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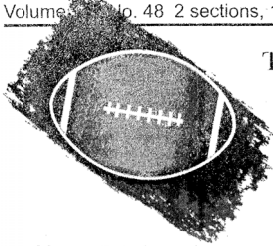


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Two players
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March 17



News Briefs

Area man to serve 17 year minimum for CSC

MANISTIQUE - A Manistique man will spend at least 17 years in prison after being convicted for multiple counts of criminal sexual conduct.

Jared Ryan Billings, 27, of 402 Intake Park Road, was sentenced March 8 in 11th Judicial Circuit Court to serve a minimum of 71 months to a maximum of 180 months in prison for each of two counts of criminal sexual conduct, second degree. He was also ordered to serve a minimum of 17 years to a maximum of 30 in prison for one count of criminal sexual conduct, first degree. The sentences will be served concurrently.

Billings had entered a plea of no contest - four other charges against him were dismissed. As part of his plea agreement, Billings will have a mandatory lifetime inclusion on the Sex Offender Registry, as well as lifetime electronic monitoring.

Billings was given credit for 86 days served. He was ordered to pay \$594 in court fines and costs.

Garden man to serve time after sentencing

MANISTIQUE - A Garden man has been sentenced to jail for assault.

Levi Thomas LaButte, 25, of 16124 19.5 Lane, was recently sentenced in 11th Judicial Circuit Court to a 12-month delay of sentence for one count of felonious assault; and a 12-month jail sentence, 90 days to be served immediately, for one count of aggravated assault. The remainder of the sentence will be held in abeyance pending successful completion of 18 months probation.

LaButte was given credit for one day served and ordered to pay \$2,007 in court fines and costs.

Events

March 16 - Bounce House for CBC, Emerald Elementary, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

March 16 - Skate, Not Smoke, Little Bear West Arena, free to the public, 4-7 p.m.

March 16 - Wine and Beer Tasting for CBC, Mackinaw Trail Winery, 5-7 p.m.

March 16, 17, 18 - Open Skate, Little Bear West Arena, 6-9 p.m.

March 18 - Souper Luncheon, Manistique Senior Center, Benefits Eva Burrell Animal Shelter, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

March 19, 21 - Open Pool, Manistique Middle and High School, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

March 23 - Fish Fry, St. Francis de Sales School gym, 4-7 p.m.

March 24 - Community Kids' Easter Party, Manistique Moose Lodge, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

March 25 - 51st Annual CBC Radio-Teleton, Manistique Middle and High School, 12 p.m.

To the heart of it



Pioneer Tribune photo

Above, Good Neighbor Services and A Neighbor's Heart Ministry co-directors Lon Withey, far right, and Margo Withey, far left, work with a volunteer to straighten the inventory inside the organization's new location.

A new location renews focus for Good Neighbors

MANISTIQUE - It's not an everyday occurrence - a local charity receiving a donation large enough to relocate and expand. But that's exactly the situation Good Neighbor Services found itself in recently.

According to Margo Withey, Good Neighbor Services and A Neighbor's Heart Ministry co-director, the charity, which offers a variety of services locally, had been for years outgrowing its location adjacent to the Habitat for Humanity Restore. While considering location options for the charity, she and her husband and co-director Lon were surprised when an area philanthropist made the generous offer to assist in purchasing the former grocery store on Deer Street - just down the road from their current location.

"We have a donor who has donated \$100,000 to help us purchase this building," Withey said. "Finding adequate funding is always a challenge to charity operations, like Good Neighbor Services. We can do everything necessary to get our ideas solidified and get ourselves in the position to market our services - as we have just done in moving to our new location - but without funds, we can easily be stalled."



The building will need repairs, Withey said, including an estimated \$100,000 roof repair.

"We have leaks all over that we didn't know we'd incur right away," she explained. "We still have to fundraise in order to do what we have to do ... (the donor) is now offering to match new donations up to \$100,000. This is big for us. There were and are many additional costs in getting the building ready."

Thus far, Withey said one donor has stepped up with a \$25,000 donation.

"We're working upward from that \$25,000," she explained, adding that the donor has also agreed to donate another \$25,000 next year if the organization is able to match the first donation. "The money that we're raising right now is going to help get the building up to standard."

In addition to the roof repairs, Withey said there are the other standard

Good Neighbors

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CBC readies to take stage

Event March 25, to be broadcast as radiothon

MANISTIQUE - The 51st annual CBC event will hit the stage and halls of the Manistique Middle and High School March 25. While the event will be broadcast as a radiothon only in 2018, residents can still participate in a day full of activity.

The day boasts a full roster of events, including:

Manistique Senior Center - The Manistique Senior Center will host a bake sale on March 25 during the CBC Fund Drive. The bake sale will be held at the Manistique High School Cafeteria. All proceeds are donated to CBC.

CBC auction - The 2018 CBC Fund Drive is now accepting donated items for the auction to be held March 25. All auction items may be dropped off at mBank in Manistique. Early bidding on the many CBC donated items is now underway. Visit cbcshopcraft.org to see a list and photo of each item.

CBC booths - Health and service related informational booths are being sought for the CBC Radiothon March 25. Interested businesses and organizations may contact Brenda Fleck (906) 450-0316 or BF@fleck@hotmail.com.

CBC Talent Show - The 2018 CBC Radiothon Fund

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CBC chairs prepare for 51st annual event

Radiothon scheduled to take place March 25

MANISTIQUE - The annual CBC Fund Drive is well underway, with the cumulative radiothon set to take place March 25. At the forefront of each year's fund drive are three volunteers who serve as the first, second, and third chairperson.

For 2018, the chairs consist of: Alan Barr, first chair; Robert Crumb, second chair; and Lisa Holmberg, third chair.

Barr currently serves as CEO and executive director of the Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce group, whose mission is to sustain and enhance the quality of life for every resident and organization of Schoolcraft County through economic, community, and workforce development. He is a 1979 graduate of Manistique High School, and a 1983 graduate

of the University of Michigan.

Barr founded a management consulting firm - Creative Change Associates - in 1989 and has traveled globally, working with leaders to improve the performance of their teams, boards, and organizations. He moved back to Manistique in 2013 with his wife Julie.

The pair has been active in the community, volunteering with Habitat for Humanity - Hiawathaland, the Manistique Rotary Club, the GFWC Manistique Women's Club, and Boy Scouts.

"I am so proud to be a second generation chair for CBC," said



Courtesy photo

From left to right: Lisa Holmberg, third chair; Alan Barr, first chair; and Robert Crumb, second chair.

CBC chairs

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Conservation district plans events, seeks grant funding

MANISTIQUE — The Schoolcraft Conservation District is keeping itself busy with numerous events, grant seeking, and more.

The SCD will host its 53rd annual meeting and dinner March 20. Tickets must be reserved by March 16.

To obtain tickets to the event, stop by or call the Schoolcraft Conservation District office. Tickets are not guaranteed after March 16.

Cost for the meal is \$12.50 per person, but participants may attend the business meeting and other post-meal activities at no cost. These attendees are asked to RSVP in advance.

Guest speaker, Dr. Ron Zalesny of the USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station, will present a presentation on "Using Trees to Green and Clean the Environment".

The District is also currently holding its spring tree sale —

catalogs are now in print and also available on the SCD website, www.schoolcraft.org. Order deadline is April 14, and pickup dates are April 27 and 28 at the Schoolcraft County Fair Building.

Quantities of stock is limited so those interested are asked to order early.

Additionally, with the help of Alger Conservation District and Lake to Lake Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area, the SCD will hold a boat wash event June 30 and July 1 at one or more local boat ramps. This will provide vital information to boat owners to help them eliminate the spread of aquatic invasive species. Further details will be forthcoming.

The District also recently submitted proposals for two grants — a proposal to the Great Lakes Fishery Trust for conducting a road-stream crossing inventory in the county. Recipients will be notified of any award in late May.

Another proposal was submitted

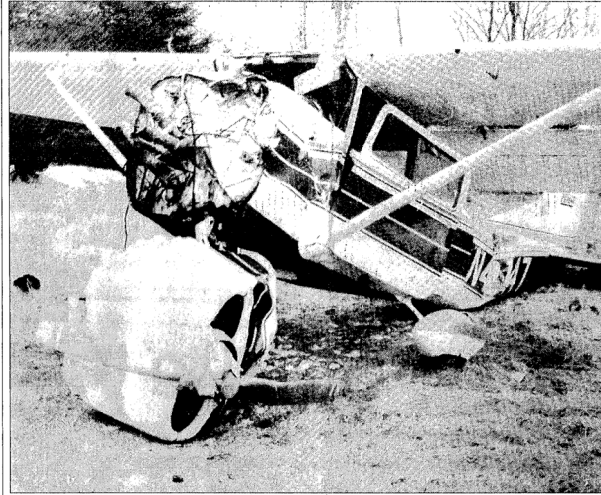
to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for deer habitat improvement. Awards recipients should be notified later this month.

The District was successful in obtaining a deer habitat grant in 2017, and seven sites in the county were established on Weyerhaeuser properties with quality food plots to serve as "break-out" food sources for the deer as they leave their winter deer complexes on their return to summer ranges.

The District recently learned that it once again received funding from the DEQ to hold another scrap tire collection event in the county. Further information will be forthcoming, and is likely to be held in June or July. Call or stop in the District office to express a day preference.

For more information about any of the SCD upcoming events, grants or tree sale, contact the office in Room 216 in the Schoolcraft County Courthouse at 341-8215.

Flashback



CRASH LANDING

A Cessna 182 airplane crashed just before reaching Schoolcraft County Airport Thursday, April 12, 1990. Both occupants on board survived the emergency landing. Airport manager at the time, Fred Harrin, said the plane's pilot, from downstate St. Louis, Mich., had radioed in from over Lake Michigan saying that the engine had quit and that he would attempt to make it to the airport.

News Brief

Manistique VFW planning presentation to Upper Peninsula Honor Flight

MANISTIQUE — All veterans and the community are invited to the VFW Post 4420 March 22 for a presentation to the Upper Peninsula

Honor Flight. The presentation will take place at 7 p.m. Disabled American Veteran Chapter 26 Commander James

Wayne will be making the presentation. The VFW is located 344 N. Maple St. in Manistique.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
I have visited "The Grind" several times lately to support the Manistique High School student coffee business. Their menu has several unique coffee selections that are new to our area, baked goods from Huron Mountain Company in Marquette, and a comfortable place to relax. Please support our youth and their efforts to add something new to Manistique. Don't just drive by — stop and support!

Congratulations to Bristol, the new owner of the Mustard Seed. Welcome to the community! I'm anxious to see some of the changes and ideas to the business. I love the addition of mom's canoe.

In connection to business, I support the new Bostique. Cindy and Kathy have been industrious in creating another business for Manistique area residents and visitors. May you also be very successful in your new venture. It is exciting for all of us.

Men ... have you noticed the men's barbershop on the West-side? We have needed one for many years and now it is a reality. Again, I hope you are supportive. As I'm a lady, I don't think I can help.

Goals ... as I drive around Manistique, I can see an improvement in the maintenance of homes. Looking good, Manistique, but there's much more to do. I encourage the city to crack down on several places that seem to be oblivious to the city blight ordinance, repair several street pavements, and be thankful that we have a gentleman that is downtown almost every day cleaning, shoveling, and completing other maintenance so the city employees can attend to other immanent duties. It would be beneficial for the general public to read the goals of the Manistique entities. We can't get excited unless we know what is happening. Maybe our reporter at the Pioneer Tribune can help.

Division ... in my whole life, 76 years, I cannot ever remember a county so divided. This situation is scary. Everyone seems to have the ultimate answer and you had better listen! Well, I believe in

listening but you must listen too. This country was built on a two-party system and we have come this far by listening and trying to understand the other side and coming to an agreement. We are now the laughing stock of the world! My friends from other countries as what is going on as we usually are an example of democracy.

Religious education ... we have many denominations of churches in Manistique and local areas but they are struggling because for some reason most individuals, ages 20 to 30, aren't attending church and the asset of spiritual education isn't instilled in most youth. What are your beliefs? When life throws you a curve ball what will you do? When a family member or friend dies, what will you say when God hasn't been first? Your children will recognize that only those who have a biblical (spiritual) belief will have the right answers. You can see what is happening with the youth in the United States today ... not all. They aren't getting the right tools to deal with life situations. Yes, you're busy. Yes, it's my only day off. Yes, I need extra sleep. Whatever the reason, it's your priorities. Children don't ask to be born and it's your responsibility to see that they acquire the seven necessary assets for life. They need to see that you respect and use those assets too.

Tourism ... it was a profitable year for most businesses in Manistique and surrounding areas last year and the new tourism council has been receiving many calls for this year already. Stop into the office and see how it has improved, talk to the volunteers, talk to the part-time employee or Alan Barr. They are really doing a great job and I truly believe Manistique will reap the benefits from their efforts.

Enough said, but again I urge you to support our youth. They are our future. Encourage our underpaid teachers as they teach these future leaders. Support local businesses as much as possible. Let's

be proud of Manistique!
Karen Klaus
Cooks

Dear Editor,
The GFWC Manistique Women's Club would like to thank all those who contributed in one way or another to the Rock 'n Roll Sock Hop and those who donated items for auction, items for consumption, decorations, time and talents. We had a very successful event. Thank you all!

Dear Editor,
In response to Mr. Gutowski's letter March 5, he left out one of the Democratic Party's main platform supports. That is, abortion on demand. One cannot be a Democratic candidate without fully supporting abortion on demand. At least federal and state laws have put limits on abortion procedures and limited the time frame in which they can be used.

The pro-abortion people say "it's not human, it's just a blob of tissue."
I don't understand how a man and a woman, both presumably fully human, can conceive something that isn't human, but later is. What's conceived isn't vegetable matter or animal matter, it's human life.

If a child is born at 24 weeks that child is treated and lives. But at an abortion clinic the same 24-week child can be aborted and dies. Why the difference?
It's a child when out of the womb, but not while it's in the womb? Explain how that can be. I would think that human life is human no matter the location.

Does that short trip out of the womb change it from non-human life to human life? Please explain. Maybe human life has no intrinsic value, or does it? Choose carefully.
Pete Croteau
Cooks

The Archives

This week in the Pioneer Tribune

50 years ago
March 14, 1968
— One of the largest land acquisitions in the Hiawatha National Forest in recent years was announced this week by the U.S. Forest Service, which has acquired the 1,323-acre Chicago Lake tract 25 miles northwest of Manistique. Located on Road 442 several miles west of the popular Camp 7 Lake camp and picnic grounds and just west of old Camp Cooks, the parcel includes Chicago Lake and Vista Lake completely within the tract, and portions of Kennington and Jug Lakes. All of the land is in Delta County. The parcel was purchased from Warren P. Miller of Anderson, Ind. at a price of \$220,000. Mr. Miller owns the American Playground and Equipment Co. that has extensive holdings in the Nahma area, and is expanding plant operations at Nahma. The new parcel will be administered by the Manistique District of the Hiawatha National Forest, Ranger Mel Goldie said Wednesday. Detailed plans for the future use of the area are not yet completed. Most likely they will include provisions for camping, hiking, hunting, fishing and boating.

— An ordinance regulating the use and location of house trailers in the city of Manistique has been introduced and given its first reading at the city council. Formal action on the question will be taken at the March 25 meeting. The proposed ordinance would limit house trailers to areas licensed by the state as a trailer coach park. Those trailers now located on lots within the city, however, would be exempt for a period of 10 years. A special provision is also made for trailers used as offices by construction firms. A six-month exemption may be granted by the zoning board of appeals if requested for this purpose, and may be extended for additional six months periods by the same board. The penalty provisions call for a fine of not more than \$100, or a 30 day jail term, or both, for each day of violation.

— The Gidderella Manistique Emeralds journey to the land of the basketball giants this Friday as they go to Marquette and the action of the regional Class B tournament. Manistique won their two district tests last weekend at Gladstone, defeating the Braves Thursday night, 74-64, then holding off Escanaba Holy Name in Saturday's championship tilt, 52-49. The Emeralds will be meeting the Iron River Redskins, coached by Gus Giuliani, who rolled easily through their district by defeating Ironwood last Thursday, then routing Calumet by a 98-54 margin in Saturday's finale.

35 years ago
March 17, 1983
— The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners delayed action on a budget reshuffling to come up with money for renovations at the county jail, but thousands of dollars must eventually be spent on the 25-year-old facility. The board's Finance Committee will study where to come up with \$17,500 to hire someone as a guard on the second floor of the jail. The guard was one of the criteria set forth by a representative of the state Department of Corrections who met with the board March 10. A meeting to look into the installation of a monitoring system for upstairs in the jail is also planned for later in the week. Steven Parks, an architectural specialist with the Corrections Department, had a list of 10 projects the county must address at the jail. These range from building a fire escape to putting in new kitchen equipment. But it was the item at the top of the list, the guard station, that drew the most comment last Thursday.

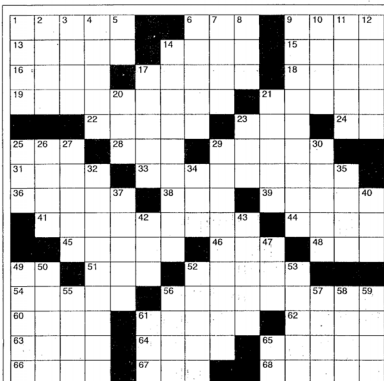
20 years ago
March 13, 2018
— Mineral Technologies Inc. announced Monday, March 16, that it has entered into a memorandum of understanding with a Cleveland, Ohio, company for the sale of the Fort Inland limestone operation in Gulliver. The facility is expected to be sold within a few weeks to the Ogletree Norton Company at a price between \$30 and \$35 million. The final price, to be determined at the time of sale, is expected to be about the same as the operation's net book value, MTI officials said today.
— Officials with the Wisconsin Central Ltd. railroad line said a brake failure was to blame for the derailment of eight cars Monday afternoon, March 16, between Elk and Deer streets in Manistique. The derailment briefly blocked Deer Street and blocked the Elk Street crossing for roughly one-and-a-half hours, said Herman Cunningham, assistant mechanical supervisor with Wisconsin Central's Gladstone office. Witnesses told public safety that the cars pushed off the track about 500 feet south of Elk Street, then collided with three cars on a side track leading to the Manistique Papers Inc. No injuries were reported, however, the incident was either seen or heard by nearby residents, a paper boy and diners at Clyde's Drive-In, among others.

10 years ago
— The Manistique City Council hopes a residential recycling program that's worked well in Escanaba will also be a success here. At Monday night's meeting, council voted to try a local "Trash to Treasure Day" this spring. The idea was first discussed last year, when officials learned about the Escanaba initiative, which encourages homeowners to place unwanted items by the curb on a designated day. Area residents can then comb the city, taking whatever they want from the curbside piles. At the end of the day, any unclaimed items must be removed. The "Trash to Treasure Day" was set for May 3.
— The Manistique Lady Gems girl's 12 and under team recently participated in the Marquette Magic Shooters Classic in Marquette. The team placed second in their competitive level. Team members included Stephanie Zellar, Monica Giles, Gabby LaFayette, Hunter Ashbrook, Marjorie Hinkson, Kyra Lauzon, Mandy Holohik, and Kali Wilson. The team is coached by Tom Holohik and Darrel Lauzon.
— Big Bay de Noc High School students who attended last week's Michigan Youth in Government Conference included Emily Green, Ariel Dennis, Abby Peterson, Angie Carter, Tyler Root, Austin Radsbaum, Stefanus Buskirk, Sarah Unger and Amanda Weinert. The groups advisor was Erika Fix.

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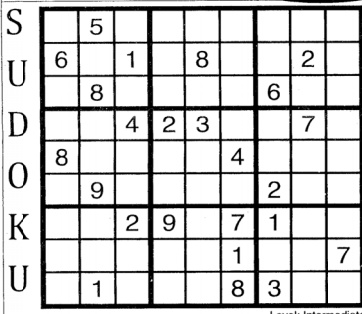


CLUES ACROSS
 1. Punctuation mark
 6. Married woman
 9. Nocturnal rodent
 13. Suffix
 14. A way to disappoint
 15. Saddle horse
 16. West African country
 17. Philippine island
 18. "Girls" creator Dunham
 19. A type of twin
 21. Crosses
 22. Infections
 23. What a beaver makes
 24. Thou
 25. Make a mistake
 28. Receive
 29. Dresses
 31. Burn the surface of
 33. Where coaches observe
 36. Ceremonial offices
 38. Paddle
 39. The body's main artery
 41. Altered the original state
 44. Alleges
 45. Short-billed rald
 46. Northern Thai province
 48. Albanian monetary unit
 49. Who the Wolverines play for
 51. Oath
 52. Astronomical period
 54. A single unit
 56. Presides over

CLUES DOWN
 1. Loose-fitting undergarment
 2. Western Roman city
 3. Unit of length
 4. Type of electricity
 5. Article
 6. Mothers
 7. Monetary unit
 8. Single Lens Reflex
 9. Tan-colored horses
 10. Region
 11. Cautious in spending money
 12. Ballile
 14. Sarcastic
 17. Fathers
 20. Clothes
 21. Opera's Callis
 23. Lentil dish
 25. Energy-saving module

26. Make sense of a language
 27. Humes through
 29. Songs to one's lover
 30. Name given to plant groups
 32. Improves
 34. Patriotic women
 35. Inflamed swelling on the eyelid
 37. Instrument in Indian music
 40. Request
 42. Make into ether without using tannin
 43. Defies
 47. Neither
 49. Flower cluster
 50. Phonological unit
 52. Leaves in water
 53. Cavalry-sword
 55. Famed American cartoonist
 56. Messenger ribonucleic acid
 57. Scarlett's home
 58. Make
 59. Stony waste matter
 61. What to do at auction
 65. Incorrect letters

All puzzle answers are on page B9.



Word Search
POPULAR PUZZLES WORD SEARCH
 Level: Intermediate

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

ABSTRACT	CRYPTIC	MOVE	SOLVER
ANAGRAM	CRYPTOGRAM	NUMBERS	SOFT
BOXES	DECODE	ORGANIZE	STACK
BRAIN	DETECTIVE	PUZZLE	SUDOKU
CELL	ENIGMA	RUBIK	TEASER
CHALLENGE	HANGMAN	SCRABBLE	TEST
CPHER	HORIZONTAL	SCRAMBLE	TRINIA
CLUES	JIGSAW	SEARCH	VERTICAL
CROSSWORD	LOGIC	SOLUTIONS	WORDS

CRYPTO FUN
 Determine the code to reveal the answer!
 Solve the code to discover words related to puzzles.
 Each number corresponds to a letter.
 (Hint: 7 = H)

A. 26 10 19 12 19 3
(Clue: Food cooking)

B. 7 15 26 7 10 26 3 19 15
(Clue: Address)

C. 25 5 7 12 7 10
(Clue: Subject in mathematics)

D. 25 23 3 5 5 7 15 2 7
(Clue: Test abilities)



and WAY more than that
 Courtesy photos
 Barb and Jim Weber, above, along with special guest readers, helped the students of St. Francis de Sales School celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and National Read Across America Day Friday. The students took part in reading, activities, and were awarded prizes.

Members seeking seats on board

Cloverland Electric will mail board ballots

SAULT STE. MARIE — Cloverland Electric Cooperative has 11 members running for the three board seats in 2018. The ballots will be mailed in May.

For 80 years, Cloverland members have had the responsibility to vote for a member to represent them on the board of directors. Three of the nine seats are up for election each year.

District A candidates are: Andy Brown, St. Ignace; Joseph Durn, St. Ignace; Gerald Nettleton, DeTour Village; and Susan Rutledge, Hessel.

District B candidates are: Raymond Johnson, Eckerman; Charles Litzner, Sault Ste. Marie; and Jason Oberle, Sault Ste. Marie.

District C candidates are: Wayne Hellestedt, Germfask; Allan Ott, Manistique; Ron Provo, Manistique; and Isaac Swisher, Manistique.

Members will receive a ballot in the mail the first week of May and have until May 31 to return

Co-op ballots continued on A4

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NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATION

Notice is hereby given that mBank, of Manistique, Michigan, has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Washington, D.C. 20429, for its written consent to consolidate with First Federal of Northern Michigan, Alpena, Michigan, with mBank as the surviving bank following the consolidation. Immediately prior to the completion of the consolidation, the two banks will be subsidiaries of Mackinac Financial Corporation, as a result of a consolidation of First Federal of Northern Michigan Bancorp., Inc., a Maryland corporation and the sole owner of First Federal of Northern Michigan, with and into a subsidiary of Mackinac Financial Corporation. It is contemplated that mBank will continue to operate each of the existing First Federal of Northern Michigan, other than the Gaylord, Michigan branch which would be consolidated with mBank's Gaylord, Michigan branch as soon as practicable after the closing.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his/her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its Regional Office, 300 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606 not later than March 17, 2018. The period may be extended by the Regional Director for good cause.

The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file in the regional office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

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Obituaries

Kenneth "Tim" Miller

MANISTIQUE — Kenneth "Tim" Miller, 82, of Manistique, Mich., died Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manistique.

He was born March 1, 1936, in Brevort, Mich.; the son of Floyd and Violet (Movalson) Miller.

He moved to Manistique as a child and attended Manistique area schools. He was a graduate of Manistique High School and later served in the U.S. Army.

On June 27, 1959, he married the former Clarice D. Haberstick in Manistique and they made their home and raised their family in Manistique. They moved to Florida following Tim's retirement and Clarice preceded him in death on Aug. 21, 2004. Tim moved back to Manistique in 2008.

Tim was employed at the Bowman Gas Company in Gulliver as a gas delivery driver for many years. He also worked as the manager at Lakeview Lanes bowling alley in Manistique.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, playing yard games and board games, singing karaoke, and fishing. He was a member of the area men's and couples bowling leagues for many years and most recently played on the men's pool league for Whicaty's. He enjoyed weekly golfing with the guys and spending every hunting season at Dave and Flo's camp. He liked to watch his family members play horseshoes and also always enjoyed socializing with friends.

He was a member of the Eagle's Club and the Moose Club, and



Kenneth Miller



played on the Moose dart leagues while living in Florida. Tim is survived by his sons, Floyd (Deanna) Miller of Stuart, Fla. and Timothy (Angi) Miller of Jacksonville, Fla.; daughters, Luana Miller (the late Edward) Aeschlimann of Jacksonville and Wendy (Scott) LaBar of Manistique; grandchildren, Brendan DePadua, Arielle DePadua, Ashley Miller, and Melissa Christy; brother, Lloyd (Karolyn) Miller of Naples, Fla.; sisters, Marcella (the late J.P. Olick) (Dori) Carson of Manistique; Eleanor (the late Tom) Talley of Jacksonville and Helen (the late Clyde) Lyntis of Manistique; brother-in-law, Ron (Carol) Haberstick of Genoa City, Wis.; along with nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his in-laws, Clarence and Mildred Haberstick; brothers, Richard (the late Sharon) Miller, Keith Miller, Floyd Miller; sister, Alice (the late Larry) Knuth; and his brother-in-law, Eric Haberstick.

Visitation will be held from 9-11 a.m. Friday, May 4, 2018, at Messier-Brouillette Funeral Home in Manistique. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m., at the funeral home, with Pastor Terry Frankenstein officiating. Burial will follow in the Fairview Cemetery at Manistique.

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

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

Kathleen E. Nelson

MANISTIQUE — Kathleen E. Nelson, 53, of Manistique, Mich., passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at her home in Hiawatha Township.

She was born Jan. 5, 1965, in Memphis, Tenn., the daughter of Robert C. and Don'a M. (Redcker) Nelson and was raised in Manistique. She was a graduate of St. Francis de Sales and Manistique High School with the Class of 1983.

While in high school, she was an active member of the high school swim team and played the flute in the band. She was selected as one of the two Michigan musicians allowed to play in the McDonald's All-American Marching Band, which toured in Hiawatha. She continued her education at Northern Michigan University where she received her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

Kathy was employed by the Michigan Department of Corrections at several U.P. facilities for nearly 25 years, retiring as a resident unit manager. She was a member of St. Francis de Sales Church and Parish where she sang in the choir, served as a Eucharistic minister, and was a member of the prayer group. She served at the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility weekly Masses, and volunteered at the St. Vincent de



Kathleen E. Nelson

Paul Store. She worked retreats as a volunteer and member of the Koonia community. She enjoyed hunting and snowmobiling, and also enjoyed her own and her brothers' restored Dodge classic cars.

Kathy is survived by her sister, Diana Nelson of Manistique; brothers, Robert C. Nelson, II of Fond du Lac, Wis., John (Laurie) Nelson of Manistique and Matthew Nelson of Manistique; nephews, Max Nelson of Manistique and Derek Nelson of Greenfield, Ind.; her former husband, Jerry Casey and his daughters, Jacal and Tomi; along with her extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bob and Don'a.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to noon, Friday, March 23, at St. Francis de Sales Church in Manistique. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at noon, at the church, with Father Ben Paris officiating. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery at Manistique.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter, St. Francis de Sales (music program), St. Francis de Sales Church or to St. Vincent de Paul.

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

Helen F. Norbotten

TAWAS CITY, Mich. — Longtime Manistique resident, Helen Frances Norbotten passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 8, 2018, at her daughter Karen's home in Tawas City with her family by her side.

Helen was born on Nov. 30, 1930, in Youngstown, Ohio, the daughter of Michael and Catherine (Hatala) Fakety and moved to Manistique at a very early age. She was a graduate of St. Francis de Sales School and also Manistique High School with the Class of 1949.

On March 17, 1951, the former Helen F. Fakety married Konrad E. Norbotten at St. Francis de Sales Church in Manistique. They made their home and raised their daughters in Manistique. Konrad preceded her in death on Oct. 28, 1996.

During her life, Helen worked as a telephone operator for the General Telephone Co. from 1950 to 1962 until the company switched to dial service. She had also sailed aboard the Great Lakes Steamship, the Edward J. Berwind for four months in 1953. From 1964 until 1996, she was employed at Norden's Foodland in Manistique where she worked first in the meat department, then as a check-out clerk, and finally as the store bookkeeper for 25 years until the store closure in 1996. Her final working years were spent in East Tawas, Mich., at Monument Financial Services during tax season. She retired from there in 2006.

Helen had a strong faith in God and was a member of St. Francis de Sales Parish her whole life. During that time she was a member of St. Martin's Circle, the Counting Team, and sang in the Resurrection Choir.

She was a member of the Manistique Senior Center and enjoyed playing cards here. She also enjoyed bowling and bowled on a league for 32 years. She was an avid sports fan and loved watching the Tigers and L-ons. She especially enjoyed her trips to Detroit and Kansas City to watch the Tigers in person.



Helen F. Norbotten

Helen enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren - especially when they gathered at her home. She made everything special!

Helen is survived by her daughters, Janecan Cappart of Manistique and Karen (Tom) Arnold of Tawas City;

grandchildren, Connie (Greg) Johnson of Green Bay, Wis., Kristi (Cliff) Miller of East Tawas, Mich., Kreg (Niina) Arnold of Goldsboro, N.C., and Steven Cappart (Lauren Norkooli) of Green Bay, Wis.; great-grandchildren, Alyssa and Lindsey Johnson of Green Bay, Savannah, Veronika, Jonathan and Michael Arnold of Goldsboro, Kara and Kade Bosanic of Gladstone, and Xavier Cappart of Green Bay; sister, Mary King of East Lansing, Mich.; and sister-in-law, Patty Fakety and Loreta Gould, both of Manistique; along with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Michael and Catherine Fakety and her husband, Konrad, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Frank and Michael Fakety; her sister, Betty Fakety; her in-laws, Helmer and Oline Norbotten; brothers-in-law, Hans and Harry Norbotten; sisters-in-law, Sarah Fakety and Beverly Norbotten; and her nephews, Terrance, Patrick, and Kelly Fakety.

Visitation will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Manistique. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 1 p.m. at the church with Father Ben Paris officiating. A luncheon will follow in the parish center. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery at Manistique.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to St. Francis de Sales Catholic School, 210 Lake St., Manistique, MI 49854.

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

Sandra L. Metcalf

GERMFASK — Sandra L. Metcalf, 48, of N9028 Wolfe Road, GERMfask/Curtis, Mich., passed away on Sunday, March 11, 2018, at her home in Portage Township, with her loving family at her side.

She was born May 12, 1969, in Newberry, Mich., the daughter of Melvin and Ann (M-Namara) Holbrook and attended Tahquamenon area schools.

On Oct. 19, 1991, the former Sandra L. Holbrook married Robert G. Metcalf, Jr. at the United Methodist Church in Newberry. They made their home in Newberry and moved to Curtis in 1998.

Sandra was employed as a waitress at several area restaurants, being the most outspoken and best waitress around.

She was a member of the GERMfask Christian Fellowship Church and enjoyed playing softball, shopping, picking mushrooms, and a trip to the casino. She was a loving, caring and compassionate person to all of her friends and family, and volunteered wherever needed.



Sandra L. Metcalf

There will be a celebration of Sandra's life at the Metcalf residence (N9028 Wolfe Road, GERMfask) on March 17, 2018. A service led by Pastor J.D. Livermore will begin at 2 p.m. with a luncheon to follow.

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

Survivors include her husband, Robert G. Metcalf, Jr. of GERMfask; daughter, Kristi (Andrew) Anderson of Gladstone, Mich.; son, Kevin Tucker of Curtis, Mich.; mother, Ann Holbrook of Newberry; sister, Debra (Roger Metcalf) Holbrook of Newberry; brothers, Gene (Mary) Holbrook of Newberry, Mark Holbrook of Rock, Mich., and Rick (Wendy) Holbrook of Newberry; along with a large extended family.

She was preceded in death by her father, Melvin Holbrook; her nephew, Justin Holbrook; her grandparents; and a special friend, LuAnn Keinonen.

There will be a celebration of Sandra's life at the Metcalf residence (N9028 Wolfe Road, GERMfask) on March 17, 2018. A service led by Pastor J.D. Livermore will begin at 2 p.m. with a luncheon to follow.

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

Leonard Caron

BELLEVILLE, Mich. — Leonard Caron, 75, of Belleville, Mich., passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018, after a lengthy illness.

He was born March 3, 1942, the son of Ernest and Ida Caron, he was raised in Manistique and attended Manistique Area Schools. Leonard served and trained as a medic in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict. He received his GED in the service.

Leonard was an avid collector of guns and fishing poles.

He loved hunting and fishing, even making his own lures. He was a past member of the Ironworkers Union Local 25 in Detroit and was trained at their technical center in Detroit.

He later accepted a job at General Motors because of his ironworkers' knowledge and experience. He later retired from GM. Leonard was



Leonard Caron

a member of the Belleville Moose Lodge No. 934 for 25 years. Survivors include his daughter, Ramona Dunigan of Garden City, Mich., his son, Leonard Caron, Jr. of Southgate, Mich., sisters, Gloria Dougherty of Belleville, Elaine Pecor of Sarasota, Fla.; brothers Bill of Athens, Fla., Glenn of Marquette and Doug of Clinton Twp., Mich.; three granddaughters, three great-grandsons and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Leonard was preceded in death by his wife, Thelma, his daughter Jennie Caron, his brother Ken and brother-in-law Frank Dougherty.

No services were held per Leonard's request. A memorial luncheon was held at the VFW Hall in Westland, Mich. on March 4.

Women's recruiting event set Co-op ballots

SAULT STE. MARIE — Lake Superior State University and the Michigan State Police will host a Women's Recruiting Seminar April 7. The seminar will take place from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the KJS Library, Room 278, on the campus of Lake Superior State University.

Recognizing the importance of a diverse workforce, the MSP is committed to reflecting the communities it serves. This free seminar will explain the variety of

career opportunities for women in law enforcement.

Female troopers, supervisors, and command officers will provide insight and answer questions on recruit training, the lifestyle of a trooper and positions available.

The minimum requirements for employment are as follows:

- Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, of good moral character and have no felony convictions.
- You must be a U.S. citizen and

a Michigan resident at the time of appointment to the academy.

• Applicants must possess a high school diploma or GED.

• A good driving record and stable credit history is required.

The starting salary at recruit school is \$45,000 annually with a \$7,800 raise upon completion of one year.

To attend, RSVP at (313) 790-0346 or email at phillipsm7@michigan.gov.

Co-op ballots

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the marked ballot in the provided envelope to the counting firm in Minnesota. Results will be announced at the Annual Meeting of Members on June 7.

More information will be presented in the May issue of Cloverland Connections Magazine.

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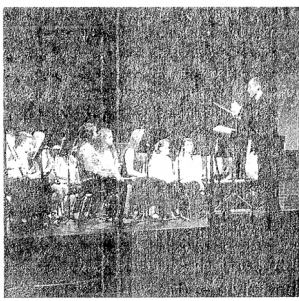
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A 'superior' performance

Courtesy photo
The Manistique Middle and High School recently hosted the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's District 13 Band Festival. Fifteen middle and high school bands performed at the event, which could be called "the MSTEP for bands," as it is the only time each year that bands across the state are tested using a common rubric as a standard. Bands at the event earn a rating on three prepared pieces from three adjudicators, and an additional rating from one adjudicator on one piece that they read and play for the first time. Of the bands that performed at this event, only three earned a "superior" rating from all four adjudicators, and the Manistique seventh and eighth grade band was one of the three. They, and other bands earning an overall rating of "superior," qualified for the State Band and Orchestra Festival held at multiple locations across the state. The Manistique musicians will be performing April 26 at the Cedarville High School location.



Lifestyles Briefs

'Adult Prom' will take place April 7 at Elks

MANISTIQUE — Ready for a dressed up night on the town? Be sure to attend the "Adult Prom" at the Elks Lodge April 7. The formal evening will be held in the upper room of the Elks Lodge starting at 6 p.m. The evening will include hors d'oeuvres and desserts, dancing, cash bar, raffles, and a silent auction. Cost to attend is \$40 per couple or \$25 per individual in advance;

\$30 per individual at the door. Tickets at the door will be limited. Admission by ticket only.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter.

Students make dean's list at Michigan Tech

HOUGHTON — Michigan Technological University has released the dean's list for the 2017 fall semester. More than 1,800 students were named to the dean's

list this past fall. To be included, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Asterisks indicate those earning straight-A averages of 4.0.

Among the honorees are the following from the local area: Dylan Bell, Gladstone High School, general engineering, son of William Bell of Garden; and Abigail Schwartz, Manistique Middle and High School, chemistry, daughter of Robert Schwartz and Melissa Carlson-Schwartz of Gulliver.

Bountiful garden? Consider sharing overages with charities

Do you always squeeze in an extra tomato plant, another row of beans or hill of zucchini? It seems like a good idea at the time, until they all start to produce all at once. Your family, friends and co-workers start to hide as you try to pawn off yet another bag of zucchini or tomatoes. Here is a solution that satisfies your gardening obsession and feeds the hungry in your community. Designate some growing space to a Giving Garden and donate the harvest to your local food pantry.

Feeding America reports that 41 million Americans struggle with hunger. And many are children and seniors. Gardener's Supply Company is inviting gardeners to lend a hand and take the "Garden to Give" pledge to grow food to give to those in need.

They surveyed food pantries to find out what types of fruits and veggies people most enjoy eating, and those that store well. You'll find a simple Giving Garden plan for beets, carrots, cabbage, Swiss chard, kale and winter squash on their website at gardeners.com. Best of all these late maturing vegetables will be ready for harvest all at about the same time, so you

can make your donation in just one trip.

Don't let a lack of space stop you from participating. Plant a row or container of one or more of these vegetables to share; join forces with a neighbor who may have the space, but only limited time to garden; or gather a few friends and rent a community garden plot. Together you can grow fresh produce and memories to share.

Get the children in your life involved in growing and giving. Gardening increases focus, decreases stress and elevates children's moods. Giving helps children grow into caring well-rounded adults. Plus, if they grow the vegetables, they are more likely to eat them!

Be sure to capture a few photographs of your donation to inspire others to follow your lead.

Starting in August, you can enter Gardener's Supply's online "Show What You Share" photo contest for a chance to win a prize for you and your local food pantry.

With the "Garden to Give" program, everyone who participates is a winner. The real prize is making a difference while doing something you love. Once you've experienced the benefits of sharing fresh produce with the hungry in your community, you are likely to find yourself making regular donations of garden fresh fruits and veggies to those in need... and feeling great about it, too.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. Myers's web site is www.melindamyers.com.

SHF introduces 'Indigent Care Fund'

MARQUETTE — The Superior Health Foundation and the Medical Care Access Coalition have entered into an agreement whereas existing monies of approximately \$1.2 million from the former Medical Care Access Coalition have been transferred to the SHF to create an Upper Peninsula-wide Indigent Care Fund.

MCAC Board President Dennis Smith said the board was tasked with the job of closing down the Medical Care Access Coalition that began in Marquette. In so doing, MCAC looked for an organization that could manage the assets in a prudent, growth-driven manner with the idea of establishing a fund in which non-profit, health-centered organizations across the Upper Peninsula could apply for funding to address indigent issues within their organizations.

"We did not have the accounting system to manage this kind of money on a long-term basis," Smith explained. "We decided to approach the Superior Health Foundation to (1) see if this is something they would entertain, and (2) if so, go back to our board and set up parameters to see how we go about doing this.

There have been many people who have put a lot of work and time into this. We didn't want this to go away. Rather, we wanted it to be used in perpetuity going forward."

Before the Affordable Care Act and the expansion of Medicaid, avenues for uninsured patients to get quality care were scarce. The state provided money for the MCAC to help people.

The purpose of the newly created Indigent Care Fund through the Superior Health Foundation is to meet the otherwise unmet medical needs of indigent residents of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Individual grants will not be made from the fund.

Rather, grants will be limited to tax-exempt and government organizations that provide or arrange for medical or health care services to residents of Michigan's Upper Peninsula whose adjusted gross income is less than 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.

The Indigent Care Fund Policy, in its entirety, can be found on the SHF's website at www.superiorhealthfoundation.org.

The Superior Health Foundation Board of Directors will discuss the fund at its May meeting and will determine which monies will be available for granting.

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A LITTLE CHILI, A LOT OF FUN

The eighth annual Elks Chili Cook-off took place Saturday, bringing in more than \$3,000 to benefit the Elks National Foundation.

This week I would like to share some of the services offered through the senior center. Let's start with the long-distance Medical Transportation Program.

We offer medical rides for those age 60 or older that reside in Schoolcraft County. Rides are to the outlying areas such as Marquette, Escanaba, Petoskey, Green Bay, etc.

Once again, I want to stress that we really rely on the donations, as we only receive \$5,370 for the full year through UPCA.

Our second is the homemaker service. This is a program that is offered to assist with cleaning homes for those age 60 or older. An assess-

ment has to be completed to see if one qualifies. The homemaker does the general cleaning that becomes harder as we age, such as vacuuming, mopping, etc.

A donation is also requested which allows us to offer more hours of services. If you are interested in either of these services, call the senior center at 341-5923.

I was wondering how many know about the tax credit, which is a refund, you might be eligible for, if you no longer have to file state or federal income taxes.

Center staff would be happy to try completing these forms for you to see if you qualify, if you are age 60 or older and a resident of Schoolcraft County. They are called Homestead Property Tax, Rental and Heating Credits.

Listed below is the items needed to do the forms: Social Security number(s), Last year's return, if available, Income-including social security, pension, SSI, bank interest, etc. Taxes paid on your home or rent paid (need to bring in taxes, even though they do not have to

be paid, as we have to get a few figures.) If you rent, we need the address of where you are renting, along with the landlord's name and address. We also need to know how long you have rented and the amount per month.

Medical insurance premiums (other than Medicaid), Heating Costs (Bills from Nov. 1, 2016 thru Oct. 31, 2017), Copy of the end of the year statement, 1099 or a Social Security Check. If you received financial assistance, we need the statement from the Dept. of Human Services (FIA) Form SA 099.

We ask that you place it all in a manila envelope, with your name and phone number on the front of where you can be reached for questions or pick up when completed.

Pathways offers IEP webinar

ESCANABA - IEP 101 and Effective Parent Advocacy Webinar and discussion facilitated by Tanya Cooper will be held April 5 from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Pathways, 2500 Seventh Ave., Escanaba.

is, how children get supports, and how parents participate in the process. The discussion will also explore the skills parents can use to become more effective advocates for their child with a disability, including rights and responsibilities.

michiganallianceforfamilies.org or online at www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org rsvp. If it is after the deadline and registration is still needed, call or email to check the status of the event.

Lifestyles Briefs

UP Regional Blood Center has immediate need for several blood types. Those interested in donating may stop into the blood center on West College Ave.

'A Day in the Life of a Funeral Director' colloquium set for March 27. ESCANABA - Bay College's Math Science Division will host the colloquium "A Day in the Life of a Funeral Director" with Jenna Leisner, a Gladstone native, is

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Connie Frenette. A maintenance and support donation was received from Richard Mason. Bridge March 9: First-Mary Lou Marx, Second-Jackie Bruce, Third-Judy Provo, CF-Betty Stewart.

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1-28 June-Aug
Replace bridge over Jackson Creek. Closed and detoured.

2-64 May-Sept
Apply epoxy overlay and replace joints on Conception River Bridge. Alternating lane open with traffic signal.

3-15-41 June-Aug
Mill and resurface 7 miles from Old US-10 to county line. Traffic shifts. Alternating lane open under flag control.

4-41-105-141 June-Aug
Resurface 11 miles of US-10 from US-141 to Mead Rd and US-141 from county line north 4.5 miles. Alternating lane open under flag control.

5-245-141 May-Sept
Reconstruction. 1 lane open in each direction, short-term US-141 detour.

6-91 May-Aug
Reconstruct 2.5 miles from Channing to county line. 1 lane open in each direction during work hours. Alternating lane open under flag control during work hours.

7-15-41 June-Aug
Mill and resurface 4.5 miles from US-10 to county line. Traffic shifts. Alternating lane open under flag control.

8-245-141 June-Sept
US-245 interchange over Escanaba River. 1 lane open in each direction. 1 detour.

9-245-141 June-Sept
US-245 interchange over Escanaba River. 1 lane open in each direction. 1 detour.

10-15-41 June-Aug
Repair steel, pier and replace joints on Coit River Bridge. Closed and detoured.

11-245-141 May-Sept
Reconstruct 0.8 miles and reconstruct ramp interchange at I-75 interchange. Alternating lane open with traffic signal.

12-175-85 May-Nov
New state of 2 bridges. Reconstruct 2.2 miles from 3 Mile Rd ramp to 10th Ave. reconstruct eastbound of Madeline Trail Interchange. 1 lane open in each direction on 1 detouring lane open. Minor overnight detours.

Map current as of February 2018.
Courtesy graphic

MDOT releases 2018 map

LANSING – The Michigan Department of Transportation has posted the 2018 Paving the Way state construction map online for motorists to download. The public is encouraged to download the map and print it at home or at their nearest library or print service provider. The map is available at www.michigan.gov/mdotmaps, and will also be on display in all rest areas and Welcome Centers across the state in the coming weeks.

“The yearly construction map is an excellent snapshot showing the extensive work MDOT has planned for the year to improve the state’s roads and bridges,” said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. “It’s also a useful tool to help drivers prepare for work zones along their planned route. Please remember to slow down in construction zones and avoid all distractions. The workers you’re trusting to fix the roads are trusting you with their lives. Drive safely and responsibly in their work area. We want everyone to make it home each and every night.”

The most up-to-date construction information for state roads is always available on the MI Drive traffic website at www.michigan.gov/midrive.

Good Neighbors

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expenses the organization will need to take into consideration – some that weren’t a factor when renting their former building.

“We have been blessed with volunteers who have spent countless hours working for their neighbors,” she said. “The truth is we also have a monthly bill – electricity, water, insurance, telephone service, and so forth. The everyday bills that people pay we have to pay out of what comes here (in the thrift store) and then we still have to get enough out to help the community – that’s what we’re here for.

What the store makes, other than paying for our overhead, goes back into the community,” she added.

With a volunteer workforce, the only funds used beyond building expenses is for the mileage allowance allotted to Withey and her husband.

“We live in Delta County,” she explained. “We haven’t even been getting low to keep both buildings running while we’ve been shut down, so Lon and I have been taking care of it (travel costs).”

Beside the thrift store, Good Neighbors Services also offers a food pantry, utility assistance, soup kitchen, counseling, is in-

volved with a yearly can-a-thon and the Schoolcraft County Community Resource Fair, and assists in organizing and fundraising to bring Feeding America food distribution trucks to the area.

“We’ve got enough to cover April, May, and June,” Withey said. “We’re still fundraising for the rest of the year through December.”

With a limited volunteer base, Withey said the current goal is to move completely out of the old building.

“We’ve got a lot of loose ends to tie up, and we need to get out of the old building before we can tie up the loose ends in the new building,” she said. “We can’t pay on two buildings, and right now we’re paying for heat and lights on two buildings.”

Once the move is complete, Withey said the volunteers can concentrate on organizing the new store to prepare it for opening.

“People are waiting to get in here,” she said, adding that the store is set to officially open April 2.

New volunteers are always welcome, Withey noted, for both the short and long term needs of the organization.

“We are going to need lots of volunteers for lots of different jobs,” she explained, noting the organization will continue to rely on community assistance. “In acquiring our new location... we have had some major donors step up to purchase the building – we trust in them and thank them. We are welcoming new volunteers and asking everyone in this great community to extend a helping hand by donation money to our cause. We are also accepting donations of furniture, appliances, clothes, household items, toys, and so on to put up for sale in our store... We need and rely on the friends of Good Neighbors to come forth.”

Withey pointed out that the organization is excited to use the new location to expand their reach within the community.

“We think the community is on the precipice of a bright new beginning and want everyone to be a part of it,” she said. “Our churches are seeing new faces and participation in activities is growing. New businesses are beginning and spring will soon be here. We are asking everyone to join with us and be part of our growth as well as the community’s. It is our home and we should all do our part in making it the best town possible. Where there is goodness, there is happiness and opportunity for excellence.”

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Minor League	7-10	10u	9-10
Major League	11-12	12u	11-12
Jr/Sr League	13-16	14u	13-14

Registration dates for Softball and Baseball:
 Manistique High School Community Room
 March 14 – 6 to 7:30 p.m.
 March 21 – 5 to 7 p.m.

Big Bay de Noc School Library
 March 14
 3 to 5 p.m.

For more information about Manistique Little League you may contact board members: Scott Spradler 906.430.2144, Jason McEvers 734.306.3253 or Jon Carlson 906.399.1957 email us at msllleague@gmail.com

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News Briefs

Local MSP detachment will host 'Cookies, Car Seats, and Cops' event

MANISTIQUE – The Michigan State Police – Manistique Detachment will host “Cookies, Car Seats, and Cops” April 7. The event will take place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the detachment, 401 E. Lakeshore Dr. The public is invited to attend for an opportunity to meet the MSP – Manistique Detachment troopers and local law enforcement, as well as enjoy coffee and visit with Girl Scouts Troop 522, which will be on hand selling Girl Scout cookies. Attendees may also have their child’s car seat inspected by a certified car seat technician. Additionally, there will be a raffle for a free car seat donated by Shopko Hometown, Manistique. For further information, contact Tpr. Patrick Janisse at (906) 643-7582.

Treasury: State's working families eligible for Homestead Property Tax

LANSING – Working families and individuals with a household income of \$50,000 or less a year may be eligible for a Homestead Property Tax Credit, according to the Michigan Department of Treasury. Taxpayers may claim a Homestead Property Tax Credit if all the following apply:

- Your homestead is in Michigan
- You were a resident of Michigan for at least six months during the year
- You own or are contracted to pay rent and occupy a Michigan homestead on which property taxes were levied
- If you own your home, your taxable value is \$135,000 or less (unless unoccupied farmland)
- Your total household resources are \$50,000 or less
- Taxpayers who are required to file a state income tax return should claim the Homestead Property Tax Credit with their return. Taxpayers may file a Homestead Property Tax Credit claim by itself.
- To learn more go to www.michigan.gov/incometax.

CBC event

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Drive talent search is underway. Residents wishing to showcase their talent during the CBC event March 25 may contact Jill Johnson at jillyj66@gmail.com. Performances will be broadcast live on WTQJ AM Radio 1490.

Buck Board

Area businesses are currently participating in the Buck Board Challenge. Patrons of these businesses may contribute to the board(s) of their choice to help a business win. All proceeds go to the winning business will be announced during the March 25 event.

Kiwanis Youth Games

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Barr. “CBC has raised so much money from our generous community for such worthy causes, and I’m glad to be on the team that’s launching it into its second 50 years.”

Crumb is currently serving as CEO of Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital and has more than 35 years of experience with critical access hospitals, rural health clinics, and strategic planning. He holds a Master of Science degree in healthcare operations management.

Crumb enjoys hunting, hiking, snowshoeing, kayaking, and cooking. He lives in Manistique with his wife, Terri, and has joined the Manistique Rotary Club and the Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce Board.

“It is an honor to serve on a group with such a long and successful history,” Crumb said. “I intend to pay it forward.”

Holmberg grew up in Manistique and graduated from Manistique High School. She attended Northern Michigan University and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business/accounting and later returned to school to receive her MBA from the University of Michigan.

Holmberg began working in accounting at Port Inland Quarry in 1996. After holding various accounting roles for the Great Lakes Operations she transitioned

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MHSAA girls basketball finals this weekend

EAST LANSING, Mich. — The Semifinals and Finals of the 2018 Michigan High School Athletic Association Girls Basketball Tournament will take place at Van Noord Arena in Grand Rapids March 15-17.

The lone Upper Peninsula team still in competition is Chassel (25-1) in Class D. They will take on Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes (20-4) March 15 (today) at 5:30 p.m. If they win, they will advance to Saturday's final game at 10 a.m. against either Adrian Lenawee Christian (24-1) or Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart (25-0).

Fans unable to make it to the games will have the opportunity to watch or listen to them in a variety of ways.

The MHSAA Championship Radio Network will carry all of the Semifinal and Final games online at MHSAANetwork.com, and a statewide radio network featuring

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NBA Standings

NBA STATS as of 3/13/18

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	W	L
1. Toronto	49	17
2. Boston	46	21
3. Philadelphia	36	29
4. New York	24	43
5. Brooklyn	21	46

Central	W	L
1. Indiana	39	28
2. Cleveland	38	28
3. Milwaukee	36	31
4. Detroit	30	36
5. Chicago	23	43

Southeast	W	L
1. Washington	38	29
2. Miami	36	32
3. Charlotte	29	38
4. Orlando	20	47
5. Atlanta	20	47

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Northwest	W	L
1. Portland	41	26
2. Oklahoma City	40	29
3. Minnesota	39	29
4. Utah	37	30
5. Denver	37	30

Pacific

1. Golden State	51	16
2. LA Clippers	36	29
3. LA Lakers	30	36
4. Sacramento	21	47
5. Phoenix	19	49

Southwest

1. Houston	53	14
2. New Orleans	38	28
3. San Antonio	37	30
4. Dallas	21	46
5. Memphis	18	49



Liam McKeage and Steven Knudson recently signed their National Letters of Intent to play football at Finlandia University. Pictured seated from left are: Liam McKeage and Steven Knudson. Back row, Manistique Emerald Head Coach Todd Kangas, Big Bay de Noc Athletic Director Dan Faust, Craig Knudson, and Cathy Knudson.

Emeralds sign Letters of Intent to play with Lions

COOKS — Finlandia University's football team recently announced the initial signing class for the 2018 season: Two Big Bay de Noc School students playing football for the Manistique Emeralds were included on that list.

Signing their National Letters of Intent with the Finlandia Lions were linebacker Liam McKeage and offensive lineman Steven Knudson.

The class has a strong Michigan feel with 13 of 15 players coming from within the state. Eleven of those athletes are from the Upper Peninsula. The remaining athletes include: Christopher Bosworth, Gwinn; Jose Laynez, Bark River-Harris; Kyle Huskey, Sault Ste. Marie; son in the fall of 2015.



Steven Knudson

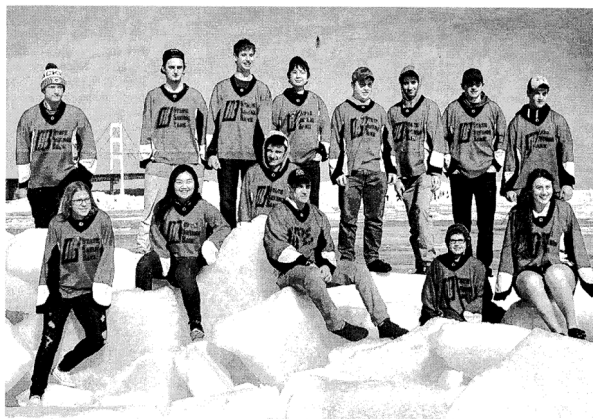


Liam McKeage

David Carlson, Newberry; Michael Biddinger, Munising; Tabin Filzetti, Westwood; Cole Formwald, Temperance; Bedford; Connor Bor-tonolini, C.E.; Forest Park; Alec Blank, Munising; Jarrett LaCasse, Rapid River; Ty Thorpe, Green Bay West; Marvin Anthony, Miami Jackson; and Shawn McKinley, Houghton Lake.

Former Manistique Emerald quarterback Tyler Kangas has played the last three seasons with the Lions. He is currently on the roster as a wide receiver.

Football was added to the athletic program at Finlandia in 2014. They began their inaugural sea-



RED FOR THE BLUE (ICE) This is not your average kids on "ice" photo. State Savings Bank 18U recently competed in a tournament in Cheboygan where they took third. On the way back to the Upper Peninsula, they stopped to see the "blue" ice built up near the Mackinac Bridge. The ice photo was just a bonus for the weekend. Pictured in front from left are: Jessica Johnson, Jenny Zhao, Alex Oas, D.J. Bowers, Carter Miller, team manager, and Morgan Miller. Back row: Kelt Walters, Jack Sanders, Lucas Gould, Owen Klarich, Hunter Miller, Christian Malloy, Logan Savage, and Mason Miller.



Graymont takes third

Over the weekend, Little Bear West Arena saw eight 10U teams from the Upper and Lower peninsulas, including Wisconsin, hit the ice for the Big Spring Classic. Competing in the event was the local Graymont squirt team. At the conclusion of play, Graymont took third place with three wins, one tie, and a loss. Between the pipes for the squirts was Jackson Goudreau, lying in front. Pictured in the front row, from left: Dawson Bosanic, Maddy Frazer, Mason Dimmer, and Maya Carlson. Middle row: Ajay Berger, Brianna Tiglas, Gavin Ziminski, and Brett Ziminski. Back row: Coaches Nick Bosanic, Phil Berger, Mike Evink, and Jon Carlson.

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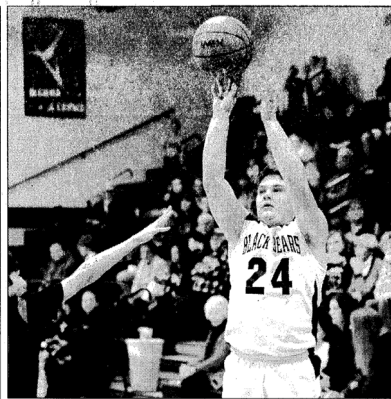
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BLAST FROM THE PAST



Bears go downstate

From the Manistique Pioneer Tribune March 17, 1983 issue: Above: Elated Big Bay de Noc players surrounded team manager Brent "Junior" Rochefort after he accepted the plaque the Black Bears' district championship. The team dedicated the tournament to Junior. At right: "C'mon Big Guy! We want a chance at that net too," the other Black Bears seemed to be saying to Len Nedeau as he took a few clips at the strings following Big Bay's championship win last Friday. Just about everyone got their cut in the victory celebration.



Joe LeBlanc photo

Chris Chaperon received Honorable Mention in the Skyline Conference for the 2017-18 season. Chaperon looks to the net for two in the Bears 71-46 win over Hannahville earlier this season.

Chaperon receives recognition

COOKS—The Skyline Conference recently announced their conference selections for the 2017-18 boys basketball season. Included in the Honorable Mention category was Chris Chaperon of Big Bay de Noc.

Player of the Year was Connor Ortman of Norway.

First Team selections: Ryan Arndt, Bark River-Harris; Preston Lauscher, Carney; Terry Brower, Mid Pen; Alec Blank, Munising; Cade Conteres, Munising; Lucas Dombrowski, North Central; and Logan Hardwick, Rapid River

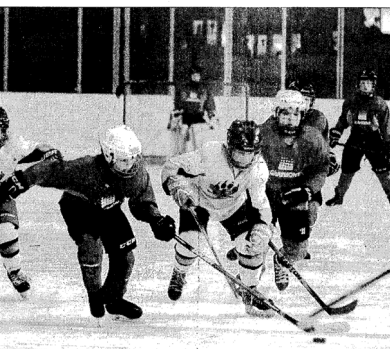
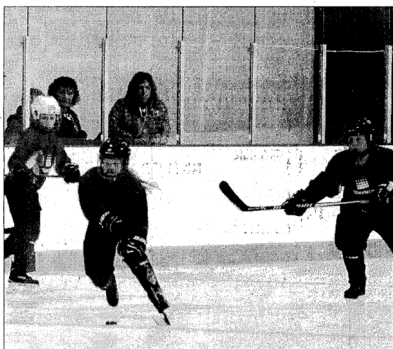
Second Team selections: Logan Heim, Bark River; Jake Kleiman, Carney; Josh Logan, CFFP; Noah Gorzinski, North Central; Josh Plante-Sr., Norway; Lucas Sundling, Rapid River; and Joe Starzynski, Stephenson

Defensive Player of the Year

selections were Cam Willemssen, Rapid River and Ben Schultz, Bark River-Harris.

All Defensive Team selections: Brett Laford, Carney; Max Nylund, CFFP; Noah Gorzinski, North Central; Josh Plante - Sr., Norway; Lucas Sundling, Rapid River; Jesus Becerra, Stephenson; Jake Kleiman, Carney; Anthony Matson, Munising; and Beau Rondeau, Superior Central

Honorable Mention included: Ben Schultz, Bark River-Harris; Chris Chaperon, Big Bay de Noc; Riley Hendrickson, CFFP; Dylan Trudell, Mid Pen; Trenton Schaff, North Central; Jared Miller, North Dickenson; Matt Bruett, North Dickenson; Joe Roell, North Dickenson; Micah Wilson, Norway; Cam Willemssen, Rapid River; Tyler Sundling, Rapid River; and Levi Charlebois, Superior Central



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If you didn't get your fill of hockey last weekend, Manistique will host the Third Annual 8U Mite Melt this weekend. Games begin at 10 a.m. Saturday and run through 4 p.m. Championship games will take place beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday. Above, action from Graymont's games at the Big Spring Classic.

Spring Classic

MHSAA

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flagship stations WTKG 1320 and WMAX 96.1 in Grand Rapids will deliver the games as well.

WTKG will air all of the Semifinal games on Thursday and Friday and WMAX will broadcast the Finals on Saturday. Other stations carrying Saturday's Finals are WTQI-1490.

All of the Semifinal games will have live streaming video from Van Noord Arena on the NFHS Network and MHSAA.tv. The continued Basketball coverage

is part of six straight weekends of live MHSAA Championship coverage on MHSAA.tv and online viewers can catch every weekend of action for one low cost of \$9.95. A subscription purchased this week will also be good for coverage of next week's Boys Basketball Quarterfinals and Semifinals.

Saturday's Finals will be televised live on FOX Sports Detroit. The games will also have live streaming video on FoxSportsDetroit.com and FOX Sports GO!

Well, a guy could freeze to death down where I sit this morning seeing it got all the way down to the low 40s and we may only, with a little luck, hit 70 this afternoon. Life is rough when you have to suffer through this type weather this time of year. It sure makes it nice when Wife and I want to take a walk with the grandkids in the afternoon.

As we headed down to the daughters this past week we saw a whole lot of motorcycles on the road and some being trailered and soon found out there was a reason for this seeing it is "Bike Week" the week we planned to be down here. This and the fact that the biggest Harley dealer in the area is at the exit where you get off to go to her house. Add to this the fact that it is also "Spring Break" to just add a few more people to the mix.

They plan on 500,000 bikers here plus those for spring break, plus Wife and I, so it could be rather crowded to say the least.

As we enjoy a break from the U.P. weather, that at times can be rather interesting when you sit between two of the biggest great Lakes. At times this makes you wonder why we get the weather we do. Someone sent me the following facts on Lake Superior that may interest you seeing it can affect so much of our weather patterns.

So here they are: Lake Superior contains 10 percent of all planet Earth's fresh surface water. It covers 82,000 sq. km (31,700 sq. mi) with an average depth of 147 meters or 483 feet. The deepest point in the lake is

405 meters or 1,333 feet. There have been about 350 shipwrecks recorded in Lake Superior and Lake Superior is known to not give up her dead. Over 10,000 lives have been lost in her waters.

Lake Superior is, by surface area, the largest lake in the world. It contains as much water as all the other Great Lakes combined, plus three extra Lake Eries! There is enough water in Lake Superior to cover all of North and South America with water one foot deep.

There are 78 different species of fish that call the big lake home.

The maximum wave ever recorded on Lake Superior was 9.45 meters or 31 feet high.

If you stretched the shoreline of Lake Superior out to a straight line, it would be long enough to reach from Duluth, Minnesota to the Bahamas.

Over 300 streams and rivers empty into Lake Superior with the largest source being the Nipigon River in Ontario.

The average underwater visibility of Lake Superior is about eight meters or 27 feet, making it the cleanest and clearest of the Great Lakes. Underwater visibility in some spots reaches 30 meters.

In the summer, the sun sets more than 35 minutes later on the western shore of Lake Superior than at its southeastern edge. Some of the world's oldest rocks,

formed about 2.7 billion years ago, can be found on the Ontario shore of Lake Superior.

It very rarely freezes over completely. The average temperature of Lake Superior is 36 degrees Fahrenheit or two degrees Celsius... very refreshing on a hot summer day!

The Trans-Superior International Yacht Race is the world's longest freshwater sailboat race.

Lake Superior has its own tide. Changes in water levels are more noticeable from prevailing winds pushing water to Eastern shore.

After a big storm, Lake Superior always churns up stuff from the past and it ends up on the shores of the big lake. These items can be: lake glass, old lumber, old pull tabs off of beer and pop cans and coal used in old factories. We like to pick lake glass every time it storms.

If all water were drained from the North American continent, the low point of Lake Superior would be the lowest point of land on the continent.

I have always had a good laugh whenever I see a tourist looking along the shores of Lake Michigan in our area for rocks and pebbles not realizing they have the wrong lake.

There is no doubt in my mind that one of the main reasons for the U.P. being a special place to live is the fact we have the Great Lakes and all the inland lakes to enjoy. Speaking of this, spring fishing season will

Fish Report

Ret. Sgt. John Walker

soon be upon us so now is a good time to look over your boat-motor and safety equipment for your upcoming fishing trips. These trips will be upon you before you realize it.

One sure sign the seasons are about to change is when you see all the bug spray showing up in some of the stores. This means you had the spring breakup and the black fly and mosquitoes' season.



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DNR: Safety first for new hunters

LANSING — Michigan Department of Natural Resources conservation officers remind new hunters that it's not too early to sign up for safety classes.

All first-time hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1960, must successfully complete a hunter safety course.

"Michigan offers quality hunting opportunities year-round," said Cpl. Dave Painter of the DNR's Recreational Safety, Education and Enforcement Section. "First-time hunters shouldn't wait until the last minute to sign up for a safety course, especially if they are considering a springtime hunt. The first step in ensuring an enjoyable hunting experience is to know how to do it safely and legally. Classes tend to fill up in the fall, so now's the time to learn."

Painter said that even new hunters who are outside of the age requirement should consider taking a class. Hunter education courses teach responsibility, ethics, firearm safety, wildlife conservation and identification, game care, survival and first aid. Courses are offered across the state throughout the year, though most are conducted from August through October.



Photo courtesy DNR

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources encourages new hunters to sign up now for a safety course. Hunter education classes are conducted year-round but usually are filled to capacity from August through October.

"It's also helpful when an experienced hunter takes a class with a new hunter," Painter said. "This is a great way to show support and mentor the new hunter into Michigan's rich hunting tradition."

A course typically is comprised of two to five sessions with a total class time of 10 to 12 hours. Classes usually are conducted at outdoor clubs, schools, police stations and camps. In addition to traditional classroom courses, home-study

and online courses — which use a self-paced method followed by a field day of material review and testing — are available.

Students who elect to take an online or home-study course should contact an instructor prior to the course to ensure availability of the required field day. Students must successfully complete both the online or home-study course and the field day to earn their hunter education safety certificate.

Online vendors are fee-based and there may be a minimal charge for classes and field days. Hunter education is a partnership between the DNR Law Enforcement Division and more than 2,500 volunteer instructors. The program is funded through federal Pittman-Robertson Act taxes on sporting firearms, ammunition and archery equipment.

In addition to taking a safety course, Painter encourages all hunters to review the Michigan Hunting and Trapping Digest for other essential information before taking to the field.

Visit michigan.gov/huntereducation for more information on hunter education and to find a class near you.



Courtesy photo

Tom Miranda poses with a trophy caribou he took with a bow, while hunting in Nunavut.

UP outdoor show to feature fun, experts

ESCANABA — The National Trappers Association's Annual Convention/Outdoor Show will be held at the U.P. State Fairgrounds in Escanaba. The event is scheduled to take place July 26-28.

Among the many famous trappers/outdoor experts attending will be Tom Miranda. Miranda's love of the outdoors is evident through all of his countless accomplishments. From capturing mink, raccoons and muskrats as a lad in Ohio to winning Safari Club International's prestigious World Hunting Award (for the harvest of 50 animals over five continents), Miranda's life has been dedicated to outdoors sports.

He has written seven books and produced more than 60 videos on trapping/hunting. Miranda did 20 seasons producing The Outdoor Adventure Magazine TV show aired on ESPN. Currently, he is seen on the Outdoor Channel's series Territories Wild. Miranda has taken more than 60 whitetails on video while archery hunting and accomplished the Super Slam on North American big game.

Miranda plans to do two seminars about how he started out as a trapper and how his love for the outdoors,

hard work, and determination resulted in his becoming a well-known outdoorsman: "You Make Your Own Luck ... The Tom Miranda Story" and "How Trapping made me a better Bow hunter."

"We are pleased to have Tom attend this event," said Roy Dahlgren Local Convention coordinator. "Anyone interested in the outdoors has surely seen him on TV, read about him, read his articles in books and magazines, or viewed his videos."

He will be one of many outdoor celebrities on hand at this event," Dahlgren added.

The convention features items of interest to all members of the family. From rifles to vendors, to free kids fishing to trapping/hunting seminars; there are three solid days of action.

Many outdoor equipment vendors will be offering good deals on their wares. Food vendors will provide lots of local food favorites. Camping is available on the grounds.

For further information visit <http://nationaltrappers.com/convention.html> or <http://convention.utrappers.com/>.

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would rather field a contact that ends with; "Oh, that's one of our native species and it's perfectly normal." It's a sigh of relief because we all know, that one day, the nightmare call will come.

What can you do? Learn and watch. Then, maybe, modify your behavior.

Arguably, the best on-line resource is the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network. The Network has good thumbnail sketches of hundreds of species, as well as a way to report observations. To report, you'll need to create an account with a username and a password. It takes a little patience to learn how to navigate the MISIN site, but it's not too bad for those at least a bit familiar with using the Internet.

The MISIN website also provides account access to several citizen science programs, including the Sentinel Tree Project where you register, monitor, and report on a tree of your choice - or sev-

eral trees.

Both the Michigan DNR and Department of Agriculture and Rural Development have a "watch list" that has information about some of the most sought-after pests (that we don't want to see). The DNR has a nicely-down annual Forest Health Highlights, but their staffing is down and the 2017 report might be on-hold. The USDA has a couple of websites, the National Invasive Species Information Center and the Plants Database. There are also a group of Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMAs) that cover nearly all of Michigan. County Conservation Districts are often allied with the CISMAs.

Regarding our forest resource, the current headlines are; Hetero-basidion root disease, Asian longhorned beetle, beech bark disease, emerald ash borer, hemlock woolly adelgid, balsam woolly adelgid, oak wilt, 1000 cankers disease of walnut, and the pine shoot beetle.

Some of these species are already well-established in Michigan and we need to manage forests with them in mind. Others are either not here yet, or are in the early stages of establishment.

Eradication success stories are possible with early detections. That's why it's important to have as many informed "eyes in the landscape" as possible. The Lake States forests were forever changed by the historic logging and wildfire era, and the subsequent human development pressures. However, these may look like minor events compared to what exotic invaders are capable of inflicting.

If you care enough, then listen, learn, report, and act. It's both interesting and rewarding.

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Reporting exotic species observations is a good practice, even though many of us are reluctant to do so. Increased knowledge, for the both the reporter and the recipient, may be the greatest benefit.

The impacts of invasive exotic pests are increasing. These species include plants, insects, pathogens, and other life forms. They infect terrestrial and aquatic habitats, and everything in between. Some can be serious game-changers in the management and integrity of our natural systems. All of them spread with the help of humans.

Is that important? If you believe it is, then please consider learning more about these invaders and report what you see.

The professional community that spends much of their time working on exotic pests is not usually the group that makes new discoveries. Most new observations are made by someone who sees something a bit unusual and is curious enough to find out what it is.

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