bridge and the businesses directly across from the campground on U.S. Highway 2 and adjustments to the tent campsites. By the end of summer, a new sign for the campground had been installed near the highway to direct vision. near the highway to direct visi-tors. The campground closed for the year Nov. I and in its first sea-son, it was not only rated highly by the Good Sam RV Club, but also listed on CampgroundViews.com, where potential guests can virtu-ally tour the campground, see de-tailed photos, read about the facili-ties, and write reviews. Manistique Lakeshore Campground will open again in May 2018. Those interested in learning more about the campground or making reserva-tions may visit https://manis-tiquelakeshorecampground.org/.



The spirit of

Carmeuse Lime and Stone – Port Inland Operation employees collect toys every Christmas and, this year, they teamed up with the local Emerald Elementary to distribute them to the less fortunate children within the community. Shown above, this year's collection is shown under the Carmeuse Christmas tree, ready for distribution prior to



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full time, and 11 vehicles four mini-vans and seven buses," Stapleton said, adding that he is still serving as executive direc-tion to both the Delta Area Transit Authority in Escanaba and SCTA.

"This has allowed both systems" to save a considerable amount of operating funds annually and we have been able to use best practices in both systems to run very similarly," he said.

Stapleton said the focus of the call 341-2111 or follow Schoolcraf

SCTA will remain on customer satisfaction – including accommodat-ing those celebrating New Year's

Eve this Sunday. 'We will be open New Year's "We will be open New Year's Eve from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. with three buses/minivans and a dispatcher to take calls," he explained. "(It will be) first come, first serve. We encourage people to call ahead to set up their rides at 341-2111."

For more information on SCTA

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MSP offers tips for cold this week

tures impacting the entire state until later this week, the Michigan State Police. Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division is encouraging Michigan residents and visitors to be extra cautious when going out in the extreme cold.

"These arctic blasts can create hazardous situations," said Capt. Chris A. Kelenske, Deputy State Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and comrector of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and com-mander of the MSP/EMHSD. "Residents are encouraged to monitor local weather reports and follow the appropriate steps to stay safe during these extremely cold and potentially life-threatening temperatures." The National Weather Service is forecasting wind chills to cause tem-peratures to fall below zero at times through the remainder of the week through the remainder of the week.

Exposure to these temperatures could potentially cause frostbite and hypothermia, as well as create hazardous driving conditions.

To stay safe during cold weath-

er: Stay indoors if possible. If you must go outside, wear protective gear, such as hats, mittens, gloves, scarf and a warm coat.

Avoid overexertion when shovel-

ing heavy snow, pushing a car, or walking in deep snow. Take breaks frequently.

Watch for signs of frostbite, which

include loss of feeling or pale ap-pearance of fingers, toes or face. Watch for signs of hypothermia,

which include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, drowsiness and exhaustion.

exhaustion.

Understand the hazards of wind chill. As wind speed increases, heat is carried away from a person's body more rapidly and could lead to se-

vere hypothermia.

Remove clothing if it gets damp or wet. Wet clothing can make you more prone to hypothermia.

Weatherproof doors and windows to trap heat inside your home.

Check heating units. Poorly operating or damaged heating units can release carbon monoxide, gas. Test

er operation and battery life.

Check on family, friends

neighbors who are at risk and may need additional assistance

Watch pets closely and keep them indoors when possible. Animals can suffer from frostbite and other cold weather injuries.

Minimize travel. If travel is neces-

sary, keep a full tank of gas and an emergency preparedness kit in your vehicle. Put warm clothing, such as gloves, blankets and hats, in your kit in case you become stranded.

For more information visit www. michigan.gov/miready or follow MSP/EMHSD on Twitter at @Mi-

DNR details several UP trail closures

Department of Natural Resources is alerting snowmobilers to several trail closures in effect.

The trail work is expected to be completed within the next week. With the week between Christmas and New Year's Day just around the corner, we wanted make sure riders were aware of these trail closures, so they can plan their trips accordingly," said Reb Katona, DNR central Up-per Peninsula trails specialist. "In years with sufficient snow for ridyears with sufficient snow for rid-ing, this is one of the busicst times of the winter for snowmobiling. Despite these closures, numerous trails are open and ready to ride with Michigan remaining a very popular destination, for snowmo-biling."

iling."
The places in the Upper Penin-ula where trails have been closed

include: Trail No. 2 - Schoolcraft County: A 6.3-mile closure is in place from M-77 to the Manistique River Road. A low area known as "Bear Creek Swanp" has a great deal of water from fall rainstorms. The du-

snowmobile connector route in the region is closed between Cham-pion and the Baraga Plains for a bridge beam replacement project. The bridge is scheduled to be reopened in mid-January. Alternative opericular management of the north (Trail No. 5 to Trail No. 14) or south (Trail No. 5 to Trail No. 18). Access to Michigamme, Nestoria and Three Lakes will be available only from the west.

Trail No. 1 – Ontonagon County: The north end of this trail is closed due to logging activity from the in-tersection of Trail No. 100 to Trail No. 8 (basically west side of Lake Gogebic). Lodges and cottages on the southwest side of the lake will remain accessible. The trail sponsor is working on a possible re-route. Trail No. 13 provides a connection between Trail No. 1 and Trail No. 100. Trail No. 8 is open on the east side of Lake Gogebic.

Trails Nos. 124 and 133 – Keweenaw County: These trails are

MARQUETTE – The Michigan pepartment of Natural Resources salerting snowmobilers to several all closures in effect.

artion of the closure will depend on closed for the season because of editemperatures and snowfall. active logging operations. Access the common of the community of Gay is available via Trail No. 122.

Trail No. 8 - Chippewa County: A section of the trail from Paradise to Raco is temporarily closed from Paradise, south to the mouth of the Tahquamenon River due to a great deal of water from recent rains, and a lack of cold temperatures and snowfall to help freeze over the swamp. There are no reroute options in this area. The trail will reopen once the water freezes.

Trail No. 137 - Ontonagon County: This trail is closed on its south end near Rockland, north of Cemetery Road for a large culvert cemetery Road for a large curvert replacement project. This work should be completed within the next week. There is no designated reroute. Access to communities is available via Trails Nos. 12 and 13.

Trail No. 132 - Keweenaw County: This trail is closed temporarily on the west half from Delaware to Lac La Belle for logging.
There are no reroutes available.
The trail is scheduled to reopen within the next month.

Trail Nos. 11N and 11S - Gogebic County: Trail No. 11N is closed this season due to a loss of private land access permission. A reroute is being sought. Trail No. 11S is closed while the trail sponsor works on necessary improve-ments for potential re-opening this scason.

www.michigan.gov/dn-Visit relosures for the latest updates on these and other closures and trail reroutes. Information on intermittent closures may not be posted

There are nearly 6,500 miles of designated snowmobile trails in

designated snowmobile trails in Michigan. More than half of these trails are located on private land and, in recent years, approximately 400 miles of trail closures have occurred on these private lands be-cause of excessive trespassing (not staying on the trail) and modified exhausts (loud pipes). Please re spect the rules.

For more information on snow mobiling in Michigan, visit the DNR's webpage at www.michigan.gov/snowmobiling.

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Raffling off some Warmth.

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Well, it is sure no secret that we are into a period of excellent ice making weather for the ice fishing people. My phone had -11 that felt people. My phone had 11 marker like -35 which needless to say are way too cold for this old fossil. But many a time in weather like this Wifee and I have returned home and as we walk into a nice warm home waiting for us I have told her.
"Thank you Lord for giving us a
nice warm home."

You have to remember for some-

one my age this was not always the case when you had one heat source in the middle of the living room to heat the whole house. How many of you remember huddling around a stove or sitting on a grate trying to find some heat. Back in those 'good-old-days" any heat that made it to a bedroom was by accident. So when we have a blast of weather like this take a minute to remember and say a "thank you" for what you

Having had to go out and work in weather like this I have often thought or should I say felt for the construction workers out in weather like this when they are up in the air where the wind and cold both buffet them. I don't care how warm you dress it is still cold.

With weather like this it is even

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ride on your snowmobile even with the hunting season all the modern gadgets to keep you warm. I hear that even with the snowmobiling season just starting there has already been one fatal I know of so just be careful when rid-

As we approach the end of the 2017 year it seems to be that all in all the hunting seasons have been one of the safest activities to be involved in. If you add to this that most of the accidents that did hap-pen could have easily been prevented if the basic hunter safety rules were used. There is always a chance that some could happen that falls into an unpreventable category but this is really usually not the case. While on the subject of firearm

safety, I want to make mention of the fact I read all the time where "kids" (of all ages) find a loaded gun in the home with disastrous results, when they decide to play with it. Just take the time to put your guns and ammunition away after

When you read this week's Tri-bune the year of 2017 will be in the last few hours before we hit 2018, where did the year disap-pear to? There were a lot of things put on my list to get around to in 2017, some of which got done and some that did not even get started. It is no wonder when you get my age and have to carry last year's projects over to add to the New Year's projects you never seem to make enough headway. It almost makes me think, and I say almost, I should run for political office be cause with this in mind I would fit right in, in Lansing or Washington. But the one advantage of this

problem, you don't have to think too hard about what to do because

you have been thinking and plan-ning on it for the last year.

The Christmas time was a lot of fun for Wifee and me as we got to spend it with two of our kids and spoil some grandkids. I sure en

Ret. Sgt. John Walker the fact that with cell phones and texting you can really keep in touch with the other two, one in Florida and the other in Pennsylvania. Who would have ever thought you could see presents opened from so many miles away and the Christmas feast put on that others are enjoying together. It is not a perfect situation being away from

family, but it helps to feel closer together.

So as the holiday time winds down, enjoy each other and have a Happy New Year as we jump into

District Court

93rd District Court

65 mph zone (11/17). Assessed

Robert Lee Burton, 51, M-77, Germfask, charged with too much bait and operating an ORV in a closed area (11/17). Assessed Christopher Thomas Osterhout, 24, Gulliver Road, Gulliver, charged with driving 70 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone (11/17). As-sessed \$115. Christopher Perry Babington, Rocky Walter Buhl, 55, Curtis Road, Curtis, charged with over two gallons of bait (11/17). As-sessed \$250.

Christopher Perry Baoington, 34, County Road 442, Cooks, charged with speed 1-5 miles over (12/17), Assessed \$115.

James Edmund Stevens, 38, Lakeshore Drive, Escanaba, charged with cause/allow to be operated overweight. Assess \$2,313.





Jennifer Robin Knight, 42, 15.5



Section **B**

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Late push by Emeralds comes up short

MANISTIQUE – Trailing by 10 down and played better defense the rest of the game we were alperiod, the Lady Emeralds' varsity beskethalt team made a late past that hole gap last Thursday against Newberry.

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Trailing by 41-36 off a basket lake the properties of the properties o

Thursday, December 28, 2017

by Joslyn Muth with just 2:13 left on the clock at home, the Lady Emerald offensive stelled. Taking advantage, the Newberry Indians scored the game final three points to seal a 44-36 win over Manis-

to seal a 44-36 win over Manis-tique.

"Some sloppy first quarter de-fense and cold shooting kept us from getting our first win of the season," said Coach David Winseason," said Coach David Win-kel. "We started out in a full court man-to-man defense thinking it would help us come out with some intensity and an aggressive mindset, but it ended up leading to some quick scores by the Indians We eventually had to get out of it because we just weren't ready to move our feet defensively the way we needed to. We spotted them a 10-point lead after a 19-9 opening quarter and even though we settled

teams struggled to find the bottom of the net, scoring just three points each in the second period. With just six points scored in the

second, 33 points were scored in the third with the Indians securing a 39-28 advantage going into the

final period.
"I thought offensively we executed probably the best we have all year with the exception of maybe the second half against Enga-dine," Winkel said. "We were get-ting open shots and shots that we want to get within our offense. We want to get winn our oriense. We just struggled to get any of those looks to fall tonight. Our shooting improved slightly in the second half, but we just weren't able to string together consecutive trips of a defensive stop followed by a score on our end to make the run we needed to make.

After that his quarter, we actu-ally played a pretty nice game on both sides of the ball," he con-tinued. "Had some of our shots fallen, I think this game would have looked totally different. I was happy with our offensive exwas nappy with our oriensive ex-ecution most of the game, it's just hard on everyone mentally when you don't see the ball go through the basket. I give the girls credit for sticking with it and giving us

a chance to get the win down the stretch, but we just weren't able to pull it off tonight."

Muth scored a season-high 12 points to lead Manistique in scoring. Adrian Depew led the Indians

ing. Adrian Depew led the Indians with 13 points.

Manistique 0-6 will kick off the New Year with back-to-back home games against Negaunee Jan. 5 and 6 against Big Bay de Noc (1-).

and 6 against Big Bay de Noc (15-5). Saturday's contest will start at 4:30 p.m., with the boys' varsity game set for 6 p.m. The Emerads boys dropped a 72-50 decision to Engadine last Thursday Manistique will close out the year with a trip to Negaunce tonight (Thursday) after

After that first quarter, we actu- press time. The Black Bears (0-4)





The Lady Emeralds closed out 20°7 at home with a loss to the Newberry Indians. At left, Joshyn Muth scores two of her season high 12 points late in fourth quarter action. At right, Renae Schuetter flies past the Indians Adrian Depew for two of her game high seven points. Additional photos are available for viewing at www.mstqpioneertribune.smugnug.com.

NFL Stats

NFL STATS as of 12-20-17 AFC W L T 12 3 0 8 7 0 6 9 0 510 0 Miami Dolphins New York Jets North Pittsburgh Steelers Baltimore Ravens Cincinnati Bengals Cleveland Browns 12 3 9 6 6 9 0 15 South 1. Jacksonville Jagua 2. Tennessee Titans 3. Houston Texans 4. Indianapolis Colts 10 5 0 8 7 0 4 11 0 3 12 0 9 6 0 8 7 0 6 9 0 5 10 0 Philadelphia Eagles Dallas Cowboys Washington Redskins N.Y. Giants 13 2 0 8 7 0 7 8 0 2 13 0 North I. Minnesota Vikings Detroit Lions G.B. Packers Chicago Bears South 1. New Orleans Saints 2. Carolina Panthers 3. Atlanta Falcons

Coming Up in the NFC North Sun., Dec. 24, 2017 Chicago Bears at Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., FOX. Green Bay Packers at Detroit Lons,

Wrestling additions highlight winter sports rules changes previous five) to qualify for the Regional

EAST LANSING – The re-definition of the competition area to reward offensive wrestling in the down position was among the most significant rules changes taking effect with the start of 2017-18 competition in 12 winter sports for which the Michigan High School Athletic Association sponsors postsea-

sition will continue competing as long as the supporting point(s) of either wrestler are inbounds. Previously, wrestling stopped when one competitor's supporting point(s) went out of bounds.

This change creates a larger scoring area and is intended to reduce match stoppages that take place when action moves out of bounds. Supporting points include the parts of the body touching, or within, the wrestling

singlet provided the two-piece uniform fol-lows a list of requirements and does not ex-terd below the knee. In addition, to enhance safety, three maneuvers were made illegal in cluding a front flip or hurdle over an opponent

who is in the standing position.

A few notable rules changes in basketball A rew notative rules changes in basketball and swimming and diving also will be apparent this winter:
 In basketball, an official may now

provide an official warning to the head coach - with that warning then recorded in the scorebook - for misconduct by the coach or other bench personnel including players in However, a warning is not required prior to calling a technical foul if the misconduct is determined to be major.

• As with Lower Peninsula girls season

in the fall, to promote safer take-offs during in the fall, to promote safer take-offs during boys and Upper Peninsula girls swimming relays this winter, the second, third and fourth swimmers must have at least one 200 in contact with the starting platform in front of the starting block wedge during take-off. Those second, third and fourths swimmers was not not of 100 the 100 th may not take off with both feet on top of the

This work was on the one of the or the starting block wedge.
 Divers in the Lower Peninsula will need only four regular-season wins (instead of the

Diving Qualification Meet. A diver also may qualify if he places ahead of all divers from opposing schools in varsity competition in at least four meets, even if he does not finish ahead of his teammates. (This applies only in the Lower Peninsula where Regionals are conducted; Upper Peninsula divers qualify for

conducted; Upper Pennisula drivers quality for Finals based on regular-season performance.) The 2017-18 Winter campaign culminates with postseason tournaments beginning with the Upper Peninsula Girls and Boys Swim-ming and Diving Finals on Feb. 17, and wraps up with the Boys Baséthal Finals on March 24. A reminder: The MHSAA Individual Wrestling Finals that are moving to Ford Field will be a two-day event this win-ter as opposed to a three-day event as in past

Coming Up in Sports

MANISTIQUE EMERALDS

Boys Varsity Basketball
Thurs., Dec. 28 vs. Negaunee at
Negaunee, 6 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 2 vs. Bark River at HOME,

7:30 p.m.

Varsity Wrestling
Fri., Dec. 29 vs. Munising Holiday
Invitational at Munising, I a.m.
Wedt, Jan. 3 vs. Gwinn/Munising/
Manistique Tri at Gwirn, 5:30p.m.
Varsity Swim
Wedt, Jan. 3 vs. Ishpeming-Negaunce at
Negaunce, 4 p.m.

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BIG BAY DE NOC BLACK BEARS

Girls Varsity Basketball
Tues., Jan. 2 vs. Engadine at HOME, 6

Basketball tournaments to switch schedules

EAST LANSING -EAST LANSING - To accommodate the future availability of arcnas used to host the Michigan High School Of the Michigan High School Of the Michigan High School Of the Michigan High School weekends, the Representative Council approved a switch in schedules for girls and boys basketball for the 2018-19 season. Currently and since eiths

Currently, and since girls basketball season moved to the winter from fall in 2007-08, the Girls Basketball Semifinals and Finals have been played first Followed by the Boys Basketball in Michigan large enough to host Semifinals and Finals a week the boys Semifinals and Finals;

To later, usually during the final two for that reason, the Council uture weekends in March. Both utilize a voted to switch the schedule for format of Semifinals on Thursday that season only, so the boys' and Friday and all four Finals on Saturday.

Saturday.

However, in March 2019,
Michigan State University's
Breslin Center will not be available
for the traditional MHSAA boys
championship weekend because of the possibility of the MSU women's basketball program hosting the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament. Breslin Center is the only available arena

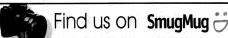
that season only, so the boys' tournament can finish at Breslin

during the weekend of March 14-16, 2019.

The girls Semifinals and Finals, played most recently at Breslin as well, are moving to Calvin College's Van Noord Arena for this 2017-18 season and with this switch will be played at Calvin College during the weekend of March 21-23, 2019

This switch in calendars for 2018-19 also includes a switch of starting dates for when practices

Typically, practices for both begin girls and then boys during the first girls and then boys during the first two weeks of November, with girls basketball teams allowed to play their first games the Monday after Thanksgiving followed by the first boys basketball games a week later. In 2018-19, the boys will begin practice first and the first boys basketball games will be able to be played that Monday after Thanksgiving, followed by the first girls games a week later The boys District and Regional tournaments also will start a week earlier than those for the girls.



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On March 1, 2017 real estate with unpaid 2015 and/or prior years property taxes was forfeited to the Schoolbraft County Treasurer pursuant to the General Property Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, as amended.

The Schoolcraft County Treasurer is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in proceedings to foreclose on this property for unpaid property taxes.

There are two hearings scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels

as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings.

A SHOW CAUSE HEARING is scheduled for 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, January 11th, 2018, at Treasurer's Office, 300 Walnut St, Room 169, Manistique, MI 49854.

A JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING is scheduled for 10:30 AM, February 8th, 2018, at SCHOOLGRAFT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CIRCUIT COURTROOM, 300 WALNUT ST, MANISTIQUE, MI 49854.

At this hearing the Poreclosing Sovernmental Unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing the property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, must file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on the Schoolcraft County Treasurer, the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The docket number of the petition is 17-5140-CZ.

If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:

You have the right to redeem this parcel from the foreclosure process by payment of all forfeited unpaid taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period. You should contact the Schoolcraft County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.

You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.

The title to the property shall vest absolutely in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit unless all forfeited unpaid delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and fees are paid by April 2, 2018.

All existing interests in oil or gas in this property shall be extinguished except the following:

i. The interests of a lessee or an assignee of an interest of a lessee under an oil or gas lease in effect as to that property or any part of that property if the lease was recorded in the office of the register of deeds in the county in which the property is located before the date of filing the petition for judicial foreclosure.

ii. Interests preserved as provided in section 1(3) of 1963 PA 42, MCL 554.291.

PLEASE NOTE:
The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

This notice is required to be given by law, even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any undischarged, apparent, or potential title or lien right to the property.

Listing of a party does NOT necessarily indicate that they are the owner of a parcel, or that they are liable for the property taxes.

This list is NOT an offering of property for sale. These parcels are NOT being sold, auctioned, or otherwise made available by virtue of this notice.

There is no procedure for purchasing these parcels from the Foreclosing Governmental Unit at this point in the foreclosure proceedings. Those parcels that are foreclosed and not redeemed may become available at public auction in or after July of 2018. These parcels remain the property of their current owner until redemption rights have expired. No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels assuming them to be for sale until the final list of foreclosed parcels is determined and offered at auction in summer, 2018. Most of these parcels will be redeemed from foreclosure. Entering upon them or contacting current property owners may constitute trespassing or undesired solicitation and may subject the offender to criminal prosecution. The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

The amount due listed indicates the balance which was due as of forfeiture on March 1, 2017. The current amount required to redeem must be obtained from the Schoolcraft (County Treasurer, as additional penalties, fees, and interest have accrued since forfeiture.

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